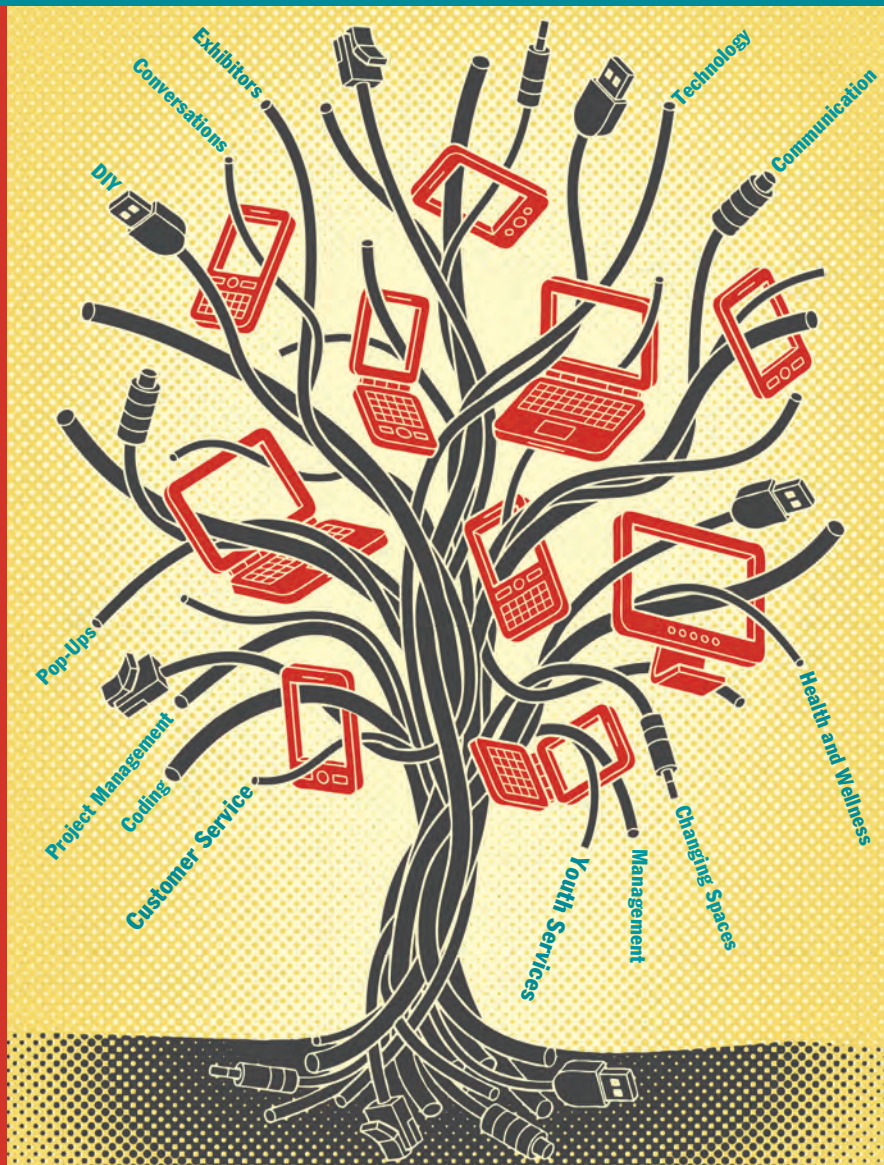


## A Professional Development Conference for Library Staff



# REACHING FORWARD

*Our mission is to provide professional opportunities for library staff to grow, learn, and connect with new ideas.*

May 6, 2016  
8:00 AM – 3:45 PM  
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**Congratulations to our  
2016 Award Winners**

**Georgia Pichinos-Anderson**  
*Oberman-Rich Award*

**Isabel Huerta**  
*Robert P. Doyle Award*

## Schedule

<b>8:00 – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast and Exhibits</b>
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<b>10:15 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Visit the Exhibits</b>
<b>11:00 – Noon</b>	<b>Breakout Session 2</b>
<b>12:15 AM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Luncheon and Awards</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Session 3</b>
<b>2:45 – 3:45 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Session 4</b>

### **A Mother's Room,**

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North Ballroom Restrooms,  
will be available throughout  
the day.

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Discover new performers for your library! Each showcase will feature a unique lineup of performers.

### **9:15 – 10:15 AM**

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***Please visit the exhibits  
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#### **Igniting Ideas, Inspiring Change! [Room 32]**

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**9:15 AM – 3:45 PM [Room 34]**

**Management Skills for the 21st Century – But Wait, There's More!**

Want to learn how to get the best out of your people, real time, all the time? This year we'll dig deeper into the what-ifs, the how'd that happen, and the why-me's of daily life in management/supervision/leadership. This entertaining and interactive program will explore the concepts of accountability, communication, motivation, and influence. These powerful tools play a vital role in successfully engaging today's workforce. You will leave enthused and energized with practical tools to begin your staff resurgence.

**Speakers:** Gail Johnson and Pam Parr, Face to Face Communications & Training, Inc.

**Track:** Management

**Pre-registration is required for this day-long session.**

**9:15 – 10:15 AM**

**Wired that Way: The Personality Styles [Room 22]**

Ever wonder why in the world people act the way they do? Learn how to identify who you are dealing with and how to adjust your approach for a more meaningful and effective experience. You'll walk away saying, "Wow, I needed that."

