

**Lightning Talks are 5-minute video shorts that will be available for viewing throughout the conference.**

Are you working on a new project, but don't have results ready to present a formal program? Experience a big FAIL you want to warn others against? Have fun library story to tell? Want to be creative in how you deliver an idea to peers? Consider creating a lightning talk, where you can present important topics with peers in an informal setting. A good lightning talk focuses on one main theme, presents useful information, stimulates discussion, and doesn't take itself too seriously, so have fun. It's a great way to jump into presenting without building a full-blown program.

*The talks will be presented as an unlisted Youtube video embedded in the event and hosted in the Expo Hall throughout the conference. Presenters do not need to attend live but are encouraged to do so.*

*Talks should be submitted to the MLA dropbox as an .mp4 or .mov. file. and may not exceed 6 minutes in length. MLA will assist in video recording upon request.*

**Title**

In 10 words or fewer please provide a proposed title.

*The best titles are clear, succinct, and creative.*

**Description**

In 500 characters or fewer, please provide a concise description of your proposed session.

*If accepted this will appear in the final program listing and on the conference website so please write it in 3rd person, and make it lively, informative, and interesting. It may be edited for publication. Speakers will be listed separately; they should not be listed in the session description.*

**Abridged Description**

In 150 characters or fewer please provide a short description that may be used for social media and related marketing purposes.

**Track**

Please select up to two tracks that you think best describe your session

*Create – Sessions focus on concepts, programs, or services new to libraries and/or what's trending for the new decade*

*Connect – Sessions focus on services and programs that engage staff, patrons, and/or the community with the goal of improving library services.*

*Reimagine – Sessions focus on how libraries are re-thinking and adapting services and programs to the changing needs of staff, patrons, and/or the community.*

*Lead – Sessions focus on how library staff, patrons, and/or community can lead others towards inspiring solutions.*

**Target Audience – Library Type**

**Target Audience – Job Function**

**Speaker Information**

Name

Organization

Job title

Email

Phone

Address

Previous speaking experience or qualifications

Biography of 500 characters or less

Headshot photo

**Disclaimers**

If my submission is accepted, I agree to the following:

*I will be responsible for registering and paying for the conference if I plan on attending.*

*I will be required to provide my own computer and camera to present virtually.*

*I understand I must provide my video short to MLA by October 1, 2021.*

*I understand I will not be reimbursed or compensated for presentation time or any other expense related to my participation in the conference.*

*I understand my session will be owned by MLA once submitted.*

*I agree to MLA's Code of Conduct*