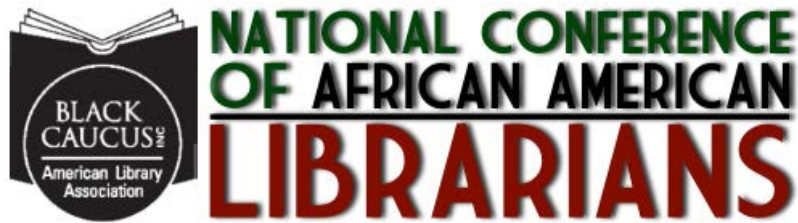


9th National Conference of African American Librarians Call for Proposals Extended



The Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) is seeking proposals for innovative projects and programs for the 9th National Conference of African American Librarians (NCAAL) “*Meet at the Gateway: Reimagining Communities, Technologies, and Libraries*” to be held August 4-8, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch. NCAAL is the largest conference devoted to African American librarianship and librarians. The deadline for proposal submissions has been extended to Friday, **February 6, 2015**. Proposals for poster sessions will continue to be accepted until April 1, 2015.

The committee welcomes proposals from members and non-members, and is especially interested in proposals related to:

- **Information Literacy** - Teaching information literacy concepts, embedded librarians, one-shot instruction, online and blending learning, flipped classrooms, etc.
- **Transforming Spaces** - New spaces including learning commons and makerspaces
- **Financial Literacy** - Teaching financial literacy skills
- **Assessment** - Evaluating library services and programs
- **Health Information** - Health issues and the use of medical and health resources
- **Programming** - Programs targeted at specific groups such as young adults, children, veterans, etc.
- **Emerging Technologies** - New technologies including but not limited to social media, mobile devices, 3D printers, wearable computing
- **Leadership & Management** - Building leadership and management skills

The committee welcomes all types of presentations but is especially interested in:

- **Lightening Talk:** Short 20-minute sessions introducing a new idea or project or discussing an innovative topic or new technology being used in the library.
- **Poster Sessions:** 60-minute time blocks visually showcasing research, services, projects, and issues in the field.
- **Pre-conferences:** Interactive half day or day long workshops on emerging topics in libraries that provide practical tips and techniques. Topics of particular interests include assessment, advocacy, copyright, grant writing, and space planning.
- **Roundtables/Conversation Starters:** 45-minute sessions discussing current issues in libraries.

Proposals can be submitted online at: <http://bit.ly/ncaalcfp2015>.

The conference program committee will evaluate proposals for relevance to the conference theme, clarity, originality and audience. Presenters will be required to register for the conference (complimentary registration may be requested for non-librarian presenters); assign first publication rights to BCALA; and provide both hard-copy and electronic versions of presentations by the deadline date.

In accordance with American Library Association (ALA) practices, librarian presenters cannot receive honoraria nor have expenses reimbursed for presenting conference programs. Non-librarian presenters may be eligible for per diem, and/or travel reimbursement. All requests for reimbursement or honorarium are subject to approval by the conference co-chairs. Acceptance of the proposal does not guarantee funding.

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Founded in 1970, the **Black Caucus of the American Library Association** is one of seven American Library Association ethnic affiliates. BCALA serves as an advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services and resources to the nation's African American community; and provides leadership for the recruitment and professional development of African American librarians.