**Speaker:** Jaclyn Rowe, Jaclyn Rowe Speaking and Development

**Track:** Professional Development

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**Social Security: More than Meets the Eye [Room 22]**

If you are going to collect Social Security benefits in the next 10 years, you should attend this educational session. In this session, you will learn:

- The benefits of taking Social Security
- When to take benefits – sooner or later?
- Working while getting benefits – how are the benefits impacted?
- Taxation and Social Security Spousal Benefits

Join Jim Flanagan of Bentron Financial Group, Inc., for a lively and informative discussion about the Social Security system. Learn what you need to know to maximize the benefits you have earned!

**Speaker:** James Flanagan, Bentron Financial Group, Inc.

**Track:** Life Planning

**Project Management for Non-Project Managers [Room 23]**

As employees increase in experience and tenure they are often called upon by upper management to lead and manage projects of varying size and objectives. This session will cover the crucial management and leadership skills that will help you succeed in your initial project management assignments.

**Speaker:** Colleen Sullivan, Colleen Sullivan Consulting, LLC

**Tracks:** Management | Professional Development

**DIY Library Innovation: Designing Our Spaces and Services for a New Age [Room 24]**

Expert staff from Chicago Public Library will take attendees through the "Design Thinking for Libraries" Toolkit process and demonstrate how the method can be used at your library to turn bright, innovative ideas into new products, services, spaces, and experiences that will rejuvenate your library and positively impact patrons.

**Speakers:** Kristen Edson, Patrice Johnson, Sasha Neri, Chicago Public Library

**Tracks:** Collections | Customer Service | Future Trends | Marketing | Programming | Training

**(Em)Power to the Readers [Room 25]**

Empower your students and patrons with new ways of organizing your book collection, programs to get your kids clamoring for more books, and online inspirations to encourage more exploration and reading! We will cover such topics as genrefying your entire collection or parts of your collection, utilizing face out shelving and creative book displays to make your collection more visually appealing, creating book trailers using Animoto, Voicethread, and other online tools, creating user-developed content for your website.

**Speakers:** Karen Grost, Indian Trail Elementary School, and Linda Zeilstra Sawyer, St. Francis Xavier School

**Tracks:** Collections | Marketing | Readers Advisory | Youth and Young Adult Services

**Technology Trends and Innovation [Room 26]**

The world around us is changing faster than ever. Hear about new trends in consumer technology as well as the latest in how access to new technology is changing the world around us.

**Speakers:** Monica Harris, Schaumburg Township District Library, and Anne Slaughter, RAILS

**Tracks:** Future Trends | Technology

**Online Privacy and Internet Security [Room 27]**

An overview of online security and privacy guidelines, including a discussion and question and answer session. We will talk about passwords, Web browsers, antivirus and spyware threats, and common scams.

**Speaker:** Scott Davidson, ARX Computers

**Tracks:** Technical Services | Technology

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## Activate! A Sensory Approach to Storytime [Room 30–31]

Join this interactive presentation to learn about reading techniques with books, music, puppets, and more to enhance sensory experiences for children of all abilities. Create a truly visual and interactive experience. Participants will receive a resource list of books, activities to use, and other tools to help launch a successful sensory program.

**Speakers:** Renee Grassi, Glen Ellyn Public Library, and Susan Parsons, Plainfield Public Library

**Tracks:** Programming | Special Populations and Diversity | Youth and Young Adult Services

## Pep Up Your Programming with Pop-Ups! [Room 32]

Formal programs can come with pitfalls – lots of planning, limited registration, and the occasional instance where no one shows up. How can engaging programs be easier to lead and reach new audiences? Streamline your planning and engage new young patrons with pop-up programs: events and activities that seem to appear from nowhere to engage whoever is in the library. Every library can offer pop-up programming. This session will explore strategies for harvesting pop-up ideas, ways to staff programs, and a range of ready-to-use ideas for youth and teen pop-ups.

**Speakers:** Shauna Anderson and Amy Koester, Skokie Public Library

**Tracks:** Programming | Youth and Young Adult Services

## It's Not ME, It's WE [Room 33]

Is your office filled with Mostly Ego, a.k.a. “ME” people? Would you like it to be filled with more Work Enlightenment, a.k.a. “WE” people? This session will put you in active group situations that set corrosive egos aside and bring out everyone’s dormant brilliance. Experience trust like never before, communicate in unique ways, accept new ideas and build on them, and spontaneously express your thoughts without judgment. Improv will be your tantalizing teamwork tool. Experience for yourself the five elements of improvisation that can turn the four walls of your office into a productive three-ring circus that inspires the two halves of your one amazing brain.

**Speaker:** Richard Oberbruner, ROI: Richard Oberbruner Improv

**Track:** Professional Development

## 11:00 AM – Noon

### Communication and Technology Etiquette 101 [Room 21]

The biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it is being done well. This session will give you the low down on how to communicate appropriately and effectively and why it matters. You’ll gain valuable insight to improve your communication skills using technology and in-person conversation.

**Speaker:** Jaclyn Rowe, Jaclyn Rowe Speaking and Development

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Professional Development

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### Snapshots to Success: Living Life One Frame at a Time [Room 22]

Our life is made up of snapshots, significant moments which give us meaning. As library professionals you are moving at the speed of life and often feel stressed, overwhelmed, or unfocused. The key to a breakthrough is by learning to live life one frame at a time. A professional actress and speaker, Lori Klinka portrays a humorous and insightful cast of characters to help you see how the power of perspective, adjusting your expectations and living in the moment can improve your personal and professional life. As a result of this program you will:

- Improve your productivity at work
- Feel less stress and more energized throughout your day
- Shift to a more positive perspective

**Speaker:** Lori Klinka, Speaker, Trainer, Speaking Coach

**Track:** Life Planning

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### No Exercise Equipment or Gym Membership...No Excuses Anymore [Room 23]

With our busy schedules it is hard to find time to go to the gym, right! Here is an exercise program you can do at home, no equipment needed. All levels of fitness will be addressed.

