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Today's Keynotes

8:00 AM - 8:16 AM
Matthew Finn, MD
Where Are We Today Regarding Carotid Stenting, the CREST-II Trial Results

10:16 AM - 10:34 AM
S. Jay Mathews, MD, MS
Acute Limb Ischemia: The Definition and How to Deal with It

2:24 PM - 2:40 PM
Michael Siah, MD
DVA Nuts & Bolts

2:24 PM - 2:45 PM
Ryhm Radjet, MD
Women's Health Challenges in the Cardiovascular World

Visit the Exhibit Hall

Thursday, May 28
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday, May 29
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Embolic Debris: 'Maybe We Need to Pay a Lot More Attention'

New Cardiovascular Horizons Founder and Chairman Craig Walker, MD, was so intrigued by a recent article about embolic phenomenon during peripheral interventions—or perhaps, he noted, all interventions—that he penned an editorial in response.

"I believe that this is a landmark article that could change the standard of care in peripheral arterial intervention," he said.

The piece, "Temporary Occlusion Embolectomy: A Cost-Effective Approach to Distal Embolic Protection in Peripheral Artery Disease," was written by Tom Davis, MD; Peter Doygan, MD; and Eric J. Dippel, MD. It was published in the March 2026 edition of *Vascular Disease Management*.

"What they showed us, in long occlusions of the SFA, sometimes just in stenotic lesions, that even with simple balloon angioplasty, they were able to retrieve visible debris. Historically we thought that it was insignificant, but it could go down the leg," Dr. Walker said. "Visible debris is bigger than our capillary bed, so that would imply that maybe it's choking off some of our capillary bed. Maybe we need to pay a lot more attention to the potential for embolic debris."

Dr. Walker considers it "a very important subject,

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NCVH Founder and Chairman Craig Walker, MD, welcomes attendees on Wednesday as panelists look on.

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Trial Results from 2025-26 Signal Expanding Options in Vascular Care

As Matthew Finn, MD, presents the keynote, "Where Are We Today Regarding Carotid Stenting, the CREST-II Trial Results" this morning, he recognizes that some might have considered the findings unexpected. This is especially the case for those who thought medical therapy had advanced to the point that other procedures were no longer needed.

The study, designed as two distinct trials run in parallel, compared medical therapy with and without carotid stenting, as well as medical therapy with and without carotid endarterectomy.

"Prior data suggested that in some populations, carotid endarterectomy had been equivalent or even superior to stenting, so to see the reverse of that was surprising to some," said Dr.

Finn, a vascular medicine and interventional cardiologist at Cardiovascular Institute of the South. The most recent trial results were published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Both the original CREST study and the follow-up set out to track patients for about four years, comparing stroke prevention and treatment safety for severe carotid artery stenosis, and event rates were overall "very low," he said. "But the carotid stenting arm had the lowest rates at 2.6 percent, and medical therapy had an event rate of 6.0 percent. Carotid endarterectomy, 3.7 percent."

Taking the new findings into account, shared decision is key when deciding the best approach for each patient, he said.

In reviewing the year's updates, Dr. Finn mentioned results of two

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other interesting trials: CARPOOL (Comparison of Radial to Peripheral and Femoral Artery Approaches for Revascularization) and STRIDE.

The results of the CARPOOL study have not yet been published, but femoral access had lower reintervention rates, Dr. Finn said. At six months, the radial-to-peripheral arm had 15.8 percent Major Adverse Limb Events, and femoral had 8.1 percent, mostly driven by target vessel revascularization.

As for STRIDE, it showed that semaglutide (under brand names such as Ozempic and Wegovy) improved walking distance in patients with peripheral arterial disease. Further, the drug improved pain-free walking and quality of life. "This is the first medicine since cilostazol to significantly improve walking distance," he said. Patients taking semaglutide were reported to have a median improvement of 26 meters and an average improvement of 40 meters, a statistically significant 13 percent improvement at one year. "I wouldn't say these findings are super surprising, but it's nice to share that we have an additional option for these patients rather than just intervention," he said.



Wayne Zhang, MD, views a live case presentation on Wednesday.

