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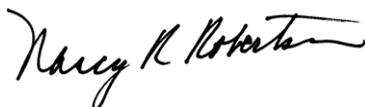
May 2012

Greetings, Conference Attendees:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference 2012!

Library of Michigan staff, along with the volunteer Steering Committee have been busy planning a conference that we hope will hit the mark for you and help you CONNECT, COLLABORATE, and CREATE together and into the future. Keynote speakers, conference programs, vendors, and activities have all been selected with your needs in mind. We hope that you will take back with you a plethora of resources and ideas to help you provide the very best library service to the residents of Michigan! Help us plan the next conference for 2014 by giving us your feedback on the evaluation form included in your conference materials, and ENJOY!

Sincerely,



Nancy R. Robertson
State Librarian, Library of Michigan

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2012 Loleta Fyan Small & Rural Libraries Conference Schedule

Wednesday May 2

9:00 AM

Registration and information desk open to 5:00 PM

Tower Lobby

12:00-1:30 PM

Opening Luncheon

Governors EF

Nancy Robertson, State Librarian

A warm welcome from our State Librarian with an overview of the process for the development of Michigan's next five-year plan for LSTA.

How to Tell the Story of Your Library's Impact: Small & Rural Library Michigan Outcomes

Nader Qaimari, Jacqui Liepshutz, Gale, Cengage Learning

Our goal is to teach rural libraries how to measure their library's outcomes through storytelling. This is organized around five key steps: set your goals, go after stories, get the whole story, test your story and get your story out to who needs to hear it. We will provide guide that includes several forms to help gather and manage the information provided through the stories. Although our presentation will be short the tools provided will help rural libraries get started and we have also created a Facebook page to post your stories and share with other libraries around Michigan and to keep the momentum going.

1:45-3:00 PM

Concurrent sessions

Ask the Lawyer

Tower A

Anne Seuryneck, Michael R. Blum, Foster, Swift, Collins, & Smith, P.C.

Do you have legal questions about your library policies? Is there a provision of the statute governing your library that you need to understand? Do you have questions about employee issues? Bring your unanswered questions to this session!

Who Is BOB and Why is He at My Library?

Mackinac

Donna Alward, Laurie Chudzinski, Lisa Sutton, Michelle Moore, Cathy Campbell, Houghton Lake Public Library

BOB (Battle of the Books) is a unique afterschool literacy program that provides positive reading experiences for children. BOB builds confidence, develops camaraderie, and highlights the joy, passion and challenge of literature in book-based, quiz-like battle competitions which are comparable to sports championship playoffs.

Get Anime-ted! Get Graphic! Adding Graphic Novels, Anime, and Manga to Your Collection

Tower B

Roy Soncrant, Robert Gorney, Genesee District Library

This introductory program is focused on practical advice for developing and maintaining a graphic novel/manga/anime collection. It includes a brief history of the literature, information about selection of materials and other resources, displays and marketing, and using various types of feedback to build the collection.

E-Government : Bringing Light to the Dark Side of Reference

Peninsula A

Bernadette Bartlett, Library of Michigan

A practical introduction to e-government resources, this presentation will focus on how to locate and use e-government resources to respond to common questions and topics such as business and professional licensing; laws, rules and ordinances; court and other legal resources; data and statistics; and e-government applications. The session will also include tips on identifying the appropriate department or agency and the types of resources they produce.

BTOP Gives Birth to a “PAC-in-a-Box”: Cutting Edge Technology in Library Service

Tower C

Kurt deMaagd, Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies and Media, Michigan State University, Travis Bussler, Chippewa River District Library

This program will discuss a pilot project of thin-client public access computers that was funded by the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program. The program will cover the project’s inception, funding, and deployment.

Break Free from PowerPoint – Use Prezi!

Peninsula BC

Ann-Marie Smith, Michigan Department of Education

Learn about Prezi, a cloud-based presentation software that is guaranteed to wow. The session will include an overview of Prezi, the general differences between PowerPoint and Prezi, a tour of well and poorly designed Prezis, and an overview of how to create a Prezi.

