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The State of America's Libraries 2016

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

American Libraries Magazine (Released 4/11/2016) - Libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people. With communities still recovering from the Great Recession, academic, school, and public libraries continue to transform and shift resources and services to meet the needs of tech-savvy patrons.

This and other library trends of the past year are detailed in the ALS's [The State of America's Libraries 2016](#) report, released April 11 in recognition of National Library Week, April 10-16.

The report shows that libraries of all types add value in five key areas: education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement.

Local and national studies cited within the report show that libraries are advancing multiple literacies and fostering a digitally inclusive society.

Administrators are looking to school librarians to help them digitalize education and lead blended learning activities in schools, thus bringing equity, connectivity, and personalization to instruction.

The value of certified school librarians continues to grow as administrators and teachers seek education resources to better serve tech-savvy students. For example, in 2010 only 35% of school librarians indicated they were acquiring digital content. By 2015, that number had increased to 69%. This trend is reflected

across a variety of formats, particularly databases, ebooks, periodicals, videos, and games.

Libraries continue to strive to support digital equality. Multiple studies increasingly point to the fact that individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds do not have equal access to high-speed internet, digital tools, or opportunities to learn how to use digital resources. As a result, they are less able to compete for 21st-century careers, participate fully in civic engagement, or even advance their own personal learning and interests.

Regardless of format—digital or print—the report shows that collections within school and public libraries continue to be challenged.

[Article](#)

Library Users and Learning

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Pew Research Center by Lee Rainie (Released 4/7/2016) - Adults who use libraries and visit library websites are often ahead of the crowd when it comes to being learners, engaging with information and embracing technology.

Fully 97% of those who visited a library or bookmobile in the past 12 months say the assertion "I think of myself as a lifelong learner" applies to them "very well" or "somewhat well." and 98% of those who have used a library website in the past year feel the same way.

A recent Pew Research Center report about life-

long [learning and technology](#) found that 74% of adults participate in learning activities that make them "personal learners." That is, they had done at least one of several activities, such as reading how-to materials or taken course in pursuit of learning more about personal interests or hobbies in the past 12 months.

[Article](#)

Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by Mollie Stanford & MaryLei Barclay

ALA and AASL introduce School Library Snapshot tool—*ALA News* by Megan Murray Cusick (Released 4/5/2016) - In time for School Library Month, the Office for Library Advocacy (OLA), in collaboration with AASL, has introduced a new School Library Snapshot tool. This tailored infographic allows school librarians to create a visual representation of how their library aligns with provisions in the ESSA, from providing information literacy instructions to working with teachers and hosting enrichment activities. [Article and access to the infographic](#)

100 Primary Source Sets for Education Now Available—*Digital Public Library* (DPLA) (Released

4/11/2016) - DPLA is very pleased to announce its newest release of [Primary Source Sets](#), bringing our collection to 100 sets total. You can now explore the collection by core subject areas, such as US history, literature, arts, and science and technology, as well as themes like migration and labor history and groups including African Americans and women. This project was developed in collaboration with DPLA's fantastic [Education Advisory Committee](#) for use by students and teachers in grades 6-12 and higher education. Each set includes an overview, ten to fifteen primary sources, links to additional resources, and a teaching guide.

MLA Children and Young People Unconference—At Brainerd Library on April 29, 11:00am-3:00pm **fee is \$10 for nonmembers and free for MLA members**. This is the 3rd annual unconference which is a chance to hear from children and teen li-

brarians from across Minnesota. This is a great time to share ideas and ask questions about children and teen programming. [Register](#)

2016 Teen Read Week Initiative Launched—*ALA* by Anna Lam (Released 4/11/2016) - YALSA has launched its 2016 Teen Read Week [website](#). YALSA encourages libraries to use a multi-lingual "Read for the fun of it" theme during Teen Read Week, October 9-15, 2016, and to highlight services and resources for and with the 22% of the nation's youth who speak a language other than English at home. This year's Teen Read poster features a "Read for the fun of it" theme in... [Article](#)

Stanford's Links to Assess

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- [Booklist's Quick Tips for School's & Libraries](#)

