



## RUSA Discussion/Interest Groups, Annual Conference, Las Vegas NV, 2014

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - 8:30AM

8:30am - 10:00am	<a href="#">Guideline Development for Financial Literacy Education in Libraries</a>	Las Vegas Convention Center N218
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**Description :**

Progress report on the development of guidelines and best practices document for providing financial literacy education in libraries. As part of a SPARKS! grant from IMLS, RUSA has contracted for the development of guidelines, and a draft best practices document. Completion date: October 31, 2014.

**Interests :**

[Guidelines and Standards](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)

### SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - 10:30AM

10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">CODES Hot Topics Discussion Group</a>	Las Vegas Convention Center N219
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**Description :**

The CODES Hot Topics Discussion group focuses on high-interest collection development issues in public and academic libraries.

**Interests :**

[Collection Development](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)

[RUSA CODES \(Collection Development and Evaluation Section\)](#)

10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">ILL Discussion Group</a>	Las Vegas Convention Center N258
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**Description :**

A forum for programs and discussions of issues relevant to interlibrary loan and resource sharing among all types of libraries.

**Interests :**

[Resource Sharing](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)

[RUSA STARS \(Sharing and Transforming Access to Resource Section\)](#)

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10:30am - 11:30am	<a href="#">Libraries in the Course Management System: Best Practices and New Directions</a>	<a href="#">Las Vegas Convention Center N263C</a>

**Description :**

Course Management Systems (CMS), such as Blackboard, Sakai, Canvas Instructure, and Moodle are ubiquitous in the classroom environment. These systems are bridging the gap between traditional, hybrid, and fully online classes, as most academic institutions have adopted the use of a CMS across a wide spectrum: from serving to keep track of administrative processes, such as grading and attendance, to being the main tool for organizing and communicating course information for both faculty and students. Libraries have responded by implementing a variety of services in the CMS, including LibGuides, chat widgets, discovery search tools, and more. Three academic library panelists will highlight their experiences and efforts to integrate research services into the CMS. We will engage the audience in a group discussion of best practices, assessment, and project management tips for implementing a robust library presence in the CMS environment. The attendees will benefit from exploring the challenges and advantages of integrating library services into university-wide systems and platforms.

**Interests :**

[Distance Learning](#), [Electronic Resources](#), [Emerging Technologies](#), [Information Literacy](#), [Public Services](#), [Reference Services](#), [Technology](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)  
[RUSA MARS: Emerging Technologies in Reference Section](#)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - 1:00PM**

1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">Community Needs, Reference, &amp; Assessment in Job &amp; Career Reference: RSS Job &amp; Career Reference Committee Discussion Forum</a>	<a href="#">Las Vegas Hotel Conference Room 09</a>
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**Description :**

Large and small libraries hold a variety of programs for job seekers – regular classes, one-shot sessions, traditional reference services, reference appointments and others. How do libraries and information providers determine needs of the community and which services & programs to offer? How do they assess outcomes? Come join the RSS Job & Career Reference Committee for a discussion of various strategies for best serving communities large and small.

**Interests :**

[Adult Services](#), [Career Advice](#), [Reference Services](#), [Social Change](#), [Training](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)  
[RUSA RSS \(Reference Services Section\)](#)

1:00pm - 2:30pm	<a href="#">History Librarians Discussion Group ( RUSAHS)</a>	<a href="#">Las Vegas Convention Center N263C</a>
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**Description :**

Discussion group with those interested in history librarianship and collections.

**Interests :**

[Archives](#), [Collection Development](#), [Digital Libraries](#), [Digitization](#), [Public Services](#), [Reference Services](#), [Special Collections](#)

**Sponsors :**

[RUSA \(Reference and User Services Association\)](#)  
[RUSA HS \(History Section\)](#)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28 - 4:30PM**

4:30pm - 5:30pm	<a href="#">Genealogy &amp; Local History Discussion Group (RUSA HS)</a>	<a href="#">Las Vegas Convention Center N263C</a>
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**Description :**

A forum for the exchange of information about library services in local history and genealogy.

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Archives, Genealogy, Special Collections

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA HS (History Section)

4:30pm - 5:30pm	Hot Topics Discussion Group	Las Vegas Convention Center N237
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**Description :**

Informal gathering to stimulate conversation and share knowledge about timely topics related to resource sharing, cooperative services, and library partnerships.

**Interests :**

Administration and Management, Copyright, Personnel and Staffing, Public Services, Resource Sharing, Support Staff, Training

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA STARS (Sharing and Transforming Access to Resource Section)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 8:30AM**

8:30am - 10:00am	Business Reference Services Discussion Group (RUSA_BRASS)	Caesars Palace Octavius 05-06
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**Description :**

Will be an open discussion about current issues in business librarianship. First part of the session will be a semi-structured discussion with predetermined topics. The second half will be an open forum where participants will be able to introduce their own topics. All attendees will be encouraged to join in this lively discussion and share their experiences, questions, and concerns.