3:00-3:15 PM

Break

Tower Lobby

3:15-4:30 PM

Concurrent sessions

Problem Patrons: Addressing and Responding to Patron Behavior

Tower A

Anne Seuryneck, Foster, Swift, Collins, & Smith, P.C.

Do you have patrons who consistently break library rules? Do you have patrons who are disruptive? Has patron behavior ever shocked you? This session will help libraries identify what policies they need to effectively deal with problem patrons and provide guidance on how to enforce them, as well as how to respond to police involvement in patron behavior situations.

The Care, Training and Feeding of Volunteers

Peninsula A

Virginia Roberts, Suttons Bay Bingham District Library

In these contentious budgetary times, occasionally staff needs are being answered with volunteers. When, if ever, is this appropriate? With an annual volunteer “staff” of anywhere between 30-60 volunteers,

this librarian knows training is essential, but care and feeding are almost as important. Come to learn where volunteers may be most useful, or not, and essential tools and tricks to get the most from your volunteers.

Best of the Best V

Mackinac

Pam Christensen, Peter White Public Library

Best of the Best V is a visual tour of programs, services, and publicity implemented by small and rural libraries across the State of Michigan, with a resource list of program contacts provided. The successful ideas shared can be implemented in other libraries. Best of the Best has been featured at the Rural Libraries Conference since 2001.

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[repeat of 1:45-3:00 session]**

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Plinkit Users Group Meeting

Peninsula BC

Sonya Schryer Norris, Library of Michigan, Yvonne Brown, Lapeer District Library

Plinkit provides websites to Michigan libraries at no charge to the participating library. The “heavy lifting” of website administration is handled by the Library of Michigan. This session is an open forum for staff members of existing Plinkit libraries where we will discuss software enhancements, tricks and tips, take a behind-the-scenes look at the national collaborative and more. Yvonne Brown will take us on a tour of the Lapeer District Library site as well. Curious about Plinkit? You’re welcome to join us!

eBooks Petting Zoo

Tower B

Angela Semifero, Marshall District Library

This session will provide hands-on experience with various types of eReaders. Join us for a detailed explanation of how today’s popular devices differ from one another and what advantages can be found in each. Basic operating instructions will also be covered.

4:30-5:00 PM

Break

Tower Lobby

5:00-6:30 PM

Dinner banquet and Author Keynote

Governors EF

Bryan Gruley

author of *The Hanging Tree*, *Starvation Lake* and the forthcoming *The Skeleton Box*

6:30-8:00 PM

Book signing by Bryan Gruley & dessert reception

Governors EF

sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation

Thursday, May 3

7:30-8:45 AM **Breakfast** *Governors EF*

8:00 AM **Registration and information desk open to 5:00 PM** *Tower Lobby*

9:00-9:45 AM **Youth Keynote Address** *Governors EF*

sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation's Alice C. Mahoney Fund

Powerful Interactions: Taking Inspiration from Small and Rural Libraries

Saroj Ghoting, Early Literacy Consultant

The importance of relationship building in all we do, from talking with children and their families to building community partnerships. Early literacy initiatives, programs and partnerships serve not only the early childhood community but can also serve as a model and catalyst for public library service.

10:00-11:15 AM **Concurrent sessions**

Library Millage Elections and Millage Campaigns

Mackinac

Richard W. Butler, Jr., Law Weathers

The presentation will review the legal requirements for millage proposals, the timing and procedure for placing proposals on the ballot, and the election process. The presentation will also review the limitations on using public resources in millage campaigns under the Campaign Finance Act.

Design on a Dime

Tower A

Matt de Bear, Library Design Associates, Inc.

Showing libraries of all shapes and sizes how to make better use of their space and add design elements on a budget.

What are the MeL Databases and Why Do You Need to Promote and Use Them in Your Library? *Tower B*

Randy Riley, Deb Biggs-Thomas, Library of Michigan

The Library of Michigan provides databases through the Michigan eLibrary which contain vetted, full-text information from magazines, journals, newspapers and other document types including tests, tutorials, primary resources, car repair manuals and more. This session will focus on what subject matter is covered in these database resources and why it's important that your library's users know about and use it.

