URBAN LIBRARIAN’S Conference
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Oh, Look! You’re Here!
Welcome

We’re super excited to have you here for the first ever Urban Librarian’s Conference! This year’s theme is Living in Interesting Times. If you are an urban librarian most of your time is probably pretty interesting already. You deal with patrons who have special desires and needs (OK fine, sometimes they are nuts), you work in tight quarters, and every day you have to figure out how to do more with less. We know that you are out there innovating every single day.

How many times have you gone to a library conference and thought “gee these are great ideas but that will never work in my library”. Well at this conference EVERY program you attend will be something you can bring back and use in your library. We have worked hard with our presenters to offer a day of programming that will keep you up to date on the latest developments in the field without sacrificing those traditional skills people love us for.

So come on in, have some pie, blow some bubbles, and be part of the conversation. Hopefully today will be AT LEAST as interesting as a regular day at the library.
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The Very Heart of It: The Timeless, Nourishing Value of Libraries

Libraries are the heart of our communities in more ways than one. Like a pumping heart which provides nourishment to every cell, libraries provide nourishment to every person, animating our civic body through the circulation of ideas, promoting the community’s overall health, happiness, and well-being.

New technologies, fiscal constraints, and the rapid pace of change offer challenges and require us to rethink our ways of doing. But libraries everywhere are responding to these challenges by applying our core values – our ways of being — in creative and inspiring ways, as we continue to create real and meaningful difference in the lives of our constituents.

Bio

Peter Bromberg is the Associate Director at the Princeton Public Library in Princeton, NJ. He was dubbed “The Transformer” by Library Journal when they named him as a 2008 Mover and Shaker. He has been involved with Leadership initiatives on state and national levels, including co-facilitating ALA’s Emerging Leaders program. By his own description, he is just a simple librarian trying to make it in this crazy world.
Librarians are in the unique position of being able to shape how our cities talk about youth. Young people are often the focus of community discussions but their voices are rarely at the table. The teens who most need our services are often those who are least likely to seek us out. To counter this we must act as fierce advocates for those most marginalized in our cities and we must reformat our programs so that teens are given real decision-making opportunities. Young people frequently hear that they are our future; it is time we start teaching them that they have power and agency right now.

**Bio**

Wick Thomas has been recognized for social justice activism in Kansas City as well as nationally, receiving the Creating Change award from the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce for work organizing around LGBTQ issues in rural Missouri and Kansas. Wick has a passion for working with youth and is lucky enough to do so on staff for the Kansas City, MO Public Library and formerly at the World Headquarters of People to People International. Wick is also President of Empowering Queer Activists and Leaders (EQUAL), which provides activist and leadership training for queer and allied youth. Wick has been named best activist in Kansas City twice by the Pitch Weekly and is totally a riot grrrl at heart.
Libraries should not stand apart from their surroundings, rather they should connect with their community in meaningful and productive ways. Librarians can lead the way in making these connections by working with and within their communities to form relationships that place the library as an essential service and important part of the community. This session will include examples of collaborations and methods for developing the librarians place as a community leader.

Bio
Rebecca Lubin has only worked in public libraries for twelve years, but she has been involved in community outreach since she was five. As a young girl, she watched her mother launch a neighborhood newspaper and her father start a civic association in their hometown of Hartford, Connecticut. Later in life Rebecca took her love of community involvement and went on to earn degrees in urban planning from Vassar College and Cornell University. After a career in community planning she realized that she wanted to be a librarian when she “grew up” and pursued her MSLIS at Syracuse University. She is currently the Branch Librarian at the Albany Public Library Delaware Branch in Albany, NY.
Steve Teeri

Hyperspace Engage: Learning to Make the Future in your Library

A casual discussion on the patron-driven creation of content, and dreams within contemporary libraries. Philosophy, theory, and practice will be examined, along with existing successful programs around the country. This will be a resource-sharing-heavy program, designed to give participants the tools to go forth and create with wonderful things with patrons at their libraries. There may or may not be cake.

Bio

Mr. Teeri began working at the Detroit Public Library in 1998. His duties currently include working on various technology projects and instructing DPL staff and patrons on the use of library technology. He participated in the planning and construction of the DPL HYPE Teen Center in 2007-2008. Mr. Teeri has been an exhibitor at Maker Faire Detroit since 2010, along with library teens as fellow exhibitors. In 2012 he was a founder of the DPL HYPE Makerspace, a place for teens 13-18 to learn, create and take control of the world around them.
Discussion Groups

Well, what do you think? You do this stuff everyday. Be part of the conversation about urban libraries, and participate in one of our group discussions.

Influence When You Have No Power or Authority
Peter Bromberg

How to Herd Cats and Make Sure Everyone is Happy in the Context of Urban Teen Services
Steve Teeri

Effective Youth Programs
Wick Thomas

Programming on a Budget
Broke? Still need to do programs? Talk about your solutions, and find new ones.
Ingrid Abrams

Staff Development
Lauren Bradley

School and Public Library Partnerships
With limited resources available to both schools and libraries, it’s more important than ever to figure out ways to work together. Share your ideas here.
Kyle Luckoff, Sarah Murphy, Rebecca Lubin
Tom's will be offering a 10% discount to conference goers: 782 Washington Ave (between Sterling Pl & Lincoln Pl) Brooklyn, NY 11238

Other local Restaurants:
Bkln Larder
*Sandwiches, Take-out
228 Flatbush Ave (between Dean St & Bergen St) Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 783-1250

Bogota Latin Bistro
*Vegetarian, Latin, Gluten-free
141 5th Ave (between Lincoln Pl & St. John’s Pl) Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 230-3805

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*Indian, Vegetarian
678 Franklin Ave (between Prospect Pl & St Marks Ave) Brooklyn, NY 11238 (718) 230-7640

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*Sandwiches
450 Bergen St Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 398-2592

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803 Washington Ave Brooklyn, NY 11238 (718) 398-3575

Kaz An Nou
*Caribbean, French
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769A Washington Ave Brooklyn, NY 11238 (718) 783-1737

Purbird
*American
82 Sixth Ave Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 857-2473

Scottadito Osteria Toscana
*Italian
788A Union St Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718) 636-4800

Taro Sushi
*Japanese
244 Flatbush Ave (between Bergen St & 6th Ave) Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 398-5240
Post Conference Social

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Around the corner at
Bar Sepia
234 Underhill Ave, Brooklyn, New York

Missed a discussion group?
Didn’t quite get enough conference?
Just exhausted and want a beer?

Super! Come hang out with us literally around the corner at the first annual Post Conference Social.
Sponsors

Thank you to the sponsors who made today’s conference possible. Without them we wouldn’t have had any; pie, coffee, printed programs, space to be in, speakers, or hotel rooms for them to stay in. Basically, it would have been us, in a room, with stale coffee. Staring at each other.

So THANK YOU!!!
Urban Librarians Unite (ULU) is a professional group created to promote and support libraries, library staff, and librarianship in urban settings. Urban Librarian Unite facilitates dialog between libraries and library workers, encourages new developments in library science, and advocates for libraries and librarians in urban areas. We accomplish this through trainings, networking events, information resources, advocacy, publications, and presentations. While ULU is principally focused on libraries in urban settings it recognizes all forms of librarianship with particular support for libraries at risk.

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