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Today's Industry Symposia

Breakfast Symposium

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM
Precision to Treat and Restore: Revolutionizing PAD Care with SIREMIQ V1, JETSTREAM Atherectomy, and Drug Elution for Lasting Results
Pradeep Naik, MD
Nicholas Petrucci, MD
Anahita Dua, MD
Sonya Noor, MD
Isador Goltzer, MD
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Lunch Symposia
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Precision in the Periphery: IVUS Guidance and Laser Therapy for Calcified SFA Lesions
Craig Walker, MD
Erica Fiskens, MD
Pradeep Naik, MD
Michael Stubb, MD
Rameez Zakir, MD
Orpheum Ballroom
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Access and Closure for Emerging and Legacy Peripheral Procedures
Matthew Finn, MD, MS
McCall Walker, MD
Blue Room
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Computer Assisted Vacuum Thrombectomy (CAVT) Innovation Solutions for Clot Removal
S. Jay Mathews, MD, MS
George Chrysant, MD
Bret Wischmann, MD
Waldorf Astoria Ballroom
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Today's Live Case Schedule

7:05 AM - 7:55 AM
Wei Guo, MD
Beijing, China

8:24 AM - 8:54 AM
Marco Manzoni, MD
Polliclinico Abano Terme
Abano Terme, Italy

8:54 AM - 9:24 AM
Peter Fall, MD
Terrebonne General Health System
Houma, LA

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM
Amir Kaki, MD
DMC Heart Hospital
Detroit, MI

10:34 AM - 11:04 AM
Brian Brown, MD and Aaron Gopal, MD
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center
Spartanburg, SC

11:04 AM - 11:34 AM
Amit Amin, MD
Cardiovascular Institute of the South
Lafayette, LA

1:24 PM - 1:54 PM
Brian Brown, MD and Aaron Gopal, MD
Spartanburg Regional Medical Center
Spartanburg, SC

1:54 PM - 2:24 PM
Amit Amin, MD
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Lafayette, LA

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM
Owen Mogabgab, MD
Terrebonne General Health System
Houma, LA

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What's on the Horizon?
Thursday, May 28

**What's on the Horizon?:
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- Embolic Debris: 'Maybe We Need to Pay a Lot More Attention'
- Structural Heart: Taking a Lifetime View
- Cadaver Lab Offers 'As Close As You Can Get' Experiences
- Interventional Cardiologists Belong in the Endovascular Arena
- And much more!

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Cadaver Lab Offers 'As Close As You Can Get' Experiences

Tucked below the New Cardiovascular Horizons exhibit hall, in a quiet corner of hotel chambers, a small group of fellows donned turquoise X-ray protective garments and other gear on Thursday, preparing for hands-on learning in a cadaver lab. [Click here to read more.](#)



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What's on the Horizon?
Friday, May 30

**What's on the Horizon?:
Friday's Headlines**

- Worth a Reminder: The 'Forgotten' Side of Circulation
- SELUTION SLR DEB: 'Excellent' Three-Year Outcomes, One-Year With/Without Stenting
- Greater Awareness, Opportunities, Access for the Venous Side
- Continuing a Legacy: Educational Partnership Begins with CIS, Tulane
- Acute Limb Ischemia Keynote Covers the Basics—and Then Some
- And much more!

Click [here](#) to read the Friday issue.



Acute Limb Ischemia Keynote Covers the Basics—and Then Some

S. Jay Mathews, MD, Bradenton Cardiology Center, offered a Thursday morning masterclass on a "favorite topic": acute limb ischemia. The comprehensive keynote covered acute limb presentation, etiologies, imaging, stages, management, exploration of different thrombectomy technologies and more. [Click here to read more.](#)

SELUTION SLR DEB: 'Excellent' Three-Year Outcomes, One-Year With/Without Stenting

George Adams, MD, North Carolina Heart & Vascular - Rex Healthcare, had the distinct honor of announcing the 36-month "excellent" clinical outcomes of the SELUTION SLR drug-eluting balloon in a real-world population, currently treated with drug-coated balloon in Japan. "This is the best we've seen in terms of primary patency of any drug-coated balloon technology to date," he said. [Click here to read more.](#)





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Opening Plenary Honors Progress, Urges Persistence

At a time when there is so much work to be done, Sunday's opening plenary took a moment to celebrate how far things have come as well.