Summer Reading! Materials, Resources and More!

Peninsula A

Karren Reish, Library of Michigan

Learn what is available from the Collaborative Summer Library program free for your library to use. Summer Reading can be a vital program in the development of family and early literacy and CSLP materials can help you realize that in your community.

Overdrive E-Books: Overview, patron assistance, and devices

Tower C

Keegan Sulecki, Independence Township Library

An overview of the Overdrive service, including the pros and cons of the service, patron assistance issues including library barcode authentication, required software and apps, patron account options, and transfer issues. A selection of popular devices will be made available for live demonstration.

Digital Resources and the Rural Library: Not as Simple as It Seems

Peninsula BC

Robert P. Holley, School of Library & Information Science, Wayne State University

Access to digital resources including ebooks, databases, and digital collections greatly expands the amount of information available to the users of rural libraries. These resources, however, require rural librarians to consider some potentially challenging issues. Should the small library provide access to digital resources that it would never add to the print collection?

11:30-1:00 PM

Buffet lunch

Governors CD/EF

11:30-5:00 PM

Vendors open

Governors CD

1:15-2:30 PM

Concurrent sessions

I Want to be a Better Trustee: What Should I Do??

Tower A

Charles Hanson, Shirley Bruusema, Friends of Michigan Libraries- Trustee Alliance, Jim Seidl, Woodlands Library Cooperative, Maureen Derenzy, Otsego County Library, Bettina Graber, Superiorland Library Cooperative

A panel of directors and trustees will provide insight into five essential duties and roles that an effective board member should model: Separation of Duties; Effective Policy Making; A Good Understanding and Stewardship of Finances; Strategic Planning; and Effective Advocacy

Small Library, Big Impact

Tower B

Shawna Swantek, Putnam District Library, Denise Connelly, Marshall District Library

Attend this highly visual presentation to learn how to rethink existing people, places and things in your community in order to expand your programming toolbox. Tips from both a class 2 and a class 4 library will be shared with a high focus on how activity in your library can equate to advocacy every day.

Got GLBT?

Peninsula A

Melanie Earley, Tecumseh District Library

This presentation will explain the importance of having gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender material available in small and rural libraries. Online resources for collection development, what types of organizations are available in your area to provide informational presentations, popular authors that cover the topic and what to do if a patron objects to this type of material, and how to address bullying will be covered.

Using Dialogic Reading to Support Reading Readiness in Your Community***Mackinac***

Saroj Ghoting, Early Literacy Consultant

Learn dialogic reading and shared book reading techniques to apply to your library services: story times, summer reading programs, parent/caregiver workshops, parent fairs, and to train volunteers in outreach efforts to help every child enter school with more vocabulary and background knowledge and loving books and reading.

W-A-Y Program: Widening Advancements for Youth***Peninsula BC***

Michele Sarkody, Beth Baker, Glen Taylor, W-A-Y Program (Widening Advancements for Youth)

The W-A-Y Program is a Michigan non-profit organization providing engaging educational opportunities for youth internationally. Since 2010, W-A-Y has partnered with several intermediate school districts to provide student-centered, project-based, on-line high school opportunities. Attendees will learn about our current partners, how to create new partnerships with local school districts and how libraries can provide educational support and/or a learning lab location for these local programs.

On Beyond Google: Using the Power of the Search to Engage Your Users and Impress Your Public *Tower C*

Kristy Motz, Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education (FLITE)

Have you heard about Google search tips, tools and techniques that you simply haven't had time to explore on your own? This program is for you! This presentation will showcase some of the ways you can improve your web searching by using free innovations provided by the major search engines. This session will also explore how to use Creative Commons licenses to whole-heartedly harness the power of shared resources legally and with enthusiasm.

2:30-3:30 PM**Break with no-conflict vendor time*****Governors CD*****3:30-4:45 PM****Concurrent sessions****Open Meetings Act, Freedom of Information Act, and Library Privacy Act*****Tower A***

Richard W. Butler, Jr., Law Weathers

This session will review the basic requirements for compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act along with proper responses to information requests, search warrants, and subpoenas under the Library Privacy Act.

