

Special Events

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wenonah Suite

Sponsored by Great Lakes Bay Regional CVB

Free to attend! Snacks and beverages included

Join the Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention and Visitor's Bureau as they welcome you to Bay City. This early bird welcome reception is free and open to any Spring Institute Conference attendee! Meet up with your colleagues for snacks and beverages (including adult beverages) and join Great Lakes Bay Region Bingo from 5:30 - 6:00 for a chance to win prizes. Want to explore the area on your own after the reception? Copies of a downtown scavenger hunt and local restaurant menus will be available!

SI Gives Back

Continuing the tradition of supporting local youth-based programs, attendees are invited to bring a donation for [Do-All, Inc.](#), a non-profit agency that fills backpacks with school supplies for Bay County children in need. Over 1,000 filled backpacks are given away each year. Bring donations to the registration desk between 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning and 8:50 a.m. on Friday morning. MLA will present the items to Do-All, Inc. during Friday's welcome and announcements. [Download the list of requested supplies here.](#)

Requested supplies include:

- Pencils (mechanical and regular)
- Pencil Cases
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil top erasers
- Colored pencils

- Boxes of Crayons
- Black pens
- Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Children's Scissors
- Wide Ruled Note Books
- Wide Ruled Filler Paper
- College Ruled Notebooks
- College Ruled Filler Paper
- 2 Pocket Folders
- 1 pocket folders
- 1-inch binders & 2-inch binders
- Glue Sticks
- Bottles of Glue
- Rulers

Let's Chat Breakout Sessions

Less formal than a breakout session, but more structured than an unconference, Let's Chat sessions are a chance to discuss important library topics. The topics and moderators have been selected for you, but you get to choose your participation level. Jump in and share your thoughts, opinions and experiences – or sit back and take notes about what others are doing in the library community. Moderators will share what they are doing and why and then open the floor for interaction with the audience. Add your two cents and *Let's Chat!*

Cool Things My Library Does Reception

Thursday, March 28, 2019

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Davidson Room

Light appetizers and beverages available

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required

Explore the “cool things” libraries in our great state are doing! Discover exciting new ideas at each table and find out how you can implement these great programs and projects at your own library. Light appetizers and beverages available. Poster Presentations:

- Build an Outdoor Cat Shelter
Jerilyn Klich, Genesee District Library; Ivan Smith, Genesee District Library
- Dearborn Public Library’s Smartlocker™ Brings Materials to the Immigrant Community
Laura Geiken, Dearborn Public Library
- Here Come the Graduates: KDL’s Career Online High School
Sara Magnuson, Kent District Library
- Homeless Sleeping Mats
Jennifer MacGillis, Fowlerville District Library
- Leveraging Community Identity to Foster Belonging for Everyone at Storytime
Kristen Hamilton, Ypsilanti District Library
- Story Time Science: STEAM Programming for Preschoolers
Jane Reed, Brighton District Library; Stephanie Williams, Brighton District Library
- We do LEGO WeDo at Hackley Public Library
Lydia Schmidt, Hackley Public Library

Just Lunch - Trivia Challenge

Friday, March 29, 2019

12:30 - 1:50 p.m.

Grand Ballroom

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required

Enjoy some stress-free networking during Spring Institute’s *Just Lunch* trivia challenge. This table vs. table trivia competition will offer opportunities to collaborate, connect and engage with your fellow librarians. Winners take home bragging rights, but everyone leaves a networking champion!