Journey to expertise

California School Library Association
Annual Conference and Exposition
February 6 - 9, 2014 | San Diego, CA
CSLA State Conference 2014
Call for Presenters

The California School Library Association (CSLA) invites school library staff and supporters from all segments of the profession and all parts of the state to come to San Diego February 6 – 9, 2014, to learn, network, and enjoy.

We will achieve our conference goal, to build and foster a vibrant school library community, by bringing together interested practitioners and others with responsibility or interest in school libraries and librarianship. The conference provides a mix of invited speakers and submitted ideas for sessions through this call for proposals. A variety of breakout sessions, workshops, and panel discussions will help our members gain expertise in the important areas of school leadership and library transformation, as well as provide workable ideas for effective, practical and sustainable school library programs.

Procedures for submitting a concurrent session proposal

● Submissions are accepted through our Google Form. If you are submitting proposals for multiple sessions, please fill out a form for each.
● Session titles should communicate clearly the content of the program.
● Concurrent sessions are 30, 50, or 75 minutes.
● Spell out abbreviations or acronyms for institutions, school names, job titles, or cities.
● The proposal deadline is 11:59 pm on Friday, September 6, 2013.

All submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal(s) you will be notified in mid-October.

Content of Submission
Please be as complete and grammatically accurate as possible when entering presentation title, description, and presenter's biographical information. The Conference Committee appreciates your dedication to completeness and accuracy.

Audio-Visual Equipment
Free wireless internet access is available in all guest rooms and conference areas. Make sure to state your AV needs accurately. Room assignments are based on AV needs. Last-minute AV requests are not possible.

Commercial Presentations
CSLA concurrent sessions are to remain free of commercial influence. Commercial presentations are available to exhibitors on Friday, February 7, 2014. Please check our exhibitor prospectus and contact Susan Pennell, susan.pennell@gmail.com, 559-760-2540 or Mark Williams, consultant@makaw.net, 909-792-7154, Exhibitors Chairs with any questions.

Communication
CSLA communicates via email directed to the primary presenter. Primary presenters will be responsible for communicating information from CSLA to additional presenters, if any. Valid email addresses are required for all presenters.
Review and Acceptance Process

Proposals will be evaluated based on their potential interest to conference attendees, contribution to the body of knowledge associated with school library services, and their clarity of organization and expression. Program balance, AV and internet needs, and room space may also be a factor in proposal selection. All submitters will be notified of the status of their proposal(s) in Mid-October.

Instructions

• Before beginning the concurrent session proposal process, review the conference strands to determine which strand(s) fit your presentation best.
  ○ Leadership & Advocacy
  ○ Scribes & Scribblers (for our authors & illustrators)
  ○ Imagine, Plan, Manage & Measure
  ○ Educational Trends & Standards
  ○ Going Digital - eBooks, BYOD, Social Media
  ○ Creativity & Innovation
  ○ Potpourri

• We recommend having the following information available:
  ○ Name and title of all presenters
  ○ Contact information including valid email address for primary presenter and any additional presenters
  ○ Presenter qualifications (3rd person narrative, please)
  ○ Session title
  ○ Session summary

• Complete the concurrent session proposal process all at once as there will be no future chance to edit or update it. It may be helpful to prepare your information in a Word document, then copy the details into the proposal form.

If you have difficulties with the submission process, please contact Liz Dodds at liz.dodds@gmail.com or Terri Brown at tbrown411@gmail.com

Timeline

Friday, September 6, 2013 | Deadline for submitting proposals
Mid-October, 2013 | Approximate notification date to submitters of proposals
February 6-9, 2014 | Annual Conference & Exhibition in San Diego, CA

Presenter Registration

Individuals who are active or past practitioners in a California school library must be CSLA members or agree to join CSLA within two weeks of their presentation being accepted to receive a speaker’s discount. CSLA presenters will receive one $99.00 discount on registration fees regardless of the number of sessions presented. In the case of multiple presenters, the primary presenter receives the $99.00 discount.

Click below to proceed to the proposal for concurrent sessions form.