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Robin Brenner is a Teen Librarian at Public Library of Brookline.
Section/Topic: NERTCL, Teen Literacy

Toward a Unified Library Web Experience: LibGuides 2 and WorldCat Discovery – Salon C
Michael Davidson
Hear how Lamson Library harnessed next generation library services to streamline patrons’ web experience.
Michael Davidson is the Web Services Librarian at Plymouth State University.
Section/Topic: ALS, Technology

Maureen Sullivan
The Aspen Report offers a compelling vision for the future of public libraries. In this interactive session, Dialogue Working Group member, Maureen Sullivan, will discuss how the report can be used effectively in any community to engage residents in aspirational conversations about the future of their library. She will introduce the recently created Action Guide and describe the various ways it can be used by library leaders.
Attendees will have ample opportunity to pose questions and learn how they can begin to use the Report and Action Guide.
Maureen Sullivan, Organization Development Consultant at Maureen Sullivan Associates; NELLS Facilitator
Section/Topic: Community Engagement, Leadership

Distance Learning – Coolidge
Laura Clerkin
What are the pros and cons of getting a library degree online? How do distance learning classes work? Do you miss the face to face learning? Share your experiences and questions.
Facilitated by Laura Clerkin, Director, Bethlehem Public Library, Bethlehem, NH.
Section/Topic: Table Talk, Online MLS programs

National Network of Libraries of Medicine - New England Region – Dartmouth
Michelle Eberle
The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is the world’s largest biomedical library. NLM provides worldwide access to online health information resources including PubMed, MedlinePlus, ClinicalTrials.gov, PPPartners.org, TOXNET and more. http://www.nlm.nih.gov
Section/Topic: Vendor Demo

Continuing the Generational Discussion – Frost & Hawthorne
Deb Hoadley
We will continue the keynote discussion and discuss ways to apply some of the strategies in your library.
Deb Hoadley is owner, consultant, and trainer at Hoadley Consulting.
Section/Topic: Generations, Management

Workplace Bullying in Libraries – Salon B
Maureen Ambrosino, Vanessa Donovan & Carol Anne Geary
Workplace Bullying is commonplace in many workplace environments, including libraries. In this workshop, learn not only about the definitions of workplace bullying, but how it affects library workplaces and the staff members confronted by it. There will be a discussion of how prevalent it is and how policies and procedures can create healthier, more productive work environments.
Maureen Ambrosino is the Library Director at the Westborough (MA) Public Library, Vanessa Donovan is the Assistant Teen Administrator/Personnel Director, Town of Southborough, MA; and Carol Anne Geary is a veteran librarian.
Section/Topic: Management

You Read it Here First! Public Libraries Discover Local Talent, Match Authors with their Readers – Salon C
Tom Piezzo & Carolyn Morris
SELF-e, a program partnership begun by Library Journal, enables authors and libraries to work together to expose notable self-published eBooks to voracious readers looking to discover something new. Tom Piezzo, Adult Services and Programming Librarian at E.C. Scranton in Madison, CT and Carolyn Morris, VP, Digital Products at BiblioLabs, LLC. will share their experiences with adopting and launching SELF-e in their libraries, how to account for self-published content within a Collection Development policy, and the response they’ve received from their author-patrons and local writing community.
Tom Piezzo is the Adult Services and Programming Librarian at E.C. Scranton Memorial Library. Carolyn Morris is the VP, Digital Products at BiblioLabs, LLC.
Section/Topic: Self-Publishing, Digital Services

NELLS 2 – Salon D
Mary Etter, Krista McLeod & Maureen Sullivan
Join a conversation with Maureen Sullivan, the leader of the NELLS program, to learn about plans that are underway for a new leadership development program. This one will build upon the curriculum of NELLS and will be targeted specifically to leaders who are more advanced in their careers and are looking toward the next chapter.
Krista McLeod and Mary Etter will describe the plans that have been made so far and will join Maureen in leading a conversation to learn what key topics should be addressed in the program and what some of the needs and expectations of potential program participants might be. (New England Library Leadership Symposium)

Mary Etter, Director, South Windsor (CT) Public Library; Krista McLeod, Director, Nevis Library, Methuen, MA, and Maureen Sullivan, Organization Development Consultant at Maureen Sullivan Associates & NELLS Facilitator.

Section/Topic: NELLS, Leadership

State of the States – Coolidge

Dianne Carty, Tim Cherubini, Karen Mellor, Martha Reid, James Ritter, Kendall Wiggan, & Michael York

Join the conversation with the State Librarians of each of the six New England States. Special guest, Tim Cherubini, Executive Director of COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) will also be joining the discussion. Find out what is happening at the local, regional and national level. There will be plenty of time to pose your questions.

Dianne Carty, Director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; Timothy Cherubini, Executive Director of COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies); Karen Mellor, Chief of Library Services (RI); Martha (Marty) Reid, State Librarian (VT); James (Jamie) Ritter, State Librarian (ME); Kendall Wiggan, State Librarian (CT); and Michael York, State Librarian (NH).

Section/Topic: Leadership

NVBOTS – Dartmouth

Chris Haid

NVBOTS is the creator of the world’s first fully-automated 3D printer for education and business. The company is passionate about fueling innovation through offering 3D printing technology that is easy for ANYONE to use. Learn how to integrate 3D printing into your library in a way that will excite members!

Chris Haid is an NVBOTS co-founder and company COO. Chris was recently honored as a Manufacturing Marvel in the Forbes 30 under 30 for Manufacturing and was featured on Fox Business, discussing trends in 3D printing.

Section/Topic: Vendor Demo

Library of Congress Hot Topics – Frost & Hawthorne

Angela Murphy-Walters

Come join Angela Murphy-Walters to hear about recent changes to the Cataloging in Publication data block, help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Children’s and Young Adults’ Cataloging Program, and learn how you could become an ECIP Cataloging Partner. Your feedback is most welcome!

Angela Murphy-Walters is the Literature Section Head and CT/IC Program Manager at the Library of Congress.

Section/Topic: Cataloging, Technical Services

Makerspaces on a Budget – Webster

Melissa Madigan & Kara Reiman

Want to get in on the makerspace movement but don’t have the budget for all the tech tools and supplies? Find out how some libraries are doing it without spending a ton of money.

Melissa Madigan is a Youth Services Librarian at Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth, ME. Kara Reiman is a Youth Services Librarian at Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook, ME.

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Makerspaces

Meet ALS – Lobby/Lounge Area

ALS Section Members

Join us for a chance to meet the members of the Academic Librarians Section.

Section/Topic: ALS, Networking

Networking & Happy Hour – Assembly

Co-sponsored by NHLA Advocacy Group & YALS Group

Come join us for a great networking opportunity before the Annual Banquet. Enjoy “All About the Books,” an informal, book themed icebreak-

er – Free appetizers, cash bar, win fabulous prizes. If you wish, bring a small picture of a book you’d love to talk to someone about. NHLA’s YALS section will announce the winner of the Flume ‘Teen Readers’ Choice Award. All book lovers are welcome!

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Annual Banquet – Salon A

Presentation of the NELA Emerson Greenaway Award & the NHLA Ann Geisel Award of Merit and Author, Archer Mayor

Mayor is the author of the highly- acclaimed Vermont-based series featuring detective Joe Gunther, which the Chicago Tribune describes as “the best police procedurals written in America.” The 26th book in the series, The Company She Kept came out in late September 2015. After the banquet, books will be for sale and the author will be available for signing.

9:00 PM – TBD

Movie Marathon – Frost & Hawthorne

Not sure what to do after the Annual Banquet? Join us for a movie marathon of Back to The Future!

Monday, Oct. 26th

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM

NELA President’s Breakfast & Business Meeting – Curriers

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies at the Norwalk Public Library – Salon B

Cynde Lahey, Karen Liss & Vicki Oatis

You come to the library to exercise your mind, but what about exercising your body? The Norwalk Public Library has created a space to experience hands-on activity through a variety of Zumba, yoga, nutrition classes and exhibits, all in one place. Learn about our partnerships with the local Health Department, Zumba instructors, hospitals, a farm and health experts in the area who came together to help teach the community about health and wellness through a series of lectures, interactive classes and food prep instruction.

Cynde Lahey is the Director of Library Information Services and Vicki Oatis is the Director of Youth Library Services at Norwalk Public Library (CT). Karen Liss is a Zumba instructor at Gotta Move LLC.

Section/Topic: Programming
From Amazement to Application: Breaking Down the Barriers between the Digital and Physical World – Salon C

Chris Cooper & Jennifer Harris

We’re approaching a seamless back and forth between the digital and physical world with the growth of 3D printing, digitization, and other technologies. During this session we will discuss the future of these technologies and their effect on libraries and library patrons, the role of libraries in creation, and libraries as a place of shared resources including technologies never before considered within the library’s purview. Similar to eReaders, wifi, and public computers, these technologies will become commonplace but not accessible to everyone—the library’s role is to fulfill this need.

Chris Cooper is the Digital Initiatives Librarian & Archivist and Jennifer Harris is the Emerging Technology and Systems Librarian at Southern New Hampshire University – Shapiro Library.

Section/Topic: ALS, Technology

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Maintaining & Securing Links on Your Website – Salon D

Jack Cushman & Sebastian Diaz

Maintaining links on a library website is a necessary, but time-consuming and often neglected task. Attendees will learn about tools that will make it easy to eliminate the problem of dead links on your website.

Jack Cushman is from Harvard Library Innovation Lab. Sebastian Diaz is Director of Technology at the Berkman Center.

Section/Topic: ITS, Technology

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Social Media & Marketing: what are you doing? – Coolidge

Matt Amory

Meet colleagues and discuss how libraries are using social media as a marketing tool. Share ideas and see what your colleagues are doing!

Matt Amory is the Reference Librarian at Wayland Free Library.

Section/Topic: Table Talk, Marketing

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University of North Texas Library & Information Sciences – Dartmouth Phil Turner

The University of North Texas, in collaboration with Manchester City Library, is admitting a cohort of students from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine to pursue its unique ALA-accredited Master’s program, beginning Spring 2016. Come and learn about scholarships, admission requirements, and the wide variety of programs of study available!

Section/Topic: Vendor Demo

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Chapter Leaders Forum – Frost & Hawthorne

Aaron Couto, Beth Coadley, Bryce Cundick, Virgil Fuller, Amy Lapointe, & Eric Poulin

Come learn more about what the six New England state associations are doing. This is an informal discussion, with lots of time for questions and networking.

Aaron Couto (RI), Beth Coadley (CT), Bryce Cundick (ME), Virgil Fuller (VT), Amy Lapointe (NH), and Eric Poulin (MA).

Section/Topic: Leadership

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Singing For Literacy – Webster Liz Buchanan

Simple songs & movement activities are the perfect tools for involving children actively in stories and helping build phonological awareness skills. Music and literacy specialist Liz Buchanan will share songs and ideas to brighten up story times and get everyone singing and moving!

Liz Buchanan is a Teaching Artist.

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Early Literacy, Programming

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Job Interviewing Tips – Pierce Amy Howlett

How do you prepare for a job interview? What questions will they ask? What should you ask of them? How do you stay focused. Let’s share ideas and questions to ensure a successful interview experience.

Facilitator: Amy Howlett, Librarian, Consultant at Vermont Department of Libraries.

Section/Topic: Career Center, Career Development

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Meet IFC – Lobby/Lounge Area IFC Members

Join us for a chance to meet the members of the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Section/Topic: IFC, Networking

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**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

Libraries at the Forefront of Reimagining Equality in Our Communities – Stark Debra Fowler & Miriam Morgenstern

This workshop will teach you how to create sustainable LGBTQ resources for schools and libraries and support teachers by providing natural connections to LGBTQ history through Common Core Standards. We talk a lot about making things better for queer kids in schools. Here’s how to do it.

Debra Fowler and Miriam Morgenstern are the cofounders of History UnErased, Inc.

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Pride Alliance, Diversity

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Grand Opening of Exhibit Hall – Armory

Join us in the Exhibit Hall for the grand opening of the exhibits! There will be fun games, activities, and raffles (must be present to win).

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NERTCL Luncheon – Salon A Sy Montgomery

Sy Montgomery is a naturalist, author, and adventurer. She has written numerous acclaimed nonfiction books for adults and children about the wonders of the natural world and the amazing creatures in it.

General Lunch – Expo Jessica Pigna


She will discuss how to connect crafters and designers with library resources and her Handmade Crafternoons program at the New York Public Library.

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Engaging the Bookend Generations: Programs that Reach the Youngest and Oldest Patrons – Salon B Andrea Weaver

More and more librarians are creating intergenerational opportunities specifically for seasoned adults and children to engage in meaningful ways. Andrea J. Fonte Weaver, Founder & Executive Director of Bridges Together Inc., a not-for-profit dedicated to intergenerational programming, will explain why these programs are beneficial and layout the key components of strong programs. She will also share about In-
Managing Library Construction and Repairs – Frost & Hawthorne
Deb Blanchard & Alex Lent
If you are planning or going through a building expansion or facing major repairs in your library, this program is for you. Come hear two different library stories and learn some best practices, tips and tricks for managing the process of a construction project and how to handle major repairs. There will be plenty of time for others to share their experiences and ask questions. Deb Blanchard is the Retired Library Director of Athol Public Library. Alex Lent is the Library Director of the Millis Public Library.

Section/Topic: Facilities, Management

The Accidental HR Manager – Webster
Cara Barlow & Susan Brown
The Accidental HR Manager will be a quick and dirty overview on aligning library practice with HR best practices, specifically managing your library’s personnel files, avoiding problems during job interviews, and tips for improving your library’s performance evaluation process. Interwoven will be advice on how to recognize when it’s time to contact your municipal HR department for help.

Cara Barlow is the Library Director and Susan Brown is the Assistant Director at Derry (NH) Public Library.

Section/Topic: Leadership, Management

Expectations vs Realities in Today’s Library Job Market – Pierce
Christine Schonhart, Sara Slymon & Jennifer Inglis
What should a resume look like? Who should I address my cover letter to? PDF or Word doc? What should I wear to my interview? How should I prepare? The dos and don’ts of applying for jobs change so often and vary so widely; it can be hard to navigate. A panel of experienced, current hiring agents are here to talk about how to handle the intricacies of the application and interview process.

Christine Schonhart is the Library Director, Gleason Public Library, Carlisle, MA. Sara Slymon is the Library Director at Public Libraries of Brookline (MA). Jennifer Inglis is the Chief of Public Services at Boston Public Library.

Section/Topic: Salary, Benefits

Copyright and Technology – Stark
Richard Freije
This talk will discuss the ways the Courts and Congress have struggled to apply the copyright laws to changes in technology and changes in the way we consume entertainment. It will also examine what rights consumers actually have when it comes to the media they use. Richard Freije is is AVP & Senior Counsel at Sun Life Financial.

Section/Topic: Copyright, Technology

Meet ITS – Lobby/Lounge Area
ITS Section Members
Join us for a chance to meet the members of the Information Technology Section.

Section/Topic: ITS, Networking

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Exclusive Exhibitor Time & Afternoon Social – Armory
Join us in the Exhibit Hall to meet with the vendors and enjoy a snack break.

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM
Engage Families: Multigenerational Programming and Museum/Library Collaboration – Salon B
April Mazza & Lauren McCormack
Museums and libraries share many of the same goals and challenges within their communities. Join staff from both the USS Constitution Museum and the Massachusetts Library System to learn how libraries and museums can develop partnerships that strengthen both institutions, as well as benefit the larger community. We will also discuss how both types can provide engaging programming to all ages, with specific program examples.

April Mazza is the Advisor for Youth & School Library Services at Mass. Library System. Lauren McCormack is the Manager of Public Programs at the USS Constitution Museum.

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Programming, Generations

Ignite Session – Salon C
Samantha Cote
Cheryl Sloan
Jackie Mushinsky
Layla Johnston
Janet Gallagher
Jessamyn West
Marc Parker-O’Toole
Dana Mastroianni
Heidi Huestis
Coco Zephir
Liz Rowland
Elizabeth Murphy
Asher Jackson
Back by popular demand, Ignite Sessions serve up successful and inspiring stories of what we all do every day. Are you trying something both traditional and creative? Headed for the Future or Honoring the Past?

Section/Topic: General Interest

Innovative Approaches to eResources at the Queens Library – Salon D
Kelvin Watson
The Queens Library has embarked on a project to radically improve the way library patrons discover and access eResources. Libraries have to continue to reach beyond the confines of physical locations and extend their presence into people’s homes by providing devices that will let patrons interact more deeply with the Library’s offerings. The Virtual Library System will keep Queen’s Library’s doors open 24/7 and shifts the balance of power from data providers to libraries and patrons.
Coolidge School Library: Work Together – Community Engagement, Digital Services

**Staff Development Day Ideas – Coolidge**

**Nathalie Harty**

Have you had a successful staff day that really rocked and energized everyone? Are you looking for ideas to start a dedicated staff development day? Come share ideas, stories and questions.

**Facilitator:** Nathalie Harty, Head of Reference at the Concord Free Public Library (MA).

**Section/Topic:** Table Talk, Management

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**Ai Squared – Dartmouth**

**Scott Moore**

Libraries have always been there to give patrons access to books and other information they need. However, libraries now find themselves in the midst of the electronic age, with computers and the Internet at the foundation. This brings new challenges to provide complete accessibility to library patrons, including people who suffer from a variety of visual impairments.

**Section/Topic:** ITS, Technology

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**Circulating Hotspots – Frost & Hawthorne**

**Meghan Thompson**

Meghan Thompson, Director of the Turner Free Library in Randolph, MA, will be giving a presentation on the library’s new internet hotspot lending program. In partnership with Mobile Beacon and Techsoup, the Turner Free Library is providing an affordable solution to circulate 10 hotspots to community members. Attendees will learn about how the program was implemented and promoted, discover how this program could work in any library, and leave with a step by step instructional guide, along with any technology “lingo” needed to jump start this program.

**Section/Topic:** Pride Alliance, Outreach, Programming

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**Needing Diverse Books…And Getting Them! A Collection Development Discussion – Webster**

**Kristi Chadwick & Dhoniele Clayton**

Join Kristi Chadwick (Massachusetts Library System), Dhoniele Clayton (We Need Diverse Books), and the NELA Intellectual Freedom Committee to explore and discuss the importance of diversity in library collections and to learn strategies for finding, acquiring, and promoting materials that represent a diversity of viewpoints.

**Section/Topic:** IFC, Diversity, Collection Development

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**Career Mixer – Pierce**

This event will give potential employers and employees the opportunity to network in a casual setting. Library school students, recent graduates, librarians, or paraprofessionals seeking jobs in the library field, as well as library department heads or administrators with full-time, part-time and/or internship hiring needs interested in meeting job seekers are encouraged to attend. There will be an ice breaker with a prize and treats to enjoy. Prospective candidates should bring multiple copies of their resumes.

**Section/Topic:** Community Engagement, Digital Services

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**Outreach to Queer Communities: Easier Than You Thought – Salon B**

**Brandie Burrows, Sarah B. Cornell, Rebecca Meehan, Ona Ridenour & Aimee Villet**

Outreach to the queer community can seem daunting, but it’s really easier than you think. The panel will share with you how and why they started reaching out to folks in the LGBTQ community, how they go about crafting their programs, and how the community has responded. If your library is thinking about beginning to engage with the queer community (or you think you can convince them!), be sure to stop by. You’ll walk away with a much better understanding of how it’s done. Q&A session after panel presentation and discussion.

**Brandie Burrows is the Research and Information Librarian, Health Team Leader at Portland (ME) Public Library. Sarah B. Cornell is the Supervisor of Technical Services at Portsmouth (NH) Public Library. Rebecca Meehan is a Teen/Reference Librarian at Memorial Hall Library. Ona Ridenour is the Assistant Communications Librarian at Beverly (MA) Public Library. Aimee Villet is the Teen Librarian at the Robbins Library, Arlington, MA.**

**Section/Topic:** Pride Alliance, Outreach, Programming

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**How to Win Supporters and Influence Politicians – Salon C**

**Katy Dorchies & Ed Garcia**

Libraries must learn to advocate on their own behalf to politicians and government administrators. Oftentimes, a library’s funding is controlled by these politicians and without their support, loss of funding is inevitable. So, how do you talk to your politicians, local government officials and administrators? EveryLibrary will explore some of the best techniques for engaging these individuals and turning them into your best library advocates. The speakers will also share many of the tips and tricks that national SuperPACs use to build advocacy and coalitions among communities of supporters. Members of the staff of Cranston Public Library will also talk about how these techniques helped them in a successful 2014 bond referendum.

**Katy Dorchies is Community Engagement Manager at the Cranston (RI) Public Library, Cranston, RI; Ed Garcia, Library Director at the Cranston Public Library & EveryLibrary Campaign Advisor.**

**Section/Topic:** Advocacy, Community Engagement

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**Paralibrarian Certification & Benefits – Coolidge**

**Heather Rainier & Ricky Sirois**

Paralibrarians are non-MLS library staff. Come discuss the educational programs available to paralibrarians, who should do it and why, how to get certified and the benefits of the credential. This program will conclude with a short NHLA Paralibrarian section business meeting.
New and Noteworthy from EBSCO – Dartmouth
Matt Antonucci, John Henderson, & Amy Thurlow
Come learn how EBSCO’s Discovery Service helps connect users to vast information resources in your collection, see how Flipster brings popular magazines to readers with big, bold digital displays, find out about Explora—the new interface that’s debuting at public and K-12 libraries around the world, discover EBSCO’s various eBooks offerings and find out about EBSCO’s recent addition of Learning Express.

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Section/Topic: Table Talk, Paralibrarian, Management

Listening to Students Today to Better Serve Students Tomorrow: Conducting a Library User Survey at Salem State University – Frost & Hawthorne
Nancy Dennis, Nancy George & Jason Soohoo
This program will demonstrate how a small team of research novices can plan, create, and execute a library user survey on a shoe string budget. It will show how to analyze results to assess present day services and develop future plans. It will show how conducting a user survey can generate excitement among the staff and good will among patrons. Nancy Dennis is Science Librarian, Nancy George is Electronic Resources Librarian and Nursing Subject Specialist, and Jason Soohoo is Education Resource Librarian at Salem State University, MA.

Section/Topic: ALS, Assessments

Rapid Reviews: Selling Hot Titles, Selling the Library – Webster
Amy Howlett, Nicole Scherer, Lisa Story & Emily Weiss
Dust off your book talking skills and wow the town—librarians make it happen! We’ll discuss the power of one minute book talks to excite Rotary, educate parent groups, entertain select boards and lighten the spirits of college students. And then we’ll show how it’s done, with hot titles for adults and YAs. Amy Howlett is a Library Development Consultant at Vermont Department of Libraries. Nicole Scherer is the Head of Teen Services for the Fairfield Public Library in CT. Lisa Story is a Teen Librarian at Norwalk Public Library in CT. Emily Weiss is the Head of Reference Services at the Bedford Public Library in NH.

Section/Topic: Readers’ Advisory, Collection Development

Mentors Mixer – Pierce
Participants in NELA’s mentorship program, as well as those interested in the program, are invited to meet up at this informal social. Those who are already matched may take this opportunity to build rapport with their mentor or mentee, while those who are unmatched may do some networking and perhaps find someone with whom they have great professional chemistry. Even if you are unsure if you want to be a mentor or mentee, feel free to drop by and make some professional connections.

Section/Topic: Career Center, Networking, Mentoring

Everything you ever wanted to know about Systems Librarianship (but were afraid to ask) – Stark
Emily Singley & Alison Thornton
Have you ever wondered what Systems Librarians really do? Are you interested in transitioning to a systems librarian career, or just want to learn more about the “backend” of library systems? Two Harvard systems librarians will share their secrets. Emily Singley is Head Librarian, Systems & Applications at Boston College. Alison Thornton is the Technical Services Systems Support Librarian at Harvard University.

Section/Topic: NETSL, System Librarians

If I Hadn’t Believed It, I Wouldn’t Have Seen It: Exploring Systemic Racism and Implications for Our Work and Our Lives – Salon D
Paul Marcus
Systemic structures, such as racism, uphold misinformation and perpetuate scarcity of access to information. What role do librarians, as information purveyors, contribute to upholding these structures? The workshop is an opportunity to explore how race, racial privilege and systemic racism have implications for our personal and professional lives. It will help us all get better at becoming more confident in addressing it. Paul Marcus, Lead Trainer, Community Change, Inc. and Adjunct Faculty member at the Simmons Graduate School of Social Work.

Section/Topic: IFC, Diversity

Exclusive Exhibitor Time & Morning Coffee Break – Armory
Join us in our Exhibit Hall to meet with the vendors and enjoy a morning snack and coffee break.

Welcome to All: Sensory Storytimes – Salon D
Ashley Waring
Ashley Waring will share her knowledge about children and teens on the autism spectrum and give a detailed description of her carefully designed sensory storytimes. You’ll come away feeling better able to serve children on the spectrum and get some great ideas to use in any storytimes.

Ashley Waring is a Children’s Librarian at the Reading (MA) Public Library.

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Programming

New Hampshire Legislative Breakfasts – Coolidge
Mary Danko
Would you like to help advocate for New Hampshire Libraries by helping to develop a “Legislative Breakfast” plan? If so, this table talk discussion is for you! Stop by and join our brainstorming group to work on a comprehensive strategy for meeting with our state legislators. Facilitator: Mary Danko is the Director, About Library, Sunapee, NH.

Section/Topic: Table Talk, Advocacy

Using Microclimates as Test Beds for Widespread Facility Changes – Frost & Hawthorne
Jessica Adamick, Sarah Hutton, Carol Will
Times are changing and the University of Massachusetts Amherst Libraries is innovatively planning for a transformation of our 10 year old Learning Commons. Exploration of student learning spaces as a reflection of new classroom pedagogy and technology is necessary before committing to a large redesign. Microclimate spaces were developed and installed as experimental spaces for students. This presentation will showcase the collaborative process that went into creating the Microclimates, along with assessment of the spaces through the use of qualitative and quantitative data collection means. We will report on the behavior and study trends of students as garnered from our partnering with an anthropologist’s Ethnographic Research courses.

Jessica Adamick is the Assistant to the Associate Director of Library Services, Sarah Hutton is Head, Undergraduate Teaching & Learning Services, and Carol Will is the Coordinator, Learning Commons, all at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Section/Topic: ALS, Technology, Learning Spaces
Webster outside of Portland, ME. She studied acting and was a Times RC Award finalist. She was born at Plattsburgh Air Force Base, spending most of her childhood on the move as an army brat. She lives outside of Portland, ME.

Section/Topic: ITS, Intellectual Freedom, Technology

**BIBFRAME Basics – Pierce Amber Billey**
Learn the basics of BIBFRAME in this entertaining session that will cover the theory and practice of this new and evolving cataloging standard.

*Amber Billey is the Metadata Librarian at the Columbia University Libraries.*

Section/Topic: NETSL, Technical Services

**Local Authors: Good for Everyone – Curriers Matthew Jaquith**
More and more writers are self-publishing, and public libraries can serve them effectively while also serving our readers, collections, and community. Consider the changes in publishing, the demands they place on our services and collections, and how librarians can respond with useful public programs that build excellent relations while respecting limited budgets.

*Matthew Jaquith is the Adult Program & Training Librarian at Springfield City Library, MA.*

Section/Topic: NETSL, Technical Services

**2:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

**Discovering New England Stone Walls – Salon D Kevin Gardner**
Kevin’s informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, The Granite Kiss (Countryman Press), touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Other topics may include differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. There is always a generous question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties. Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using small stones from a five-gallon bucket. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of The Granite Kiss will be available for sale.

Section/Topic: NHLA, General Interest

**Doing Away with Dewey: Alternative Organization Systems – Coolidge Nathalie Ducharme**
The Kelley Library in Salem, NH has devised their own book organization system (not Dewey or BISAC). Are you interested in a non-Dewey organizational scheme? Have you tried one in your library that works? Let’s discuss how and why to do away with Dewey.

*Facilitator: Nathalie Ducharme, Assistant Director, Kelley Library, Salem, NH.*

Section/Topic: Table Talk, Collection Development, Technical Services

**Circulating Unusual Items – Frost & Hawthorne Alex Lent**
There is a growing trend of adding “unusual items” to libraries’ circulating collections. Circulating cake pans, post-hole diggers, ukuleles, soil testers, bread machines and more is exciting, but challenging. This talk introduces and contextualizes the trend, discusses best practices, addresses common questions, and suggests a plan for adding unusual items to your own library.

*Alex Lent is the Library Director at Millis Public Library, MA.*

Section/Topic: NETSL, Collections

**Guerrilla Storytime! – Webster Clare Dombrowski**
Come and share your favorite songs, stories, rhymes, topics and anything else about story time! You’ll gather new ideas to take back and use in story times. Everyone can share in this informal environment! Come to participate or come to listen.

*Clare Dombrowski is the Children’s Librarian at Amesbury (MA) Public Library.*

Section/Topic: NERTCL, Programming

**LinkedIn for Job Searching – Pierce Gabriella Calzolari**
The purpose of this presentation is to enlighten users of “hidden secrets” of LinkedIn and most important the benefits of leveraging LinkedIn on a DAILY BASIS.

*Gabriella Calzolari is the Hiring Coordinator at Goji.*

Section/Topic: Career Center, Career Development

**Educating Information Professionals for the Future – Dartmouth Eileen Abels**
This interactive session will provide an opportunity to extend the conversation around rethinking library and information science curriculum design. The presenter will outline key components and activities from the National Planning Forum funded by the Institute of Library and Information Services (IMLS) held at Simmons College in January 2015, Envisioning our Information Future and How to Educate for It. Session attendees will respond to questions about the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed by information professionals to successfully lead and shape our information future.

*Eileen Abels is a Dean and Professor at Simmons School of Library and Information Science.*

Section/Topic: ITS, Information Literacy

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**Acronyms Key**

- **ALS** = Academic Librarians Section
- **IFC** = Intellectual Freedom Committee
- **ITS** = Information Technology Section
- **NELLS** = New England Library Leadership Symposium
- **NERTCL** = New England Roundtable of Teen and Children’s Librarians
- **NETSL** = New England Technical Services Librarians
- **NHLA** = New Hampshire Library Association
- **Pride** = NELA Pride Alliance
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### Special Events

**Sunday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Networking & Happy Hour**

Co-sponsored by NHLA Advocacy Group & YALS Group

Come join us for a great networking opportunity before the Annual Banquet. All book lovers welcome!

**Sunday, 9:00pm - TBD**

**Movie Marathon**

Not sure what to do after the Annual Banquet? Join us for a movie marathon of *Back to The Future!*

**Monday, 5:45pm - 6:45pm**

**NELA Games with Reception**

Don’t miss out on our always popular NELA Games!

**Monday, 7:00pm - TBD**

**Dine Out in Manchester**

The fun continues after the NELA Games with a Dine Out in Manchester.

### Author Book Signings

Books will be for sale and the authors will be available for signings during the following times:

- Archer Mayor – Sunday night following the Annual Banquet
- Sy Montgomery – Monday afternoon following lunch
- Jessica Pigza – Monday afternoon following lunch
- Julia Spencer-Fleming – Tuesday afternoon following lunch

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