Friends are Friends Forever!***Peninsula A***

Charles Hanson, Friends of Michigan Libraries

The mission and focus of the Friends of Michigan Libraries will be presented and include a run-down of the services and programs offered by the revitalized organization. A slide program will feature highlights of exciting Friends activities from around Michigan.

Marketing the Library in Your Community***Mackinac***

Colleen Verge, Retired Director, Albion District Library

Learn the importance of defining your public service message to become a more vital part of your community as well as ideas on marketing the library on a shoestring.

Help for the Job Hunters and Career Changers in Your Library

Tower B

Randy Riley, Deb Biggs-Thomas, Library of Michigan

Library staff seeking to assist those in their communities who are job hunting or career changing can find excellent tools to do that in the Michigan eLibrary's Business and Jobs Gateway. This session will particularly feature Job and Career Accelerator, a comprehensive job search tool in which users can explore careers, search for jobs and prepare for the entire job search process by creating cover letters, resumes, updating computer skills and more.

Michigan Reads! The Statewide One-Book Programs for Beginning Readers

Peninsula BC

Karren Reish, Library of Michigan

Michigan Reads! is the Library of Michigan's annual statewide emergent literacy program. Come learn about the program and see how other libraries have developed local programs and partnerships around the Michigan Reads! kit.

Thingamabobs and Doodads: Tech Support IS Reference

Tower C

Holly Hibner, Plymouth District Library, Mary Kelly, Lyon Township Public Library

Library users often rely on staff for technology support. This session will describe core technology competencies required by library staff, especially at the reference desk, to capably help library users. We will discuss how tech support is directly related to customer service and library relevancy. Librarians and support staff will be inspired to provide tech support as a means to market library services and *themselves* as vital resources to the community.

5:00-6:30 PM Dinner and Awards Presentations (vendors closed) *Governors EF*

6:30-8:00 PM Vendors re-open *Governors CD*

6:30-8:00 PM Desert Reception *Governors CD*

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Friday, May 4th

7:30-8:45 AM Breakfast *Governors EF*

8:00 AM Registration and information desk open to 5:00 PM *Tower Lobby*

9:00-10:15 AM Technology Keynote Address *Governors EF*

sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation

eBooks: Changing Times

Sarah Houghton, San Rafael Public Library (California)

As more members of your community begin reading eBooks, or reading more of them, libraries face difficult issues for which we are ill-equipped. There are dozens of different eBook aggregators and purveyors, licensing terms, business models, restrictions, rights models, and enforcement technologies. This session will help you navigate through eBook collection development, get a handle on various sources for eBooks (including for profit, non-profit, and free sources), understand the evolving idea of what an eBook is, how copyright and licensing terms inter-relate, and how longstanding library ethics can help guide all of our decisions.

10:15-10:45 AM

Break/Hotel check-out

Tower Lobby

10:45-12:00 noon

Concurrent sessions

Before the Auditors Show Up

Tower A

Dondra Kirk, Warmels and Comstock, PLLC

Preparing for the annual financial statement audit can provide benefits that go beyond reducing the audit fee. Learn how to strengthen your library's accounting system while becoming your auditor's favorite client.

Non-Fiction Reader Advisory for Everyone

Tower B

Holly Hibner, Plymouth District Library, Mary Kelly, Lyon Township Public Library

Not sure how to break the ice and "sell" non-fiction? Not a big non-fiction reader? No problem! Everyone has something to share in the world of reader advisory. This program is designed to help librarians develop strategies for talking about non-fiction with all patrons and create a personal go-to list of titles -- even if your knowledge and experience of non-fiction is limited.

Inspire Them!: Reaching the Christian Fiction Reader

Tower C

Christine Johnson, Northland Library Cooperative

In recent years the market has soared in inspirational or Christian fiction. The range of genres keeps expanding along with the number of readers. How can libraries reach out to these readers and draw them into the library building? A librarian and multi-published inspirational romance author will discuss collection development, readers' advisory, and programming as well as share ways that libraries can partner with authors and writer's organizations.