**Speaker:** Jill Powers, All Things In Motion

**Track:** Wellness

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**12:15 – 1:30 PM**  
**Luncheon [South Ballroom]**

Lunch seating is open. Please do not enter the ballroom before the doors are open. If you have dietary restrictions and requested a special meal, please pick up your lunch ticket at the help desk, located outside the ballroom. Onsite requests cannot be accommodated.

**Feel The Need to Weed [Room 24]**

Are you dreading an upcoming weeding project? Do your collections need refreshing but you don't know where to start? Everything you wanted to know about weeding and then some: the why, the how, the pitfalls, and the joys. Participants will leave with a renewed understanding of the importance of weeding for good collection development, along with current resources to help them in their task.

**Speakers:** Veronica De Fazio, Plainfield Public Library District, and Rebecca Vnuk, Editor, Reference and Collection Management, Booklist

**Track:** Collections

**12 Months of Crafts [Room 25]**

Join Skokie Public Library's Susan Teller as she navigates you through a year of simple and fun crafts to make with your library friends and family. Some crafts will be seasonal while others are just plain cool. Instructions for each craft will be available, and sample crafts will be given away to 12 lucky audience members. No need to worry about getting messy today, you'll just sit back, relax, and learn by watching Susan.

**Speaker:** Susan Teller, Skokie Public Library

**Tracks:** Programming | Youth and Young Adult Services

**Introduction to User Experience [Room 26]**

What is User Experience and why is it important to your library? Join us for an introduction to UX, user testing, and design thinking as it relates to library websites and physical spaces.

**Speakers:** Monica Harris and Kristin Moo, Schaumburg Township District Library

**Track:** Technology

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Get ready to interact with teen patrons in a positive way – even when you only have a few minutes. We will discuss specific actions you can take to provide good customer service, de-escalate troubling behavior, be a proactive mentor, and encourage the best possible outcomes for young adults from any position throughout the library.

**Speaker:** Shauna Anderson, Skokie Public Library

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Youth and Young Adult Services

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- *Going Fines Free:* Gary Christopherson, Algonquin Area Public Library, and Stephen Territo, Vernon Area Public Library District
- *Staff Training:* Sally Decker Smith, Library Consultant
- *Volunteer Management:* Heidi Knuth, Bloomingdale Public Library, and Paula Pavelski, Zion-Benton Public Library
- *Human Resources:* The Management Association
- *Shelving Tips and Tools:* Patricia Tunstall, Retired
- *Outreach:* Mark Kregg, Fountaindale Public Library District

**Think Quickly On Your Feet [Room 33]**

This workshop is a logical Left Brain versus creative Right Brain approach to your everyday work habits. Resiliency, Adversity, Absurdity and the 5 Elements of Teamwork will be reviewed. You will also learn how to use anxiety to your advantage.

**Speaker:** Richard Oberbrunner, ROI: Richard Oberbrunner Improv

**Track:** Professional Development

## 1:30 – 2:30 PM

### Bridging the Generational Gap in Communication [Room 21]

Technology, for all its benefits, has created a great and difficult divide between the generations. This session will help you understand how the generations have changed and how you can be an influential part of bridging the gap and bringing people together.

**Speaker:** Jaclyn Rowe, Jaclyn Rowe Speaking and Development

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Human Resources | Professional Development | Special Populations and Diversity

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### Productivity Throwdown [Room 21]

Ever wonder what time management and productivity tool is right for you? Have you been searching for something perfect and not been able to find anything that suits your work style? Come to this throwdown of different tools and techniques and discuss what might work best for your needs!

**Speaker:** Lindsay Braddy, Skokie Public Library

**Track:** Life Planning | Management

### People Don't Come with Warning Labels...Dealing with Difficult People [Room 22]

Humorous characterizations are used to help people learn to resolve conflict and create a more productive work environment. We all have to deal with difficult people whether they are coworkers or patrons. The goal is to have the audience leave with specific skills that have a dramatic impact on their relationships.

- Understand why people are difficult
- Learn specific techniques for dealing with different types of difficult people
- Create a more positive and productive work environment with improved morale and greater job satisfaction
- Be able to resolve conflict and improve communication
- Decrease stress for yourself and others which results in higher productivity

**Speaker:** Lori Klinka, Speaker, Trainer, Speaking Coach

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Management | Professional Development

**Sponsored by:**



### Oh, My Aching Workstation [Room 23]

In this session we will discuss how to set up your workstation and also examine ergonomic upgrades that are easy to do for your work area. Tips on how to share workstations with your colleagues and suggestions for how to use your iPad without causing a pain in your neck will also be covered.

**Speaker:** Jill Powers, All Things In Motion

**Track:** Wellness

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### Employment Law Basics: The Fair Labor Standards Act [Room 25]

Is your librarian an exempt employee? Your business manager, too? Have you ever wondered just what an exempt employee is exempt from? Employee misclassifications under wage and hour law are very common, often costly – and easily preventable. This session will review the basics of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and how it affects Illinois employers. The session will teach participants which employees are covered under the act, which job groups are eligible for overtime, and exactly when and how employees must be compensated.

**Speaker:** Kathryn O'Connor, Management Association

**Track:** Human Resources

### Library UX on a Budget: How to Conduct User Research for Free (or Almost) [Room 26]

Learning about your users' experiences doesn't have to involve complicated or expensive tools and consultants. This session will highlight examples of excellent user experience (UX) work from various types of institutions and detail ways you can execute user research methods at your library on the cheap. Come get inspired by successful UX projects, discover specific tools that won't break the bank, and learn tips on how to engage with your users for improving the spaces, tools, and services at your library.