Javier Muñoz, an actor and activist, serving as master of ceremonies, opened with a medley from "Hamilton." He shared how his HIV diagnosis and treatment had initially stunted his Broadway career, when side effects from his HIV treatment left him unable to perform eight shows per week.

"I am here because of you," he said. "The life I have been able to live, the time I have been given, I've used to not only entertain and bring joy, but to use my platform to advocate for HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ and other causes near and dear to my heart."

Muñoz also noted that the reopening of Broadway following



Ruth Lynfield, MD, (left), Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH, and Katelyn Jetelina, PhD, MPH, discussed the current climate for public health and ways forward.

an 18-month shutdown during the COVID-19 pandemic would not have been possible without the advent of the COVID vaccine.

The session provided an opportunity to reflect on successes while also acknowledging the current extreme challenges to public health caused by threats to science and federal funding.

global health programs bring. I feel the urgency at this perilous moment."

Over the past four decades, The Carter Center has worked in more than 80 countries to address neglected tropical diseases, help resolve conflicts and address mental health issues. Among the many successes: distribution of more than 1.1 billion doses of medicine and sight restoration surgeries for more than 1 million.

"Behind each of these numbers is a story about persistence and partnership," Alexander said.

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Part of the IDBugCrawl, the "31 Flavors of ID" program on Monday offered early-career attendees the opportunity to learn about a variety of career paths in ID.



Attendees met with both peers and ID leaders during the "Mix N' Mingle" event in the NextGen ID Lounge on Tuesday afternoon.



Tuesday's "Women in ID: Celebrating What Brings Us Back to Joy" session offered networking opportunities and the chance to hear from ID leaders.



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What's Happening Today at the BugHub

The BugHub is the heart of IDWeek. Located in the B Lobby of the convention center, the BugHub hosts a variety of events, lounges and IDWeek and partner society opportunities throughout the conference.

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET, Registration and Badge Pick-Up

BugHub World Stage Schedule

8-8:25 a.m. ET
"RU My Mother? Using NHSN AU and AR Reports for Quality Improvement"
Gopi Patel, MD, MS; George Diaz, MD, FIDSA; Jerod Nagel, PharmD; Cheryl Smith

8:30-8:55 a.m. ET
"ABCs: Antimicrobial Business Case for the C-Suite on OPAT"
Pranavi Sreeramamoju, MD, MPH, MBA, FIDSA, FSHEA; Monica V. Mahoney, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, FCCP, FIDSA, FMSHP; Jerod Nagel, PharmD; Cheryl Smith

9-9:25 a.m. ET
"Wearing Many Hats: The Realities of a Partial ID FTE in Infection Prevention"
Kristy Weinschel, MBA, CAE; Thomas R. Talbot III, MD, MPH; Vidya K. Mony, DO, FPIDS, FIDSA, FSHEA

9:30-9:55 a.m. ET
"Why You Need Diagnostic Stewardship"
Kristy Weinschel, MBA, CAE; Jonathan H. Ryder, MD; Sarah Turbett, MD



10-10:25 a.m. ET
"Silent Partners in the Dark: Microbiologists Supporting Clinicians in Low-Resource Settings"
Niral Patel, MD

Noon-12:25 p.m. ET
"Billing Code G2211"
Asher J. Schranz, MD

12:30-12:55 p.m. ET
"Impact on ID Quality From Changes in Federal Regulations and Resources"
Fran Griffin, RRT, MPA; Julio Figueroa II, MD; Cory Hussain, MD, MS; Alexandra Yamshchikov, MD

1-1:25 p.m. ET
"Navigating the Pivot"
Anna K. Person, MD, FIDSA; Allison Agwu, MD, ScM, FIDSA; Colleen F. Kelley, MD, MPH, FIDSA

5-5:25 p.m. ET
"Bug Busters: One Formula, Many Victories"
Tom Frieden, MD, MPH

Visit the [full schedule](#) for the BugHub World Stage for the most current information.

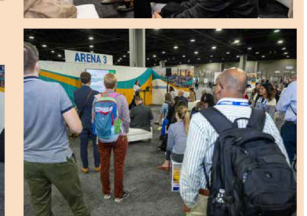
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Rapid-Fire Posters Draw Crowds



Presenters had five minutes to deliver an oral presentation of their poster in the Hot Zone Area of the Poster Hall. Each of these 30-minute Rapid-Fire Poster Sessions allowed for audience questions.



