



## **Think Space Workgroup**

February 2022

### **General Workgroup Description**

The Michigan Library Association's Think Space workgroup leads the development, planning, and execution of the multi-part Think Space event. The workgroup will determine appropriate educational content and networking opportunities targeted at established library directors. Each Think Space event will have one central focal point to be determined by the workgroup and MLA staff.

### **Workgroup Membership and Meetings**

The workgroup shall include between 4-8 members that meet as needed to develop Think Space. The workgroup will include a diverse cross-section of library director members representing varied library sizes, types, and locations throughout Michigan. The MLA Executive Director and Program and Event Director will serve as staff liaisons. All workgroup members are required to attend a virtual MLA volunteer development training.

### **Authority and Responsibilities**

The Think Space workgroup shall be responsible for the following:

- Understand the current needs of library directors across the state of Michigan.
- Develop engaging and timely professional development content based on the needs of those directors.
- Recommend potential experts and speakers related to the determined content.
- Attend Think Space and assist in introducing speakers and/or leading sessions.
- Evaluate the outcome of Think Space to determine success level, as well as whether to adapt or discontinue in the future.
- Provide reports when requested by the MLA Board of Directors or Executive Director.

### **Committee Terms**

Terms begin in March to plan and conclude a year later in June to coincide with the December and May Think Space gatherings.

### **Chair Selection and Responsibilities**

The workgroup will have a chair as selected and approved by MLA, who serves a one-year leadership term. The workgroup chair will be expected to help lead the workgroup members and develop meeting agendas.

### **Qualifications**

This is an opportunity for established library directors who are passionate about the success of

MLA's members and fostering an environment of mentorship. Workgroup members should be current MLA individual members throughout the length of their term, and must be willing to be creative, innovative, and show leadership skills.

**Service Without Remuneration**

Service on Michigan Library Association's Committees are without remuneration or additional discounts for event attendance.