**Speaker:** Isabel Gonzalez-Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Professional Development

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### DIY: Programming for Mini Makers @ Your Library [Room 30–31]

Hop on the maker faire bandwagon made up of creators, inventors, crafters and techies, as we explore creative and affordable ways to implement the maker culture into your kids' and teens' programming. A multitude of maker stations hosted by expert library staff will be available for attendees to exercise their inner creator and test their crafting skills. Participants will leave with completed projects and a stack of DIY how-to's to host their own maker faire!

**Speakers:** Becca Boland, Ela Area Public Library District; Sara Brunkhorst, Indian Trails Public Library District; Tara Flauta, Chicago Public Library; Sarah Heimsoth, Indian Trails Library District; Patrice Johnson, Chicago Public Library; Barb Kalchbrenner, Cary Area Public Library; Lizzy Klinnert, Barrington Area Public Library; Portia Latalladi, Chicago Public Library; Wendy Roe, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District; Rachel Weiss, Wheaton Public Library; Maggie Wiggins, Forest Park Public Library District; and Christen Wiser, Ela Area Public Library District

**Tracks:** Youth and Young Adult Services

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- *Technical Services:* Joy Anhalt, Tinley Park Public Library, and Lindsay Braddy, Skokie Public Library
- *LGBTQ Issues:* Paula Pavelski, Zion-Benton Public Library, and Sally Schuster, Retired
- *Marketing:* ILA Marketing Forum
- *Accessible to All: Serving Patrons with Disabilities:* Renee Grassi, Glen Ellyn Public Library
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**Speakers:** Rich Simon, Skokie Public Library, and David Smart, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

**Tracks:** Customer Service | Management

### Speed Mentoring [Ballroom Foyer]

Back by popular demand! Bring your questions, concerns or career development needs to this lively event, and benefit from the wisdom and experience of some of Illinois' best and brightest library minds. Registration is required, and limited. Contact Sallyinlibraryland@yahoo.com to register ahead of time, or check at the Registration Desk the day of the event to see if space is available.

**Moderator:** Sally Decker Smith, Library Consultant

**Track:** Professional Development

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## 2:45 – 3:45 PM

### Communicate for the Win [Room 22]

Business experts have stated that 85% of your overall career success is in direct proportion to your ability to communicate well. In today's highly competitive world, applying exceptional communication skills is not optional, it's critical to your success. Presenting your information should not cause you anxiety, it should generate excitement. In this interactive workshop you will learn how to change your focus to calm your nerves and give you confidence in any situation: in conversations, during impromptu meetings, or when delivering a presentation. Improving your communication skills can make a huge difference in getting the results you want.

**Speaker:** Lori Klinka, Speaker, Trainer, Speaking Coach

**Track:** Professional Development

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### Transgender Individuals – Are They On Your Radar Screen? [Room 23]

Libraries present an opportunity for readers to learn about what it means to be transgender while opening their doors to transgender individuals in an affirming manner. This session will provide attendees with basic information necessary to sensitively interact with the transgender population ensuring the exsistence of a safe-space in our libraries.

**Speaker:** Daniel Frett, Guided Path Psychological Services

**Tracks:** Special Populations | Diversity



### Trashy Books: The Latest in Not-So-Serious Literature [Room 24]

Literary fiction books might win all the awards, but are they any fun to read? No, of course not! When we want to have a good (literary) time, we turn to trashy books. These fun, fast-paced and addictive books deserve some attention as well. We'll discuss classic trash, the trashy authors to know right now, debut authors to keep your eyes on, and trends to watch. Attend this session for a fun and informative time.

**Speaker:** Lynnanne Pearson, Skokie Public Library

**Tracks:** Collections | Readers Advisory

### How to Hire Great Shelves [Room 25]

If you are a shelving supervisor you probably do more hiring than anyone else in your library. Your time is valuable and your interviewing technique needs to be purposeful and effective. Come and join the author of *Hiring, Training and Supervising Library Shelves* as she offers tools and tips to help you select the best candidates. Bring along your own best ideas too, so you can share them with your peers in this cooperative session.

**Speaker:** Patricia Tunstall, Retired

**Tracks:** Management | Training

### Booktique: Better Browsing for Your Collection [Room 26]

Learn how staff from Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Frankfort Public Library District, and Green Hills Public Library District uncovered ways to encourage browsing of their collections. Give customers the materials they want and the power to discover new resources by ditching Dewey, merchandising, and rethinking your selection processes. The choice will be all theirs!

**Speakers:** Sara Kennedy, Green Hills Public Library District; Jason Kuhl, Arlington Heights Memorial Library; and Mary Sustar, Frankfort Public Library District

**Tracks:** Collections | Customer Service | Readers Advisory

### Libraries as Co-Working Spaces [Room 27]

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics there are more than 8 million "solopreneurs" currently working in the United States. Solopreneurs are entrepreneurs and small business owners who single-handedly run their own businesses. Join us to take a virtual tour of five co-working spaces in Chicago including Grind, Workshop, and Enerspace, and learn how the features of co-working spaces can be adapted in libraries. Shannon Distel and Julie Kittredge from Arlington Heights Memorial Library will discuss how they created a co-working space in the library, and programming and networking opportunities for solopreneurs and small businesses.

**Speakers:** Shannon Distel and Julie Kittredge, Arlington Heights Memorial Library

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### YA Smackdown [Room 30-31]

Do you have an opinion on which one is better, "Hunger Games" or "Harry Potter"? What is your favorite no-cost teen program? Are you developing a tween space? Come share your best practices, tips, and programming ideas for serving teens and tweens at your library in this all out, no-holds-barred conversation.