Documentary Screening at IDWeek: "The President and the Dragon"

Atendees at IDWeek will have the exclusive opportunity to see a powerful new documentary chronicling former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's decades-long fight to eradicate an ancient parasite on Wednesday, Oct. 22, noon to 2 p.m. ET in Learning Lounge 1 in the exhibit hall.

President Carter championed the global effort to eradicate Guinea worm disease from 1986 until his death in December 2024. "The President and the Dragon," directed by Waleed Eltayeb and Ian D. Murphy, tells how President Carter and an eclectic group of public health professionals, local

volunteers and ex-child soldiers braved treacherous terrain and armed conflicts to reduce Guinea worm cases from 3.5 million each year in 1986 to just 15 last year. [Watch the trailer.](#)

Eltayeb, a Sudanese filmmaker based in Dubai, traveled with his crew to remote locations on the African continent where the waterborne disease remains endemic, capturing the difficult — and often dangerous — work of the "Guinea worm warriors" working on the front lines of public health. Guinea worm disease is close to becoming the second human disease ever eradicated, following smallpox.

Don't miss the documentary on Wednesday at IDWeek. Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, FIDSA, a former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a current member of The Carter Center's Board of Trustees, and Emily Staub, associate director with The Carter Center, will also deliver remarks and participate in a Q&A. Since 1986, The Carter Center has led the [international campaign](#) to eradicate Guinea worm disease, working closely with ministries of health and local communities, CDC, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and many others.

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- Tuesday Lectures Focus on AMR, Health Care Epidemiology and CMV
- Climate Extremes and the Impact on ID
- How to Get Paid for the Work You Already Do
- When Shorter Isn't Simpler: Navigating TB Drug Resistance
- News from IDWeek partner societies
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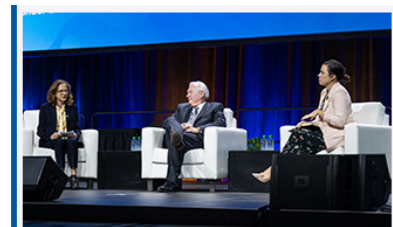
Tuesday's named lectures will explore the connections between antimicrobial resistance research and patient care, the evolving landscape of health care epidemiology and the promise of a vaccine to prevent cytomegalovirus infection. [Continue reading.](#)



Lessons Learned From a Lassa Fever Case in the Midwest

A late-night diagnosis of Lassa fever in Iowa triggered a multistate emergency response to contain the pathogen. Those on the front lines shared lessons learned from the effort during a Monday session. [Continue reading.](#)

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Opening Plenary Honors Progress, Urges Persistence

From Broadway resilience to global disease eradication, Sunday's opening plenary spotlighted hard-won victories, urgent threats and the power of partnership — reminding attendees that celebration and vigilance must go hand in hand. [Continue reading.](#)



News From IDWeek Partner Societies

- [Now Is the Time to Strengthen Infection Prevention and Control Programs in Health Care Facilities](#)
- [PIDS Foundation Takes on Vaccine Advocacy and Policy](#)
- [HIVMA Member Forums Offer Policy Updates and Support](#)
- [IDSA and HIVMA Welcome New Board Members, Thank Outgoing Leaders](#)
- [HIVMA Issue Brief: Making the Case for HIV Care, Treatment and Prevention](#)

Tuesday at IDWeek 2025

Check out today's issue for more information on:

- [Resources for Early-Career Attendees](#)
- [What's Happening at the BugHub](#)
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Unlearning the Code: Putting Humans Back in the Story

Dr. Ruha Benjamin ignited Thursday morning's Big Ideas Session with an invitation to the audience to imagine and craft a world we cannot live without. Benjamin, a transdisciplinary scholar, writer, educator, and cultural worker, is currently a professor of African American Studies at Princeton University.

"In the land of the free at least 23,000 books have been banned in

public schools," Benjamin said. She likened this to former anti-literacy laws where when people gathered to read and write, were charged with unlawful assembly. "Black people were lashed, white people charged with teaching reading and finding Public Libraries are now on the front line of cognitive sovereignty."

