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From the PRESIDENT

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COMO XXI 2009

Plans are well underway for our 21st annual COMO Conference, and I hope you all have marked Oct. 7-9 on your calendars! This year's conference is in Columbus, and we already have lots of great programs scheduled.

This year's conference theme is "COMMUNICATE, COLLABORATE, CONNECT — COMO XXI 2009," and there will be something for everyone! Keynote speakers include Patti Digh, author of *Life Is a Verb* and numerous other business titles; Steven J. Bell, associate university librarian at Temple University and noted lecturer on the topic of "future-proofing" your library; and Toni Buzzeo, popular author and school library media specialist from Buxton, Maine.

In addition to all the exciting programs, COMO XXI offers lots of opportunities to "communicate, collaborate, and connect" with other librarians. It's always great to meet new librarians throughout our state and to visit with old friends. Plus, this year we are inviting our colleagues from Alabama to join us in Columbus.

For those of us looking to explore the city, Columbus offers a variety of museums, tours and other attractions. The Civil War Naval Museum and the Coca-Cola Space Science Center are just two of the sites to see during the conference. And there are plenty of historic sites within walking distance of the convention center.

We are working hard to make COMO XXI the best conference ever. I look forward to "connecting" with you all on Oct. 7-9 in Columbus! ⏭

— **James P. Cooper**
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