**Moderator:** Amber Creger, Schaumburg Township District Library

**Track:** Youth and Young Adult Services

### PROGRAMming at the Library [Room 32]

Technology plays a big role in everyday life. From websites to mobile apps, we're surrounded by code. Billed as a new literacy, youth are learning to code in the classroom and teaching themselves through Minecraft and Codecademy. This session will provide strategies to incorporate coding into youth library programs. Learn about resources to leverage from novice to expert skill levels. Hear about programs implemented at Arlington Heights Memorial Library and leave with practical ideas to implement at your library or in the classroom.

**Speakers:** Trixie Dantis and Alice Son, Arlington Heights Memorial Library

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Snapshots to Success: Living Life One Frame at a Time	Room 22
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Productivity Throwdown	Room 21

## Management

9:15 – 10:15 AM	Project Management for Non-Project Managers	Room 23
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Practical Innovations	Room 27
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Productivity Throwdown	Room 21
1:30 – 2:30 PM	People Don't Come with Warning Labels... Dealing with Difficult People	Room 22
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Practical Innovations	Room 27
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Library Security	Room 33
2:45 – 3:45 PM	How to Hire Great Shelves	Room 25
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## Marketing

9:15 – 10:15 AM	DIY Library Innovation: Designing Our Spaces and Services for a New Age	Room 24
9:15 – 10:15 AM	(Em)Power to the Readers	Room 25

## Performers' Showcase

9:15 – 10:15 AM	Youth Performers' Showcase	Room 28–29
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1:30 – 2:30 PM	Youth Performers' Showcase	Room 28–29
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## Professional Development

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9:15 – 10:15 AM	Project Management for Non-Project Managers	Room 23
9:15 – 10:15 AM	It's Not ME, It's WE	Room 33
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Communication and Technology Etiquette 101	Room 21
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Think Quickly On Your Feet	Room 33
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Bridging the Generational Gap in Communication	Room 21
1:30 – 2:30 PM	People Don't Come with Warning Labels... Dealing with Difficult People	Room 22
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Library UX on a Budget: How to Conduct User Research for Free (or Almost)	Room 26
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Speed Mentoring	Ballroom Foyer
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Communicate for the Win	Room 22

## Programming

9:15 – 10:15 AM	DIY Library Innovation: Designing Our Spaces and Services for a New Age	Room 24
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Activate! A Sensory Approach to Storytime	Room 30–31
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Pep Up Your Programming with Pop-Ups!	Room 32
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12 Months of Crafts	Room 25
2:45 – 3:45 PM	PROGRAMming at the Library	Room 32

## Readers Advisory

9:15 – 10:15 AM	(Em)Power to the Readers	Room 25
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Trashy Books: The Latest in Not-So-Serious Literature	Room 24
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Booktique: Better Browsing for Your Collection	Room 26

## Special Populations and Diversity

9:15 – 10:15 AM	Activate! A Sensory Approach to Storytime	Room 30–31
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Bridging the Generational Gap in Communication	Room 21
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Transgender Individuals – Are They On Your Radar Screen?	Room 2
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Trashy Books: The Latest in Not-So-Serious Literature	Room 24

## Technical Services

9:15 – 10:15 AM	Online Privacy and Internet Security	Room 27
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## Technology

9:15 – 10:15 AM	Technology Trends and Innovation	Room 26
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Online Privacy and Internet Security	Room 27
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Introduction to User Experience	Room 26
2:45 – 3:45 PM	PROGRAMming at the Library	Room 32

## Training

9:15 – 10:15 AM	DIY Library Innovation: Designing Our Spaces and Services for a New Age	Room 24
2:45 – 3:45 PM	How to Hire Great Shelves	Room 25

## Wellness

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	No Exercise Equipment or Gym Membership... No Excuses Anymore	Room 23
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Oh, My Aching Workstation	Room 23

## Youth and Young Adult Services

9:15 – 10:15 AM	(Em)Power to the Readers	Room 25
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Activate! A Sensory Approach to Storytime	Room 30–31
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Pep Up Your Programming with Pop-Ups!	Room 32
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12 Months of Crafts	Room 25
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Simple Strategies for Engaging with Teens	Room 30–31
1:30 – 2:30 PM	DIY: Programming for Mini Makers @ Your Library	Room 30–31
2:45 – 3:45 PM	YA Smackdown	Room 30–31
2:45 – 3:45 PM	PROGRAMming at the Library	Room 32



# 2016 Exhibitors

## Library Products, Services and Professional Development

### Ace Relocation Systems

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Ace Relocation Systems provides relocation, stack moving, reconfiguration, and storage services. Ace Relocation has played a vital role in renovation projects involving shifting collections, carpet replacement and commercial relocation projects.

### American Library Association

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world. Founded on October 6, 1876 during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the mission of ALA is “to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.” ALA addresses a wide variety of issues of concern to library support staff and promotes communication and networking among all levels of library staff through a variety of means.

### Baker & Taylor

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Baker & Taylor is a leading distributor of books, video, and music products and services to libraries and institutions.

### Bentron Financial Group, Inc.

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Bentron Financial Group, Inc. specializes in helping older adults live successfully in retirement. Bentron advisors speak on financial matters affecting seniors throughout the Chicago area. All presentations are educational, fun, and informative.

### College of DuPage

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College of DuPage's Library and Information Technology program is accredited by Library Support Staff Certification and available both on campus and online.

