PPC Update
Maria Collins, PPC Chair

The conference is just a month away, and the Program Planning Committee (PPC) has a few updates to share about preconferences and user/discussion group meetings.

Preconference registration is still open, and this year we have 5 great offerings. Click through the registration link on the website if you are interested in signing up.

Text Mining 101
Dr. Sarah Sutton, Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science
June 4, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
$200

Supporting text mining research requires an understanding of the process of text mining in order for librarians to assist researchers to use library resources as sources text mining data, to license electronic resources in way that makes provisions for such uses, and to manage and/or provide access to text mining tools among other activities. Because text mining is a relatively new method for research, few librarians have had an introduction to and/or training needed to accomplish these tasks. In this preconference workshop I will introduce participants to the basics of text mining including defining terms, identifying library resources that may serve as data sources for text mining, and introducing the tools and processes used for text mining, for instance the HathiTrust’s text analysis algorithms and Python scripting.

Library Leadership Your Way
Dr. Jason Martin, Middle Tennessee State University
June 4, 2019, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
$100

This preconference is intended to be a practical guide for anyone interested in library leadership. Attendees will learn about leadership, become better leaders, and develop their own leadership practices. This preconference will allow attendees to engage with the subject of leadership in a meaningful way, by thinking and reflecting on various ideas of leadership and how they might use those ideas in their leadership lives. The point of this
preconference is not to explain how to lead, but for attendees to discover why they want to lead, how they can best lead, and what their unique leadership practice looks like. Attendees will be asked to think about what leadership means to them, learn overall principles of how to effectively lead themselves and others, be exposed to major leadership theories and philosophies, and finally to revisit their initial ideas about leadership. By the end of the preconference, attendees will have developed their own definition of and approach to leadership, understand the basics of major leadership theories and philosophies, and have a leadership practice and plan in place they can use in their everyday leadership lives. This preconference is intended for library leaders at all levels - from department head to dean/director, for librarians interested in becoming library leaders, and for informal library leaders as well.

Contract Construction: Creating an Effective Licensing Toolkit in an Academic Library Setting
Stephanie Hess, Binghamton University
Megan Kilb, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
June 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
$100

This session will offer a blueprint for crafting a clear picture of licensing priorities for your library and home institution and for developing an orderly negotiation process to ensure each agreement is properly reviewed and handled. Beginning with a brief overview of standard licensing terms for e-resources, we will discuss how to draw up your own checklists and draft legal provisions customized to successfully fulfill the information needs of your library’s users, while adhering to your institution’s local legal requirements. We will also identify practical methods for reviewing contracts to identify the issues in clauses that are most often challenging or problematic.

BIBFRAME Basics: A Crash Course
Dennis Christman, Duke University
June 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
$100

Interested in learning about BIBFRAME and how it works? This workshop will go over the basics of what BIBFRAME is, how it was developed, and ongoing BIBFRAME initiatives; then cover the underlying technologies in just enough detail to really understand how BIBFRAME works differently from what we do today, including graph data structures, ontologies, and RDF. Finally, we’ll look at the Library of Congress developed BIBFRAME editor and get some hands-on practice creating and editing a variety of resources. Attendees should plan on bringing a laptop to get the most of their experience.

The Future of Scholarly Communications
Lisa Hinchliffe, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
June 5, 2019, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
$100

Structured as an interactive workshop, this preconference will explore possible futures of scholarly communications and publishing and implications for access, collections, and preservation. Drawing on trends analysis and potential scenarios that have been developed by publishers, library associations, etc., participants will explore what may be possible, plausible, feasible, and/or desirable as well as what seems impossible about these futures. Though no conclusions will be reached about “the future” of scholarly communications, this exploration of “the futures” of scholarly communications will enable participants to think critically and creatively about their organizations, the impact of change and trends, and strategic positioning going forward.

NASIG will host 4 discussion/user group sessions on Wednesday, June 5 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. These groups are open for all attendees. Please come by and join your colleagues in conversation.

User/Discussion Group Meeting - Now Streaming: Mediated vs. Unmediated and Other Dilemmas
Facilitator: Heather Crozier, Ohio Northern University

Many libraries using popular PDA programs for streaming video experienced a significant surge in popularity and spending in the past year and are looking into various alternatives, including mediated purchasing and the increase in workload that accompanies it. This group will provide an opportunity for an in-person conversation allowing
us to share best practices, alternative options, and other discussion related to streaming video.

User/Discussion Group Meeting - OpenAthens and Issues in Authentication and Access
Facilitator: Donna Bennett, Georgia College and State University

In addition to the discussion topic of OpenAthens, this group might also discuss issues about authentication and access in general, which might be provider neutral, and include procedures for offering access to walk-in users, user experience, usage data collection, privacy, dual factor authentication, working with campus IT, etc. Even if a library doesn’t use OpenAthens, but uses EZProxy or a different system, they might also contribute to and benefit from this conversation.

User/Discussion Group Meeting - Systems & Interlibrary Loan Librarian Discussion
Facilitator: Jean Charlot, Delaware State University

Topic: Student success and the Intersection of Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing, Electronic Resources and Discovery Tools.

Discussion during his session might focus on the following:

1. How Interlibrary Loan/Resource Sharing and Discovery works to provide access to materials
2. Collaboration -- university community awareness of library services for additional research needs
3. Positive or negative experiences with these services.

User/Discussion Group Meeting - A Collaborative Approach to Driving User Awareness
Facilitator: Sara Rotjan, AIP Publishing

How do your faculty and students learn about the resources that are available to them and what scholarly content they have access to? During this session we’ll share the results of a recent survey focusing on the challenges around driving user awareness. And we’ll have an open discussion around how to effectively promote your digital resources. Come prepared to explore ways that librarians and publishers can collaborate on the common challenge of driving awareness.