Benjamin said we are in a battle over who gets to create the world left to interpret. She asked, "Who owns the future?" And said that those hyping AI are breaking society. "AI facial recognition is leading to false arrests. AI weapons erase families from the earth. We are trapped in society, not with AI interpreted zip codes that discriminate because of living location, she declared. Technology is harming us through digital hiring and firing, student success predictor scores, eye tracking in preschoolers, and in healthcare by

under treating based on racial bias. The technology utilizes the doctors' interpretation, but it should be trained to listen to the patient as to whether pain is present or treatment is working."

She proposed the AI could reflect "Ancestral Intelligence" what we inherit and "Abundant Imagination" or what we pass down. She quoted Toni Morrison, "As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think," adding, "How might the power of collective imagination begin to transform the world around us?"

Benjamin suggested using "Slow Librarianship," which is focused on relationship building, understanding and meeting patron needs, and providing equitable services to many communities. "Resist doing many things poorly and do a few things well. Reflect on quality and sustainability. We don't want to just diagnose the problem, but craft the solution?"



Dr. Ruha Benjamin describes the harmful bias embedded in today's technology, during Thursday morning's Big Ideas Session.

Today's Schedule

Friday, April 3

7:30 AM-2:00 PM	12:30 PM-1:45 PM
Registration Open	Author Lunch with Colson Whitehead (*)
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	1:30 PM-2:00 PM
Programs	Exhibits Closing Reception
9:00 AM-2:00 PM	2:15 PM-3:15 PM
Exhibits Open	Programs
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	3:30 PM-4:30 PM
Exhibits Coffee Break	Closing Session with Chief Sean Sherman - Auditorium
10:15 AM-12:15 PM	
Deep Dive Programs	
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	
Programs	
11:45 AM-12:45 PM	
Programs	

(*) Indicates an event requiring a separate registration or ticket.



Attendees enjoy a break in the dog park inside the Exhibits Hall. Turn to page 5 for today's exhibits highlights and more photos.

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Countering Ageism Through Thoughtful Program Design

By Deb Burrows BS, MA

Rani E. Snyder from the John A. Hartford Foundation was the panel moderator Thursday morning for Aging Together: Library Programming for Older Adults. The foundation, dedicated to improving the care of older adults, has provided a grant to ALA to evaluate library programs serving older adults. "There hasn't been a lot of research on the impact of programming on older adults," Snyder said. "We are gathering experts in library programming across the country." Janie Hermann, Princeton (NJ) Public Library said the audience that the library wants to program that makes an impact, is steady and ongoing, and builds connections over time. "We do some level of intergenerational programming and it is not marketed for older adults." "Rather, it is scheduled for when older adults are available such as meetings and early afternoons."

Another favorite program of Hermann's was when a local history professor teaching about the 1960s asked if the library could host his/her 20 students. "The professor asked us to find 20 older adults to share lived experiences from the 60s with history students."

Amy DePio, Denver Public Library, said, "When we talk about programming for the aging population, we need to check our assumptions and counter against ageism. I ground all my work in a developmental lens."

DePio said a current trend is that older people really want to learn, connect, and have purpose. They want meaningful, creative engagement; anything that respects the aging journey with high-quality engagement. "We have specific goals and we focus on four intrinsic worth," continued DePio. "Many adults have internal goals about themselves. We want to see behavior changes. Adults start to self-motivate and I want older adults to feel they belong where they go."

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The Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services believes that everyone should have access to information and learning opportunities. Outreach professionals are essential in making this possible, as they help connect people with books, technology, educational programs, and reliable resources, particularly for those who may encounter obstacles to these services.



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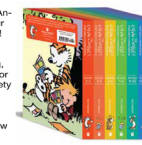
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Andrews McMeel Publishing

Booth #223

Visit our booth and enter to win a set of all seven Calvin & Hobbes Portable Compendiums!

Learn about what's new at Andrews McMeel, including our newest imprint Quirk Books!



Quirk Books publishes seriously entertaining, engaging, and unconventional books for adults and children in a variety of genres.

PLUS, join us for in-booth signings throughout the show (stop by the booth or check The Show Daily for details).

An independent publisher since 1975, Andrews McMeel Publishing specializes in comics and graphic novels, illustrated humor, poetry, and inspirational books for both kids and adults.

