

SUSAN AHLQUIST

Administrator of Community Relations, Mayo Clinic

Session: Partnerships on Steroids – Hosting the RACE Exhibit for a Transformative Community Experience

Susan is the administrator of Mayo Clinic Community Relations. She is responsible for the public affairs, community relations, and philanthropic community funds.

GEORGE ALLAND

General Education Instructor, Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park

Session: Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment

George teaches foundations of math, algebra, foundations of English II, and literature courses. He has also taught English as a second language at Berlitz Language Center. George has an undergraduate degree in math and also did graduate work in math. In addition, he has an MA in French literature and an M.S. information and library science from Simmons College in Boston. Early in his career, George was a systems librarian at Harvard University. He speaks fluent Polish, French, and English and has also studied Russian and Spanish, acquiring a basic knowledge of those languages.

ALICIA ANDERSON

Teen Services Librarian, Hennepin County Library

Session: Media MashUp: Implementing Technology Programs for Youth

Alicia specializes in materials and services for teens. She graduated from St. Olaf College with a BA in English and music history and from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with an MLIS degree. She previously served as youth services librarian for the Timberland Regional Library.

RITA BALADAD

Electronic Resource Librarian, Minitex

Session: Beyond Search: The Glitz and Glam of Google

Rita is the coordinator for cooperative purchasing and electronic resources at Minitex.

MARY BARRETT

Bookstore Manager, Friends of Rochester Public Library

Session: Sell Every Book You Can! Friends Raise Revenue for Libraries

Mary is Bookstore Manager, Friends of Rochester Public Library and bookstore liaison on Friends Board. She is a retired high school teacher and former instructor in the Reading Licensure program of Hamline University.

EMI BENNETT

Program Evaluator, Office of the Legislative Auditor

Session: Legislative Audits: How They Work, What They Mean

Emi is program evaluator for the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

KATE M. BESSEY

Information Specialist, Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)

Sessions: Beyond Search: The Glitz and Glam of Google
Things in a Flash: The Latest Web 2.0 Tools

Kate is the go-to person for general questions about CMLE, assistance with research strategies, troubleshooting communication problems, and web 2.0 tools. Kate also coordinates CMLE events, participates in and contributes to

training and instruction sessions, and writes some of the content for the CMLE and multitype publications. Prior to CMLE, Kate worked for more than three years as a librarian at Rasmussen College – Eden Prairie. Kate also has several years of public library experience. She holds a BA in social change and development and an MLIS degree from UW-Milwaukee.

AUDREY S. BETCHER

Director, Rochester Public Library

Session: Partnerships on Steroids – Hosting the RACE Exhibit for a Transformative Community Experience

Audrey is the director of the Rochester Public Library. She's is a past president of the Minnesota Library Association.

LISA C. BJERKEN

Senior Librarian, Hennepin County Library - Hopkins

Session: Supporting Early Literacy Learning

Lisa is a senior librarian for Hennepin County Libraries. She has been involved in services to families and children and new immigrants.

JAYNE BLODGETT

Instruction Coordinator, Briggs Library/U of MN - Morris

Sessions: Briggs Library: Beyond Shushing
Life Outside the Library: Starting an Embedded Librarian Program

Jayne recently transitioned to technical services, but she still feels drawn to public services. She finds she enjoys the yin and yang of library life.

MARGO BOCK

Library Associate, Saint Paul Public Library

Session: Supporting Early Literacy Learning

Margo has been serving the Eastside community at the Sun Ray Library for the past two years. Her work focuses on early literacy and service to young children.

AMY BOESE

Librarian, Ramsey County Public Library

Session: Mario and Me: Creating a Circulating Collection for Video Games

Amy keeps the good people of Maplewood's informational needs met as a librarian in the Ramsey County Library system. She manages the graphic novel collection for Ramsey County, as well as working on the new video game collection.

KAREN BOETTCHER

Children's Librarian, Ramsey County Public Library

Session: Raising Reading Excitement: Successful Partnerships Between Elementary Schools and Public Libraries

Karen is a children's librarian at the Ramsey County Library in the White Bear Lake Branch. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has worked in public libraries in Wisconsin and Minnesota for the last 25 years. She's an enthusiastic storyteller and supporter of children's library services.

BOBBY BOTHMANN

Electronic Access/Catalog Librarian, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Session: Test-Driving Resource Description and Access: Minnesota Experience

Bobby is the electronic access/catalog librarian at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has an MLIS from the University

of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and an MS in cross-disciplinary studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He can be reached at robert.bothmann@mnsu.edu.

JENNIFER BRANNEN

Library Associate, St. Paul Public Library - Central Library

Sessions: 50 in 75: RART's Third Annual Book Blast
Books: The Top 5 of the Top 5: Memoirs, Romance, Thrillers, Historical Fiction & Science Fiction
Nonfiction RA 101: The Real Story

Jennifer works as a library associate at St. Paul Public Library's Central Library and graduated from the College of Saint Catherine with a MLIS in 2007. She is the current chair of the MLA's Readers' Advisory Roundtable Committee.

MELISSA J. BRECHON

Director, Carver County Library System

Session: Library Services to Underserved via Electronic Kiosk

Melissa is the director of the Carver County Library.

HELEN BURKE

Senior Documents Librarian, Hennepin County Libraries - Minneapolis Central Library

Session: Today's Federal Depository Libraries Are Free, Dedicated, Limitless

Helen is the government documents coordinator at the Hennepin County Central Library. She's a board member of the MN Coalition on Government Information and the Minnesota Coalition for Intellectual Freedom, and has recently been elected to the GPO Depository Library Council.

KARLA K. BUSINARO

Librarian I, Carver County Library

Session: 50 in 75: RART's Third Annual Book Blast

J. COREY BUTLER

Professor of Psychology, Southwest Minnesota State University

Session: Ssshing the Stereotype: Librarians in the 21st Century

Corey's specialty areas are personality and social psychology and his research interests include groups and networks, interpersonal rejection, social stereotypes, and right-wing authoritarianism. His most recent research has been on physical appearance stereotypes and the relation between social network characteristics and sense of belonging.

BARBI BYERS

Co-President, Minnesota Association of Library Friends; former Librarian, Washington County Library, Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF)

Sessions: Friends of the Library Idea Exchange
MALF Awards: Best Project by Friends of the Library
Sell Every Book You Can! Friends Raise Revenue for Libraries

Barb is a co-president of the Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF). Barb has served on the State Library Advisory Council, has received the President's Award, Minnesota Library Association, and is a retired librarian and Friends liaison, Washington County Library.

