2012 LITA National Forum
October 3-7, Columbus, OH
Call for Proposals

Due Date for proposals: February 17, 2012

 The 2012 National Forum Committee seeks proposals for high quality pre-conferences, concurrent sessions and poster sessions for the 15th annual LITA National Forum to be held in Columbus, OH, October 3 - October 7, 2012.

The 2012 theme is: New World of Data: Discover. Connect. Remix.

The Forum Committee is interested in pre-conferences and presentations about projects, plans or discoveries in areas of library-related technologies related to the identification, location, harvesting, harnessing, use, misuse, preservation and loss of data of all types and all formats in dynamic and emerging web environments. We welcome proposals related to all types of libraries: public, school, academic, government, special and corporate. Proposals on any aspect of library and information technology are solicited.

The Forum Committee is especially interested in presentations highlighting projects that are experimental or involve risk-taking.

Possible ideas for topics might include:

- Dynamics of Data
- The Intelligent Web
- Geolocation
- Data integration
- The Semantic Web
- Preservation of privacy and social data
- Linking data for personal growth, for enterprise and commerce
- Frameworks, boundaries and protocols
- Linking, sharing and intellectual property rights
- Public data vs. private data
- Data on the move
- Authentication, verification, validity
- Data economics
- Metadata and tagging
- Digital Forensics
- Data Curation

- data discovery tools
- effective or creative use of data display tools

Presentations must have a technological focus and pertain to libraries. Presentations that incorporate audience participation are encouraged. Sessions can be full-day pre-conferences, concurrent sessions (50 minutes), or poster sessions. The format of the presentations may include single- or multi-speaker formats, panel discussions, moderated discussions, case studies and/or demonstrations of projects.

New for 2012:

- Vendors wishing to submit a proposal should partner with a library representative who is testing/using the product.
- emphasis on "hands on" sessions

We welcome and invite proposals for:

- Preconference
- Concurrent Session (50 minutes)
- Poster Session

Presenters will submit draft presentation slides and/or handouts on ALA Connect in advance of the Forum and will submit final presentation slides or electronic content (video, audio, etc.) to be made available on the web site following the event. Presenters are expected to register and participate in the Forum as attendees; discounted registration will be offered.

Submit proposals to: http://lib.skidmore.edu/library/LITA_Proposal.html

The online form will ask for:

- Contact information
- Title
- Summary (one sentence, 200 characters) (Please exclude any information identifying the presenter(s) or his/her/their organization.)
- Abstract (400 words max.)
- Participatory elements of the presentation
- Level indicator (basic, intermediate or advanced)
- Brief biographical information
- Preferred choice of format
- Whether you would like to consider a paper in ITAL based upon your talk
- Do you agree to be streamed: yes or no

You will be notified about the status of your proposal by mid-April, 2012.

Any questions regarding the Forum? Please contact the LITA Office: lita@ala.org; (312) 280-4268