



SIBF/ALA Library Conference

Program

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 08:30–09:00 **Preconference workshop registration: payment and badge pickup-**
Librarians' Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby
- 10:00–17:00 **SIBF/ALA Conference registration: payment and badge pickup**
Librarians' Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

- 9:00–16:00 **Assessment in Action: Demonstrating and Communicating Library Contributions to Student Learning and Success: an ACRL Workshop**



Higher education institutions are now highly focused on assessment and accountability. Academic libraries are increasingly connecting with colleagues and campus stakeholders to design and implement assessment that documents their contributions to institutional priorities. In this daylong workshop on strategic and sustainable assessment, participants will identify institutional priorities and campus partners, design an assessment project grounded in action research, and prepare a plan for communicating the project results. This workshop is based on the highly successful [ACRL Assessment in Action program](#) curriculum.

Facilitator

Intellectual Hall **Eric Resnis**, Organizational Effectiveness Coordinator, Miami University Library, Oxford, Ohio, USA (ACRL certified presenter)



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

09:00–10:00 **SIBF/ALA Conference registration, payment, and badge pickup, coffee** - Librarians' Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

10:00–11:00 **Opening Welcome—Ahmed Al Ameri, Chairman, Sharjah Book Authority**

Keynote— Libraries Transform - Libraries Lead – Libraries Fight



Jim Neal served as the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University, 2001-2014, providing leadership for university academic computing and a system of twenty-two libraries. He is a frequent speaker at international conferences, consultant and published author, focusing on scholarly communication, intellectual property, digital library programs, and library cooperation. In 2017, Mr. Neal became ALA President.

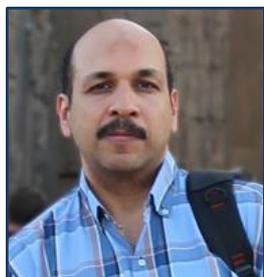
James Neal, University Librarian Emeritus, Columbia University, New York; ALA President, USA

Intellectual Hall

11:00–11:30 **Break and Library Exhibits** Librarians' Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

11:30–12:30 **Session A (concurrent programs)**

I. **Empowering Local Innovation in Public and School Libraries: Thinking out of the Box**



Like in every business, an innovative culture is crucial in libraries to respond to rapidly changing user needs, behaviors and expectations. Librarians should challenge their thinking process and learn techniques to improve ideas. This presentation will answer two key questions: What is innovation? What is innovative in libraries today? Attendees will be given examples of innovative services and initiatives, and how to develop innovative skills. In addition, the presentation will motivate school and public librarians to implement innovative programs in their libraries through discussion, ideas, and resources.

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Emad Isa Saleh, Professor, Information Science Dept., King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia



II. Running Effective Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiatives in Your Academic Library



The skyrocketing cost of college textbooks has driven an international movement toward Open Educational Resources (OER), openly licensed course materials that are free online to students. Academic libraries are uniquely positioned to advance this solution on campus, and many are already leading the way. This presentation will help participants develop and hone skills, strategies, and plans for effective OER initiatives.

Marilyn Billings, Scholarly Communication & Special Initiatives Librarian, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Book Forum

III. Designing Community-Based LIS Research Focused on Youth in the MENA Region



Professor Fisher specializes in innovative research approaches engaging the youth of today. Opportunities abound for those in the MENA region LIS faculty, doctoral students, and others interested in creating important research on youth and information. Learn about various research designs, projects and fieldwork that engage youth, particularly through community-based, co-design, participatory approaches that you can model and implement.

Karen E. Fisher, Professor, Information School, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA

Literature Forum

12:45–13:45

Session B (concurrent programs)

I. Project Based Learning in School Libraries



A vibrant library program includes students who are engaged, working cooperatively and thinking creatively. In this session, we'll share several examples of how our students used project based learning to collaborate and solve challenges.

Wendy Garland, Avery Elementary School, Dedham, Massachusetts, USA



Todd Burleson, Media Specialist, Hubbard Woods Library, Winnetka, Illinois, USA

Book Forum



II. Empowering and Developing Staff in the Changing (and Challenging) World of Library Work



As public libraries evolve to address larger and more complex issues in society, it is critical that staff be constantly learning, exploring and thinking about how to improve services and meet community needs. This interactive session will provide participants with tools to ensure staff are lifetime learners able to help our organizations anticipate and transform services.

Rivkah Sass, Library Director, Sacramento Public Library, California, USA

Literature Forum

III. Integrating Library Services into the Academic Library Curriculum



The session will examine at how to integrate library services such as information literacy programs, collection development, and e-reserve into curriculum. It will discuss the importance of such integration and how could be achieved and the benefits that faculty, students, and librarians can achieved from this partnership. Using innovative approaches, the librarians at Alfaisal University could work closely with faculty members in integrating library resources in the curriculum thus increasing students' academic achievements, retention, motivation, and intellectual development.

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Dr. Mustafa Abdelwahid, Director of Library, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

13:45–14:45

Lunch – Cultural Hall

Library Exhibits, Sharjah Expo Center Lobby



15:00–16:00

Session C (concurrent programs)

I. School Librarians of the Year: Sharing Stories, Lessons, and Keys to Successes



Come and learn from winners of the first School Librarians of the Year Awards, established in 2016 by the Emirates Literature Foundation, on how they have created successful school library programs.

