

Regions I and II Spring 2019 Conference sessions

1st session: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Presentation basics: how to teach anything (Suzanne Davis, EBCL)

Ever been asked to teach a crafting program or a 3D printer class? Don't know where to start? Scared to stand up in front of others? Conquer that fear! Learn the rules of preparation and presentation, how to get attendees excited and how to keep them on track, how to respond to questions, and how to evaluate your performance.

Volunteer programming (Annette Anderson and Mike Bauer, EBCL)

Join Annette Anderson (Volunteer Services Coordinator) and Mike Bauer (Lifelong Learning Center Coordinator) as they answer these questions: Who volunteers for the Library? Why do they volunteer for the Library? What do they do for the Library? What keeps them volunteering for the Library? How is our volunteer program different from other programs? What have we learned along the way that has improved our program?

E-Branch WordPress work sessions [drop-in] (Edgar Correa, ICfL)

Idaho Commission for Libraries Web Developer Edgar Correa will provide an update on new WordPress features and facilitate a WordPress Q and A session to help you work on your e-branch website.

2nd session: 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Guerrilla storytime (facilitated by Suzanne Davis, EBCL)

Launched at ALA in 2013, Guerrilla Storytimes are a hands-on "open-mic" environment in which practicing children's storytime staff share fingerplays, dance moves, and other storytime favorites, as well as strategies for dealing with chatty parents and other classroom management issues. Come share your experiences and learn from your peers!

Lightning tour of LiLI databases (Alison Floyd, ICfL)

Description: Buckle your seatbelts! The LiLI databases cover a lot of ground, and we're going to cover it quickly! Join us for an overview of the many LiLI resources freely available to all Idahoans (featuring everything from DIY auto repair, to genealogy, language learning, test prep, and so much more), and find out how you can promote them, brand them on your library's website, and learn even more at your leisure!

Library and garden tour (led by Ann Nichols and Mike Bauer)

Tour the new additions to the Sandpoint Library building and check out the community garden space. Ask questions about the renovation process and hear stories from the trenches!

LUNCH: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Keynote: How relevant is your library? (Steve Bumgarner, Eagle Public Library)

By listening to our guests and developing a culture of “yes,” our library was able to double its circulation, eliminate barriers to library service, and transform itself into a community hub. Learn what we did to transform our library from one that was in steady decline to a thriving community institution. Also, discover what we did to increase our library’s relevancy to the community and, through audience participation, learn what other libraries do to ensure that they are relevant to their communities.

3rd session: 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

Teen programs panel discussion (Kimber Glidden, EBCL)

Join Teen Lead Kimber Glidden as she describes what she’s learned by listening to and observing the teens in the Library’s new teen lounge, then participate in a panel discussion with **actual** teenagers!

Experience Virtual Reality (EBCL VR staff)

Virtual Reality is fast becoming one of the more exciting, immersive, and educational experiences offered by libraries. If you haven’t tried it yet, here’s your chance! Includes a brief introduction to the Springboard platform (like Netflix for VR) used at EBCL.

Addiction and mental health issues: a look at what we can do to help (Takali Omega, Kootenai Recovery Community Center)

Takali Omega from the Kootenai Recovery Community Center will present information on mental health and addiction issues, and how to manage related situations in the library and help people in need. The session will include time for Q and A.

4th session: 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

From anthropomorphic to wordplay-filled: Novelist Plus and NoveList K-8 (Alison Floyd, ICfL)

Are you in the market for books that are snarky and darkly humorous? How about high-drama and banter-filled? What do you read now that you’ve finished the last book in your favorite series, or read everything by your favorite author? NoveList Plus and NoveList K-8 Plus, available on lili.org, have you covered. Use this fun and fabulous database to search for your next great read, and as a powerful readers’ advisory tool. NoveList Plus/K-8 can also be searched by award winners and reading levels, with book discussion guides and curricular/core connections, picture book extenders, and resources targeted at improving readers’ advisory services and working with youth. Come one, come all, and explore this amazing LiLI resource!

3D printing in the library (Emily Hitchcock, EBCL)

Learn the basics of 3D printing; including how to upload files, manage the printer queue, and track stats.

Director's roundtable (Ann Nichols and Beverly Richmond, facilitators)

An open forum session for directors, including a roundtable discussion for anyone with questions about how things work in small libraries.

Final session: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

Extended services lightning round

Is your library doing something unusual for outreach, or doing outreach unusually well? If so, we would love to hear about it! This participant-driven session will consist of multiple five-minute presentations on outreach programs. Come share your successes and ideas!

Basic book mending (Molly Forsmann, EBCL)

Pages falling out? Spines coming unglued? Join Molly Forsmann, EBCL's resident book mending guru, as she demonstrates simple techniques for basic book mending, with hands-on examples.

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