

# Pre-Conference Program Details

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Time/Location	Event/Program
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Prescott-Chino Room	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FULL DAY PRE-Conference</b></p> <p><b>STEM Learning Ecosystem</b> <i>With Kal Mannis</i></p> <p>This workshop will help you to see where your library can support your local Learning Ecosystem. We will hear from education outreach organizers with AZ Association of Conservation Districts, Code.org, SciTech Institute, the Arizona Science Center, AZ Game &amp; Fish, AZ State University's School of Earth &amp; Space Exploration, and Local First Arizona. All will talk about programs that can be integrated into library programs.</p>
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  Verde Room	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALF DAY PRE-Conference</b></p> <p><b>Access Challenged? Intellectual Freedom Workshop</b> <i>With Colleen Norman and Tiffany Mautino</i></p> <p>Libraries need staff who are conversant in intellectual freedom in all departments and on all levels. This workshop is designed to give attendees a broad overview of intellectual freedom as the basis of library services and increase their comfort level when interacting with their community.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM  Verde Room	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALF DAY PRE-Conference</b></p> <p><b>Do Look Up! Upcoming Eclipses</b> <i>With Brooks Mitchell and Stephanie Vierow-Fields</i></p> <p>Your friends at the STAR Library Network recently received funding to support state and public libraries for the 2023 annular solar eclipse and the 2024 total solar eclipse. Attendees will receive hands-on training on solar telescopes, low-cost methods of solar viewing, and interactive solar and space science programming. Attendees will also be able to sign up for free solar eclipse glasses to distribute to their communities in advance of both eclipses.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>

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Thursday, October 27, 2022

Time/Location	Event/Program
9:00 - 10:00 AM Ballroom	<b>Opening Session - Keynote Speaker</b>  <b>Jamie LaRue, <i>IntentionallyTransformational</i></b>  We know that libraries transform lives, themselves, and their communities. Often though, it's an accident, a happy but unplanned result. What would it look like if we became transformational by design, if we adopted practices and systems that made transformation not just possible, but inevitable?  <a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a>

10:15 - 11:45 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 90 MINUTES
Sedona Room	<b>Punk A\$\$ Book Jockeys vs. Nature Freaks and Reckers</b> <b><i>With Casey Van Haren and Manny Padia</i></b> Have you ever wondered why city/town departments have a hard time collaborating when all we are trying to do is serve the same population? Join us as we talk through some stereotypes about the "competition," commiserate about the situations that we have dealt with, and then move forward to remove barriers to work collaboratively with departments in our organization!
Clarkdale - Cottonwood Room	<b>Feed Them and They Will Come!</b> <b><i>With Lisa Lewis and Crystal Rodriguez</i></b> Learn how to start a healthy cooking program at your library! It doesn't have to be complicated. We will share tips, lessons learned, and resources on funding sources. We will work in teams to make one of our healthy recipes and then sample the finished product. There will be giveaways of tools to start your program, and every participant will receive a copy of our healthy living cookbook! You won't want to miss this one!  <a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a>

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Granite Mountain Room	<p><b>Did We Just Become Best Friends? Building Relationships to Market the Library</b>  <b><i>With Sara Lipich and Veronica Coronado</i></b></p> <p>In September 2022, Mesa Public Library launched a business discount program for Library Card Sign-up Month. Learn how we harnessed the power of existing partnerships and developed new ones to encourage library card signup and promote local businesses. We'll discuss the successes and pitfalls of the program and how time spent building relationships paid off.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
IMR Room	<p><b>There is Only One AASL</b>  <b><i>With Kathy Lester</i></b></p> <p>AASL President Kathy Lester will help you navigate the multiple features and benefits of AASL membership while highlighting exciting and practical resources to help you in your career as a school library professional. Learn more about how your membership in AASL supports the profession and how you can get involved with the work of your national association.</p> <p>Visit Kathy's website <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Prescott-Chino Room	<p><b>SciStarter &amp; our National Citizen and Community Science Library Network</b>  <b><i>With Emma Giles</i></b></p> <p>We will share the free resources of our National Library Network to Arizona libraries and offer additional services, including Citizen Science Trainings (virtual or live). Libraries across the country are becoming hubs for citizen science, where people can access books, field guides, computers, subject matter experts, and other citizen science resources.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>