KIRSTEN J. CLARK

Government Information and Regional Depository Librarian, University of Minnesota Libraries

Sessions: Speed Dating for Librarians: Meet Your Favorite New Government Websites
Today's Federal Depository Libraries Are Free, Dedicated, Limitless

Kirsten has worked in government publications and information for 13 years. She became government information and

regional depository librarian at the University of Minnesota in 2007.

JOHN COMER, CFP

Program Coordinator, Financial Planning Association of Minnesota

Session: Libraries and Investment Literacy: A Trusted Community Resource

John is the founder of Comer Consulting, LLC. A Certified Financial Planner™ certificant, he has more than 30 years of experience in financial services. Through his company, he focuses on marketing, retirement planning and financial education. John earned a B.S. in history from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He writes and speaks for several industry organizations. John is actively involved locally and nationally in the Financial Planning Association, he serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Jump\$tart Coalition for Financial Literacy, and he volunteers with Junior Achievement and BestPrep.

PATRICIA M. CONLEY

Director, Washington County Library

Session: Library Services to Underserved via Electronic Kiosk

Pat is the director of the Washington County Library.

CAROLE CRAGG

Associate Director, Bethel University

Session: Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning

Carole is associate director of Bethel University Library. She develops, implements, and promotes library services and initiatives and is involved in reference and instruction.

WHITNEY CRETTOL

Planning Consultant, Whitney Crettol Consulting

Session: Strategic Planning: A Win-Win for Libraries and Communities

Whitney is an independent planning consultant who has dedicated both her career and volunteer efforts to organizations that serve the common good. She holds a masters degree in Planning & Public Affairs from the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute, and a bachelors degree in psychology. Whitney is also a former library commissioner, current Friends member, and active supporter of children's literacy efforts. She is currently engaged in a three-year project with the Arrowhead Library System to facilitate strategic planning with its 29 public library members.

BETSY DADABO

Library Technology Specialist, Bethel University

Session: Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning

Betsy is the library technology specialist at Bethel University. She co-manages the Information Commons student workers and supports the library staff in technology needs.

LINDA DALLAVALLE

Substitute Librarian, Dakota County Library

Sessions: 50 in 75: RART's Third Annual Book Blast
Books: The Top 5 of the Top 5: Memoirs, Romance, Thrillers, Historical Fiction & Science Fiction

Linda has worked as a substitute librarian for Dakota County for the last 12 years. Linda received her MLS from the State University of Connecticut. A native New Englander, she has also lived in New York and Alaska.

LEANN LINDQUIST DEAN

Director, Rodney A. Briggs Library, U of M Morris

Session: Briggs Library: Beyond Shushing

LeAnn began her library career as a student assistant in her high school and then college library. Since the beginning of her

professional career in 1969, she has seen many changes in libraries and is eager to see what is around the corner.

BILL DEJOHN

Director, MINITEX Library Information Network

Session: Minitex Update

Since 1984, Bill has been director of Minitex, an Information and Resource Sharing Program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota Libraries. Minitex serves academic, public, state government, and special libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota and works cooperatively to improve library service for their users. Under DeJohn's leadership, MINITEX has built a strong program of training sessions, workshops and conferences on timely issues. DeJohn was named one of twelve recipients of the 2007 President's Award for Outstanding Service by University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks.

ANNE DEUTSCH

Academic Support Librarian, Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park

Session: Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment

Anne serves as the secretary of the Minnesota Special Libraries Association. She received her MLS from Queens College/CUNY following her earlier career as a fundraiser.

NICHOLAS DIMASSIS

Assistant Director, East Central Regional Library

Sessions: Legislative Audits: How They Work, What They Mean
Legislative Outlook: What's Ahead?

Nick is assistant director of East Central Regional Library and 2010 chair of the MLA Legislative Committee.

ALLEN L. DOLLERSCHELL

Library Coordinator, Rochester Community College

Session: Sell Every Book You Can! Friends Raise Revenue for Libraries

Al is past president of Friends of Rochester Public Library and a retired librarian from Rochester Community and Technical College. In five years, he raised about \$20,000 for Friends selling books online.

NANCY DOUGHERTY

Community Specialist, Anoka County Community Action Program

Session: Read & Play Storytimes: Partnering with an FNN Agency

Nancy has worked in child care for more than 20 years. Her experiences range from in-home childcare to writing professional development documents for the child care system. She has a Masters of Arts in education and is currently working as the community specialist for Child Care Resource & Referral, specifically doing outreach work for unlicensed "Family, Friend & Neighbor" caregivers.

BROOKE EASTON

Learning Center Coordinator, Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park

Session: Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment

Brooke serves as an instructor of a remedial foundations of English I course for adult learners on campus. She is in the final stages of work on her masters degree in English as a second language through Hamline University and has more than 10 years of experience teaching English to both native and non-native speakers in the U.S. and abroad (Japan, Spain, and Mexico). Brooke is currently a member of MN-TESOL (Minnesota Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages).

KIMBERLY EDSON

Head of Readers Services, Rochester Public Library

Session: Partnerships on Steroids – Hosting the RACE Exhibit for a Transformative Community Experience

Kimberly is the head of reader's services at the Rochester Public Library. She oversees bookmobile, outreach, young adult, and fiction, movies and music operations. Kim is a past recipient of MLA's President's Award.

MARK K. EHLERT

Coordinator, Bibliographic and Technical Services, Minitex

Sessions: RDA: An Introduction
Test-Driving Resource Description and Access: Minnesota Experience

Mark has been a cataloger for more than 15 years, plying his trade at Alcuin Library (St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota) and the University of Minnesota's Wilson Library. More recently, he has been a participant in the Minitex Contract Cataloging Program, formerly as a cataloger, now as a manager. Mark received his master's degree in Library and Information Science in 2007 from Dominican University through the MLIS program at St. Catherine University (St. Paul, Minnesota).

STEPHEN F. ELFSTRAND

PALS Executive Director, PALS

Session: PALS and Open Source

Stephen has more than 25 years of experience with many different library systems. He has an MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin and a BA from Mankato State University.

LYNDI FINIFROCK

Reference Librarian, Bethel University

Session: Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning

Lyndi is a reference and instruction librarian at Bethel University. Her additional duties include coordinating displays, co-managing student workers, and serving on the library space and marketing committees.

JOHN FREEMAN

Staff Attorney / Website Coordinator, Minnesota Legal Services Coalition

Session: Playing with the Law: Clear and Convincing Legal Resources for Public Librarians

John is a graduate of City University of New York Law School and is a staff attorney with the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition. He serves on the Minnesota Public Libraries and Access to Justice (PL/ATJ) Team, working to improve do-it-yourself legal work in public libraries.

