

2014 Conference Evaluation

Q24 What topics or specific speakers would you like to see included in future PaLA conferences?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 83

#	Responses	Date
1	A.S. King	11/7/2014 2:34 PM
2	Breadth of topics is good.	10/20/2014 1:51 PM
3	future digitization efforts.	10/19/2014 6:20 PM
4	I am youth services for the youngest children in our library and there really was not many choices for me. I attended the teen programs for our teen person who was not able to attend. I was not able to attend Saturday events and wished they had been Monday and Tuesday instead.	10/18/2014 10:08 AM
5	customer service at the circ desk and difficult situations. perhaps with some role play	10/18/2014 7:42 AM
6	More sessions geared toward infants and toddlers. Also more Book talks where new/notable books are presented.	10/16/2014 1:18 PM
7	I love hearing about how libraries are incorporating trends and how you can do it too	10/15/2014 8:54 PM
8	Sessions on ILL, More marketing your academic library sessions	10/15/2014 4:39 PM
9	Not sure--but I feel that PaLA is a "stuffy" conference overall. You need to loosen it up a bit, inject young blood!	10/15/2014 4:06 PM
10	Rebekkah Smith Aldrich Mentoring Friends Groups	10/15/2014 2:20 PM
11	More time for mandated reporting More on robotics	10/15/2014 2:17 PM
12	More marketing techniques. Unique program ideas. Fundraising ideas and successes/techniques for fundraising.	10/15/2014 11:59 AM
13	Strategic planning, working with boards, Foundation help, public service	10/15/2014 11:21 AM
14	More administrative-writing job descriptions, policies, etc., salary classifications; how to plan for a future building project	10/15/2014 10:24 AM
15	The award winners/authors are always the best speakers	10/15/2014 9:24 AM
16	Young Adult authors	10/15/2014 9:10 AM
17	Issues directly affecting library trustees - policy, fundraising, roles. Maybe a panel of directors on what they want in a trustee. Maybe a program on financial literacy specifically for fund management by trustees - for example: An introduction to PLGIT, an introduction to endowment creation, a comparison of Vanguard to other money management. Maybe a session on the exemplary trustee's "elevator speech."	10/14/2014 8:16 PM
18	More on technology.	10/14/2014 7:17 PM
19	Cataloging/technical services	10/14/2014 6:53 PM
20	am going to retire next year so doesn't matter.	10/14/2014 5:58 PM
21	How to hiring good employees that will stay around	10/14/2014 5:47 PM
22	Love program ideas	10/14/2014 5:39 PM
23	Early Childhood and School- Aged programs.	10/14/2014 5:28 PM
24	New and fresh outreach ideas for academic libraries	10/14/2014 4:55 PM
25	More topics for younger children programs	10/14/2014 4:45 PM
26	mental health first aid	10/14/2014 4:34 PM
27	more for rural libraries with small budget; anything for teens and graphic novels; authors!	10/14/2014 4:10 PM