5th Annual Lake Superior Libraries Symposium

Info Submitted by Richmond Kinney

Registration is now open! [LSLS16](#), "NOW That's What I Call Libraries!" will be held on Friday, May 20th at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. Library staff, administrators, trustees, and students from Upper Midwest and beyond are invited to attend and participate. [Register today!](#)

For just \$49, you'll experience:

- Keynote by [Jason Griffey](#), founder and principal at [Evenly Distributed](#), a Fellow at [Berkman Center for Internet & Society](#) at Harvard University, and formerly an Associate Professor and head of Library Information Technology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
- 16 inspiring presentations on exciting and innovative projects happening NOW at rockin' local and regional libraries of all types.
- A Thursday evening pre-conference social event, location

TBD

- A Friday evening post-conference social event hosted by At [Sara's table Chester Creek Café](#)

Pre-Conference Workshop:

Also consider attending our pre-conference workshop on innovation in libraries, facilitated by Jason Griffey on Thursday, May 19 from 1:00-4:00p.m. The workshop is \$20 for conference attendees, and \$25 for attendees of the workshop only. Find more information and register [here](#).

Everything libraries do is more important than before, a new study shows

Article submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Melville House by Chad Felix (Released 4/6/2016) - A new [study](#) - "A wide-ranging exploration of how faculty members feel about information usage and scholarly communication," notes Carl Straumsheim in [Insider Higher Ed](#)—has revealed that university faculty, faced with growing concerns that students are leaving

university life ill-equipped to locate and use research materials, are turning to the library for help.

The study, which was conducted by the nonprofit consulting and research company Ithak S+R and surveyed "9,203 faculty members representing all arts and sciences and most professional fields at four-year colleges and universities in the U.S.," shows, as Straumsheim puts it, "two storylines in higher education intersecting." Firstly, "the results," he notes, "suggest the pressure on colleges to

improve retention and completion rates and prepare students for life after college appears to be influencing faculty members, who are more concerned than ever that undergraduates don't know how to locate and evaluate scholarly information."

Secondly: "Many faculty members view university libraries—which are engaged in a process of reinventing themselves and rethinking their services—as an increasingly important source not only... [Article](#)

What's Happenin' Minnesota

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Better Together: Strengthening Adult Learning Opportunities—MN State Library Services April 29 at Roseville Minnesota Department of Education; May 9 at Mankato Country Inn and Suites; May 16 at Grand Rapids Saw Mill Inn—An educational and networking event designed to foster local partnerships among libraries, adult basic education, and workforce organizations to collaboratively build a stronger, more highly skilled workforce. At each session, you'll hear promising practices for collaboration across organizations and learn about free resources that promote digital literacy and workforce skills.

You'll also have a chance to work with your local partners to develop a cooperative project. To help put your ideas for collaboration into action, we are able to offer a competitive grant opportunity that will award up to ten grants with a maximum of \$5,000/

applicant. At least one of your project partners must attend a *Better Together* workshop and proposed projects must show promise for sustainability. More information, including an application, will be available at *Better Together* sessions.

[Register](#) today for the workshop nearest you. For more information [email](#) Emily Kissane

Public Library Changing, Thriving—*International Falls Journal* by Richard Johnson (Released 4/12/2016) - Diane Adams has heard the rumblings: Public libraries are behind the times, bygone, obsolete, old school, outdated, out of style. "We have heard people say that libraries are going the way of the dinosaur," said Adams, Director of the International Falls Public Library. "My response is, the dinosaurs didn't know how to read, so obviously they went extinct."

Adams and her staff want people to know there's more to the Falls Public Library than many in the community may realize. Toward that effort, she



and her staff will be out and about in the community the week of April 25-30, encouraging people to get a library card during an event called "Get Carded!" [Article](#)

Free GED Testing—MN State Library Services (Released 4/15/2016)—Earlier this week, Governor Mark Dayton announced that any Minnesotan can take the GED test, for free, through June 30, 2016. Interested people can [register online](#) at the GED website or contact their local Adult Basic Education program. Staff at each program will help with the registration process and provide resources and classes to prepare for taking the test. [LearningExpress Library](#), available through the state-funded Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), offers free GED assessment, interactive skill-building and online test preparation. Visit the ELM website for [hands-on activities and fact sheets](#) to learn more about how LearningExpress Library can help prepare students to take the GED.