[www.publishing.andrewsmcmeel.com](https://publishing.andrewsmcmeel.com)

Chronicle Books

Booth #439

Introducing a treasured twist on a beloved Sesame Street children's classic!



There is a Monster at the end of this book! But what is a Monster? Packed with humor, heart, and nostalgic appeal, this all-new laugh-out-loud picture book celebrates the love, chaos, and magic of motherhood. Join Grover, Elmo, and the moms of Sesame Street for a special celebration of "Monsters" everywhere.

On sale April 7, just in time for Mother's Day.

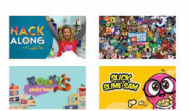
<https://www.chroniclebooks.com/products/sesame-street-the-monster-at-the-end-of-this-book>

Craft & Hobby

Booth #506



Join Us Thursday for a Live Crochet Demo with Brenda K.B. Anderson!



Discover how CRAFT & HOBBY can spark creativity in your library. With 4,000+ hours of on-demand video tutorials across countless creative skills, patrons can learn at their own pace. Each class includes downloadable PDFs with supply lists, patterns, and step by step guides for offline use. All content is expert led and professionally produced—never user generated or AI created. Plus, libraries receive dedicated support, from promotional materials to programming ideas.

Stop by Booth 506 on Thursday to see crochet instructor Brenda K.B. Anderson bring the platform to life with a special live demo.

<https://go.craftandhobby.com/pla/>

Heifer Project International

Booth #1541

Read to Feed™ is Heifer International's literacy-based service program that empowers readers to support farming families worldwide. Donations are unlocked by tracking reading minutes, making it easy to connect books with meaningful, real-world impact. The program adapts easily to summer reading, special events, or community challenges. Participating librarians receive free resources, including buttons, bookmarks, stickers, and downloadable age-appropriate activities.

Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Since 1944, Heifer has partnered with communities to strengthen smallholder farmers through livestock, training, and market access—building sustainable incomes and long-term resilience.

www.Heifer.org/PLA



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Conference Highlights

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- Building Relationships Key to a Safer Library Environment
- Photos from PLA 2026
- And Much More

Read the Highlights issue [here](#).



Four Days of Energy, Ideas, and Connection

From the very first conversations at Tuesday's Hot Takes, an inaugural program inviting bold ideas and fresh perspectives, this year's conference set a tone of curiosity, dialogue, and momentum that carried through every day. What followed was a dynamic, fast-paced gathering filled with hundreds of impactful programs, each offering new insights into the evolving work of libraries and the communities they serve. [Continue reading.](#)



Building Relationships Key to a Safer Library Environment

Robert Becker, Christina Johnson, and Laura Gramling of Charleston County Public Library explored

Dine Around Minneapolis on Thursday

Visiting Minneapolis for PLA 2026 and don't know what's "good" to eat? Love discovering local restaurants, but don't have anyone to eat with? Let one of the Hennepin County Library (HCL) staff be your host! For the evening of Thursday, April 2, a group of HCL staff have volunteered to "host" dinners at local restaurants for visiting PLA Conference attendees. [Click here for more information and the list of restaurants.](#) Visit the Local Arrangements desk in the registration area to register.

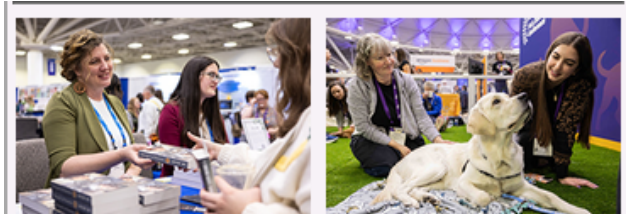
Don't miss these stories in today's issue:

- [Connect with a Local Librarian](#)
- [Beyond the Conference: Local Picks to Explore](#)
- [Explore Minneapolis Central Library: The Gateway Experience](#)

Exhibits Opening Reception Today, 3 - 6 p.m.

Get a first look at the products and services offered by exhibitors and enjoy some food and drink while you are at it.

- Be sure to pick up a copy of today's *PLA Daily News* for the exhibitor list & printed floor plan, or view it [here](#).
- [Click here](#) for today's schedule of author signings.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about products in the exhibit hall.
- Learn more about the [PLA Career Center](#).
- Today's [How-To Stage schedule](#).



