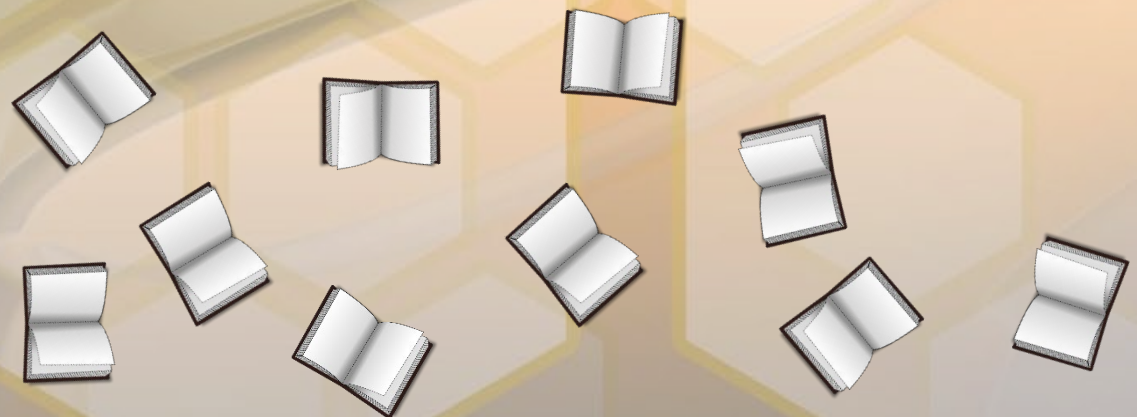
Special Library Association Transportation Community



Special Library Association

- About

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners in business, government, academic, and other “specialized” settings.

- Vision

The Special Libraries Association is the global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners.

- Mission

The Special Libraries Association promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives.

Restructuring

- Units have become communities

What does this mean?

Previously members were limited to only a couple of units without paying for additional access. Now members can join as many communities as they want. This is helpful for those who might be involved in Engineering and Transportation, or Military and Transportation, Academics and specific regions, and so on.

It eliminates the barrier of additional fees which allows freedom of movement between communities and more diverse groups within each community.

Cross pollination between communities will allow for increased learning and opportunities for more members especially among smaller communities (Like transportation)

- Centralized accounting

This changes the way the communities run at an administrative level regarding finances and events. This eliminates the role of Treasurer from community leadership and makes efforts to eliminate duplicated spending and reduce the footprint of the annual conference.

Transportation Community

- Membership

We are 120 members strong

Representation from government, academic, and industry special libraries

- Discussion Boards

102 thread subjects with the most recent posted 18 days ago.

- Leadership

Every year the community reaches out to its members for those to fill leadership roles. There are opportunities to have a big influence right now as it is just now beginning to grow again after SLA's restructuring initiative.

Goals

Informative and useful sessions for the transportation library community

(possibly co-sponsored by other communities)

Well attended Transportation Community meetings

Participation among members to generate ideas

A platform for information sharing

Foster growth among emerging leaders

Leadership roles

Transportation leadership team for 2021:

Chair – Bobbi deMontigny bodemontigny@mt.gov

Chair Elect / Conference Programming Chair – Rachel Cole rachel.cole@northwestern.edu

Secretary – Jamie Luedtke – Jamie.luedktke@aaashto.org

Membership – Our very own TLR host, Bob Cullen – bcullen@aashto.org

Virtual SLA Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Embrace Research Integrity, Avoid Scientific Misconduct, and Enhance Scholarly Research

May 13, 2021 – Webinar
1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT / 5:00 p.m. GMT

May 20, 2021 – Roundtable Discussion
1:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 a.m. PT / 5:00 p.m. GMT

Register

In recent years, the scientific community has witnessed a number of instances of retracted research papers due to the evidence found of scientific misconduct after those papers were published. This presentation will highlight the importance of academic and scientific integrity in the progress of global research. Whether you are writing a research paper or completing an assignment for your class, it is extremely important to provide proper credit to various sources of information (journal article, conference paper, presentation, book chapter, a web site, images or any other types of resources) that were used in projects or assignments. Using various examples of breaches in academic misconduct, or retracted papers from published literature, violations in scientific integrity and academic misconduct are explained, and possible hindrances and obstacles to scientific progress are illustrated. Their consequences can be extremely damaging in career promotion and future research collaborations. It becomes critically important for creating teaching and learning environments for students and new researchers to address this global problem and enhance the quality of academic and scholarly activities.

Virtual Events

- PAST EVENTS

Task Force on Reopening Specialized Libraries: Third Roundtable

Wednesday, March 24

Watch Recording

One year has passed since the COVID-19 pandemic changed the world. Librarians and information professionals are experiencing various challenges and facing new opportunities in the workplace and in providing services. SLA's Reopening Specialized Libraries Task Force and Workplace Preparedness & Response Advisory Council (PREP) invite you to join them and share insights, discuss concerns, and offer supportive stories arising from the pandemic. Use this hour-long opportunity to chat with fellow attendees about any aspect of the pandemic affecting special librarians and information professionals.

Virtual Events

- ## Virtual Roundtable: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives at Library Associations II

Thursday, December 3 Watch recording View Presentation Slides

Join us for the second virtual roundtable focused on DEI initiatives at library associations led by Tom Nielsen for SLA's DICE Community. Medical Library Association (MLA) 2018-2019 President Beverly Murphy and Executive Director Kevin Baliozian will speak about MLA's work towards promoting DEI at their organization, followed by a discussion about SLA's DEI initiatives.

- ## Virtual Roundtable: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives at Library Associations

Thursday, September 17

Watch recording

Join SLA for a roundtable discussion on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) led by Tom Nielsen for SLA's DICE Community. We'll hear from Yvonne Morris, Policy Manager for Diversity and Inclusion at CILIP: the Library and Information Association, which is based in London. She will speak about CILIP's DEI efforts over the past few years and share their experiences with planning and implementation of these initiatives.

Last year - 2020 Conference

- **Conference Dates and Format – from the SLA Conference page:**

- SLA 2020 featured ***three days of live sessions October 14-16***. Each day had live content from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET/ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PT/ 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. BST, including keynote presentations, interactive discussions, networking events, and live education sessions. Select sessions were rebroadcast at different times to accommodate SLA 2020 attendees from around the globe.

- Prior to the live portion, **SLA 2020 "opened" on October 5** with a slate of pre-recorded education sessions that were accessible "on demand" throughout the conference.

- Topics: information management, data analysis, AI, knowledge management, library management, academic libraries, bibliometrics, big data, competitive intelligence, data literacy, data visualization, digital asset management, taxonomy, standards, archives, diversity, equity and inclusion, social justice and much more!

Last year - 2020 Conference

Transportation topics:

- We Have High Standards! The 2020 Standards Update (co-sponsored with the Engineering Community)
- NTKN LibGuide Petting Zoo
- Innovative Uses of Research Impact Indicators
- Reference Rodeo and The Data Collection Connection
- Transportation Community Annual Business Meeting
- Government Transportation Research Information Committee (GTRIC) Roundtable

That brings us up to date!

Please welcome Rachel Cole, our 2021 Conference planner.

She is going to talk to you about what you can expect for the upcoming SLA conference