11:15 AM - NOON	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 45 MINUTES</b>
IMR Room	<p><b>Leading from the Middle: How to Empower Library Support Staff</b>  <b><i>With Minh Nguyen</i></b></p> <p>Strengthening awareness, resilience, and communication is vital for building proactive libraries in times of change. Utilizing the ‘leading from the middle’ leadership model, library directors, managers, and supervisors can empower library support staff - especially those working at the front lines - to affect, embrace, and enact changes. Leading from the middle helps create a check-and-balance system, contributes to sound decision-making processes, and inspires future leaders. It is a pathway to unity and innovation, preparing public libraries for ongoing and new challenges to come.</p> <p><a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
Arizona Room	<p><b>Horner Fellowship</b>  <b><i>With Ash Gohr</i></b></p> <p>Come hear from the AzLA Horner Fellowship committee about exciting opportunities, including what the Horner Fellowship is and how to apply, and hear from other members about their experience in Japan.</p> <p><a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
Granite Mountain Room	<p><b>Libraries and Communities Thrive Together</b>  <b><i>With Dianna Manasse and Aubrey White</i></b></p> <p>The pandemic shutdown brought into stark relief the strong need for community resources, as we had numerous individuals walking through our doors asking for assistance. However, it became clear that these organizations were spread far throughout the valley. So, we decided to bring these different partners into the library. We created a monthly series called Thrive in Surprise, where we introduced community partners who were already prepared to assist with the crucial needs of our customers. We will share how we developed this series, cultivated community partners, and helped our communities thrive.</p> <p><a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>

Prescott-Chino Room	<p><b>Lessons Learned from Census 101: Innovative Programming for Your Library</b>  <b><i>With Janelle Breedveld</i></b></p> <p>Janelle Breedveld, Federal Documents Librarian at the State of Arizona Research Library, will share lessons learned from collaborating with Allen Barnes, Arizona State Data Center Coordinator, on the joint webinar: “Census 101: Everything Library Professionals Should Know About the Census.” Learn tips and tricks for collaborating with other organizations, designing a virtual program for multiple online platforms, and adapting this innovative program about the U.S. Census for your library.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
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12:30 - 1:15 PM Ballroom	<p><b>Lunch Session - Keynote Speaker</b></p> <p><b><i>Voices of Navajo Mothers and Daughters; Portraits of Beauty: Kathy Eckles Hooker, author; Arlinda Swatts, Lolita Paddock, Amy Begay, Lisa Puente Siyuja</i></b></p> <p>In these compelling, multi-generational oral histories collected by Kathy Eckles Hooker, women talk about their experiences in their own words. As they do, their faces are captured in defining portraits by photographer David Young-Wolff, whose evocative portraits demonstrate the insights gleaned from his 45-year career as one of America’s top producers of stock and portrait photography. This panelist session features the author and five women from the book. The women will talk about how they got involved with the project and what they thought about it (then and now), and about what messages they hope the book will convey to readers, particularly the next generation(s) of Navajo women.</p> <p>To purchase the book, click <a href="#">HERE</a></p>

1:30 - 2:45 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 90 MINUTES</b>
Arizona Room	<p><b>Reaching Family, Friends, and Neighbor Caregivers With Literacy</b>  <i>With Donna Throckmorton and Mariko Whelan</i></p> <p>It is estimated that family, friends, and neighbors care for 7 million children under the age of 5 in their homes, making it the most prevalent form of nonparental child care. Learn how libraries can support informal childcare providers in literacy learning with enhanced storytimes or adult-focused library programs.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Clarkdale-Cottonwood-Sedona Room	<p><b>Voices of Navajo Mothers and Daughters: Portraits of Beauty Q&amp;A and Book Signing</b></p> <p>This session will allow the audience to ask questions, meet and talk with panelists, and buy the book.</p> <p>To purchase the book, click <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
1:30 - 2:15 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 45 MINUTES</b>
Granite Mountain	<p><b>Revitalizing and Maximizing Engagement in Library Instruction</b>  <i>With Laura Pope Robbins and Jessica Quarles</i></p> <p>One-shot instruction sessions can be challenging to create engagement while integrating different learning styles. We explored PollEverywhere, Mentimeter, Nearpod, Padlet, and more. Learn how these tools and others can increase engagement in person, online, and in hybrid instruction. These tools give students a choice in how to participate.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
IMR Room	<p><b>No Shushing Required– Fun Activities in a High School Library</b>  <i>With Monica Lourenco</i></p> <p>This session will reflect four activities designed to keep the school library experience alive to the students and teachers as they re-enter the physical school universe: Book Tasting, Lunch Fun, Book March Madness, and Creative Workshops.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>