Exhibits Open Today, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Exhibits Closing Reception, 1:30 - 2 p.m.
- Last chance to play [Passport to Prizes!](#)
- [Click here](#) for today's schedule of author signings.
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- Today's [Stages schedule](#).



Exhibits Guide & Program List

Be sure to pick a copy of the *PLA Daily News* Exhibits Guide & Program List throughout the convention center, or [read it here](#). This guide includes the exhibitor list and floor plan, along with the programming schedule for Friday.



Unlearning the Code: Putting Humans Back in the Story

Dr. Ruha Benjamin ignited Thursday morning's Big Ideas Session with an invitation to the audience to imagine and craft a world we cannot live without. Benjamin, a transdisciplinary scholar, writer, educator, and cultural worker, is currently a professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. [Continue reading.](#)



Middle Management: The Critical Link Between Leadership and Staff

Speakers Nicole Davis, Sophie McGrath, and Caroline Kravitz, all from the Brooklyn Public Library, helped provide guidance for managers during Middle Management in the Grey: Strategies for Success in Public Libraries, on Wednesday afternoon. [Continue reading.](#)

Balancing Compassion and Accountability in Leadership

Sometimes things just don't go as planned. The band AC/DC sang, "You're livin' easy, lovin' free, and takin' everything in stride," and all of a sudden, you're on that highway. Thursday morning, Michael Hull, Southeast Oklahoma Library System, Gail Oehler, Southern Oklahoma Library System, and Tim Mill, Western Plains (OK) Library System came together during the program Highway to Hell: The Good Intentions Journey. [Continue reading.](#)

Countering Ageism Through Thoughtful Program Design

Rani E. Snyder from the John A. Hartford foundation was the panel moderator Thursday morning for Aging Together: Library Programming for Older Adults. The foundation, dedicated to improving the care of older adults, has provided a grant to ALA to evaluate library programs serving older adults. "There hasn't been a lot of research on the impact of programming on older adults," Snyder said. "We are gathering experts in library programming across the country." [Continue reading.](#)

Reception

2:15 PM-3:15 PM Programs

3:30 PM-4:30 PM Closing Session with Chef Sean Sherman - Auditorium

(*) Indicates an event requiring a separate registration or ticket.

Registration Hours

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours

Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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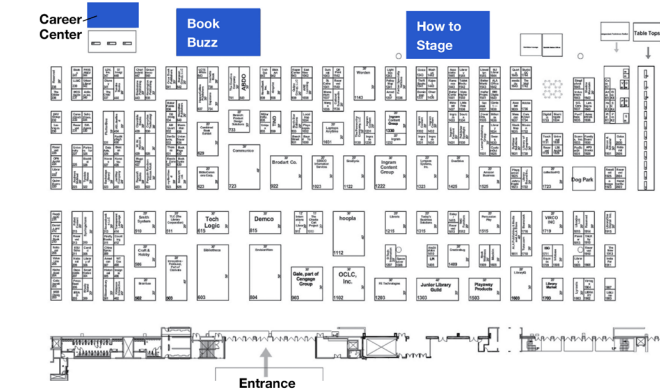
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ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom - IAFIF - Freedom to Read Foundation	1642	Books Unbanned	241
ALA Store & ALA Editions/ALA Neal-Schuman	1611	Bound To Stay Bound	1030
AM	532	Books, Inc.	502
Amazon Business	1936	Brainfuse	922
Amazon Business	1525	Brodat Co.	922
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Exhibits Opening Reception
3-6:00 PM

Thursday, April 2
Exhibits Open
9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Exhibits Coffee Break
9-10:00 AM & 3-4:00 PM
Thanks to Oupis for sponsoring the 3-4 PM Exhibits Coffee Break.

Friday, April 3
Exhibits Hours
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Exhibits Coffee Break
9-10:00 AM

Exhibits Closing Reception
1:30-2:00 PM

Produced eight-page exhibits guide. April 2026.