Sheila Seiler, GEMS World Academy, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Michelle Plant, JESS Arabian Ranches Secondary, Senior Librarian, Dubai, UAE

Shaikha Ali Mohammed Sallaam, Jewereyyah bint Al Harith, UAE (not pictured)

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II. Exploring and Expanding Teaching Practices through the ACRL Framework



The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has created a Framework that envisions information literacy education as a shared responsibility for all educators. It suggests both opportunities and challenges for teaching librarians in expanding pedagogical approaches and partnerships. Learn how the Framework can be used to foster dialogue and collaboration among educators and about incorporating the Framework to create instruction plans for your local context and for growing teaching partnerships.

Brittney Johnson, Head of Library Instruction, Munday Library, St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas, USA

Intellectual Hall



III. Public Libraries Transform the Arab World



Public libraries throughout the Arab World already are transforming services and staff, creating active, impactful initiatives for their users. Hear what's new at public libraries in three countries, and how you can provide similar services at your library.

Ali Abbas Mahmoud, Librarian, Ministry of Culture and Development, UAE



Tahri Wafa, Chief of Service, Public Libraries of Manouba, Tunisia



Doaa Adbullah, Librarian and information services specialist at The Cultural Center, ESCD, Cairo, Egypt

Literature Forum

16:15–17:00 **Poster Session** – Intellectual Hallway

17:00— **Book Fair, Book Buying**



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00–9:30 **Registration and coffee** – Librarians’ Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

9:30–10:15 **Plenary Session: Libraries in the MENA Region Moving Forward: What Do We Need to Do?**



Khaled Mohamed Emam Elhalaby is President of the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI), the largest professional body representing the interests of library and information services in the Arab World.

Intellectual Hall

10:30–11:30 **Session D (concurrent programs)**

I. Library as Studio



Richland Library set out to create spaces and services that would attract and retain a creative class of residents, support artists and entrepreneurs and create greater community cohesion in our neighborhoods. That vision—Library As Studio— has transformed the way we think about our role in the community, making us a vital partner and catalyst for solving community problems and creating opportunities for the community to learn, create and share together. Huggins will discuss the vision and approach that has guided the transformation of the entire library system.

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Melanie Huggins, Executive Director, Richland Library, Columbia, South Carolina, USA

II. Developing a Community of Learners



A student-centered library program reflects the strengths and needs of students and is centered around student voice, choice and connection with the greater community and beyond. See how building a program beyond the walls of the library began, from developing a vision, partnering with the public library and community groups, and incorporating community, national and global initiatives to connect with others.

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Wendy Garland, Avery Elementary School, Dedham, Massachusetts, USA



III. Trends and Changes in Global and Regional Metadata Management



In the evolving age of the internet of things there is an ever-increasing importance of metadata in the library environment. The related processes of creating, managing and using metadata describing the resources has changed dramatically. This presentation will follow the new paths of metadata and how libraries are streamline streamlining their workflows to remain vital contributors to discoverability. How any individual libraries can make its distinct contributions regionally and globally?

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Eric van Lubeek, Vice President, Managing Director, EMEA & APAC, OCLC, Netherlands

11:30–12:00

Break, Library Exhibits and Posters (outside Intellectual Hall)

12:00–13:00

Session E (concurrent programs)

I. Using Technology to Develop and Enhance Fluency through Poetry



Fluency is the ability to read text quickly and correctly, it is essential in developing reading comprehension. Fluency instruction is enhanced through repeated reading of appropriate text. Poetry is a fantastic tool to develop fluency and a love of language. In this session, we'll highlight several ways that technology can enhance

Todd Burelson, Media Specialist, Hubbard Woods Library, Winnetka, Illinois, USA

Book Forum

II. Can Online Book Clubs Enhance Reading among Arabs?



Reading plays a pivotal role in human development; it is the foundation of the progress of any nation everywhere. Reading within online book clubs motivates many Arab people to share thoughts and ideas about favorite books and getting ideas for future reading. This presentation will discuss books and readers in the Arab World, Reading Initiatives, the phenomenon of Arab online book clubs and its characteristics, management and services.

Dr. Amany Elsayed, Professor, Library & Information Dept., Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt, Visiting Professor at Information Science Department, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Intellectual Hall



III. Creating a Personal Librarian Program: Engagement, Effectiveness & Efficiency



Miami University Libraries created a Personal Librarian program to supplement its liaison system in support of student success and information literacy advancement. The program was designed to be integrated into the university curriculum and build toward connections with subject librarians. Learn how a Personal Librarian program can be integrated into a first-year university course, how to utilize a project management tool to administer a program and methods for assessment.

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13:15–14:15

Lunch, Cultural Hall

Library Exhibits, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

14:30–15:30

Refugees + Libraries: Helping Build Better Futures



As a Consultant for the UNHCR Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan Professor Fisher works hands-on with Syrian youth and families to increase educational opportunity, livelihoods and social connectedness. Hear about the innovative efforts going on at the Za'atari Refugee Camp, and join the discussion on how libraries can help refugees and stakeholders across the region.

Karen E. Fisher, Professor, Information School, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA

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15:30–15:45

Closing of Conference, Intellectual Hall

15:45

Distribution of Certificates

Librarians' Lounge, Sharjah Expo Centre Lobby

During breaks and free time, please enjoy the relaxing Librarians' Lounge that will be open to librarians and educators in the Sharjah Expo Centre throughout the Sharjah International Book Fair, thanks to our generous sponsors.