

US Medical Library Association report for EAHIL



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MLA | SLA '23 - hybrid conference - virtual and in Detroit

Still time to register for in-person attendance at the early-bird rate (deadline 14 April 2023) - see below.

As I mentioned in my previous report, for the fourth year in a row, MLA is holding its annual conference virtually but this year, as last year, they are planning to hold it as a hybrid event, with the in-person event planned for Detroit on 16-19 May 2023.

<https://www.mlanet.org/mla23>

I also mentioned that, this year, the MLA conference is being held jointly with the conference of the US Special Libraries Association (SLA), hence the new name for this year of MLA | SLA '23. MLA is of the view that this will offer opportunities to engage with colleagues from other sectors and discuss common issues such as leadership and management from different perspectives.

If you cannot attend in person, do, please, consider attending the conference virtually this year. The registration fee for virtual attendance for EAHIL members (under an arrangement between EAHIL and MLA) is the same as for MLA members, i.e. 465 USD. There is no limit to when you can register at this rate. This rate holds good after 14 April 2023 until the event.

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2019>

The hybrid conference held in 2022 attracted over 1,200 attendees, with over 100 papers, c. 50 lightning talks, c. 140 posters, c. 20 immersion sessions and the feedback was generally very positive.

Further details about specific aspects of the 2023 conference are below.

Keynote papers - two keynote presentations have been announced for the conference.

Terri Givens will give the 2023 John P. McGovern Lecture. Terri Givens is currently a professor of Political Science at McGill University, Montreal, Canada and is the founder of the Center for Higher Education Leadership and Brighter Professional Development. "She is the author of the book *Radical Empathy: Finding*

a Path to Bridging Racial Divides. Beyond *Radical Empathy*, she is the author of books and articles on immigration policy, anti-discrimination politics, and comparative race politics. As an accomplished speaker, author, consultant, and mentor, she is using her platform to develop leaders' understanding of the importance of diversity and encourage personal growth through empathy".

<https://www.mlanet.org/blog/announcing-terri-givens-as-2023-john-p-mcgovern-lecture>

The 2023 [Janet Doe Lecture](#) will be given by Michelle Kraft. Michelle is the Director of Cleveland Clinic Libraries, Cleveland, Ohio. "Michelle developed an interest in the use of technology, user experience, and social media within medical libraries which led to her launching her blog, *The Krafty Librarian*, which explores items of interest to medical librarians. As an early adopter of social media, she helped pioneer the use of bloggers and Twitter at the Annual Meeting as a method to connect and inform members and attendees of meeting events and activities".

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2064>

Contributed papers and lightning talks - with respect to the contributed programme, there will be papers and lightning talks. The contributed papers are c. 10 to 15-minute presentations whereas the lightning talks are five-minute presentations and focus on one main topic. The call for contributed papers has now closed.

Posters and lightning talks - Lightning Talk sessions will be held during live **virtual** sessions ONLY and not at the in-person meeting. **Poster** sessions will be held **in-person** only. The call for posters and lightning talks has also now closed.

Immersion sessions - this year there will again be Immersion sessions, described as follows. "Immersion sessions are meant to provide an in-depth perspective on areas of interest to MLA members. They are your chance to design and offer the programming that you want to see. Immersion sessions should strive for excellent engagement and can vary in format from a panel of invited speakers to a single invited speaker, a facilitated book discussion, as well as less-conventional sessions like an "unconference" or flipped session, or to create a work product to benefit the profession. The only type of programming excluded from immersion sessions are paper presentations". These were an innovation in the 2019 MLA programme. These sessions run for c. 75 minutes and the majority of them will be held in-person only.

Accepted sessions - the link below lists the following [Immersion Sessions](#), [Program Description Papers](#), and [Research Papers](#) to be presented at MLA | SLA '23.

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2080>

Exhibitor presentations - are being planned, both in-person and virtually. Over 50 exhibitors have already booked exhibition booths.

Continuing education courses - I was mistaken, in my last report, when I said that the CE courses, which used to be held during the two days prior to the conference, will not be held again this year. Apologies. MLA has, in fact, re-introduced CE sessions, which will all be held on Tuesday 16 May 2023. In addition, MLA continues its programme of continuing education, available as both live and recorded events throughout the year.

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2076>

<http://www.medlib-ed.org/>

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Exhibition - will also be in-person and virtual this year. All vendors with booths at the in-person event will also have virtual booths. Others will exhibit only virtually.

Preliminary programme - is available here.

<https://www.flipsnack.com/F6D5A5DD75E/mla-sla-23-prospectus/full-view.html>

Schedule at a Glance - PDF is available here:

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2063>

Networking events - will be offered both in-person and virtually, and more information will follow on the conference website.

Conference registration - opened in January 2023. As I mentioned above, there is a discount for EAHIL members through EAHIL's association with MLA. The virtual only conference registration fee for EAHIL members is 465 USD. In person registration for EAHIL members is 775 USD at the early-bird rate (until 14 April 2023) and 890 USD thereafter.

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=2019>

The MLA | SLA '23 blog - provides coverage of a range of topics including programme sessions, plenary sessions, exhibition activity and virtual social events, before, during and after the meeting.

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/bl/et/blogid=161&per=5&p=3>

Social media - additionally, you can follow the meeting on Twitter with the MLA | SLA '23 hashtag #MLANET23 and follow MLA more generally on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MedicalLibraryAssn>

Future MLA annual meetings - dates for your diary:

Portland, Oregon 18-21 May 2024.

Membership of MLA

MLA offers membership if you are an "information practitioner who works or has worked in health- or health information-related environments". The current annual subscription rate is 245 USD (or 25 USD if you are from a Research4Life <http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/>).

<https://www.mlanet.org/join>

News and publications from MLA

The latest issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) (Volume 110 (3) Dec 2022) is now available (open access) at:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/93/latest/>

Open access to back issues of the JMLA (and its predecessors back to 1898) is available from:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/93/>

Preprints of articles from the forthcoming issue of the JMLA are no longer available. JMLA does, however, encourage self-archiving at any point in the manuscript preparation or peer review process:

<http://jmla.mlanet.org/ojs/jmla/article/view/877>

MLAConnect provides electronic content for both MLA members and non-members. It provides access to content including from blogs of MLA caucuses (previously known as sections) and is updated continually. Most articles are restricted to MLA members and/or to members of specific MLA caucuses. For the most complete display of articles, you need to login with your username and password. Older issues of MLA News are also available.

<https://www.mlanet.org/mlaconnect>

<https://www.mlanet.org/page/mla-news>

MLA's 125th Anniversary

MLA turns 125 on 2 May 2023. Throughout the following year, (from May 2023 to May 2024), MLA will be celebrating this great milestone. More on this to follow in future editions of JEAHIL! For now, just to say that the MLA | SLA '23 meeting programme promises cake at the closing session!

<https://www.mlanet.org/page/mla-125-anniversary>