**Interests :**

Collection Development, Electronic Resources, Information Literacy, Instruction, Librarianship, Networking, Professional Development, Reference Services, Research and Statistics

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA BRASS (Business Reference and Services Section)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 10:30AM**

10:30am - 11:30am	Of *Course* It's Due Tomorrow: What is the Appropriate Level of Homework Assistance in Libraries?	Las Vegas Hotel Ballroom G
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**Description :**

Join the Young Adult Reference Services committee as we tackle the controversial topic of homework help in libraries. Should librarians offer students free tutoring services in-house? If so, how and in what subjects? If not, to what extent have we evaluated the success of online third-party tutors? Which best practice will make the grade?

**Interests :**

Reference Services, Young Adult Services

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

10:30am - 11:30am	The Soft Sell: Sales Skills for Librarians	Las Vegas Convention Center N220
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**Description :**

This discussion session will describe and demonstrate the use of a sales framework that can strengthen librarians' ability to persuasively solve users problems with library-sponsored solutions. Focusing on a sales framework called SPIN® Selling, this presentation will lead participants through practical examples that demonstrate how these communication strategies can

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significantly enhance librarians' abilities to meet users' needs with existing spaces, services and content.

**Interests :**

Marketing, Reference Services

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)

RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

10:30am - 11:30am	Virtual Reference Discussion Group (RUSA MARS)	Paris Chablis
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**Description :**

For the past 4+ years, we have been working on a new online resource for ALA, which supports those implementing a new VR service for the first time as well as those who just want a refresher. We call it the Virtual Reference Companion and you can check it out at <http://www.ala.org/rusa/vrc>. The forum will be a discussion and interactive presentation of the online tutorial, as well as gaining feedback for how to make it better and more effective.

**Interests :**

Distance Learning, Electronic Resources, Emerging Technologies, Public Services, Reference Services, Technology

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)

RUSA MARS: Emerging Technologies in Reference Section

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 1:00PM**

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Hot Topics Discussion Group (RUSA MARS)	Las Vegas Convention Center Exhibit Hall, Mtg Rm C
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**Description :**

Members of the Emerging Technologies in Reference Section will meet to discuss hot topics relating to enhancing reference services.

**Interests :**

Electronic Resources, Emerging Technologies, Public Services, Reference Services, Technology

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)

RUSA MARS: Emerging Technologies in Reference Section

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Reference Trends & Issues I	Las Vegas Convention Center N117
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**Description :**

Gather with colleagues to discuss reference-related topics and exchange ideas. Sponsored by the RUSA RSS Discussion Forums Coordinating Committee.

**Interests :**

Reference Services

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)

RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - 3:00PM**

3:00pm - 4:00pm	Discussing Discovery Services: What's Working, What's Not and What's Next?	Las Vegas Convention Center N110
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**Description :**

Come and hear about and discuss the newest developments in discovery services in libraries with your colleagues. Discussion

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forum sponsored by the \*new\* RUSA RSS Discovery Services Committee (formerly the RSS Catalog Use Committee).

**Interests :**

Electronic Resources, Integrated Library Systems (ILS), Reference Services, Technical Services, Technology, Trends and Forecasting

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

**MONDAY, JUNE 30 - 8:30AM**

8:30am - 10:00am	Reference Trends & Issues II	Las Vegas Convention Center N120
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**Description :**

Gather with colleagues to discuss reference-related topics and exchange ideas. Sponsored by RUSA RSS Discussion Forums Coordinating Committee.

**Interests :**

Reference Services

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

**MONDAY, JUNE 30 - 10:30AM**

10:30am - 11:30am	State of Reference Education: What We Have Learned And What Would You Like To Find Out?	Las Vegas Convention Center N263C
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**Description :**

Join the RSS Education & Professional Development for Reference Committee to learn about and discuss the current state of reference education.

**Interests :**

Career Advice, Librarianship, Professional Development, Reference Services, Training

**Sponsors :**

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)  
RUSA RSS (Reference Services Section)

**MONDAY, JUNE 30 - 1:00PM**

1:00pm - 2:30pm	Collection Management in Public Libraries Interest Group	Las Vegas Convention Center N102
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**Description :**

Meeting of the interest group

**Interests :**

Administration and Management, Collection Development, Ebooks, Trends and Forecasting

**Sponsors :**

ALCTS  
ALCTS CMS (Collection Management Section)

1:00pm - 2:30pm	User Experience IG	Las Vegas Convention Center N242
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**Sponsors :**

LITA (Library and Information Technology Association)

RUSA (Reference and User Services Association)

**\*\*\*NOTE: Please check the ALA conference [scheduler](#) for the most current information on location/room changes\*\*\***