### College of Lake County

[achernaik@clcollinois.edu](mailto:achernaik@clcollinois.edu) | [www.researchguides.clcollinois.edu/lta](http://www.researchguides.clcollinois.edu/lta)

The Library Technical Assistant program at the College of Lake County offers an Associate in Applied Science degree and several certificate options to prepare graduates for positions working as a paraprofessional in libraries.

### Dominican University GSLIS

[gslis.dom.edu](http://gslis.dom.edu)

GSLIS offers the only ALA-accredited MLIS program in the Chicago area, as well as a new MS in Information Management degree, plus school library media licensure, a doctoral program, and a number of professional certificate options. Courses take place in person, online or in a hybrid format. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

### EDC Educational Services / Usborne Books & More

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Open the World of Possibilities with EDC Educational Services, home of Usborne and Kane Miller books. Discover award-winning fiction, non-fiction, and activity books.

### ELM USA

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Pay as you go disc repair for as little as 13¢ a repair. Elm USA will give you the machine, supplies and support for free! Zero cost of ownership, zero capital outlay, zero maintenance, zero risk. Stop by Elm USA's table for details.

### EnvisionWare

[www.envisionware.com](http://www.envisionware.com)

From self-service circulation to public computer and print management, to RFID and the 24-Hour Library, EnvisionWare serves more libraries with more self-service and efficiency solutions – with a commitment to libraries that is second to none. Visit and find out why over 10,000 libraries worldwide rely on EnvisionWare.

### Hallagan Business Machines

[hallagan@core.com](mailto:hallagan@core.com) | [www.hallagans.com](http://www.hallagans.com)

Hallagan provides high speed printers for flyers, letters, and information.

### Illinois Network of Talking Book and Braille Libraries

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Talking Book Service is provided free to anyone who is blind, visually impaired or has physical disabilities preventing the reading of standard print. The accessible collection contains over 84,000 book titles across all genres, including bestsellers, nonfiction, mysteries, biographies, children's books and so much more! Friendly reader advisors are like personal librarians, and staff is available for outreach visits! Partnership with Talking Book Service is a great way to enhance your library services for patrons with disabilities.

### Ingram Content Group

[www.ingramcontent.com/libraries](http://www.ingramcontent.com/libraries)

With the largest inventory in the book industry, Ingram delivers innovative systems, expertise and precise assistance in developing and maintaining your library's collection. Ingram has the industry's highest fill rates, a wealth of collection development services, opening day collections, specialized lists and comprehensive standing order programs.

### Joliet Junior College

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The Library Technical Assistant (LTA) Certificate of Completion at Joliet Junior College trains students to become an integral part of the library team, recognizes the need for skilled paraprofessional workers in today's libraries, provides a well-rounded overview of library operations, and offers opportunities for all library workers to update their job skills. The certificate is a part-time evening program that can be completed in approximately two years.

### LACONI Library Administrator's Conference of Northern Illinois

[www.laconi.net](http://www.laconi.net)

LACONI serves public libraries within the RAILS Northern Illinois Library System of Illinois. LACONI provides continuing educational programming and networking opportunities for library staff in all areas of library operations. The organization also publishes online an Annual Salary Survey in cooperation with Innovation Experts Inc. Visit the website for more information about your library becoming a member.

### **Management Association – The HR Source for Employers**

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Management Association provides HR support, employer-centric legal services, comprehensive compensation surveys for libraries and unique training opportunities to over 1,100 member organizations. Library members call the HR Hotline for guidance and as an additional HR staff resource. Management Association offers practical assistance and advice in this complex and challenging employment landscape.

### **RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System)**

[communications@railslibraries.info](mailto:communications@railslibraries.info) | [www.railslibraries.info](http://www.railslibraries.info)

RAILS provides continuing education and consulting services, a variety of online forums organized by topic and by location, delivery service, shared online catalogs, eBook services, talking book services and more. RAILS serves more than 1,300 academic, public school, and special library members in northern and western Illinois. Learn how RAILS can assist you and your library!

### **Readydesk**

[www.thereadydesk.com](http://www.thereadydesk.com)

Readydesk provides the simplest way to turn any workspace or countertop into an adjustable standing desk.

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ViewScan III Digital Library Reader/Printer with color scanning capability will be available for demonstration. View, Scan, Print, Save, E-Mail, Google Drive, Drop Box and Family Search in any format. Save as a Searchable PDF. Also learn about the ST 600 Color Overhead Book Scanner to easily capture books, documents, and photos.

### **Stop Falling Productions**

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TBS is a software and hardware solutions provider specializing in the public library and higher education markets. TBS provides BOOKSCAN Stations, Print Management, Computer Reservation, and Web-Based Printing Portals as well as a full line of payment devices.

### **University of Illinois: Graduate School of Library and Information Science**

[www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/degrees/mslis](http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/degrees/mslis)

The University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) is consistently named the top LIS school in the nation. GSLIS has earned its reputation by creating innovative educational opportunities, including the oldest LIS doctoral program in the country, the award-winning online education program LEEP, and an advanced degree in digital libraries. Students pursue comprehensive educational offerings, opportunities to specialize and continuing professional development opportunities.

### **Vision For Change LLC**

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Vision for Change is the choice when it comes to educating yourself and your colleagues in mental health awareness. Experienced instructors work with you to customize training based on the needs of your organization. Vision for Change is not just passionate about providing valuable information and compelling real life accounts – there is evidence that this approach actually works!

## **Library Programs and Performers**

### **Abraham Lincoln by Kevin Wood**

[abe@mrlincoln.com](mailto:abe@mrlincoln.com) | [www.mrlincoln.com](http://www.mrlincoln.com)

Kevin Wood presents first-person historical portrayals of President Abraham Lincoln in English and Spanish (also more limited presentations in French and German). Mr. Lincoln will bring history—and his story—to life!

