

2013 Spring Expo

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Deadline

February 1, 2013

FEDLINK invites you to share your work at the 2013 Spring Exposition.

May 22nd and 23rd
9:00am – 3:45pm
Library of Congress
James Madison Memorial Building
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20540

Important Dates

Call for Submissions:
November 2012

Proposals Due:
February 1, 2013

Notification of Acceptances:
March 15, 2013

Final Program Abstracts Due:
April 15, 2013

2013 FEDLINK Exposition:
May 22-23, 2013

Submit your proposal to
FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov

Questions

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The FEDLINK Expositions offer an opportunity to connect with professionals across the LIS enterprise. Come discover tools, explore ideas, and share about new practices that benefit the library and information center community.

Presentations on innovative projects, new initiatives, and emerging areas of practice are encouraged. Our goal is to highlight best practices originating from within our membership and encourage a community of collaboration and innovation.

Presentation Formats

Depending on the topic, accepted speakers will be invited to present in the following formats. Each presentation is allotted 45 minutes.

Traditional Presentation

An oral presentation of an innovative practice, initiative, or research activity. A maximum of two presenters.

Interactive Teaching Presentation

An individual or group prepares a presentation that is designed to teach the audience about a subject using interactive techniques that require audience participation.

Pre-formed Panel Discussion

A group presentation on a topic. Panel size is limited to no more than five persons.

Invited Panel Discussion

A facilitated conversation where presenters are invited by FEDLINK to speak on a panel to share differing perspective of work on a specific topic.

SPRING 2013 CONCURRENT SESSION PROGRAM THEMES

To submit a paper or presentation, review the instructions on paper/presentation FAQs.

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	Program Theme	Presentation Format	Contact
1	Demonstrating Value	Individual presentations, Panel discussions	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
The librarian profession has grown, evolved, and adapted. However there is a persistent stereotype of librarians and the type of work they are capable of performing. How are you using your specialized training and knowledge as a librarian to bring value to your organization? This session will explore ways in which librarians have shown their value to users and those in leadership positions.			
2	Collections Management	Individual presentations, Panel discussions, Interactive teaching presentations	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
Information has expanded beyond physical books. There is a need to manage both physical and digital content. How are you managing these different forms of content? How are you making this information accessible to users? This session will explore topics in preservation, digital curation, and open access repositories.			
3	Information Marketplace	Individual presentations, Panel discussions	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
The federal government spends nearly \$650M annually on information goods and services. There is a myth about information - it's all free and it's all on the internet. This session will explore the work of commodity councils, strategic sourcing, and acquiring content that is expensive and in high demand.			
4	Information Technology	Individual presentations, Panel discussions, Interactive teaching presentations	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
The ways in which we access information are changing. There is a demand for information to be used immediately and accessed at any time. How is technology changing the way you do business? Do you have mobile applications to access content? Do you participate in cloud computing? How will the demand for these services affect the need for librarians?			
5	Management Tools	Individual presentations, Panel discussions, Interactive teaching presentations	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
This session will highlight the innovative and unique ways libraries have managed in today's restrictive budget climate. What are the ways you demonstrate your library's value and decide on mission critical programs? How do you know what's working and what is a good investment?			
6	Cross Cutting Areas	Individual presentations, Panel discussions	FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov
These are projects and initiatives that touch on a number of issues affecting multiple agencies and institutions. What are some areas in which interagency collaboration has been helpful? This session will explore past, current, and future areas for collaboration and development.			

FAQS: SUBMITTING CONTRIBUTED PAPER / PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

1. I led an interesting project this year. Should I apply to present it at the FEDLINK Exposition?

Does your project relate to a session program theme? If yes, you should consider submitting it as a paper or presentation. Papers and presentations should be on a topic of interest to a large proportion of attendees, in general, or in a particular section. Please note, papers do not need to be published.

2. How do I submit a paper/presentation abstract?

Email FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov by Friday, February 1, 2013, 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time (EST).

3. What is the REQUIRED FORMAT for a paper/presentation abstract?

You MUST write a blinded, structured abstract in English. Include the following:

Objective / Purpose (60 words max)

Methods / Process (140 words max)

You may share your results, conclusions/reflections at the time of your submission or after your paper has been accepted. Results and conclusions/reflections will not be reviewed at the time of review.

You must also include author/presenter information:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Professional Information (title, institution/organization)

4. What do I need to do to BLIND my abstract?

To allow blind review, author names, institutional affiliations, and address information should not be listed in the body of the abstract. FEDLINK reserves the right to edit abstracts containing any author, institutional, location, or company names for the purpose of eliminating this identifying information before sending the abstract to reviewers. Authors are urged to blind their abstracts themselves, because FEDLINK cannot guarantee the resulting quality if changes must be made after submission.

5. What sections MUST be included in my abstract?

Your submission MUST include the author/presenter block, objective, and methods sections of the structured abstract.

The objective section (for which you may substitute the research question) may not exceed 60 words, and the methods section (which may include brief descriptions of the population and expected results) may not exceed 140 words.

6. May I enter my results and conclusions/reflections when I submit my abstract?

Yes, you may include your results and conclusions/reflections now. This information will NOT be shared with reviewers. The information will be saved for inclusion in the final abstract if your paper is accepted.

Authors MAY postpone sending results and conclusions until after the review process is completed. Authors selected for inclusion in the program will need to add the results and conclusions sections by April 15, 2013 if they did not already do so in the initial abstract submission.

7. May I include tables, figures, or citations in my abstract?

Structured abstracts should NOT contain tables, figures, or bibliographic references.

8. Are there font recommendations for the abstracts?

Times New Roman, 10-point font, and Symbol font for symbols are the recommended fonts.

9. How will my paper / presentation abstract be evaluated?

The author block and any other identifying information will be removed from your abstract to create a blinded abstract. The blinded abstract will be grouped with others in selected section program themes and sent to the appropriate program planners or their designees for review. The reviewers will evaluate the blinded abstracts based on the following criteria:

- originality and innovation
- organization and clarity of presentation
- relevance to librarianship and the meeting theme
- relevance to the section program theme that is being applied for

10. I have an idea I want to share with colleagues, but it does not fit with any of the section program themes. What can I do?

Submit your idea to FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov. FEDLINK will consider your idea for a future program.

11. How will I know if my abstract is accepted?

You will receive an acceptance/rejection notification letter on or around March 15, 2013. You will be notified by email.

12. My paper abstract has been accepted. Now what? Are there other deadlines?

Travel arrangements should be made as soon as possible after acceptance.

By April 15, 2013, 11:59p.m. EST, provide your “results” and “conclusions/reflections” if they were not included in the original submission, and updating audiovisual (AV) and computer equipment needs.

For papers, session moderators will contact presenters to discuss your speaking order and length of presentation; typically, presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, depending on the number of presenters. Before the meeting, you will be notified to submit presentation slides and handouts.