

Arkansas Library Association
Annual Conference 2021 “Towards New Horizons”
October 12-15, 2021



Call for Session Proposals

The Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference will be held beginning **Tuesday, October 12**, through **Friday, October 15, 2021**. This year’s conference will be hosted virtually using the online event platform Whova. The conference theme is “Towards New Horizons,” aligning with the ArLA Presidential Initiatives for 2021, and the Conference Committee welcomes proposals demonstrating how Arkansas libraries and library staff are working to move their libraries, patrons, and communities towards new horizons, overcoming challenges related to COVID-19 and other events and exploring future opportunities and innovation. **Session proposals will be accepted beginning March 4, 2021, and the deadline for submissions is July 15, 2021**

Each presentation session will be **50 minutes to 1 hour in length**. The Conference Committee recommends leaving time at the end of the session for participant questions and discussion. Presenters may choose to pre-record their session – this must be done using a program that provides a URL link to be included in the conference portal – or presenters may use Zoom to livestream their session. If using Zoom, presenters must have access to a school or institutional account allowing a session time of more than 45 minutes and up to 300 attendees. For pre- recorded sessions, YouTube, Vimeo, Screencastify, Screencast-o-matic, or similar programs are suggested. Finally, presenters must choose whether or not they give permission for the Arkansas Library Association to provide online access to their session following the conference. If you do not have access to these tools or need assistance, we are continuing to offer the regional hubs as we did last year, and staff will be on hand to help set-up for your presentation.

Submission of complete panel proposals (involving more than one presenter) are welcome, as are single presenter proposals. Presentations may explore any topic of value to Arkansas libraries and library staff, including but not limited to programming, technology, outreach and marketing, student engagement, assessment, organizational culture, strategic planning, budgeting, patron interactions, COVID-19 response, stakeholder/donor relations, and more. However, based on participant feedback from last year’s conference, session proposals are specifically encouraged for the following areas:

In alphabetical order:

- AASL (American Association of School Librarians) standards implementation
- Academic library programming
- Accessibility
- Advocacy
- Alternative funding strategies

- Art in the library
- Book clubs
- Book talks (specifically Arkansas books and award recipients)
- Cataloging
- Collection assessment
- Collection development
- Community collections
- Copyright
- Customer service
- Cyber security
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Future of libraries/Arkansas libraries
- Gamification
- Grant writing
- Graphic novel reader's advisory
- Growth mindset
- Handling change
- How to boost morale
- Instruction
- Internet safety
- Leadership
- LibGuides
- Libraries and the environment
- Libraries as places of civic discourse
- Library assessment metrics
- Library research
- Makerspaces
- Management
- Organizational culture
- Policy and procedures
- Preparing press releases
- Professional growth
- Programming
- Public library law
- School librarianship
- STEM & STEAM in libraries
- Supporting multi-lingual and indigenous communities
- Systems administration
- Technical services
- Teen librarianship
- Virtual programming

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