The (Soft) Launch of Book Squad

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Novelist by Shauna Griffin (Released 3/30/2016) - As with many offices, the conversations at the water cooler often revolve around what movies we've seen, what TV shows we're watching, or what books we're reading. But we're lucky—when we go back to our desks, we still get to think, and talk, and write about the

books.

We know a LOT about books, reading, and readers' advisory, but we don't always have a good way of sharing that collective intelligence with you. Now, we do.

Earlier this year, we launched the [Book Squad](#), after months of training, discussions, and practice. **The Book Squad is our way of being able to talk directly to you front-line librarians across the country (across the world!) and give you**

content to support your efforts to get books into the hands of readers.

We don't want to flood you with emails, so you can [sign up](#) for whatever interest you—whether it's working with book discussion groups, helping nonfiction readers, or working with kids in schools. We hope that these emails—which will include helpful hints for using *Novelist* content as well as reading maps, flyers, and bookmarks made in [LibraryAware](#). [Article](#)

Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Philly's Paschalville Library has a new collection: Neckties—

BillyPenn by Dany Henninger (Released 4/2/2016) - Nate Eddy is the first to admit he's far from a fashion expert. "I'm not a tie aficionado," says the career librarian, "but I do know wearing a nice tie can add a lot of confidence." On March 10, the ties debuted in their new home: On display in the Paschalville Branch Library in Southwest Philly. Like anything else on the library's racks, the ties are available for borrowing for three weeks at a time.

If you still think of libraries as places where books gather dust in an especially organized fashion, think again. A library in Michigan lends out power

tools and measuring tapes. In Rhode Island, fishing rods are on offer. Harvard Library offers members a chance to sign up for timeslots with a Shih Tzu—for those times you really need snuggles but don't want to deal with a pet of your own. And at Philly's McPherson Square Branch in Kensington, there's a whole collection of cake pans you can borrow to add more fun to home baking sessions. [Article](#)

Holy Bible on list of 'challenged' books at libraries—

Star Tribune by Hillel Italic (Released 4/11/2016) - On the latest list of books most objected to at public schools and libraries, one title has been targeted nationwide, at times for the sex and violence it contains, but mostly for the legal issues it raises. The Bible. "You have people who feel that if a school library buys a copy of the Bible, it's a violation of church and state," says James LaRue, who directs the Office of Intellectual



Freedom for the American Library Association, which released its annual 10 top snapshot of "challenged" books on Monday. [Article](#)

Michigan couple faces jail time over late library books—

Post Bulletin (Released 4/15/2016) - A south-east Michigan couple faces jail time over two late books that they failed to return to their local public library. Cathy and Melvin Duren of Tecumseh each were charged Thursday in Lenawee County with a misdemeanor charge of failure to return rental property. [Article](#)

Explicit sex ed book causes controversy at Oregon elementary school—

FoxNews (Released 4/15/2016) - A sex education book full of illustrations depicting sexual acts has ignited a controversy after it was left at an Oregon elementary school library. [Article](#)

Survey Shows Fewer Americans Are Visiting Libraries

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

ABCNews by Donna Bryson (Released 4/7/2016) - Fewer Americans are visiting libraries—which means they're missing out on the changes at such institutions, according to results of a Pew Research Center survey released Thursday at the Public Library Association's annual conference in Denver.

Pew has been asking American adults whether they visited a library in the past year. The first time, in 2012, 53% said yes. That has dropped steadily, to 44% last year.

The trend is worrying, but such numbers should not be the only way the importance of libraries is measured, said Vailey Oehlke, president of the Public Library Association, which works to strengthen public libraries and their staffs. She pointed, for example, to efforts by libraries across the country to help patrons earn high school diplomas or improve career skills.

"Public libraries are critical players in ensuring that our communities are healthy and successful and ensuring that the people living in the communities are living up to their potential," Oehlke said.

Kristin Murdoch, who was visiting Denver's main library Thursday, said wasn't surprised to hear that, according to the Pew survey, she was in the minority.

"I think people just don't read as much," she said. "I still prefer to hold a book, something tangible." [Article](#)

It's a LEGACY Thing

By Alexis Leitgeb

Okee Dokee Brothers at the Wilcox Theater on Friday, May 6 at 7:00p.m.

