

**Conference Highlights:**

- Conference reception at Butte–Silver Bow Public Library
- Montana Book Awards Author Event & Reading
- Keynote Address by AASL President Courtney Pentland
- Author Brunch with award-winning Sneed B. Collard III
- 44 sessions, Cates Scholarship Bowling Event, networking!
- Conference schedules, updates, happenings via the *Whova* app



**Montana Library Association Annual Conference April 17-20, 2024  
Copper King Hotel & Convention Center, Butte, MT  
*Programs at a Glance\****

SATURDAY APRIL 20		WEDNESDAY APRIL 17	
<b>SESSION J 9:00-10:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Law Library in your classrooms (C2)</li> <li>• AI: What's Next for Libraries? (C3)</li> <li>• Volunteer Programs in the Library - Vibrant or Vanishing (C4)</li> <li>• Self Care in Stressful Times (C5)</li> </ul>	<b>9:00-12:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preconference Session - Understanding &amp; Honoring Tribal Paradigms (C3)</li> <li>• Preconference Session – Trustee Training (C2)</li> <li>• Montana State Library Commission Meeting (C4) (meeting begins at 9:30)</li> </ul>
<b>10:15-12:00</b>	<b>Author Brunch</b> - Sneed B. Collard III (KB)	<b>12:00-1:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch (KB)</li> <li>• MLA Spring Board Meeting (BDR)</li> </ul>
		<b>1:00-4:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preconference Session - Understanding &amp; Honoring Tribal Paradigms (C3)</li> <li>• Montana Shared Catalog Spring Members Meeting (C2)</li> <li>• Montana State Library Commission Meeting (C4)</li> </ul>
		<b>EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00-7:00 – Opening Reception at Butte-Silver Bow Public Library</li> <li>• 6:30-7:30 – MT Book Awards Ceremony at Butte-Silver Bow Public Library</li> </ul>
* A detailed program description is available via the MLA website – <a href="http://www.mtlib.org">www.mtlib.org</a>			
		<b>SESSION LOCATIONS LEGEND</b>	
		<u>Copper King Hotel &amp; Convention Center</u>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King Ballroom (<b>KB</b>)</li> <li>• Copper 1 (<b>C1</b>)</li> <li>• Copper 2 (<b>C2</b>)</li> <li>• Copper 3 (<b>C3</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copper 4 (<b>C4</b>)</li> <li>• Cooper 5 (<b>C5</b>)</li> <li>• Boardroom (<b>BDR</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00-9:00 – Breakfast – KB</li> <li>• 10:15-12:00 - Author Bunch</li> </ul>		

THURSDAY APRIL 18		FRIDAY APRIL 19	
<b>SESSION A</b> 8:30-9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Million Staples: Stuff Management in the Library (C5)</li> <li>The First Five(ish) Years: Navigating the World of Librarianship as a New Professional (C3)</li> <li>Reach Out Where You Can! MSU Library's Diverse Outreach Efforts (C2)</li> <li>Guadalajara International Book Fair (C4)</li> <li>Election Guide: Make it Local! (C1)</li> </ul>	<b>SESSION F</b> 8:30-9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Repair Techniques (C3)</li> <li>Making Space for Dragons (C5)</li> <li>Learning about Health Literacy (C4)</li> <li>Book Clubs and Fridges - Using a Whole Student Approach in Academic Libraries (C1)</li> <li>DEI Drop-In (C2)</li> </ul>
<b>SESSION B</b> 9:45-10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care and Feeding of a Library (C1)</li> <li>Perspectives on Montana's Libraries (C3)</li> <li>Supporting Your Friendly Neighborhood Library Student (C5)</li> <li>Paper Maps in a Digital Age (C2)</li> <li>Our Tribal Community College Library (C4)</li> </ul>	<b>SESSION G</b> 9:45-10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breaking News: Exploring Digitized Montana Newspapers (C2)</li> <li>Getting Started with Grants (C3)</li> <li>A Conversation About Community Resilience Through Applied Humanities (C4)</li> <li>Significant Tidings - ASLD Highlights (C1)</li> </ul>
10:45-11:15	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>	10:45-11:15	<b>VENDOR BREAK</b>
<b>SESSION C</b> 11:15-12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C is for Creative: A Maker's Alphabet (C2)</li> <li>Resource Sharing in Montana: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (C3)</li> <li>Panic! in the Library: Facing Adversity and Caring for Yourself in a Hostile World (C1)</li> <li>Supporting Veterans at the Public Library (C5)</li> <li>Perfection Collection: Prepping, Promoting, and Serving Up a Feast of Culinary Books (C4)</li> </ul>	<b>SESSION H</b> 11:15-12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library Drama Clubs – Crafting Storytellers (C3)</li> <li>Montana Cadastral: An Introduction to the New Application (C1)</li> <li>What is the Democracy Project? How can this program help my library with Teen-led Civic Engagement? (C4)</li> <li>Social Media and Libraries: A Critical Perspective (C2)</li> <li>Montana's Open Meeting and Public Comment Laws (C5)</li> </ul>
12:30-1:45	<b>KEYNOTE LUNCHEON – Courtney Pentland, AASL President</b> (KB)	12:30-2:00	<b>DIVISION LUNCHEONS PLD Meeting, SLD Meeting, ASLD Meeting</b>
<b>SESSION D</b> 2:00-3:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MLA Annual Membership Meeting (KB)</li> </ul>	<b>SESSION I</b> 2:15-3:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montana Book Award Winners 2023 (C3)</li> <li>Be the Change! (C2)</li> <li>Are you following the law: Legal information for library governance and managing library services and collections (C4)</li> <li>Creating Committed Writers (C1)</li> </ul>
<b>SESSION E</b> 3:30-5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversations with the Commission (C3)</li> <li>Intellectual Freedom Chat (C4)</li> <li>Collection Analysis in the MSC Using BLUEcloud Analytics (C2)</li> <li>There Is Only One AASL (C1)</li> </ul>	<b>INTEREST GROUPS</b> 4:00-5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intellectual Freedom Committee (C1)</li> <li>Children's and Youth Services Interest Group (C2)</li> <li>Directors Interest Group (C3)</li> <li>Tech Services Interest Group (C4)</li> <li>Local History &amp; Genealogy Interest Group (C5)</li> </ul>
<b>EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30-8:30 – Breakfast – KB</li> <li>5:00-6:00 – Happy Hour sponsored by The Trust for Montana Libraries</li> <li>7:30-9:00 – Sheila Cates Scholarship Fundraiser Event at Star Lanes</li> </ul>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30-8:30 – Breakfast – KB</li> <li>6:00-7:30 – MLA New Member Cocktails</li> <li>7:30-9:00 – MLA Awards Dinner (KB)</li> </ul>