



UPRLC AC 2026 Conference Schedule

Monday, September 21st

11:00am-12:00pm – Vendor Set-up

12:00pm – Vendor Hall Open

12:00pm-12:50pm – Registration and Vendors

Light lunch of hot and cold appetizers, coffee, tea and water in
Ballroom I and II

12:50pm-1:00pm – Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Bobbi Newman in
Ballroom I and II

1:00pm-2:00pm – Keynote Speaker, Bobbi Newman in Ballroom I and II – Moving From
Overwhelmed to Intentional

2:10pm – 3:00pm – Breakout Session 1

Ballroom I – UPLINK Update 2026 – Emily Cummings, Bruce MacDonald

Ballroom II – Conversations That Move Work Forward – Jennifer Balcom

Ballroom III – Boots on the Ground, Smile on the Face: Circulation in Public Libraries
– Melissa Alan and Maggie Barch

Founder's Room – Replacement of \$v (subfield 'v'): Overview and its Impact on
Library Services": Affects on Reader's Advisory – Rebecca R. Daly

3:00pm-3:15pm – Vendor and Snack Time (Wildcat Brownies!)

3:15pm-4:05pm – Breakout Session 2

Ballroom I & II – Library of Things Live Group Chat – Alex Pink, Tina Markowski, Ellen
Moore, Jeremy Morelock, Boni Ashburn, Zac Larson, Melissa Alan

Ballroom III – Building Better Library Teams Together – Andrea Vernola, Vanessa Hills

Founder's Room - Enhance Your Library Storytimes with Music and Movement – Matt Archibald

4:15pm-5:05pm – Breakout Session 3

Ballroom I & II – Stop Scattertasking! Learning to Slow Down in the Age of Immediacy – Andrea Ingmire

Ballroom III – Charting Your Path: Conversations From Your Origins to Your Next Chapter – Tricia Wylie and Lisa Waskin

Founder's Room – Brain Break: Watercolor Activity for All Ages – Heather Harris

5:15pm – 6:30pm – After Hours Activity – NMU/Lydia M. Olson Library Open House
Reception – warm appetizers and cold non-alcoholic beverages

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00am-8:00am – Vendor Set-up

8:00am – Vendor Hall Open

8:00am -8:30apm – Registration and Continental Breakfast in Ballroom I & II

8:30am-9:30am

Ballroom I and II - Library Leaders Panel – David Votta, Dillon Geshel, Scott Garrison, Jenny Marr, and Lisa Waskin – moderated by Tricia Wylie

9:40am-10:30am – Breakout Session 4

Ballroom I – What's Wrong With This MARC Record? – Ellen Moore

Ballroom II – Michigan Library Leaders: Case Study in Conversations Worth Having – Andrea Vernola

Ballroom III – Get Your Alt Together: Practical Tips for Accessible Library Websites – Shauna Quick

Founder's Room – What's UP With School and School Publics? – Lisa Cromell, Laura Warren-Gross

10:40am-11:30am – Breakout Session 5

Ballroom 1 – Crowd Power: Mobilizing Michigan Communities to Build Local and Statewide Library Collections – Adam Oster, Matt Pacer

Ballroom II – New Chapter in Policy Creation: Tips on Writing Legal, Workable Policies – Clare Membiela

Ballroom III – Literacy Loot Boxes for Tweens and Teens – Tina Markowski
Founder’s Room – Libraries for Life – Daniele Reisbig, Andrea Graham

11:30am-12:30pm – Lunch & Vendor Time – Taco Bar!

12:30pm-1:30pm – Panel Presentation from Library of Michigan Development Team
Ballroom I and II - Supporting Michigan Libraries: Q&A With Library of
Michigan Library Development Team - Joe Hamlin, Clare Membiela,
Shauna Quick, Sandra Teft, and Andrea Vernola

1:30pm-2:15pm – UPRLC Annual Meeting in Ballroom I and II

2:15pm – 3:15pm – Vendor, Networking, Break and Snack Time (Wildcat Mix!)

3:15pm-4:05pm – Breakout Session 6

Ballroom I and II – MI Right to Read: Practical Strategies for Protecting Intellectual
Freedom – Amber Sheerin, Dillon Geshel

Ballroom III – Libraries Build Communities – Andrea Vernola, Jill Lansky
Founder’s Room – AI has entered the building: Identifying AI-authored books –
Rebecca R. Daly

4:15pm-4:30pm – Awards/Raffle/Wrap-up – Ballroom I and II

4:30pm – 5:00pm – UPRLC Board Meeting – Ballroom I and II

Peter White Public Library

Wednesday, September 23rd

10:00am – 1:00pm – Heritage Room - "UPRLC 2026: A Yooper Beginner’s Guide to Human-Centered AI and Libraries” – no cost to attend (snacks and beverages included)

Speaker: Kristin Fontichiaro, University of Michigan School of Information

10:00am – 4:00pm – Shiras Room - “Preserving Michigan Voices: An Oral History Workshop” – \$35.00 cost to attend due one week before the workshop (lunch included)

Speakers:

Brittany Bayless-Fremion, Central Michigan University

Jim Cameron, President, Michigan Oral History Association

Matt Jones, Eastern Michigan University

Zach Lanciani, Northern Michigan University

Dr. Jennifer Vanette, Castle Museum

Billy Wall-Winkel, Detroit Historical Museum