Whether it was rafting down their neighborhood creek or discovering hiking trails in the Rocky Mountains, Joe Mailander and Justin Lansing were born adventurers. Now, as the



GRAMMY Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, they have put this passion for the outdoors at the heart of their American Folk Music. Joe and Justin perform family music which inspires children to get outside and get creative. The three time Parents' Choice Award winners have garnered praise from the likes of NPR's "All Things Considered" and USA Today, and have been called "two of family's music's best songwriters."

Their nationwide fan base is drawn to their witty lyrics, strong musicianship and unique folk style.

Pick up your tickets at the public libraries in these communities: Aurora, Babbitt, Bovey, Calumet, Chisholm, Cloquet, Coleraine, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Marble, Mt. Iron, Silver Bay, and Virginia.

[Legacy Blog](#)



Training Control Center

Info Submitted by Mollie Stanford & MaryLei Barclay

Horizon Back-to-Basics Training—*ALS Headquarters* May 3, 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. & 1:30-3:30p.m.—Please join us for the Horizon Back-to-Basics training for Public and School Library Staff. During the morning session (held in the ALS computer lab) we'll be taking a look at Horizon basics. Here are some topics we will be covering: Checking books in & out; Pull lists; Adding and editing patrons; Short cuts in Horizon; Reports; Adding items to the catalog. The afternoon session will focus on the inventory process and the use of MobileCirc, a mobile version of Horizon that will allow you to move through the stacks using devices like tablets and smart phones for inventory. The afternoon session will be held in the ALS large meeting room—feel free to bring your mobile devices for an interactive experience. [Register](#)

Cooking the Books: Food Programs in Libraries—*NoveList* April 19, 1:00pm EST—Foodies unite! Food is hot, hot, hot; witness the proliferation of TV food programs and movies. Let us help you jump on the food bandwagon, or expand your menu. Learn about food-related programs that won't leave a mess in your library, such as cookbook discussion, foodie fiction/nonfiction discussions, and the popular culinary and literary adventure, "A Cook & A Book" program. We will also discuss partnering with local TV, culinary schools, gardening groups, and others to create unique food-related programs that will attract new users and lift your library's culinary literacy in your communities. [Register](#)

What We're Reading for Fall 2016—*Booklist* May 3, 1:00pm Central—The Penguin Random House Library Marketing staff share their top picks for fall 2016. Find out what new books made their TBR piles and get the inside scoop on their predic-

tions for the fall's sleeper hits and blockbuster bestsellers. Live attendees will be entered to win one of fifty "Can't, I'm Booked" tote bags filled with ARCs! [Register](#)

Academic Library Purchasing Trends—*Library Journal* April 20, 3:00pm ET—Join us where we'll take a closer look at the results of the ProQuest survey focusing on book purchasing trends in academic libraries, with special emphasis on ebooks. The results highlighted some of the challenges of academic librarians and some emerging trends in collection development and monographs. [Register](#)

New Ideas in Collection Development & Merchandising—*Library Journal* June 1, 4-week online course **fee \$179.10**—Participants will learn practical techniques for increasing library circulation and expanding staff capacity for readers' advisory (RA). You'll attend weekly guest speaker sessions via webcast with library and retail experts and work directly with a dedicated advisor in a coaching environment to receive one-on-one feedback on your plan. [Register](#)

Web Design Basics for Librarians eCourse—*American Library Association* June 6, 4-week course **fee \$175.00**—HTML elements are the basic building blocks of every webpage, so a little coding skill can yield big gains in effective communication and efficient website maintenance. With basic HTML skills, you can add links to your press releases, customize your Facebook page, or update your library's website. Even if you work with rich text editors in a content management system, fundamental web design principles will give you better results. [Register](#)

Find the Information You Need—*Booklist* April 19, 1:00pm Central—You're a trained expert at finding information, especially in library catalogs, commercial databases, and on the web. But there's always more to be found—and much of it is authoritative and freely

available. In this free, hour-long webinar, Cheryl Knott, author of *Find the Information You Need!: Resources and Techniques for Making Decisions, Solving Problems, and Answering Questions* will show effective search and browse strategies for exploring open-access repositories, federal government sites, and other underused resources. [Register](#)