<p>Prescott-Chino Room</p>	<p><b>A New Day for the Arizona Memory Project: Launching a New Site After a Successful Platform Migration</b>  <b><i>With Ryan Ehrfurth and Brandy Helewa</i></b>  After 16 years on the same platform, the Arizona Memory Project launched a new site in October 2022 as the result of a data migration. This presentation will showcase the upgraded features and enhancements in the new AMP site and detail how we migrated 665,000 items from 385 collections contributed by 100 institutions.</p>
<p>Prescott-Chino Room</p>	<p><b>StoryWalk– Start to Finish</b>  <b><i>With Debe Moreno and Jill Baker</i></b>  StoryWalk® combines reading, exercise, and nature while collaborating with parks, schools, and other community partners. We will outline the foundation of StoryWalk® success: evaluating books, creating templates, working with print shops, installing and maintaining stories, while working within a budget. In this interactive session, you will walk away with the information and tools you need to begin your own StoryWalk® Plan.  <a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
<p>Granite Mountain Room</p>	<p><b>Expanding Equipment Lending for Student Success</b>  <b><i>With Matthew D’Apice and Morgan Hyde</i></b>  We’ll discuss how expanding equipment lending services through the variety and number of items available positioned our library to adapt to hybrid instructional modalities. Our campus recognized the library as the central place for student technology lending, which fostered new partnerships with other technology and student centers. We’ll describe the types of partnerships that can position libraries to reach students in most need. An overview of how we addressed ongoing issues of program awareness by creating an eye-catching technology display as well as how we implemented a student-requested equipment booking system at the time of need, will be discussed.  <a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
<p>IMR Room</p>	<p><b>LGBT+ Outreach and Community Building</b>  <b><i>With Felicia Fiedler</i></b>  Has your library considered the local LGBT+ population? Do you know what resources exist for your LGBT+</p>

	<p>community? Where do you even begin? It is a new day! This presentation is designed to help library staff expand their reach and reach out to those community members that could use a helping hand. I explain how I overcame existing communication barriers within my community and created regular LGBT+ programming.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES &amp; HANDOUTS HERE</a></p>
Verde Room	<p><b>Come Discover the Exciting Changes at the AZ Talking Book Library!</b>  <b><i>With Jennifer McLaughlin and Christine Tuttle</i></b></p> <p>The Arizona Talking Book Library is a free braille and talking book library service for people with low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual, or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials. Starting in 2021, the library expanded its services to those with reading disabilities, and the types of professionals who can now certify these patrons have been expanded beyond medical professionals to include librarians, social workers, teachers, certified reading specialists, school psychologists, educators, and superintendents. Please come to hear more about how we are reaching out so that all may read in Arizona!</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
3:30 - 4:15 PM	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 45 MINUTES</b></p>
IMR Room	<p><b>Mapping the Impact of Public Library Programs in the Mountain West</b>  <b><i>With Brooks Mitchell</i></b></p> <p>Public libraries can have a tremendous impact on the communities that they serve; however, it has traditionally been difficult to quantify, analyze, and visualize their impact. With the right data, geographic information systems (GIS) and geospatial analysis can provide opportunities to visualize public library success stories. This session looks at how public library programming impacts student success rates in select communities in the Mountain West geographic region.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>



