Call for Proposals for the 2017 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit (#PAFILS17)

Libraries and Maker Culture: Co-constructing Learning Experiences and Environments

The Fifth Annual PA Forward Information Literacy Summit will be in State College at the Pennsylvania State University on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. The theme of the all-day summit is "Libraries and Maker Culture: Co-constructing Learning Experiences and Environments" and will feature a keynote session in addition to breakout and lightning sessions.

The Summit is a collaboration of the PA Forward Information Literacy Team and the Penn State University Libraries. Librarians and other educators from academic, school, and public libraries are welcome to attend and present.

Breakout Session Proposal Guidelines

The 2017 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit is a day full of conversations surrounding libraries as a platform for helping learners discover, access, and, above all, create. Libraries have always been about access but are now equally about action. How, though, can we construct the most impactful and effective learning experiences and spaces for helping our learners become active participants in and contributors to the communities and conversations surrounding them? The 2017 PA Forward Information Literacy Summit endeavors to grapple with this question and offer practical takeaways that Summit participants will be able to apply in their practice.

Session topics can cover, but are not limited to, the following topics:
- The Maker Movement and Its Importance to Libraries
- Developing a Maker Culture and Innovative Learning Environments
- Making and Education: Learning by Doing
- Design Thinking
- High Tech Making
- Low Tech/No Tech Making

Presentation content should be guided by information literacy best practices and standards, such as the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education and the PA Model Curriculum for School Library Programs, and should reflect the fact that the audience will come from different areas of practice (K-12, public, or higher ed).
Criteria for evaluating proposals:

- The content of the proposed presentation is relevant to curriculum, collaboration, and the Summit theme: "Libraries and Maker Culture."
- The presentation meets adult learning needs, does not “lecture only” and includes elements of interaction with the audience.
- Information presented will create learning extensions for the participants. What can the audience adapt or apply to their own situations?
- Proposal is well organized, clear, and concise.

Proposal Deadline
Please submit your proposal by April 15, 2017. Presenters will be notified by May 1, 2017.

Submit your proposal by clicking on the following link: http://tinyurl.com/PAFILS2017.

Questions can be directed to Rebecca K. Miller (rkm17@psu.edu) or Mary Beth Roche (rochem@lackawanna.edu).

For more information about the PA Library Association’s PA Forward initiative, visit www.paforward.org or www.palibraries.org.

More about PA Forward and Information Literacy

*Information Literacy Vision* - *We envision a Pennsylvania where all citizens have the skills to access, evaluate, use, and create information ethically and legally to fully participate in a digital society.*

PA Forward, a Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) statewide initiative, supports libraries in helping Pennsylvanians improve their essential literacy skills. PA Forward focuses on five critical literacies: Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial. It is through the PA Forward Information Literacy Team, working in collaboration with the Penn State University Libraries and PA Forward partners, that we are able to bring librarians together to have conversations, to collaborate, and to come to shared understandings.

*This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf, Governor.*