Low-Cost Technology Solutions

Mackinac

Sarah Houghton, San Rafael Public Library (California)

Libraries have become the technology epicenters of our communities--providing free access to hardware, software, connectivity, and digital content that our users might not otherwise have the chance to use. But with library budgets still shrinking year after year, how do we provide high tech services on a low tech budget? This session will equip library staff with free and low-cost technology tools they need to provide the most effective and efficient technology for their communities.

Legal Information Resources for the Public Librarian

Peninsula A

Kimberly Koscielniak, Library of Michigan, Laura Mancini, Oakland County Research Library

This session presents information about free and inexpensive legal resources available to public libraries to assist patrons seeking to represent themselves in legal matters, including resources available through the Michigan eLibrary. The program also describes legal clinics that have been offered through the Oakland County Law Library and explains how to establish similar clinics in public libraries. Interwoven in the presentation is a discussion of the concept of providing legal information as opposed to giving, or being perceived as giving, legal advice to library patrons.

Serving Up Digital Books to Your Patrons with Disabilities

Peninsula BC

Scott Norris, Michigan Commission for the Blind Braille and Talking Book Library

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves people who cannot use standard print due to a visual, physical or reading disability. It is free and utilized by 12,000 patrons in Michigan. An additional 100,000 are eligible to receive free talking books. These books can be sent at no charge through the U.S. mail or downloaded at no charge from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website. Learn more about the service and watch a demonstration of the downloadables program, which has over 24,000 books and about 40 magazines.