### **Anderson Media Productions**

[kingsnakes@aol.com](mailto:kingsnakes@aol.com) | [www.deltatotheprairie.com](http://www.deltatotheprairie.com)

Jim Anderson brings the history of Chicago Blues to life as he takes audiences on a fascinating musical journey from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago. Enjoy humorous inside scoops and the scandalous stories behind the lyrics and lives of some of America's greatest music makers.

### **Animal Farm**

[animalfarmbooking@gmail.com](mailto:animalfarmbooking@gmail.com) | [www.animalfarmband.com](http://www.animalfarmband.com)

Animal Farm's lively performances entertain and engage children of all ages. Their show is a colorful blend of music, storytelling, hilarious antics, and audience participation. Songs and skits explore themes of friendship, community, and self-expression through the eyes of furry, feathered, scaly, and shell-dwelling friends.

### **Big Strike Productions**

[rickpickren@yahoo.com](mailto:rickpickren@yahoo.com) | [bigstrikemusic.com](http://bigstrikemusic.com)

Big Strike Productions offers music programs with historical narrative.

### **Chris Fascione: Juggling Funny Stories!**

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Award-winning family entertainer Chris Fascione brings literature to life with boundless energy and humor, receiving rave reviews from children, parents and librarians alike. He combines acting, comedy and juggling as he acts out children's books, becoming a multitude of hilarious characters as he promotes reading. Even the audience gets involved, whether on stage or in their seats!

### **Dave Herzog's Marionettes**

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Dave Herzog's Marionettes creates musical marionette variety shows which have been crowd-pleasing favorites in Chicago-area libraries for over 30 years. Dave's amazing hand-crafted marionettes perform an astounding array of tricks sure to leave your audience amazed, amused, and wanting more. With performances in over 125 area libraries to their credit, Dave Herzog's Marionettes is a trusted name in the library community.

### **Discover the Depths**

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Deanna LaSusa-Hotchner delivers fun, interactive, and educational programs for all ages. She has presented to schools, park districts and libraries for over 15 years. Her popular programs are: Humpbacks – Wild & Wonderful; Great White Sharks – Defanging the Myths; and Squidward. Care for something else? Deanna will create a unique presentation for you – she has traveled the world and spent hundreds of hours discovering the depths.

### **The Great Scott**

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The funniest, most interactive magic shows you've ever seen! Children and family audiences love becoming part of the magic – Scott Green will even suspend one of your patrons in midair. Choose from the all-purpose Comedy and Illusion Show, themed Halloween and winter holiday shows, or his summer 2015 show, "Magic For The Win."

## 2016 Exhibitors *(continued)*

### Historical Women of Letters

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Through the very personal text of letters and journals, and the published text of their literary works and speeches, Debra Ann Miller weaves the words and lives of her women into presentations that delight and inform. Exquisite costume, script and talent give voice to these historical women of letters. Her portrayals include Jane Austen, Mary Todd Lincoln, Louisa May Alcott, Dolley Madison, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

### Histories for Kids/ HFK Presents

[hfktales@gmail.com](mailto:hfktales@gmail.com) | [www.hfkpresents.com](http://www.hfkpresents.com)

HFK Presents was established to meet the needs of adult audiences: the young at heart who are never too old to learn something new about history's most interesting, inspirational figures. The interactive performances give audiences a new, first person perspective on the people and events that make up our history and culture. Children's programs also available through Histories for Kids titles.

### Jason Kollum – Juggler, Stilt-Walker & Balloon Artist

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Jason Kollum offers a variety of super high-energy, interactive programs that are perfect for kids of all ages and families. The "See the Show! Become the Pro!" program features a big comedy juggling variety show with tons of audience interaction, comedy and improvisation that will WOW all ages of kids. Also available is the "Balloon Inflation Station" that teaches kids about a different kind of art, and all kids get to make their own balloon creations.

### Jeanie B! Music, Inc.

[www.jeaniebmusic.com](http://www.jeaniebmusic.com)

Jeanie B! has performed in hundreds of libraries throughout the midwest, delighting audiences young and old alike. Her upbeat educational music is a hit with anyone who loves to dance and sing and laugh! This seasoned music teacher loves to create a show for summer reading themes, seasonal concerts or just for fun. Jeanie B! has five award-winning CDs to add to your children's library, and she is happy to do in-service training/workshops.

### Jeannie McQueenie Productions

[www.jeaniemcqueenie.com](http://www.jeaniemcqueenie.com)

Jeannie McQueenie Musical Productions is a puppet company that specializes in educational, interactive puppet shows. She will take you under the sea, up to the solar system or have fun with favorites like Alice in Wonderland and Pinocchio. Puppet-making workshops also available.

### Jim Gibbons Historical Presentations

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Jim Gibbons provides informative and insightful presentations that both educate and enlighten his audiences. Drawing from his research and knowledge of history and present day events, he brings to light information that applies to our lives today.

### Ken Rothacker – Guitarist

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Ken Rothacker plays library concert programs that are designed to engage, entertain and educate the audience. Ken's instrumental mixture of classical, pop, and original selections draws the listener in to a unique musical experience.

### The Laser Comedy Show

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Performing artist Chris Fair uses Laser Reactive Technology to perform a hilarious laser light show combining improvisational storytelling and live illustrations. It's a unique and mesmerizing adventure that's drawn like a live comic book right before your eyes. Chris illustrates the characters and scenery on a glow in the dark screen where the lines fade in moments like a high tech Etch-A-Sketch. Chris brings the characters to life with voice-overs, sound effects and music, expanding the 2-D screen into a 3-D world. Both children and adults agree that it's pretty awesome.