ER&L 2016: Top Trends and Highlights—*Library Journal* April 26, 3:00pm EDT—In its 11th years, the ER&L conference continues to deliver a range of top notch sessions featuring standout presentations on a range of topics important to libraries. Presenters are looking at the value of discovery for users, evaluation of current search and discovery tools on the market, and assessing the impact discovery tools have on campus users. Presenters look to data to help analyze the use of materials, student success, and impact of discovery tools. Sessions will also cover how to best tell stories with data. [Register](#)

Facebook in the Library—*ALA* June 15, 1:30pm Central—Around 154 million Americans—51% of the population—are now using Facebook, according to a recent study by Edison research. How effectively are you using this direct, free means of communication to reach out to your library's patrons and users? Digital branch and social networking innovator David Lee King will share what he's learned from years of experience and experiments with the Topeka and Shawnee County's Facebook page. He will answer your questions and share time-saving tips on getting the most out of using Facebook. [Register](#)

Investigate the Frontiers of STEM Learning—*MN State Library Services* April 20, 12:00pm CST—From high-tech Maker Spaces with 3-D printers, recording studios, and drill presses to low-tech paper coding activities, libraries across the country are re-examining what it means to "do STEM." [Register](#) for the webinar. The password to register is "star1" the webinar will be VoiP only.

Announcing the launch of RightsStatements.org

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

DPLA—(Released 4/14/2016) - In May 2015, The International Rights Statements Working Group released two white papers with our recommendations for establishing standardized rights statements for describing copyright and reuse status of digital cultural heritage materials, and the enabling technical infrastructure for those statements. After working for nearly a year to implement the recommendations of the white papers, the [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA) and [Europeana](#) are proud to announce the launch of [RightsStatements.org](#).

In partnership with Creative Commons, Kennisland and key stakeholders of the DPLA and Europeana

networks, RightsStatements.org is a collaborative approach to rights statements that can be used to communicate the copyright status of cultural objects. As aggregators of cultural heritage materials, this work is key to both DPLA and Europeana, as we both seek to share clear and accurate information about copyright status with our users.

In this cooperative effort, we have built a flexible system of rights statements that allows our contributing cultural heritage partners, who hold the digital works, to clearly communicate to users what they can or cannot do with the objects they discover. Use of the statements also means that use of the data can become more standardized across the world.

There are three categories of rights statements: Statements for works that are in copyright, statements for

works that are not in copyright, and statements for works where the copyright status is unclear. The statements provide users with easy to understand, high-level information about the copyright and re-use status of digital objects.

The rights statements have been designed with both human users and machine users, such as search engines, in mind, and are published as a linked data vocabulary. Each rights statement has its own Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).

The DPLA plans to be implementing these unique rights statements with our partners in the summer of 2016, and those efforts are expected to continue into 2017. Europeana will integrate the new rights statements into its existing Licensing Framework in the second half of 2016 after having consulted with their contributing institutions. [Article](#)

Linked Data: What is it, and Why Should You Care?

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

NoveList by Cassi Hall (Released 4/7//2016) - Linked data. You may have been hearing these buzzwords floating around library land in the last year or so, or attended a conference session where it was thrown out with a mix of technical jargon as something very promising and exciting for libraries.

When you're thinking about linked data, just imagine this simple task you probably do every day: you open a new tab in your browser, and you google something. Maybe a friend told you about a book she loved and you want to find out more. Outside of the library world (like it or not) most people's first instinct when looking up information about a book is not to go to their local library's website. Linked data makes it possible for someone in your community who googles "Harry Potter books" to see links to records and other info from your library in their search results. Excited yet? Here's more:

1. **Linked data brings your library out from behind the curtain.**
2. **Linked data brings your library to the people—at "their" point of need.**
3. **Linked data=greater ROI on your investments.**
4. **Linked data works with your existing data.**
5. **Linked data requires minimal staff time.**

[Article](#) for more details

MaryLei's Links Limited on Typing

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Bookmobile going on 50 years of free fun

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HIBBING DAILY TRIBUNE

HIBBING — Free literature, free entertainment and free knowledge are available at your public library, but some rural folks don't have a local bibliotheca.