12:00-1:00 PM

Closing Luncheon

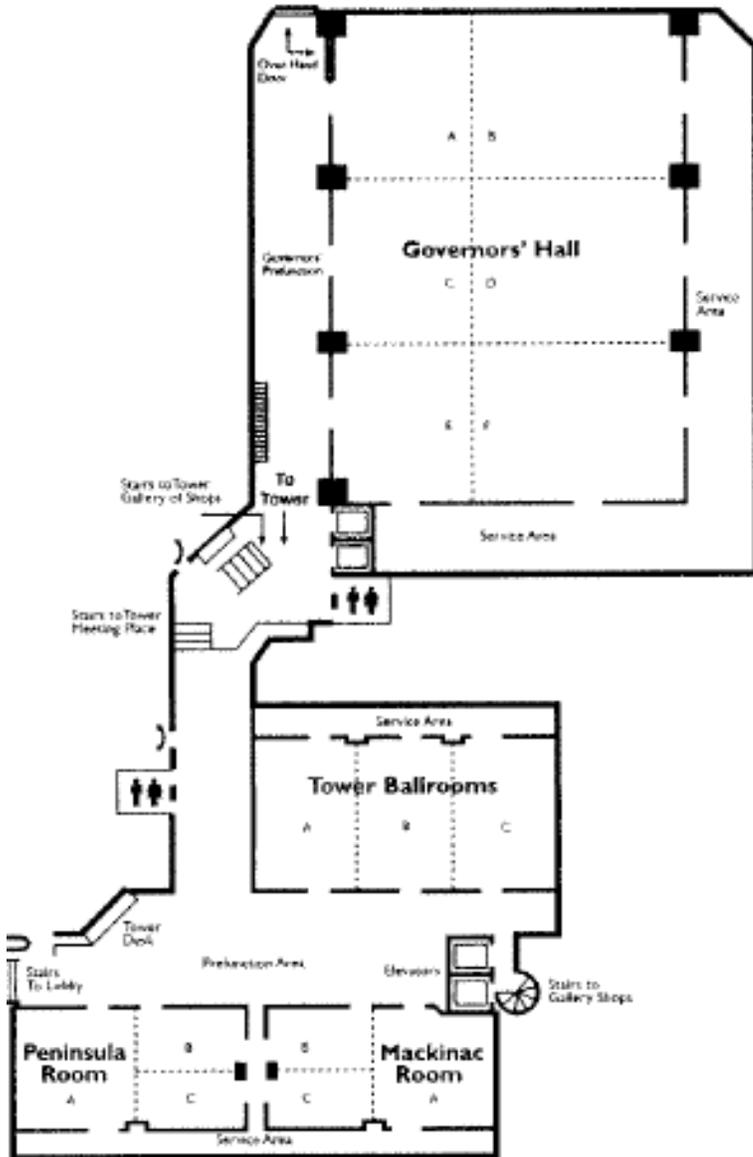
Governors EF

A Letter from Marian the Librarian



Grand Traverse Resort Meeting Room Maps

Lower Level



Governor's Hall C/D – Vendors

Governor's Hall E/F – Meals and Keynote Speakers

Peninsula A, B/C – Concurrent Sessions

Mackinac – Concurrent Sessions

Tower A/B/C – Concurrent Sessions

Tower Lobby/Prefunction – Registration & Information Desk, breaks and Internet Cafe

2012 Rural Libraries Conference – Concurrent Sessions-at-a-Glance

May 2 Wednesday 1:45 – 3:00 PM	
Admin <u>Ask the Lawyer</u> (Seuryneck)	Tower A
P&RA <u>Battle of the Books</u> (Alward)	Mackinac
Indiv. Pop. <u>Get Anime-ted!</u> (Soncrant)	Tower B
Indiv. Pop. <u>E-Government</u> (Bartlett)	Peninsula A
Tech <u>Broadband & Pac-in-a Box</u> (deMaagd)	Tower C
Tech <u>Prezi</u> (Smith)	Peninsula BC

Thursday May 3 1:15 – 2:30 PM	
Admin <u>Trustees</u> (Hanson)	Tower A
M&A <u>Small Lib., Big Impact</u> (Swantek)	Tower B
P&RA <u>GLBT</u> (Earley)	Peninsula A
Indiv. Pop. <u>Dialogic Reading</u> (Ghoting)	Mackinac
Indiv. Pop. <u>W.A.Y.</u> (Sarkody)	Peninsula BC
Tech <u>Beyond Google</u> (Motz)	Tower C

Wednesday May 2 3:15 – 4:45 PM	
Admin <u>Problem Patrons</u> (Seuryneck)	Tower A
Admin <u>Volunteers</u> (Roberts)	Peninsula A
Indiv. Pop. <u>Best of Best V</u> (Christensen)	Mackinac
Tech <u>Broadband & Pac-in-a Box</u> (deMaagd)	Tower C
Tech <u>Plinkit Users Group</u> (Norris)	Peninsula BC
Tech <u>eBooks Petting Zoo</u> (Semifero)	Tower B

Thursday May 3 3:30 – 4:45 PM	
Admin <u>Open Meetings/FOIA</u> (Butler)	Tower A
Admin <u>Friends</u> (Hanson)	Peninsula A
M&A <u>Marketing the Library</u> (Verge)	Mackinac
P&RA <u>Learning Express</u> (Riley)	Tower B
Indiv. Pop. <u>MI Reads!</u> (Reish)	Peninsula BC
Tech <u>Tech Support</u> (Hibner)	Tower C

Thursday May 3 10:00 – 11:15 AM	
Admin <u>Millage Campaigns</u> (Butler)	Mackinac
M&A <u>Design on a Dime</u> (de Bear)	Tower A
P&RA <u>MeL Databases</u> (Riley)	Tower B
Indiv. Pop. <u>Summer Reading</u> (Reish)	Peninsula A
Tech <u>Overdrive</u> (Sulecki)	Tower C
Tech <u>Digital Resources</u> (Holley)	Peninsula BC

Friday May 4 10:45 - Noon	
Admin <u>Auditors</u> (Kirk)	Tower A
P&RA <u>Non-Fiction Readers Adv.</u> (Hibner)	Tower B
P&RA <u>Christian Fiction</u> (Johnson)	Tower C
Tech <u>Low-Cost Technology</u> (Houghton)	Mackinac
Indiv. Pop. <u>Legal Info.</u> (Koscielniak)	Peninsula A
Indiv. Pop. <u>Disabilities</u> (Norris)	Peninsula BC

M&A = Marketing & Advocacy

Admin = Administration

Tech = Technology

Indiv. Pop. = Services to Individual Populations

P&RA = Programming & Readers Advisory

Wednesday, May 2 Keynote Speaker: Bryan Gruley Sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation



Bryan Gruley is the critically acclaimed author of *Starvation Lake: A Mystery*, and the sequel, *The Hanging Tree*. His third Starvation Lake mystery, *The Skeleton Box*, will be published June 5. Bestselling author Sara Paretsky calls Bryan “a gifted writer” who in *The Skeleton Box* has “turned his gifts to the secrets and lies which ultimately rip apart Starvation Lake.”