### Laura Doherty Music

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Chicago favorite Laura Doherty presents her original folk-pop music concerts for kids ages 0-8 years. Programs can be tailored to fit summer reading themes! Laura has recorded three Parent's Choice award-winning CDs and her fourth CD "Animal Tracks", a collection of her animal songs, releases April 2016.

### Leonardo Music

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Rockin' and Reading is Leonardo's literacy-themed concert where little rockers become big readers! The ability to read, write, and communicate is the recipe for success, and music is a universal ingredient. Audiences will spell out the vowels with their bodies to the song "AEIOU" (think YMCA), learn a bit of sign language and finish writing a song using basic literary devices. The concert is an interactive musical experience that entertains, educates, and motivates with movement and song.

### Magic by Randy

[randybmagic@yahoo.com](mailto:randybmagic@yahoo.com) | [www.magicbyrandy.com](http://www.magicbyrandy.com)

For over 28 years, Randy has been performing the funniest kids and family magic shows. Randy delivers a hilarious interactive magic show that kids and parents will be talking about for years. His show is rich in magic, music, storytelling, positive messages, and much more. Randy will capture the audience's attention and spark imaginations.

### Masterson Magic

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Sean Masterson's Magic Matinee imaginatively combines sleight-of-hand, mind blowing illusions and audience participation. Masterson's skills as an actor bring the magic to life through stories, masks, and puppets (who also perform amazing feats of magic).

### Miss Mim & Friends

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Miss Mim & Friends – Music & Movement is an energetic, creative, and educational program for children ages 2–8 years and their parents. Featuring original music by Mim Eichmann, performed by a three-piece band (electric piano, drums and electric bass) along with several dancers, the program engages the audience to sing-along, dance, use musical instruments, and interact with the performers.

### The Mystery Shop

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The Mystery Shop specializes in adult and children's interactive mysteries.



### **Mystic Drumz**

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Mystic Drumz offers “World Music Safari Adventure” shows for all ages and hands-on drumming workshops for libraries. Also, their Family Fun shows connect with Summer Reading Clubs themes – the shows are full of storytelling about instruments and their rich histories.

### **NB Programs & Parkhopper Lectures**

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[www.parkhopperlectures.weebly.com](http://www.parkhopperlectures.weebly.com)

Nancy McCully offers travel and popular history programs for every season. Take your patrons to Washington, D.C. to see the famous cherry blossoms, travel around Lake Michigan, or enjoy armchair trips to Arizona or Florida. Karen Luster shares tips and tricks for visiting Walt Disney World Resort with Walt Disney World 101, Disney on a Dime, or Walt Disney World for Grown-Ups. Help your patrons plan a trip of their lifetime!

### **Nightcap Melody**

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Nightcap Melody (how one step at a time became a dance) is a one-woman play with a touch of song and dance. To the sounds of Big Band music, a daughter brings her aging father and his saxophone to stay with her. Five years later, recalling frustration, humor, and sweetness, she realizes that living with a person of diminishing capacity can hold unpredictable richness and leave a lifelong song in your heart.

### **Smarty Pants**

[www.SmartyPantsWorld.com](http://www.SmartyPantsWorld.com)

Smarty Pants presents the Big Balloon Show, a theatrical balloon stage show featuring magic, comedy and giant eye-popping balloon sculptures. There’s no other show like it in the Chicago area—or anywhere else! A regular feature on WGN-TV’s morning news, the Big Balloon Show is an exciting all-ages production that will encourage your youth audiences to imagine big, read more, and become regular library visitors.

### **Steve Justman**

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Steve Justman offers patron-pleasing folk and Americana music programs that connect and enrich the public library experience.

### **Stories by Dot**

[www.dotkane.com](http://www.dotkane.com)

Dot Kane is an energetic and hilarious storyteller whose programs have been delighting library audiences for more than two decades. Whether you’re looking for storytelling, Storycise (movement and storytelling mash-up) or professional development, Dot has the perfect program for every age group.

### **Super Stolie**

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Stolie is a songwriter and musician offering thematic music programs for children with an educational twist to encourage literacy, confidence, and social interaction.

### **Sweet Pepprika**

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Sweet Pepprika is a female jazz vocal trio specializing in the music of the 30s through the 60s featuring the arrangements of the Boswell Sisters of the 1930s. Accompanied by guitar, Sweet Pepprika helps to both entertain and educate audiences about that wonderful era of American music. Giveaways and audience participation included!

### **Trio Brava**

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Trio Brava offers customized jazz and classical musical performances.

### **Unexplained Research LLC**

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Author and paranormal investigator Terry Fisk’s presentation topics include Illinois Ghosts, More Illinois Ghosts, Science and the Afterlife, Illinois UFOs, Bigfoot, Reincarnation, Illinois Monsters, Unexplained Mysteries, and Psychic Phenomenon. Non-paranormal topics include Environmentalism, History of Comic Book Superheroes, and Live to 100.

## **Gift Products – for Life/Work Balance**

### **A Taste of Michigan Cherries**

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Cherries are one of today’s hottest “super fruits,” homegrown in the United States. With a large variety of delicious cherry delights to choose from, you’ll be happy with the quality, freshness, and unique tastes of their products. Stop by for tastings!

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One of a kind, hand-crafted jewelry made from antique coins, vintage buttons, gemstones, freshwater pearls, imported glass, sterling silver, and more! Also specializing in needle-felted pins and miniature book jewelry. Amanda teaches too! Stop by to learn more about her classes.

### **Chocolate Twist**

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Chocolate Twist creates small batch, handcrafted confections.

### **Chromatic Maille**

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LEVEL 2

## CONFERENCE CENTER