<p>Granite Mountain Room</p>	<p><b>Active Participation in Storytime Programs through American Sign Language</b>  <b><i>With Diana Flores</i></b>  Learn best practices for incorporating American Sign Language (ASL) into early childhood programming, where to find authentic signs and resources to share with parents, signs you can use right away, and how to keep the integrity of ASL, even if you are only dabbling in the language a word at a time.  <a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
<p>Arizona Room</p>	<p><b>Rural Resilience: An Approach to Building Community Public Health Champion</b>  <b><i>With Laura Schweers</i></b>  AZ Librarians Enhancing Resilient Communities focuses on supporting librarians serving rural communities in their efforts to enhance resilience and continue providing social services post-COVID. This session will focus on the development and implementation of the program and describes the mini-grant process through which rural libraries can participate.  <a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
<p>Verde Room</p>	<p><b>Overcoming Technology Hurdles</b>  <b><i>With Vanessa Crabtree</i></b>  Technology is changing so fast, and the technology tools we use in our profession are no exception. Learn about some software tools like pivot tables (making statistics fun again) and password managers (save the time of the user, especially ourselves), and hardware, like what cables plugged into your computer can kill you (and which ones can't). Bring your questions! We'll focus on using these tools for ourselves, not on programming.  <a href="#"><b>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</b></a></p>
<p>Clarkdale-Cottonwood-Sedona Room</p>	<p><b>Crafting a Patron Experience</b>  <b><i>With Rosemary Medrano</i></b>  “Crafts-to-Go for Adults” at Prescott Public Library is a take-home program that provides monthly kits filled with the materials patrons need to create a stylish craft project. Learn about how PPL expanded the grant-funded</p>

	<p>program by emphasizing patron experience, the emerging trends in libraries that it reflects, and why it remains sustainable while becoming increasingly popular with patrons.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Prescott-Chino Room	<p><b>ResumeClinic</b> Bring your resume and get feedback!</p>
4:30 - 5:15 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 45 MINUTES</b>
Prescott-Chino Room	<p><b>Flipping the Script on School Library Orientation</b> <i>With Patty Jimenez</i></p> <p>For as long as anyone can remember, school library orientation has meant two things: rules and catalog tutorials. Based on the needs of my students, I have reworked the traditional orientation to emphasize how students intuitively use the library in order to give them the skills they need to be successful and independent. There is now a greater push for efficient browsing and being a reflective reader than on using the catalog. I'll share how I start my year and build library visits over the course of the semester to foster independent library users.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Verde	<p><b>Exploring Partnership Opportunities between the UArizona Center for Rural Health and Libraries</b> <i>With Mona Arora</i></p> <p>The Center for Rural Health, University of Arizona, recognizes the prominent role many libraries play in communities across the state, particularly as it relates to improving the health and well-being of their members. This session will explore partnership opportunities to support health, wellness, and resilience across rural communities around the state.</p> <p><a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Granite Mountain Room	<p><b>Changing Gears in Storytime</b> <i>With Jeffrey Stoffer</i></p> <p>You've heard of storytimes, but have you heard of cognitive storytimes? Join Jeffrey Stoffer as he changes gears on the way you think of storytime programming. Learn how to demystify words, create a hands-on family</p>

	<p>environment, use both plugged and unplugged activities, and dance to an awesome algorithm of the week. You won't just learn about how to run a cognitive storytime, you'll also go home with a 15 week curriculum of Jeffrey's K-Code program. This is a hands-on interactive program where the rules are meant to be broken and family fun is Unavoidable.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</u></a></p>
Arizona Room	<p><b>Teen Interns: More Than Meets the Eye</b>  <b><i>With Donna Throckmorton, Felicia Fiedler, and Stephanie Greene</i></b></p> <p>Learn five important steps to a successful teen internship program. Discover the hidden benefits for the library in providing meaningful volunteer and internship opportunities. Explore the secret skills and talents that the teens can develop through a connected learning volunteer or internship opportunity.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>PRESENTATION SLIDES &amp; HANDOUTS HERE</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATION</u></a></p>
IMR Room	<p><b>Overcoming Technology Barriers, Particularly for Historically Underrepresented Students</b>  <b><i>With Robyn Huff-Eibl and Travis Teetor</i></b></p> <p>Reliable broadband internet and technology became increasingly essential educational resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. Inequities in accessing these resources were exacerbated by the pandemic and stay-at-home orders, especially for marginalized communities which have been technologically disadvantaged. In order to address these needs, libraries can embrace new roles collaborate in new partnerships, and create spaces to reduce students' barriers and increase academic success.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</u></a></p>