Starvation Lake was nominated for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America, and won the Anthony, Barry, and Strand awards. *The Hanging Tree* was a #1 Indie Next pick and was named a Michigan Notable Book for 2011 and a Kirkus Reviews Best Mystery of 2010. It was also nominated for Barry and Anthony awards and has been optioned for a movie by writer-director John Gray.

Reviewers have compared Bryan to novelist Dennis Lehane. Secretly, though, Bryan would love to be compared favorably to Detroit Red Wings stars Johan Franzen and Pavel Datsyuk. He’s been playing hockey since he was a boy growing up in Detroit, and still plays regularly at Johnny’s Ice House in Chicago. Hockey plays a role in the life of the fictional town of Starvation Lake, as do two of Bryan’s other passions, northern Michigan and newspapers.

He and his two brothers and three sisters have spent many weekends at their family cottage on Big Twin Lake in northern lower Michigan—not far from the real Starvation Lake. Bryan had his first newspaper job at the nearby Antrim County News in the summer of 1978.

Bryan is a reporter-at-large for Bloomberg News, writing long-form features for Bloomberg Businessweek magazine. He previously spent nearly sixteen years with The Wall Street Journal, where he shared in the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the September 11 terrorist attacks. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Pam. They have three grown children, Joel, Kaitlin and Danielle.

Thursday, May 3 Youth Services Keynote Speaker: Saroj Ghoting
sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation, Alice B. Mahoney Fund

Saroj Ghoting is an Early Childhood Literacy Consultant and national trainer on early literacy. She presents early literacy training and information sessions at national, regional, and state conferences, and training for library staff and their partners. She has been a consultant for the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association on the Every Child Ready to Read @ your library® early literacy initiative. She is a co-author of *Early Literacy Storytimes @ your library: Partnering with Caregivers for Success* published by ALA Editions which applies the information from the Every Child Ready to Read @ your library workshops to the storytime setting, and *The Early Literacy Kit: A Handbook and Tip Cards* from ALA Editions which offers information on the school readiness domains to convey to parents and caregivers in a storytime setting.



Courtesy of Pierre Courtois, Library of Virginia

In over 30 years as a children's librarian in several Maryland library systems, her broad experience ranges from doing storytimes for children ages newborn through six-years-old to training library staff in programming. She has presented workshops for parents and child care providers on ways to share books and language with young children, and has trained library staff to present similar workshops.

As the Early Childhood Services Coordinator for Montgomery County (MD) Public Libraries, Saroj developed partnerships with government agencies, businesses, early childhood organizations, and the faith communities. She also managed the Every Child Ready to Read Project @ your library® for Montgomery County, one of 14 national demonstration sites.

Friday, May 4 Technology Keynote Speaker: Sarah Houghton

sponsored by the Library of Michigan Foundation

My name is Sarah Houghton and I am working as the Acting Director for the San Rafael Public Library (California), a two library system serving our town of 60,000. And, of course, I write this Librarian in Black blog website thing which has been around for about 8 years.



photograph by Peter Martin Jørgensen

I have worked in libraries for the last 15 years, as a librarian for 10. I've worked with state and national library advocacy organizations including Infopeople, California Library Association, American Library Association, and the Library and Information Technology Association—including a three-year stint as a member of LITA's Top Technology Trends Committee and working on the OITP eBooks Taskforce). I was named a *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker as a Trendspotter in 2009. I speak internationally at live and online events for libraries and other institutions.

I am a big technology nerd and I believe in the power of libraries to change lives. Combined, they make a fearsome cocktail. I have been called an iconoclast, a contrarian, a future-pusher, and a general pain in the ass. I take great pride in each.

I received my MLIS from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and an MA in Irish and English Literature from Washington State University.

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