



CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2018 FALL VIRTUAL CONVENTION

2018 Session Descriptions

Thursday, 10:30 AM EST Session A

Fr. Damian Hinojosa-- Professor and Chair of Language, Literature, and Fine Arts

Saint Joseph Seminary College

Collaborative Efforts in Information Literacy

This session addresses the diverse ways in which non-Catholic librarians collaborate with Catholic faculty to promote proficiency in the area of Information Literacy. This session not only presents the methods designed to engage students in research using digital technology but also illustrates how the dynamics between librarian and professor can produce effective methods for educating college students in the area of research.

Thursday, 10:30 AM EST Session B

Andy Newgren--Reference & Instructional Librarian

Rockford University

Informational Justice: A Biblical Precedence for Critical Information Literacy

Vocational work aims for social transformation. The prophets in the Hebrew Bible level resounding critiques on their societies urging care, compassion, and charity for the voiceless. Following this framework, librarians can embrace critical information literacy by highlighting the continued oppression of underrepresented communities by focusing on contemporary social, political, and cultural problems in the hope students elect a path of activist learners.



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Stephen Sweeney- Library Director

Jennifer Bartholomew – Library Director

Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary

"I Will Give You Shepherds:" Student Formation, Research Literacy, and Accreditation Standards

Several key Roman Catholic Magisterial documents set forth primary guiding principles relating to Catholic seminary formation programs. Today's presenters will articulate how a seminary library can develop a Research Literacy Program based on the core classes in the seminary curriculum, which applies to the intellectual dimension of the formation of priests but can be broadened to also correspond to the human, spiritual, and pastoral dimensions of seminary training.

Thursday, 1:00 PM EST Session B

Michelle Twait – Professor & Academic Librarian

Gustavus Adolphus College

Vocation and Information Professions: Introducing Undergrads to Careers in Libraries & Archives

How can librarians engage college students in discussions about librarianship as a career – and perhaps a calling? This session will describe a librarian-taught course for undergraduates, "Vocation and Information Professions," and will highlight the ways in which vocational reflection was woven throughout the course readings, discussions, and assignments. In addition, the presenter will discuss her library's undergraduate internship program and the role of mentoring in vocational discernment.



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Lesley Farmer— Professor of Library Media

California State University Long Beach

Catholic Response to Fake News

Fake news is crowding the media, and impacts people's action. What news can be trusted? What is the truth? And why do we create -- and fall -- for fake news? Discerning fake news requires media literacy, as well as other literacies. This session uses a Catholic lens to explore the information cycle of fake news, strategies for discerning it, and curriculum for teaching and addressing fake news. It also shows how fake news can be a clarion call for trustworthy civic engagement.

Thursday, 1:00 PM EST Session B

Mary Kelleher-Fitz— Associate Professor and Chair of the Cardinal Beran Library

St. Mary's Seminary/University of St. Thomas School of Theology

The Spirituality of Librarianship

The session looks at what form of spirituality is best expressed in the vocation of a librarian. Is there one form most librarians adhere to? Beginning with a basic definition of spirituality, the session continues with the various virtues and values associated with librarianship. However, virtues are not the same as spirituality; so the next section addresses different kinds of spirituality which appeal to different people. Finally, the program will address the common threads of the above.



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**Elyse Hayes— Director of Library and Information Services
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception**

Catholic Action Librarian: Advocate, Activist, Believer

Most librarians treat people equally and help them find information. But as Catholic librarians can't we deepen that? Don't we serve all patrons equally not just because we live in a democratic society, but because we believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every human person? As Catholic librarians, we can strengthen the Body of Christ (the Church) by influencing society one person at a time - in direct and indirect ways – informing, encouraging, and even joining in social movements.

Friday, 9:00 AM EST Session B

**Arthur Quinn-Library Director
St. Vincent de Paul Seminary**

Historic Vocation of the Theological Librarian

The priest and librarian Pamphilus (martyred, 309AD) was a tireless advocate of literacy, Bible study and collection development for men and women during a period in history when such endeavors were extremely difficult. His example is compared to the role of the theological librarian of this generation whose contributions extend to ministry and education.



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Joelle Mellon— Reference Librarian

La Roche college

Sowing the Seeds of Divine Words: The Spiritual Lives of Medieval Monk Librarians

In the sixth century, when St. Benedict instructed monks on the necessity of individual study, the Latin word he used for reading was “lectio,” which could also connote a type of prayer. Long after Benedict’s death, a ninth century abbot named Grimald wrote that he had established the position of librarian at the Abbey of St. Gall. My presentation will explore the spiritual lives of early librarian monks, focusing on how they manifested their faith through daily work in monastery libraries.

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Ted Bergfelt— Humanities Librarian

Duquesne University

Luther on Vocation: Motivation for a Protestant Librarian at a Catholic Institution

This presentation will discuss how one Protestant librarian, employed at “a Catholic university in the Spiritan tradition,” finds much of his motivation to provide excellent service in the teachings of Protestant reformer Martin Luther on “vocation,” “calling,” “work,” and other related concepts. After describing these, he will attempt to show how these dovetail with ideas of one of the Spiritan founders, Francis Libermann, on how mission should be done.



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**Lee Richardson – Information Discovery and Metadata Librarian
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Collection Development for One: Following God into Prison Ministry

I have visited a man in prison through my church for over a year. This man loves the Lord, wants to be a pastor and loves to read. God led me to use librarian skills to create a book collection with a focus on pastoring and Christian living. Every month I send him books based on reviews, divinity school syllabi, essential reading for pastors and other resources. This presentation will share this work and demonstrate how traditional library practices can be applied in a creative way.

Friday, 1:00 AM EST Session B

**Michael Matthews- Head of Serials & Media/Systems Administrator
Northwestern State University of Louisiana**

Children of God in the World: Seeing Library Users as Ends rather than as Means

Whether it is about soliciting support for the next tax increase or locating potential alumni to build the next multi-million-dollar library expansion, current professional literature suggests that the individual user (patron, student, etc.) is a means to justify the existence of the library itself. This session will introduce participants to a not-so-new, but nearly forgotten, conception of the library user as a soul interacting amongst others within the “world” of the library.