ANNE FRIEDERICHS

Librarian, Dakota County Library, Wescott

Session: MILE 2011 (MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence): Emerging Leaders in Changing Times

Anne is a children's librarian for Dakota County Wescott Library and co-chair of MILE 2011 for MLA. She is a graduate of MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence held in 2009.

DRU FRYKBERG

Senior Librarian, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Session: What Every Job Seeker (AND Librarian) Should Know: Tools and Services from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Dru is a senior librarian for the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). She graduated from Indiana University with a master's degree in library science and bachelor's degree in journalism.

SARA GALLIGAN, J.D.

Director, Ramsey County Law Library

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Sara is the Ramsey County Law Library Director. She serves on the Minnesota Public Libraries and Access to Justice (PL/ATJ) Team, working to improve do-it-yourself legal work in public libraries.

ANN GANNON

Administrative Assistant, Bethel University Library

Session: Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning

Ann is administrative assistant at Bethel University Library. She coordinates and promotes a variety of library events and provides support for Bethel University Library staff.

JULIE K. GILBERT

Academic Librarian & Assistant Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College

Session: Demystifying Ethnography: Exploring Student Use of Library Spaces

Julie (jgilber2@gustavus.edu) received her MA in theology from St. John's University, Collegetown and her MLIS from Dominican University.

MIC GOLDEN

Collection Development Coordinator, Great River Regional Library

Session: Right Size + Right Task = Restructure

Mic has been with GRRL for 25+ years. Positions include Reference & Children's Services, Branch Supervision and Collection Development.

AMY GRATZ

Instructor, Gustavus Adolphus College

Session: Demystifying Ethnography: Exploring Student Use of Library Spaces

Amy (gratz.bibliophile@gmail.com) is a visiting instructor/academic librarian at Gustavus Adolphus College in spring semester 2010, received her MS in library and information science from Syracuse University.

MELISSA GRAY

Librarian, St. Paul Public Library

Session: Books: The Top 5 of the Top 5: Memoirs, Romance, Thrillers, Historical Fiction & Science Fiction

Melissa is an adult services reference librarian at the central branch of the St. Paul Public Library. She's been reading, reading about, and recommending science fiction for 30 years, and has put that to good use at the reference desk helping colleagues and patrons find good stuff to read.

RACHEL L. GRAY, MLIS

Information Services Librarian, SELCO

Session: Libraries and Investment Literacy: A Trusted Community Resource

Rachel is an information services librarian for SELCO in Rochester, MN. She received her MLIS from Dominican University through the College of St. Catherine in 2004. Rachel participated in the MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence (MILE) in 2007, and helped organize this retreat in 2009. She loves reading, but has found her personal reading time curtailed this year due to the arrival of her daughter in January.

MARY ANN GREENWALD

Support & Training, PALS; A Program of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Session: PALS and Open Source

Mary Ann has been with PALS since 1999 as a support and training specialist. She has a Master of Science degree in Information Media from St. Cloud State University.

MARIANNE HAGEMAN

Research and Instruction Librarian, University of St. Thomas

Session: A Level Playing Field? ELM and the High School to College High Jump

Marianne has a BA in history and an MA in library science from the University of Minnesota. She is a reference librarian at the University of St. Thomas and currently a member of the Research and Instructional Services group and liaison to undergraduate business programs. She has also served as extension librarian, reference coordinator, and leader of the library's web development group. Her interest in this topic has grown out of years of working with undergraduates and seeking to more fully understand the background and research skills of incoming freshmen.

HEIDI HAMMOND, PH.D.

Media Specialist, Henry Sibley High School

Session: Caldecott Crash Course: Hands-On Evaluation of the Art in Picture Books

Heidi has been an English and reading teacher and an elementary, middle school, and high school librarian. She is currently an assistant professor in the MLIS program at St. Catherine University and a member of the 2011 Caldecott Committee.

ERIN HART

Sessions: Delving into the Otherworld: Murder, Myth, and Music in False Mermaid
One Book, One Conference

Erin writes archaeological crime novels set in the boglands of Ireland. An interest in Irish traditional music led her to co-found Minnesota's Irish Music & Dance Association. Erin's debut novel, *Haunted Ground*, introduced readers to pathologist Nora Gavin and archaeologist Cormac Maguire, winning the Friends of American Writers Award and Romantic Times Best First Mystery. *Lake of Sorrows*, second novel in the series, was recognized as a Minnesota Book Award finalist in 2004. *False Mermaid*, third in the series, was published in 2010. She lives in St. Paul with her husband, Paddy O'Brien, with whom she frequently visits Ireland.

SUNNY M. HESSE

Regional Coordinator of Human Resources, Great River Regional Library

Session: Right Size + Right Task = Restructure

Sunny has been HR coordinator at GRRL since 2007. Before GRRL, she held HR positions in private industry.

ED HOLAHAN

Sessions: Seven Practices of the Inventive Creative
Creativity Is Serious Play

Ed was born, raised, and educated in New York City. He is retired from a long career inventing toys and games in Chicago. He lives on beautiful Ella Bella Farm near Westby, WI, with the love of his life, Mary Benson. His column appears in the *Houston Banner*, a bastion of independent journalism. He continues to conduct workshops in the art of helping folks rediscover what we all had as kids: namely, creativity and joy. He has spoken before thousands of people as a humorist and motivator.

BRIAN HUFFMAN

County Law Librarian, Washington County

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Brian is the Washington County law librarian. He received his JD from Drake University and is completing his MLIS degree at St. Catherine University. Brian serves on the Minnesota Public Libraries and Access to Justice (PL/ATJ) Team, working to improve do-it-yourself legal work in public libraries.

MARY HUISMANN

Music/Media Cataloging Coordinator, University of Minnesota Libraries

Session: Test-Driving Resource Description and Access: Minnesota Experience

Mary earned both her MLIS and MM degrees from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. She is an active member of the Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Music OCLC Users Group, and the Music Library Association, where she currently serves as Technical Services Roundtable Coordinator. She is also a contributor to the NACO Music Project and participating in the MLA/OLAC RDA Testing Group.

ANNA HULSEBERG

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Anna (ahulsebe@gustavus.edu) received her M.A. in Technical Communication from Minnesota State Mankato and her M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois.

SUZANNE HUNT

Librarian, Carver County Library System

Session: Public Libraries to the Rescue During Tough Economic Times

Suzanne has been a librarian for 14 years. Her focus is implementing the efficient methods to deliver customer service beyond physical walls.

ANN B. HUTTON

Executive Director, SELCO/SELS

Session: Around the State in 75 Minutes – Legacy Highlights from FY2010

Ann is the executive director of Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO). She has expertise in organizational assessment, leadership development, project management, and grant writing. Ann specializes in advocacy and strategic planning and is regularly involved in presenting continuing education events for library staff and trustees within Minnesota and nationally.

TYLER IRVIN

Project Librarian, SELCO

Session: Serving Teens & Tweens @ Your Library

Tyler has worked at SELCO for three years on projects including bringing a music library and two school libraries online and on a newspaper digitization projection. Over the last year, he worked in collaboration with local teen advisory boards on a grant to create program kits for SELCO libraries.

JENNIFER L. JEPSEN

Director, Martin County Library

Session: Programming in a Package

Jenny is a programming librarian in the Traverse des Sioux Regional Library System area. Her focus is on adult, young adult, and tween programming in rural public libraries.

WALT JOHNSON

Patent and Trademark Depositor Librarian, Hennepin County Library

Session: Today's Federal Depository Libraries Are Free, Dedicated, Limitless

Walt is a patent and trademark depository librarian at Hennepin County Central Library. A librarian since 1990, he served two years Patent Fellow at the US Patent & Trademark Office.

ELAINE KEEFE

MLA/MEMO Lobbyist, Capitol Hill Associates

Sessions: Legislative Audits: How They Work, What They Mean
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Elaine is president of Capitol Hill Associates.

WILL KEILLOR

Reference and Instruction Librarian, Bethel University

Session: Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning

Will graduated with an MLIS from Dominican University/College of St. Catherine in 2008.

CHERYL KESSLER

Session: Supporting Early Literacy Learning

Cheryl has fifteen years of experience working in libraries and museums and nine years conducting front-end, formative, remedial, and summative program and exhibit evaluation with children's museums, science centers, natural history museums, living history sites, and professional organizations.

PETER KIRLEW

Bioscience Librarian, University of Minnesota Libraries

Session: Some Applications of Data Visualization Tools in Librarianship

Peter is the bioscience librarian at the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities).

KELLI K. KOOB

Librarian, Hennepin County Library-Eden Prairie

Session: MILE 2011 (MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence): Emerging Leaders in Changing Times

Kelli is the capital projects librarian for Hennepin County Library. Kelli has been Katie Polley's mentor since her graduation from MILE. Kelli graduated from MILE 2007.

JANICE KRAGNESS

Associate Director for Research and Instruction, University of St. Thomas

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Janice has been a librarian at the University of St. Thomas for 20 years and is currently Associate Director for Research & Instruction Services. She has a BA from St. Olaf College and an MA in History from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Janice received her MLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

JEAN M. KRAMER

Technical Services Librarian, Minnesota State University - Moorhead

Session: Serials Budget Cutting: It's No Game

Jean is employed with Minnesota State University Moorhead. As technical services librarian, she manages the library's acquisitions and cataloging operations. She has an M.L.S. from University of Illinois and an M.S. in Sociology from NDSU.

KELLY KRIEG-SIGMAN

Library Director, La Crosse Public Library

Session: Are You Smarter than a Library Director?

Kelly, director of the La Crosse Public Library in La Crosse, WI has been a library manager for more than 20 years. She speaks and presents frequently on a variety of library management issues and challenges. She also facilitates the biannual week-long public library administration "summer camp by the lake" sponsored by the University of Wisconsin School of Library and Information Science. Her leisure activities include kayaking, historic portrayals for the La Crosse County Historical Society, a recent re-discovery of the joys of knitting, and an occasional tasting of good bourbon.

ROBBIE LAFLEUR

Director, Minnesota Legislative Reference Library

Session: Speed Dating for Librarians: Meet Your Favorite New Government Websites

In 2008, Robbie was awarded the Peter S. Popovich Freedom of Information Award by the Minnesota Chapter of Professional Journalists for her promotion of access to state documents and legislative information. She is a member of the Minnesota Library Association and member and past chair of the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

JUDY LANDER

Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools

Session: Raising Reading Excitement: Successful Partnerships Between Elementary Schools and Public Libraries

Judy has been teaching for Minneapolis Public Schools since 1975. She has been a first grade teacher at Wenonah Elementary for the past five years and has done service learning projects with her first graders for many years.

JOAN B. LARSON

Board Member, Minnesota Association of Library Friends

Session: Friends of the Library Idea Exchange

Joan serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Association of Library Friends. She received the Distinguished Achievement Award from Minnesota Library Association in 2009 for active and innovative leadership in the development of libraries and the improvement of library services. Joan has been director of Northern Lights Library Network, coordinator of Spotlight on Books Conference, and a leader in literacy efforts and Friends of Libraries.

SALLY LEDERER

Community Relations Manager, MELSA

Session: The "Quiet on the Set" Metro Public Libraries Short Film Competition: All Ages of Library Users Generate YouTube Videos Filmed in and Around their Public Libraries

Sally is the community relations manager for MELSA (Metropolitan Library Services Agency). She coordinates a variety of metrowide public library programs designed to involve library users/community members in seeing their libraries in new ways.

AMY LEINEN

Session: Homeschooling at the Library

Amy is the past president of the Minnesota Homeschoolers' Alliance and is nearly done homeschooling her three sons.

LOIS LENROOT-ERNT

Capital Projects Manager, Hennepin County Library

Session: Design of a Library: Serious Play

Lois' recent projects include new libraries in Maple Grove and Plymouth and renovations/expansions of the Nokomis and Northeast Libraries in Minneapolis. She co-presented "Building

Better Libraries: Guiding Successful Projects" at the 2010 Public Library Association convention with colleagues from Queens Library and San Francisco Public Library. Before joining Capital Projects, Lois managed the Hennepin County Library - Augsburg Park.

STACY LIENEMANN

Assistant Director, Watonwan County Library

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Stacy is a programming librarian in the Traverse des Sioux Regional Library System area. Her focus is on adult, young adult and tween programming in rural public libraries.

SOOK LIM

Assistant Professor, St. Catherine University

Session: College Students and Wikipedia

Sook is an assistant professor in the Master of Library and Information Science Program at St. Catherine University. She holds a doctorate in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her major research areas include human information behavior concerning non-traditional information sources, and academic libraries. She has published articles in Journal of American Society for Information Science and Technology, Journal of Academic Librarianship, and Library & Information Science Research. Her teaching areas include research methods, library management, database management, and social aspects of information technology.

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Marcus previously was the teen services mentor for St. Paul Public Library. He has served on the YALSA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the VOYA magazine's Top Shelf awards committee.

CHAD LUBBERS

Branch Manager, Washington County Library

Session: Science Education at Your Library

Chad is the manager of three Washington County libraries. Born in a log cabin, he never tells a lie. He worked for seven years in public and academic libraries in Ohio and Indiana and also supervised a small business school library after moving to Minnesota in 2000.

MELINDA LUDWICZAK

Project Manager, MELSA

Sessions: Libraries and Investment Literacy: A Trusted Community Resource
Public Libraries to the Rescue During Tough Economic Times

Melinda coordinates Minnesota Legacy Amendment programs and leads a jobs and small business initiative for metro area libraries. Previous to joining MELSA on a mobility assignment, Melinda worked on community partnerships for the former Minneapolis Public Library and on adult programming for Hennepin County Library. Her areas of interest include arts and cultural programming, library exhibitions, community

partnerships, adult services, older adult programming, workforce services, and small business support.

JULIE MARCKEL

Coordinator for the Collector's Corner Neighborhood Trading Post, Science Museum of Minnesota

Session: Science Education at Your Library

Julie has worked in botany/landscape design, arts, and education. She currently works at the Science Museum as coordinator for the Collector's Corner Neighborhood Trading Post.

KRISTEN L. MASTEL

Outreach and Instruction Librarian, University of Minnesota

Sessions: Beyond Search: The Glitz and Glam of Google
Current Trends in Instruction: Summaries and Discussion

Kristen is the outreach and instruction librarian at Magrath Library.

CYNTHIA MATTHIAS

Teen Services Librarian, Hennepin County Library

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Cynthia has been teaching Scratch workshops at her library for three years and is interested in community building through informal, hands-on learning and youth peer education. Cynthia was recently named an American Library Association Emerging Leader for 2010.

PETE A. MCDONNELL

Systems/Distance Learning Librarian, Bemidji State University

Session: Teams that Play Together Work Better Together: Using Rhythm-Based Experiential Exercises to Improve Team Effectiveness

Pete has been researching and using experiential methods for positive change in libraries for several years. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in experiential education and received his MLIS from the University of Illinois in 2002.

LOUISE B. MOE

Head of Reference, Rochester Public Library

Session: Partnerships on Steroids – Hosting the RACE Exhibit for a Transformative Community Experience

Louise oversees reference, interlibrary loan, periodicals, and web content.

MICHELE C. MONSON

Reference Librarian, Great River Regional Library

Session: Great River Regional Library's Laptop Lab: Taking the Show on the Road

Michele is a regional supervisor with GRRL. She oversees four libraries in the system: the Foley Public Library, the Stickney Crossing Library in Clearwater, the Waite Park Public Library, and the Saint Cloud Public Library, where she is also the branch manager. Michele's goal for 2010 is to hike the whole Superior Hiking Trail with her trusty German Shepherd, Lucy.

SARAH D.S. MONSON

Serials Manager, Gustavus Adolphus College

Session: Demystifying Ethnography: Exploring Student Use of Library Spaces

Sarah (ssanford@gustavus.edu) received her M.S. in Anthropology from Minnesota State Mankato.

MARY MORAN

Reference Librarian, Ramsey County Library

Session: Public Libraries to the Rescue During Tough Economic Times

Mary has been a librarian at Ramsey County library for 15 years and manages the Library's Job Seekers Classes program.

MIKE MOREY

Library Services Consultant, OCLC

Session: Web-Scale for Libraries

Mike is the OCLC library services consultant who works for member libraries throughout Minnesota. Since 2004, he has created partnerships with many libraries in Minnesota to improve the discovery and delivery experiences of library patrons, including the implementation of the initial phase of network level applications WorldCat Local and WorldCat Local "quick start." Mike is a 1988 graduate of Hamline University and currently resides in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

SARAH L. NAGLE

Librarian, Carver County Library

Sessions: Books: The Top 5 of the Top 5: Memoirs, Romance, Thrillers, Historical Fiction & Science Fiction
Nonfiction RA 101: The Real Story

Sarah is a librarian with Carver County Library, responsible for selection of general print materials. She received her MSLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

DAWN NELSON

Instructional Media Coordinator, Osseo Area Schools

Session: We're All In This Together

Dawn is the coordinator of the Instructional Media and Technology program of Osseo Area Schools. With a team of 25 school librarians and six technology integration specialists, information and technology literacy is the focus of the program. She holds a Library Media Education degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and has worked in the library and educational technology field for 15 years. She is also the immediate past president of MEMO, the Minnesota Educational Media Organization, as well as Local Arrangements chair for the 2011 AASL Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis.

JENNIFER NELSON

Senior Librarian, Hennepin County Library

Session: Media MashUp: Implementing Technology Programs for Youth

Jennifer has worked with Scratch since 2006, developing library programs that feature Scratch, training library staff to use Scratch, and, most recently, managing an IMLS funded Nation of Leaders Demonstration Grant that brings the locally developed Scratch programs to a set of national partners. She is a passionate advocate for the role of public libraries in providing opportunities for informal learning—going where schools cannot—to prepare all youth to be engaged members and contributors to society.

SUSAN NEMITZ

Director, Ramsey County Public Library

Session: Staffing for Tough Times: One Library's Strategies for Doing More with Less Staff

Susan is the director of the Ramsey County Library.

ALICE R. NEVE

Supervisor of Outreach, St. Paul Public Library

Session: Public Libraries to the Rescue During Tough Economic Times

Alice is the public service manager for St. Paul Public Library branches, including Rondo, Highland Park, Saint Anthony Park, and Hamline-Midway.

KIRSTEN NIELSON

Exhibit Development Manager, Minnesota Children's Museum

Session: Supporting Early Literacy Learning

Kirstin is responsible for creating fun, compelling and educationally sound exhibits that are appropriate for children ages 0-10 years. With twelve years in the field, she brings extensive exhibit development and traveling exhibit management experience to the team. Her recent contributions include developing exhibit upgrades in the Museum's World Works gallery.

DONNA NIX

Research and Instruction Librarian, University of St. Thomas Charles J. Keffer Library

Session: A Level Playing Field? ELM and the High School to College High Jump

Donna has a B.A. in social studies education from Bethel College and an M.A. in library science from the University of Missouri. She has work experience as a classroom teacher, school librarian, school library consultant, and reference librarian in public and academic libraries. She came to UST in 1999 and is liaison to graduate and undergraduate programs in education in the College of Applied Professional Studies. Based on her experience in school libraries, she has a long-term interest in the successful transition of students from high school to college

KARI NOLLENDORFS

General Education Coordinator, Rasmussen College, Brooklyn Park

Session: Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment

Kari teaches residential courses in humanities, communication, writing, and literature and online courses in humanities. She has an MA in applied English linguistics and a BS in education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has more than 19 years of English teaching experience in both secondary and post-secondary levels in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Germany, and England. Some of her areas of interest with adult literacy are bilingual, ELL/ESL issues, and cross-cultural communication. She speaks Latvian and German.

ANDREW NORDIN

East Central Regional Library

Session: ECRL, PALS, and Evergreen: Rules of Play for a Successful OS ILS Migration

Andy is a native of Michigan. He worked in IT shops with missions ranging from education to manufacturing for 15 years. Son of a library director, he first got paid work in libraries in 2002 at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library in Michigan and joined ECRL in 2008.

GAIL NORDSTROM

Public Library Consultant, Viking Library System

Session: Caldecott Crash Course: Hands-On Evaluation of the Art in Picture Books

Gail is the Public Library Consultant for Viking Library System and a member of the 2011 Caldecott Committee. She rediscovered the power and delight of children's books twenty years ago when working for Stillwater Public Library. When she doesn't have her nose in a picture book, Gail can be found in

her hip-waders dislodging beaver dams with her 75-pound canine.

ANGIE L. NOYES

Librarian I, Washington County Library

Session: 50 in 75: RART's Third Annual Book Blast

Angie has worked for Washington County Library for 10 years and for libraries in general since she was 16. She has her MLIS from Dominican University by way of St. Catherine's University. She was recruited onto the RART steering committee by some crazy—we mean fabulous—people. She finds Reader's Advisory to be fun and challenging, almost like combining something crafty and math. She was terribly intimidated in the beginning, but has learned that Reader's Advisory is an amazing function of her job and getting to know her patrons. This will be her second year presenting with the "50 in 75" crew.

PAM O'HARA

Readers Services Advisor, Rochester Public Library

Session: RA Crash Course

Pam began her library career as the Astronomy Department librarian at UW-Madison while attending library school. Before joining the Rochester Public Library, Pam was the Music Department librarian at Carleton College. She also has training and experience doing book conservation, book repair, and making artist's books. Pam currently serves in both the Circulation and Readers Services departments in Rochester.

KATE PETERSON

Information Literacy Librarian, University of Minnesota Libraries

Session: Current Trends in Instruction: Summaries and Discussion

Kate is the information literacy librarian at the University of Minnesota

MOLLIE PHERSON

Regional Librarian, SELCO/SELS

Sessions: Around the State in 75 Minutes – Legacy Highlights from FY2010

Day 1 / Day 2 Certification "Train the Trainer"
Serving Teens & Tweens @ Your Library

Mollie is actively involved with Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund programming at SELCO. She is a member of the Minnesota Library Association, Public Library Association, and American Library Association. She received her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois in 2007.

LUANN PHILLIPICH

Librarian, Dakota County Heritage Library

Session: Nonfiction RA 101: The Real Story

Luann received an MLIS from Rosary College/The College of St. Catherine. Duties at Dakota County Library include adult programming and moderating book groups. She is a past chair of MLA's RART.

BARBARA J. PIERCE

Library Associate, St. Paul Public Library

Sessions: 50 in 75: RART's Third Annual Book Blast

Books: The Top 5 of the Top 5: Memoirs, Romance, Thrillers, Historical Fiction & Science Fiction

Barb has an MLIS from the College of Saint Catherine. She is employed as a library associate at the Highland Park branch of the Saint Paul Public Library, where she leads the Highland Park Library Book Club. She has been a Minnesota Book Awards judge for the past three years.

LISA E. POLLARD

Youth Services Librarian, Scott County Library

Session: Book Themed Parties for Children

Lisa is the youth services coordinator for Scott County Library System. She received her MLIS from St. Catherine's/Dominican in 2002.

KATIE M. POLLEY

Librarian, Dakota County Library

Sessions: MILE 2011 (MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence):
Emerging Leaders in Changing Times
Things in a Flash: The Latest Web 2.0 Tools

Katie is a librarian with Dakota County Wentworth Library. She is a graduate of MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence held in 2009.

NICHOLAS A. PRIEVE

Teen Services Librarian, Marshall Lyon County Library

Session: Distance Tech Tools for Your Average Patron: Ten Ways to Make Technology Viable, Marketable, and Cost-Effective in Reaching Distance Patrons

With a foot in teen services, a foot in distance education, and a foot in the academic library, Nicholas has three feet. All three of them work toward web solutions for libraries and finding better ways to do things that do not boggle the mind and work for a number of different types of libraries. He is deeply interested in how people retrieve information, how to go about making their seeking more fluid with technology, and how to actually do these things at a reasonable cost.

KAREN PUNDSACK

Patron Services Coordinator, Great River Regional Library

Session: Right Size + Right Task = Restructure

Karen worked at GRRL for 11 years as branch manager before becoming patron services coordinator.

SARA QUIMBY

Library Processing Manager, Minnesota Historical Society

Session: Test-Driving Resource Description and Access: Minnesota Experience

Sara worked at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library before coming to the MHS in 2008.

MARK RANUM

Director, Plum Creek Library System

Sessions: Day 1 / Day 2 Certification "Train the Trainer"
Legislative Outlook: What's Ahead?

Mark is the director of the Plum Creek Library System in SW Minnesota and was the 2009 legislative chair for MLA. He has been a continuing education and certification instructor during his 20-year career in Minnesota libraries.

DAN REEVES

Reference and Instruction Librarian (Brooklyn Park Campus), Rasmussen College

Session: Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment

Dan has been a reference and instruction librarian at the Rasmussen College Campus in Brooklyn Park since January 2007. A native of Ohio, Dan has graduated from two Minnesota colleges. He holds an MLIS from the College of St. Catherine University and a BA in philosophy from Metropolitan State University. In addition to working in the library and teaching information literacy, Dan is on the Teaching and Learning Committee, co-chair of the IT Subcommittee, and liaison to the Surgical Technology program.

LINDA RICHTER

Innovation Coordinator, PALS

Session: PALS and Open Source

Linda, with PALS since 1988, is a member of the technical services team. She holds a Master of Science degree in Mathematics/Computer Science from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

STELLA RIKER

Associate Librarian, Maple Grove Library

Session: Homeschooling at the Library

Stella is a youth service librarian at the Maple Grove Library and a homeschooling mom to her eight-year old son, Abraham.

BETH RINGSMUTH STOLPMAN

Library Assistant 1, Great River Regional Library

Session: Great River Regional Library's Laptop Lab: Taking the Show on the Road

Beth manages region-wide programming, including Legacy event coordination. She currently is in charge of social networking for GRRL. She has worked for the library system for more than 10 years in various roles. She loves murder mysteries.

KEITH RUSSELL

University of Kansas, Lawrence

Session: Teams that Play Together Work Better Together: Using Rhythm-Based Experiential Exercises to Improve Team Effectiveness

Keith does training, teambuilding, facilitation, and other organization development interventions at the University of Kansas, and frequently focuses on the practical and academic aspects of group drumming. He holds joint appointments in the Department of Human Resources and on the Libraries faculty.

JOYCE C. SCHNEIDER

Deputy Director, Washington County Library

Session: Library Services to Underserved via Electronic Kiosk

Joyce is the deputy director of the Washington County Library.

BRUCE SCHNEIER

Chief Security Technology Officer, BT

Session: Security, Privacy, and the Generation Gap

An internationally renowned security technologist, Bruce is referred to by *The Economist* as a "security guru." He is the author of ten books (including the best sellers *Beyond Fear*, *Secrets and Lies*, and *Applied Cryptography*) and hundreds of articles and academic papers. Bruce's influential newsletter *Crypto-Gram* and blog "Schneier on Security" are read by more than 250,000 people. He is a prolific writer and lecturer, a frequent guest on television and radio, has testified before Congress, and is regularly quoted in the press on issues surrounding security and privacy.

BECKY SCHWARTZKOPF

Department Chair, MN State University, Mankato

Session: Serials Budget Cutting: It's No Game

Becky has served as serials librarian at Minnesota State Mankato since 1984 and has worked with serials in academic libraries for more than 35 years. Her MLS is from Indiana University and she has an MS in continuing studies from Mankato State University.

MICHAEL SCOTT

Assistant Director, SELCO

Session: Legislative Outlook: What's Ahead?

Michael is assistant director of SELCO/SELS regional library system and 2011 legislative chair for MLA.

MAIJA SEDZIELARZ

Project Lead for the Collectors' Corner Neighborhood Trading Post, Science Museum of Minnesota

Session: Science Education at Your Library

Maija has been developing and teaching programs in museums for more than 30 years and has been at the Science Museum of Minnesota since 1992.

JAN SIFFING

President Douglas County Library Friends and Foundation, MALF Board of Directors

Sessions: Friends of the Library Idea Exchange
Sell Every Book You Can! Friends Raise Revenue for Libraries

Jan serves on the board of directors for the Minnesota Association of Library Friends (MALF). She is president of the Douglas County Library Friends and Foundation and involved in setting up the Friends Used Book Store at the Douglas County Library in Alexandria, MN.

JEAN SILVERBERG

Cluster Support Manager, Dakota County Library, Wescott

Session: Supporting Early Literacy Learning

Jean is cluster support manager at the Wescott branch of the Dakota County Library. Her background is in reference and adult services.

LISA SJOBERG

Archivist/Librarian, Concordia College

Session: Playing in the Stacks: Using Incentives and Collaboration to Make Weeding Enjoyable

Lisa is the college archivist at the Carl B. Ylvisaker Library at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She has worked with Amy Soma to develop a team-based approach collection management program at the Carl B. Ylvisaker Library. In addition, she performs reference and instruction duties at the library.

ERIN L. SMITH

Children's Librarian, Fergus Falls Public Library

Session: Book Themed Parties for Children

Erin is the children's librarian with the Fergus Falls Public Library. She loves books, kids, and planning fun programs that are, at times, also a bit messy.

NANCY SMITH

Librarian, Washington County Library

Sessions: Book Themed Parties for Children
Read & Play Storytimes: Partnering with an FNN Agency

Nancy works in Forest Lake at Hardwood Creek Branch. She brings a different perspective in using activities with children to promote interest in reading. With a background in occupational therapy, Nancy has experience using play and activities within a developmental framework. She paired this background with an early literacy model to shape storytimes developmentally.

AMY SOMA

Access & Delivery Librarian, Concordia College

Session: Playing in the Stacks: Using Incentives and Collaboration to Make Weeding Enjoyable

Amy is the access and delivery librarian at the Carl B. Ylvisaker Library at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She has worked with Lisa Sjoberg to develop a team-based approach collection management program at the Carl B. Ylvisaker Library. In addition, she performs reference and instruction duties at the library.

ALEC B. SONSTEBY

Instruction/Reference Librarian, Carl B. Ylvisaker Library

Session: The Portable Reference Library: Accessing Reference Resources and Services on Mobile Devices

Alec is a reference and instruction librarian and assistant professor at Metropolitan State University, Saint Paul. He teaches classes in information studies and is the library's coordinator for emerging technology. An active member in the American Library Association, he serves on a number of committees in the Association for College and Research Libraries and the Reference and User Services Association. Alec received his M.S. in library and information science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2005 and is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College.

KATHERINE J. STECHER

Adult Programming Coordinator, Rochester Public Library

Session: RA Crash Course

Katherine joined the Rochester Public Library Readers Services team in February 2003, shortly after graduating from the University of Iowa with a masters in library and information services. Since then, her professional duties are divided between reader's advisory and programming for adults, the latter of which includes chairing the Rochester Reads Community Reading Program, organizing the RPL Visiting Author Series, and acting as library liaison for the monthly Post-Bulletin panel discussions and Yaggy Colby History Lectures. Katherine is also the former chair of MLA's Readers' Advisory Round Table (RART).

JONATHAN STRAND

Associate Architect, Bentz/Thompson/Reitow, Inc.

Session: Design of a Library: Serious Play

Jonathan has a BA in art from Houghton College and a masters in architecture from the University of Virginia. Jonathan's recent projects include the new Hennepin County - Plymouth Library and Hennepin County - Eden Prairie Library. In his work, he is highly motivated by the fine arts and pursuit of a more sustainable way of life.

MONICA L.K. STRATTON

Children's Librarian, Ramsey County Library

Session: Raising Reading Excitement: Successful Partnerships Between Elementary Schools and Public Libraries

Monica is a children's librarian with the Ramsey County Library, now serving as the systemwide children's facilitator. A graduate from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Monica's passion for serving the needs of all children has proved beneficial in developing library programs such as the Kindergarten Library Card program.

KAREN STREGE

Co-Director, Library Support Staff Certification Program, American Library Association

Session: Library Support Staff Certification: News & Reviews

Karen has worked in a variety of libraries: public, college, and state. Prior to signing on to direct the LSSC Program, Karen was the state librarian in Montana. Karen's focus and expertise is with rural public libraries and she has a doctorate in education leadership from the Gonzaga University.

LISA STUART

Librarian, Hennepin County Library

Session: Raising Reading Excitement: Successful Partnerships Between Elementary Schools and Public Libraries

Lisa has been a librarian for the past ten years. She specializes in work with children and is currently the librarian at Roosevelt Library in Minneapolis. She is the mother of two young children, as well.

LEANN SUCHY

MILI Program Manager, Metronet

Sessions: Beyond Search: The Glitz and Glam of Google
Things in a Flash: The Latest Web 2.0 Tools

LeAnn is Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI) Program Manager at Metronet, training teachers and librarians on integrating information literacy into the curriculum. Before Metronet, LeAnn worked as a librarian at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University.

LINDA TREB

Finance Coordinator, Great River Regional Library

Session: Right Size + Right Task = Restructure

Linda has worked with public library finances at GRRL since 1981, managing the finance department since 1987.

JENNIFER TURNER

Support & Training Specialist, PALS

Session: ECRL, PALS, and Evergreen: Rules of Play for a Successful OS ILS Migration

Jennifer is a support and training specialist for PALS' installation of the Evergreen ILS system and was project manager for ECRL's migration. A member of the ALA's Emerging Leaders Class of 2008, Jennifer holds an MLIS from Dominican University and a BA in French and communications from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

KAREN UNDERHILL

Outreach and Training Specialist, MinnesotaWorks.net - MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

Session: What Every Job Seeker (AND Librarian) Should Know: Tools and Services from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Karen, outreach and training specialist for MinnesotaWorks.net, is a marketer and trainer for DEED. Karen holds a bachelor of arts degree in professional communications from Metropolitan State University.

CARLA DEWEY URBAN

Manager, Bibliographic, MINITEX Library Information Network

Session: Cataloging and OCLC Previews & Reviews

Carla is the manager of the Minitex Bibliographic & Technical Services (BATS) staff, who provide training and support to libraries throughout Minnesota in the areas of cataloging, technical services, OCLC, and digitization.

JANET URBANOWICZ

Co-President, Minnesota Association of Library Friends, Minnesota Association of Library Friends

Session: MALF Awards: Best Project by Friends of the Library

Janet retired in 2009 from her position as assistant director, The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library.

MARY ANN E. VAN CURA

Library Development & Continuing Education Coordinator, Minnesota State Library Services

Sessions: Playing with the Law: Clear and Convincing Legal Resources for Public Librarians
Public Libraries to the Rescue During Tough Economic Times

Mary Ann works for the Minnesota State Library Services, participating in statewide initiatives to strengthen public service efforts of library staff. Prior experience included serving socio-economically diverse patrons as law librarian in academic and special libraries. She serves on the Minnesota Public Libraries and Access to Justice (PL/ATJ) Team, working to improve do-it-yourself legal work in public libraries.

RACHEL VILSACK

Regional Labor Market Analyst, MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Session: What Every Job Seeker (AND Librarian) Should Know: Tools and Services from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Rachel is a regional labor market analyst with DEED. She has a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and a master's degree in economics from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

ANN VODA

Principal, Bentz/Thompson/Rietow Architects

Session: Design of a Library: Serious Play

Ann is president and a principal owner of the architecture, urban, and interior design firm Bentz/Thompson/Rietow. She is a LEED Accredited Professional and leads/coordinates the firm's commitment to sustainable design strategies and implementation. Since she joined the firm in 1993, Ann has led all the firm's library projects and studies, including the new Hennepin County - Plymouth Library, Hennepin County - Eden Prairie Library, and Southdale Regional Center and Library Planning Study.

JO VOSS

Principal Program Evaluation Specialist,

Session: Legislative Audits: How They Work, What They Mean

Jo is principal program evaluation specialist for the Office of the Legislative Auditor.

SALLY WALKER

Author, Lerner Publishing Group

Session: Treasure Hunting for a Different Gold

Sally is the author of more than 50 nonfiction books for children, including the 2006 Robert F. Sibert Medal winner *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine* and 2010 YALSA Nonfiction Award Finalist *Written in Bone*. Her short fiction has been published in *Highlights for Children* magazine and she has written articles for *Book Links* and *Booklist* magazines. Sally has taught children's literature classes at Northern Illinois University and also works as a children's literature specialist with an independent bookstore. Ever since Sally was a little girl, librarians have been her favorite people and a constant source of inspiration.

DONNA WALKER-KUHNE

President, Walker International Communications Group

Session: Audience Building

Donna is the president of Walker International Communications Group, a boutique marketing and audience development consulting agency. She provides consulting services to numerous arts organizations throughout the country. A veteran of more than 16 Broadway productions, Donna's current clients include Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, The Apollo Theater, WNYC Radio, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Driving Miss Daisy on Broadway, and Berklee College of Music. Donna is co-founder of Impact Broadway, a multicultural project that engages more than 300 students as audience members for Broadway, with the goal of empowering this community to be economic drivers of new audiences for the Broadway Theater district.

SANDY WALSH

Deputy Director, Ramsey County Public Library

Session: Staffing for Tough Times: One Library's Strategies for Doing More with Less Staff

Sandy is a deputy director of the Ramsey County Library.

NANCY KAY WALTON

State Library Programs Special, State Library Services, MN
Dept of Education

Sessions: Data Privacy Requirements and Issues for Minnesota's
Libraries
Minnesota's Libraries and the Open Meeting Law: Are You
in Compliance?

Nancy has been the State Library Programs Specialist at Minnesota's State Library Agency since 1998. She is responsible for aid programs to regional public library systems. Nancy advises library systems, libraries, and stakeholders on library issues, especially on library statutes. She was a supervising librarian in academic, corporate, and public libraries in Maryland and California before returning to Minnesota in 1994 to serve as director of the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library. She has a B.A. and MLS from the University of Minnesota and completed post-Masters work in American history and rare books at the University of Maryland.

JIM WEIKUM

Executive Director, Arrowhead Library System

Session: Strategic Planning: A Win-Win for Libraries and
Communities

Jim is the director of the Arrowhead Library System.

PEG WERNER

Director, Viking Library System

Session: Bandwidth: The New Requirement for Traditional Library
Services

Peg has been the director of Viking Library System, headquartered in Fergus Falls, MN, since 1992. She holds a bachelor of science degree in theatre and English from Northwestern College and an MLS from Emporia State University. Peg has served on the Minnesota Education Telecommunications Council (chair 1997-99), NW-LINKS Governance Council (chair 2004 – present), MLA Legislative Committee (chair 2003), MN Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force, and numerous other library councils and committees. Peg has conducted dozens of workshops and presentations for librarians, library trustees, and government groups on the topics of community analysis, strategic planning, and telecommunications.

MAREN WILBUR

Youth Service Librarian, Carver County Libraries, Chanhassen
Branch

Session: Book Themed Parties for Children

Maren has an MLIS with a concentration in youth services/school library media. She is the youth service librarian at the Chanhassen Branch of Carver County Libraries.

KRIS WILEY

Programming Librarian, New Ulm Public Library

Session: Programming in a Package

Kris is a programming librarian in the Traverse des Sioux Regional Library System area. Her focus is on adult, young adult and tween programming in rural public libraries.

LYNN M. WYMAN

Deputy Director, Ramsey County Public Library

Session: Staffing for Tough Times: One Library's Strategies for Doing
More with Less Staff

Lynn is a deputy director of the Ramsey County Library.