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Upcoming Conference News

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Conference Registration is Now Open!

NASIG's 28th Annual Conference

June 6th to June 9th 2013

http://www.nasig.org/conference_registration.cfm



NASIG is "the" place to be. It provides a venue for education, stimulating and thought-provoking discussion, new ideas and the best networking opportunities that can be had." - *Char Simser, Coordinator of Library Data and Electronic Publishing, Kansas State University*

I'm not into a Disneyland kind of experience. I like the real thing, and Buffalo has the real thing." - *Randy Duchaine, photographer, Spirit Magazine*

"You may know it simply as the home of the Buffalo chicken wing, but it harbors all kinds of surprises."
- *Frommer's New York State*

NASIG continues its tradition of offering conferences that have strong, engaging programs and numerous opportunities to discuss issues and network in a relaxed environment with colleagues—publishers, vendors, print and e-resources providers and librarians.

Conference Program

There will be three keynote speakers! Opening the conference is Bryan Alexander, senior fellow at the National Institution for Technology in Liberal Education, who will discuss the impact of mobile technologies on libraries and academic institutions. On the second morning, Megan Oakleaf, associate professor of library and information science at Syracuse University, will speak on the "Value of Serials in Academic and Special Libraries" and include an interactive Q & A segment designed to give attendees the chance to share ideas for articulating the value of serials in academic and special libraries. On the final morning of the conference, Siva Vaidhyanathan, Robertson Professor in media studies at the University of Virginia, will engage us in an exploration of Big Data – its opportunities and challenges.

As a conference attendee you will select eight program sessions to attend during the conference. This year's thirty-five sessions provide an impressive array of topics to consider, which is a delight as well as a challenge:

Need to know more about ERMS? Consider attending “The Challenges of Sustaining a Community Managed Open Access ERMS,” “DIY ERM for the Small Library,” and “Preparation is Key: Lessons Learned from an ERMS Implementation.”

Are you a cataloger? There are programs for you: “From Record-Bound to Boundless: FRBR, Linked DATA and New Possibilities for Serials,” “Cataloging CJK serials and RDA,” “Linked Data-A Panel on the Current State of Affairs.” And, of course there is the preconference on “RDA & Serials.”

Is collection management part of your assignment? This year’s conference offers sessions on weeding, cancellation analysis, collection development decision making, textbook affordability, aggregated databases, “non-purchased” content, and demand driven acquisition.

Need to enhance your knowledge of licensing and copyright? Attend the preconference “Copyright in Practice,” then check out sessions on open access policies, e-resource licensing fundamentals, and “Using Computing Power to Replace Lawyers.”

Are you in or about to enter the world of scholarly communication? Consider the preconference “Library as Publisher” and the sessions on advocating for scholarly communication, open access policy, and a discussion of a library case study.

Do you have other interests and issues? There are sessions on institutional repositories, approaches to discoverability and design, Technical Services workflows and staffing, LibX—an open source browser, core competencies for new e-resources librarians, and eliminating predictive check-in.

Conference Events

The official conference opening will be on Thursday evening, June 6th. It begins with the conference reception and the Vendor Expo at the Convention

Center, immediately across the street from the Hyatt Hotel. This will be followed by an opening session that will feature Mr. Tim Tielman, the current executive director for the Campaign for Greater Buffalo History, Architecture and Culture. Mr. Tielman has been involved in preservation efforts in Buffalo for more than 25 years, so expect a unique, well-informed, and memorable talk on the city. After the opening session, a yummy dessert reception and cash bar will be held in the Rendezvous Room at the recently renovated Statler Hotel, which is in walking distance of the Hyatt, the conference hotel. There will be a live band for those in the mood for dancing!

On Friday, after a full day of conference programs, there is a free evening to give attendees an opportunity to sign up for one of the dine-arounds and enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants. Buffalonians are serious about food! There are varieties of restaurants to satisfy almost everyone: Merge (vegetarian), Anchor Bar (birthplace of the Buffalo chicken wing), Chef’s (Italian), Nadia’s Taste of Soul, Polish Villa, Pearl Street Grill and Brewery, and Mango’z Jamaican Restaurant.

After dinner, you can also visit the Albright Knox Art Gallery, one of the city’s finest jewels, which is open on Friday evening (<http://www.albrightknox.org/>). The gallery’s modern and contemporary collection includes works by Vince Van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Jackson Pollock, Freda Kahlo, and Pablo Picasso. Smaller galleries may also have special events for “First Friday.”

Baseball enthusiasts can “go to the game” to watch the Buffalo Bisons, the farm team for the Toronto Blue Jays, take on the Lehigh Valley IronPigs at Coca-Cola field and watch the fireworks after the game (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coca-Cola_Field). The ballpark is downtown and within walking distance of the Hyatt Hotel. Group tickets are available for purchase on the conference registration form.

The conference dinner is Saturday evening and will be held in the Buffalo Transportation-Pierce Arrow

Museum (<http://www.pierce-arrow.com/>). Evening gowns and tuxedos are optional. 😊 At the museum, you will enjoy a variety of foods from Buffalo's ethnic communities while you view the luxury cars built by Pierce-Arrow, an American automobile manufacturer from 1901-1938 that was based in Buffalo, and a variety of other antique automobiles and related paraphernalia. On both Friday and Saturday evenings a late night social will be held in the Hyatt Hotel, starting at 9:00 pm.

Why wait? It is time to register for the 2013 NASIG conference! Come early or stay after so that you have time to explore more of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier.

Buffalo, NY – Average June Temperature 75°
http://www.nasig.org/conference_city_info.cfm