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28	I would like to see more staff-oriented sessions, but I know this is difficult since they don't seem to be a large % of membership.	10/14/2014 4:09 PM
29	Non-librarians. Stay away from "rock star librarians"	10/14/2014 3:59 PM
30	Experiential Learning; Integrating Threshold Concepts; Curriculum Development partnerships; Learning Objects development; classroom engagement; Development/Grant Writing	10/14/2014 10:22 AM
31	Early literacy topic; resources and ways to incorporate it	10/8/2014 3:06 PM
32	More Reference for public librarians. It was a dead subject at the conference.	10/8/2014 2:44 PM
33	Rural Libraries should be addressed somehow about the challenges faced when not in an urban setting, It would be nice if the meals had speakers that were relevant. The first speaker at the Sunday lunch was horrible.	10/8/2014 11:34 AM
34	continue with efforts to present on digital and use of technology to improve library services	10/8/2014 9:00 AM
35	More technical services	10/7/2014 1:28 PM
36	Virtual embedded librarianship; Interactive information literacy techniques/tools	10/7/2014 10:17 AM
37	Library makerspaces & maker programming for school age children & families.	10/6/2014 3:12 PM
38	Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Valerie Gross, Peter Catalanotto all could return and have relevant presentations and talks for attendees. Topics: fundraising, budgeting, advocating for funding, managing staff and volunteers, using technology to create efficiencies (e.g., outsourcing cataloging & processing, RFID, etc.), public speaking and presentation skills-building.	10/6/2014 1:36 PM
39	Getting local library directors to think outside of their libraries and about the bigger picture. The roles of systems, districts, and how local libraries play into them.	10/6/2014 1:03 PM
40	More PA Forward ideas & successes. Great varying public & academic, rural & urban stories!	10/6/2014 8:24 AM
41	National speakers are good, to keep up with 'hot topics'	10/4/2014 2:21 PM
42	More academic libraries collaborating with other campus departments	10/4/2014 12:45 PM
43	Makerspaces with limited resources. More panels addressing how different libraries provide services, similar to iPads in Libraries presentation.	10/4/2014 9:23 AM
44	Ask presenters to bring iPads or Droids and have some acutally training.	10/3/2014 4:44 PM
45	Maker Space at the Library;	10/3/2014 3:48 PM
46	library management topics, specifically related to personnel	10/3/2014 3:45 PM
47	Financial Literacy with the same presenter (very good) Mental illness as it relates to public libraries	10/3/2014 2:18 PM
48	Continue with authors, they are fantastic. More topics for children's librarians (summer reading, early literacy, and more). Seemed strangely under-represented. Who decides which presentations get selected?	10/3/2014 12:43 PM
49	Board & Directors roles more HR issues Strategic Planning and Budgeting	10/3/2014 12:06 PM
50	Connecting topics between school and academic librarians.	10/3/2014 10:34 AM
51	RDA; mental health again	10/3/2014 9:41 AM
52	Children's programs	10/3/2014 9:13 AM
53	Copyright, ebooks, collection development	10/3/2014 9:10 AM
54	Academic library collection development, especially in regards to electronic resources (ebooks, journal subscriptions, database packages). More sessions on information literacy or one-shot instruction sessions. How to create academic library tutorials and videos.	10/2/2014 9:34 PM
55	I would like to see more community partners attend with librarians to present their partnerships.	10/2/2014 6:04 PM
56	Valerie Gross Rebekkah Smith Aldrich	10/2/2014 5:44 PM
57	Speakers that can address issues that any size library may face	10/2/2014 4:38 PM
58	More topics related to online learning.	10/2/2014 4:15 PM

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59	Community Partnerships, fundraising, grant writing, how to speak to your political representatives about library funding (practical advice, maybe even hearing from politicians about what they like or need to hear).	10/2/2014 4:09 PM
60	Of course, I'd like to see more on digital collections, but I'd also be interested in other emerging technology related topics: open access, digital humanities, digital scholarship, the new ACRL information literacy standards, 3D printing, privacy, drones... I know there are PALA members who are knowledgeable about many of these topics, and I wonder if we might just need to keep nudging each other to propose sessions like this for the future.	10/2/2014 3:43 PM
61	Mobile technology	10/2/2014 3:32 PM
62	More on programming - more for teens/adults - Children are OK	10/2/2014 3:10 PM
63	Lots more YA authors!	10/2/2014 2:47 PM
64	I know a conference might not be the place for nuts and bolts type presentations, but I won't mind if someone spoke about how to use microsoft publisher better or how to make better flyers and signs. I would also like to see a presentation about mental health public library situations. I think active shooter training might be useful or public safety/ staff safety best practices.	10/2/2014 2:42 PM
65	N/A	10/2/2014 2:39 PM
66	More "How-To" by libraries of medium and large size. practical, how-they-successfully did programming/fundraising/special events.	10/2/2014 2:34 PM
67	Mazza Museum of Picture Book Art--great presentation for Childrens folks. Have seen them before--they are GREAT. Carrie Kennedy from the Pgh area does a GREAT program on Mythology in Literature. Ask Cindy Richey to present her Newbery Chair Experience! I missed the tech talk one that Karla (I think...) typically does...I was hoping the Google one would fill that slot, but sooo no... Maybe have several Children's people present a part of their storytimes for ideas? A children's roundtable?	10/2/2014 2:24 PM
68	A session on Webcomics and libraries. A primer on Tumblr and other newer social media in libraries. Social Media and libraries.	10/2/2014 2:22 PM
69	More children's programs.	10/2/2014 2:17 PM
70	futurism/the future of libraries changing roles of libraries and librarians new strategies/tools/technologies used in instruction	10/2/2014 2:08 PM
71	It's not a specific topic or speaker per say, it is the level of professionalism and innovation that is important.	10/2/2014 1:51 PM
72	Anything that presents new program and service ideas.	10/2/2014 1:48 PM
73	Career Planning Evaluating Benefits packages for employees Services to Older Adults Services to Veterans How to engage legislators and other elected officials Ideas for Friends Groups - fundraising Endowments/Investments	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
74	More on information literacy and instruction, as well as more on digital projects (digital collections, digital humanities topics)	10/2/2014 1:31 PM
75	Starting Teen Programs for Small Libraries Customer Service in Libraries - Maximizing a small staff	10/2/2014 1:25 PM
76	I would like to see more representation of smaller libraries.	10/2/2014 1:23 PM