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ArLA/SELA 2023 Joint Conference

The ArLA / SELA 2023 Joint Conference will be held October 13-15, 2023 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Joint Program Subcommittee is seeking break-out session proposals for this year's conference. ***The deadline for submissions is May 8, 2023.***

This year's conference theme is ***Libraries: Shining a Light in the Darkness***. Hot Springs will experience a partial annular eclipse during our conference on October 14th.

ArLA and SELA are committed to hosting an inclusive and welcoming conference experience for the entirety of our memberships. We invite participation, and especially program proposals, from people of all ethnicities, genders, ages, abilities, religions, and sexual orientations. ArLA and SELA are committed to making all reasonable accommodations that will allow conference attendees and presenters to fully participate in conference events.

Conference Break-out Sessions

The Conference Program Subcommittee is seeking a wide-range of programs that support the conference theme, and that represent the range of our diverse memberships including academic, public, school, and special library organizations, and professional and para-professional members.

Programs may include single or multiple presenters, panel discussions, case studies, interactive hands-on activities, demonstrations of projects, etc.

ArLA Communities of Interest and SELA Committees, Roundtables, and Sections are encouraged to submit proposals.

For more information, please see the full Call for Proposals on the [ArLA website](#).

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact [Jenn Wann](#), ArLA Conference Program Subcommittee Chair or [Laura Slavin](#), SELA President-Elect.

NEWS FROM THE STATES



SPRINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public library to celebrate centennial

Springdale Public Library will commemorate its centennial this September. In 1923, Reverend W. G. Brandstetter started a library as a children’s summer project at the Central Presbyterian Church. One hundred years later, the Springdale Public Library is still serving the community as a branch of the Washington County Library System. Director Anne Gresham is leading the library into its second century as a space that will continue to entertain, inspire, connect, and inform its patrons: “Springdale has seen a tremendous amount of growth and change since the library first opened its doors in 1923. We’re so excited and honored to celebrate that growth while also looking to our library and our community’s bright future.”



Central Presbyterian Church, circa 1923



VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech dean appointed board chair of Academic Preservation Trust

University Libraries Dean Tyler Walters was recently appointed governing board chair of Academic Preservation Trust (APTrust), a consortium of colleges and universities across the country committed to providing a preservation repository for digital content and developing related services.

The University Libraries at Virginia Tech has been a member of APTrust since 2014, and Walters began his service as a board member soon after. This valuable membership leverages expertise, infrastructure, and financial resources across member universities to collaboratively preserve digital content. Walters looks forward to his role in helping to guide future developments in digital preservation as the governing board chair.

Virginia Tech researchers work to combat cyberbullying by looking for patterns

A small team of researchers within University Libraries at Virginia Tech is looking into possible ways to combat cyberbullying. Chreston Miller, data and informatics consultant at University Libraries, along with computer science major Deep Datta and computational modeling and data analytics major Ishana Garuda are conducting research to find out if there are any patterns that can indicate when cyberbullying surfaces the most on Twitter. The researchers believe that if they can identify indicators that predict when online harassment is most likely to occur, then the findings have the potential to make a positive impact on social media outlets such as Twitter.