Nearly 50 years ago, the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) recognized a need to spread the word, literally, across northeastern Minnesota.

The first Arrowhead Bookmobile was created in 1967.

"Back in the golden days, before my time here, they had five Bookmobiles," said ALS Executive Director Jim Weikum. "In 1991, they were down to two trucks and now we have one."

Weikum began his library career on another Minnesota bookmobile. He's been with ALS since 1992 and is the third director since the library was formed in the 1960s.

"It's near and dear to my heart. Mostly it's important to me because it's relevant up here," Weikum said. "Bookmobiles go way back. Hibbing Public Library had a bookwagon in the 1920s."

There are 66 locations on the ALS spring docket, which can be found online at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us. Locally, the Bookmobile visits Swan River, Goodland, Swan Lake, Pengilly and Nashwauk on Wednesday, April 13.

Throughout the year, post offices, truck stops and old schools are among the rendezvous points for readers. Visits last between 30 minutes and two hours.

"In addition to reading and entertainment, it's a social gathering," Weikum said. "That aspect is an important factor to the service."

Having Bookmobile

service allows children to participate in the ALS summer reading program that also takes place at city libraries.

Two-person teams traverse a 17,000 square mile service area in the Bookmobile to locations that are 50 miles or more outside the reach of the 28 Arrowhead member libraries in seven counties.

"They tend to be really tuned into what their customers want," Weikum said of the Bookmobile driver and clerk.

The Bookmobile carries adult and children's books, large print books, DVDs, books on CD, music CDs, Mail-A-Book catalogs and interlibrary loans. The traveling library is on a three-week rotation with items due on the next stop. A library card is needed to check out materials. Cards can be obtained at any ALS library, online or with the Bookmobile.

Weikum said the popularity of e-books hasn't impacted readership much because cardholders can download e-books and audiobooks on the library's website with the OverDrive program.

"But, in some areas the Internet can be spotty, slow or expensive," Weikum said. "And people can't get the social interaction by downloading an item."

Weikum said the Bookmobile has begun checking items out electronically with iPads. Despite poor Internet coverage in some areas, he said, the electronic checkouts have been working better than expected.

Another change anticipated for the 9-year-old Bookmobile is a new rig. Weikum could not say when a replacement bus would be outfitted, but confirmed the Bookmobile is here to stay.

SOCIAL SCENE



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The Minnesota State Fair has been a fixture of Minnesota since its first territorial fair in 1855

State Fair archivist to present free program at area Range libraries

MOUNTAIN IRON — The Arrowhead Library System is presenting "Minnesota State Fair Stories – The Storied History," a free program, April 19-21 at the following libraries:

Tuesday, 1 p.m., Ely.

Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.,

Aurora.

Tuesday, 6 p.m.,
Eveleth.

Wednesday, 1 p.m.,
Mountain Iron.

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.,
Babbitt.

Wednesday, 6 p.m.,
Cook.

Thursday, noon, Vir-
ginia.

When you walk through the gates of the Minnesota State Fair, you are enveloped with sights, sounds and smells unlike any other time of the year. You know what the State Fair is like now, but do you ever wonder how it came to be? With its roots in agriculture, the Minnesota State Fair has been a fixture of Minnesota since its first territorial fair in 1855. While ag-

riculture is still the primary focus, the scope of activities has broadened to include large-scale entertainment, technological and industrial exhibits and participation of scores of education and government institutions. With a mix of historical facts, anecdotes and photographs depicting agriculture, competitions, entertainment and exhibits, Keri Huber will help you see how the State Fair was and is a feast for the senses, the Great Minnesota Get-Together.

Keri Huber has worked at the Minnesota State Fair as an archivist for the past six years. With more than 22,000 photos in the State Fair's collection, her background in visual arts has proven useful in finding images that tell a story and bring history to life. She

collaborates with the Minnesota Historical Society (History Walking Tour and the State Fair's History & Heritage Center) and has worked with TPT (State Fair Stories; Lost Twin Cities; Almanac; Gracious Spaces; Clarence H. Johnston, Minnesota Architect) and national programs such as Bizarre Foods with Andrew Zimmern.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, see our calendar at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new, find us on Twitter www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy.