



MLA 2023 Spring Institute
CALL FOR PANELISTS
March 30-31, 2023
Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor

Submissions welcome through January 13, 2023

This deadline is firm and will not be extended.

MLA's Spring Institute for Youth Services highlights the brilliance of Michigan's library professionals every year. From early literacy to teen programs the work you do matters, and we want to help you showcase it.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences with others or want some experience speaking to an audience, this might be a great fit for you! Our panel conversations will discuss 'Scaling and Failing Ideas'. Each panel will feature 3-5 different speakers who will have the opportunity to share their experiences for 5-10 minutes and engage in audience discussion and Q&A.

Ultimately, we need you. In turn, this is an excellent opportunity for you to develop as a library professional, and to have a definitive positive impact on the library community.

Panelist General Guidelines

- Panelists must complete their own submissions. Submissions cannot be done on behalf of someone else. You do not need to be an MLA member to submit.
- Panelists must be able to attend Spring Institute in-person.
- Panelists are not reimbursed or compensated for presentation time, mileage or any other expense related to their participation in the conference.
- Panelists, including MLA members, must register and pay for the day(s) they attend Spring Institute if they plan to participate in any conference activities beyond their panel discussion.

Panel Conversation Details

Panel 1: Epic Fails

Did you have an idea, program, initiative, or concept that sounded great on paper, but fell apart in reality? Did you experience an #epicfail that your coworkers and you can laugh about now? Join the panel to tell the story of your 'fail', share a few laughs with those who understand, and hopefully pass on your hard learned lessons to others.

Panel 2: Scaling Programs for Small Libraries

Conferences are filled with great ideas, but sometimes limited resources, staff time, and money can make big program ideas difficult for small libraries to implement. Have you been successful at scaling a program to fit your community needs? We are seeking panelists from a variety of libraries to share how they made the most of limited resources to lead successful programs that other libraries might also be able to replicate.

Agreements and Selection Notification

- MLA will contact each panelist in writing with regards to final decisions of the acceptance process by January 20, 2023

- MLA will send all individual presenters a Presenter Agreement indicating date, time, and details of their panel conversation. This will be confirmed by panelists and returned to MLA by February 3, 2023.

Selection Criteria

The MLA Spring Institute for Youth Services workgroup will use the following criteria in assessing the viability of including a panelist in the conversation.

Qualifications	Does the proposed panelist have sufficient background experience to present on proposed topic?
Perspective	Does the proposed panelist offer a unique perspective on the proposed topic?

Timeline

- Friday, January 13, 2023 — **Final day** to submit proposals. *This deadline is firm and will not be extended.*
- On or before Friday January 20, 2023 — **Selection notifications** distributed via email from MLA to all presenters.
- On or before Friday, February 3, 2023 — **Presenter agreements** due to MLA office
- Thursday and Friday, March 30-31, 2023 — **MLA 2023 Spring Institute**, Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor

AV & Room Setup

- MLA will take every effort to make sure the presentations rooms are set up according to needs of presentation and number of panelists.
- Wi-Fi internet will be in each presentation room, however, MLA cannot guarantee the speed and dependability of the services at any given time.
- Slide Deck/PowerPoint presentation is not required, but panelists may bring visual aids.

Recording of Programs

- Permission to record the panel conversation must be granted by all panelists.

Questions

Please feel free to contact MLA’s Amber Sheerin or Jocelyn Levin, Spring Institute 2023 Conference Chair, with any questions you may have prior to your submission. Contact info:

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