



Upcoming Conference News

PPC Update

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The Program Planning Committee (PPC) is excited about the program for the upcoming conference in June in Indianapolis, Indiana. We have three exciting vision speakers lined up that we are pleased to announce. They are Michel Dumontier of Maastricht University, who will speak on the cutting edge topic of semantic publishing; April Hathcock of New York University, a leading thinker and writer in the area of diversity and inclusion in libraries; and Carol Tilley of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a renowned scholar in the field of comic books and graphic novels.

In addition, we will have a rich variety of preconference workshop offerings. Topics will include best practices for managing research data; using COUNTER statistics; managing technical services projects; conducting collection assessment; and linked data and BIBFRAME. There will also be an all-day MARCEdit Basics workshop and a half-day MARCEdit Advanced workshop. More details will be forthcoming soon.

The call for proposals will close on November 15, and the PPC will begin the evaluation process soon after. Presenters will be notified by mid-January. Calls for the great ideas showcase and the snapshot session will go out in early February. We will also be holding vendor lightning talks again this year. Finally, we will be adding a new type of programming: the student spotlight sessions which will allow library and information science

graduate (LIS) students to give brief five to seven minute presentations. These sessions will be promoted and scheduled by the Student Outreach Committee.