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Utilizing a Book Subscription Program to Service a Rural Library Network.....205 A-D

Wake Up! It's 1984.....102 A-F

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM

How To Lead Arts & Crafts Programs (Even If You're "Not Creative") ...How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

How To Play 'Ukulele for Library Programs (No Experience Required).....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

Encore presentation.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Conference Happy Hour.....Ballroom AB

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Advocacy Strategies for Getting Things Done.....L100 A-J

Boundary Building with Patrons.....(VIRTUAL)

Building Inclusive Programming for Youth with Disabilities.....M100 ABU

Coaching as a Tool to Manage Large-Scale Change.....101 C-H

e-Obsessed: Manage Resources, Expectations, and Demand for Libby Lovers.....101 ABU

Heritage Ambassadors: Building Community with Artists and Libraries.....103 A-F

Imagine IF: A Game-Based Introduction to Intellectual Freedom.....200 D-G

Libraries Connecting Adults with Intellectual Disabilities to the Community.....208 A-D

Making Space for Teens at the Library.....M100 C-H

Navigating Service Dog Access in Libraries.....205 A-D

Neurodiverse Programming for Adults.....(VIRTUAL)

Retaining a Diverse Library Workforce: The You Belong Project.....102 A-F

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Career Fair.....Career Center, Exhibits Hall

Mini-Mentoring.....Career Center, Exhibits Hall

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Adult Publishers.....Book Buzz Stage, Exhibits Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

"Get Loud for Libraries" Discussion Group.....PLA Member Lounge, Exhibits Hall

Exhibits Coffee Break.....Exhibits Hall

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Highway to Hell: The Good Intentions Journey.....(VIRTUAL)

Public Libraries as Leaders in Community Archiving.....(VIRTUAL)

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM

How To Build a Canva Learning Program That Works for Your Community.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Find a Lunch Buddy.....PLA Member Lounge, Exhibits Hall

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM

How To Use IMLS's Library Data Tools.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Accessibility Adventure: Experience the Possibilities in New Ways.....208 A-D

Co-conspiring to Build Belonging: Marketing Communications Equity Practices.....200 D-G

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Safety Done Right: How Empathy-Driven Culture Can Redefine Libraries.....101 C-H

Black Men in Libraries: Our History, Our Heroes, and Our Horizon.....101 ABU

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Creating Library Safety Through Partnerships, Planning, and Training.....102 A-F

Leading with Intention: Establishing a Healthy Leadership Culture.....L100 A-J

Memory Cafés in Libraries: Creating Meaningful Connections.....103 A-F

Milestones Reimagined: Recreating a Public Library Reference Collection.....205 A-D

Reality Check: The Art of Nonfiction RA.....M100 C-H

Smart Training for Tough Moments: A VR GenAI Tool for Public Library Staff.....M100 ABU

Transforming Juvenile Justice Through Partnerships.....211 A-D

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

How To Build a Teen Newsletter That Actually Gets Read.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Creating a Queer-Inclusive Teen Advisory Board.....(VIRTUAL)

Trust & Verify: Information Accuracy in the Age of SEO, AI, and Algorithms.....(VIRTUAL)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Read Now! Independent Publishers Present the Best Children's Books of 2026.....Book Buzz Stage, Exhibits Hall

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

How To Create a Thriving Musical Instrument Lending Program.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Leadership in Public Libraries Discussion.....PLA Member Lounge

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM

How To De-Escalate Tough Moments: Practical Tools for Library Staff.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

All Under One Roof: Designing Services for Collective Impact.....101 ABU

Crossover Appeal: Books that Work for Teens and Adults.....M100 AB

Empowering Libraries to Support Caregivers.....M100 C-H

From Prompt to Productivity: Build AI Agents to Boost Program Engagement.....211 A-D

Responding to ICE at the Library: Real World Approaches.....L100 A-J

Strategic Planning: A Roadmap for Libraries of Any Size.....205 A-D

The Revolution Will Not Be Alphabetized: Good Trouble in Libraries.....102 A-F

Writing the Story: Collaboration & Local Voice to Mark America's 250th.....M101 ABC

You've Gotta Break a Few Eggs: The Case for Making a Mess.....103 A-F

Read Now! Independent Publishers Present the Best Adult Books of 2026.....Book Buzz Stage, Exhibits Hall

12:00 PM - 12:20 PM

How To Assess Indie Titles Quickly and Fairly: A Practical Selector's Guide.....How-To Stage, Exhibits Hall

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