# Conference Program Details

Friday, October 28, 2022

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8:00 - 9:00 AM Arizona Room	COPPER Council Meeting
9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS - 90 MINUTES</b>
Verde Room	<p><b>Consortium of Partners Procuring Electronic Resources (COPPER)</b>  <i>With Corey Christians</i></p> <p>The Consortium of Partners Procuring Electronic Resources (COPPER) is the first multi-type library consortium to serve libraries across Arizona. Currently, COPPER serves 29 libraries of all types and is actively recruiting for additional members. This session will focus on the benefits of COPPER membership, and discuss the future of COPPER. Board members will be there to answer questions and share their thoughts on how COPPER can benefit the libraries of Arizona. For more information, visit <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
Sedona Room	<p><b>Around the State in 90 Minutes: Adventures with CARES, ARPA, and LSTA Grants</b>  <i>With</i></p> <p>Join us for a fast-paced look at successful programs funded in part by Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. Project managers from libraries across Arizona as well as Arizona State Library staff will make brief presentations about projects ranging from digitization and STEM to early learning and health literacy, and more!  <a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
Prescott-Chino Room	<p><b>Bottom's Up: How Early Career Librarians and Archivists United to Empower Each Other</b>  <i>With Rita Baladad and Sam Meier</i></p> <p>In this interactive session, librarians and archivists from Northern Arizona University's Cline Library will share their woes and wins advocating for early career professional support and attendees will devise an</p>

	<p>action plan to find “their people” in order to overcome obstacles in their institutions. Participants will leave the session ready to be changemakers empowered to lead, regardless of their role or rank.</p>
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Clarkdale-Cottonwood Room	<p><b>Little Free STEM Library</b>  <b><i>With Lisa Lewis</i></b>  Little Free Libraries are all over the country, but Little Free STEM libraries are up and coming and definitely unique. In this workshop, we will share a pilot program that two libraries in Arizona were involved in. This project aimed to share STEM resources and bring awareness of what libraries are offering in the way of STEM programming. Come find out how to broaden your reach and reel in that audience that normally doesn't utilize library services. Participants will receive a small STEM kit that can easily be replicated and 3 lucky participants will win a surprise gift!  <a href="#">PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</a></p>
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Clarkdale-Cottonwood Room	<p><b>Fostering Empathy Through Graphic Novels</b>  <i>With Patty Jimenez</i></p> <p>Bring representation to your collection with graphic novels that are written by and about immigrants and refugees. Presented as a series of fast-paced book talks, you will walk away with a better understanding of what's available in graphic novels that focus on immigration and refugee issues.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>PRESENTATION SLIDES HERE</u></a></p>
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<p>Prescott-Chino Room</p>	<p><b>Teen Artist Showcase</b>  <b><i>With Coleen Bornschlegel</i></b>  This art display program is hosted by the Young Adult Department at the Prescott Valley Public Library and offers a space for teens to display their art in a public place. This helps young artists create community connections through their art, build confidence, and offer a place for young people to sell their art if they choose to do so. This workshop will discuss the history and expansion of the program to include the Jr. Artist Showcase and will offer details on how you can start your own Teen or Jr. Artist Showcase in your library.</p>
<p>12:45 - 2:00 PM  Ballroom</p>	<p><b>Closing Speaker and Book Signing</b>  <b>Author Adiba Nelson, <i>Ain't That a Mother</i></b>  Keynote Adiba Nelson writes about inclusion and her life as a Black mother, woman, and daughter. She wrote her 2013 children's book, <i>Meet ClaraBelle Blue</i>, after searching fruitlessly for a children's book that adequately and appropriately represented her Afro-Latinx daughter with special needs. The subject of the Emmy Award-winning documentary <i>The Full Nelson</i>, Adiba is a highly acclaimed speaker and in 2017 delivered a TEDx talk to a sold-out house on what to do when life throws you a curveball. As the curveballs keep coming, Nelson continues to write. Her newest title <i>Ain't That a Mother</i> has received positive national media attention and multitudes of accolades and starred reviews.</p> <p>To contact Adiba Nelson, click <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>To purchase her book, <i>Ain't That a Mother</i>, click <a href="#">HERE</a></p> <p>To purchase her book, <i>Meet ClaraBelle Blue</i>, click <a href="#">HERE</a></p>
<p>3:00 PM</p>	<p><b>AzLA Board Meeting &amp; Division Meetings</b></p>