8:00 - 8:45  Registration, Breakfast, and Exhibits
8:45 - 9:00  VLA Annual Meeting in the Terrace Ballroom
9:00 - 9:50  Opening Plenary: Erica Freudenberger in the Terrace Ballroom
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Libraries have an opportunity to strengthen the social fabric in a digital age, creating connections, collaborations, and helping communities to build the world—or at least their corner of it—as they would like it to be.

Round One Workshops 10:00-10:50

Get Engaged! Terrace Ballroom
Continue to work with Erica to apply what you learned in more depth. A hands-on introduction to community engagement.
Presenter: Erica Freudenberger

RAPID Reviews Theater
A year’s worth of reader’s advisory in an hour, using a format to encourage copycat sessions in all VT public, academic, and school libraries. With the incomparable reviewing team of Amy, Ernie, & Company. Presenters: Amy Howlett, Springfield Town Library; Ernie Drown, recovering librarian; Joy Worland, Joslin Memorial Library; Toni Josey, Burnham Memorial Library Trustee; and Mary Danko, Fletcher Free Library

Digitizing your Special Collections using Omeka Lakeside
Learn to make your Special Collections accessible using Omeka, a free Open Source content-management system. Learn all project steps to benefit both library patrons & researchers across the globe.
Presenters: Virgil Fuller & Sam Maskell, Rockingham Free Public Library

The Importance of Diverse Literature for Children and Adolescents: A Call to Action Edgewater
Libraries can provide the protected & brave spaces for leading conversations on equity & inclusion. Discuss how to build diverse collections & cultural competence, as well as engage in conversations about equity and inclusivity. Presenter: Marta Beede Ed.D

Open Door Collective: Waterlot
Public Libraries & Adult Education
Libraries are natural partners for supporting programs sponsored by the Open Door Collective, a national effort in poverty reduction. Learn how the ProLiteracy Library Literacy Action Plan can get you started.
Presenters: Peter Waite & David Rosen, Open Door Collective
Get Engaged! Continued… Terrace Ballroom
Continue to work with Erica to apply what you learned in more depth.
Presenter: Erica Freudenberger

Legal Information for all VTers Lakeside
Connect your patrons to the legal resources they need. Natalia May, the Coordinator of the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) at VT Law School highlights legal reference & information available to VTers.
Presenter: Natalia May, VT Law School

Reach the Highest Note: Music and Movement Programs at Your Library
Edgewater
Music is for everyone and critical to a child’s development. Participate in hands-on music & rhythm activities and share how to develop a new program at your library or incorporate these into existing programs for youth. Presenters: Caitlin Corless, Essex Free Library and Rachel Booher, Morristown Centennial Library

Security in the Library Waterlot
Retired FBI Special Agent Bill McSallis details how to assess & improve library security. He offers specific actions librarians & trustees can take to improve staff awareness, & reduce negative outcomes during security threats. Presenter: William McSallis, Special Agent FBI, Retired

Win-Win With Community Partnerships Theater
Inspiration for non-traditional & low-cost programs from partnering with local and statewide organizations. This panel features representatives from a wide variety of possible partners.

12:00-1:30 Mid-Day Break: Section Meetings, Exhibits, Lunch

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“Our Libraries, Our Communities”

Round Three Workshops 2:30–3:20

**Facing the Future: Facilitating Climate Change Conversations in Your Library**
Terrace Ballroom
Explore ways libraries can empower our communities to respond, adapt, and mitigate the effects of climate change. Presenter: Madeleine Charney, Sustainability Studies Librarian, UMass Amherst

**Start Spreading the News: Help Your Users Navigate News Media in a Time of Fake News**
Theater
Help your users understand where their news comes from and assess it for accuracy and perspective. Review factors that lead to media distrust, the rise of fake & "fake" news and how technology & social media shape news contact. Presenter: Daisy Benson, University of VT

**VELI STEM Primer**
Edgewater
A state-led IMLS grant gave public librarians the steps essential to STEM learning for children ages 4–8. Partners explain putting STEM into action and offer activities to try at your library. Presenters: Cass Mabbott, VT Department of Libraries; Sally Anderson & Wendy Martin, VT Center for the Book; Librarians Hannah Peacock, Sam Maskell, and Michelle Stinson

**What’s going on @ VTLIB**
Waterlot
It’s a whole new team in Montpelier. What’s new and what’s on the horizon? Scott Murphy, VT State Librarian, and his team update you and answer all your questions.

**Book Repair 101**
Gardenview
Learn basic techniques to repair items in your circulating collection, from broken bindings to torn pages & more. Bring books from your to-repair pile to practice on, repair materials provided. Session limited to 15, pre-registration required, with email confirmation. Presenter: Helen Linda, VT Agency of Digital Services & formerly Goddard College
Actionable Data: Collecting and Analyzing Information for Maximum Impact
What do to with all that data? Learn how to collect data and act on it with maximum impact. Get tools and tips for making confident decisions about collecting and using data for your library. Presenter: Helen Linda, VT Agency of Digital Services and formerly Goddard College

Town-Wide Programs & Writing Together: Community Collaborations
Learn how to create your own community-wide project, based on two different projects that build spirit and engagement in their respective towns. From Williston: A town-wide Peace Project involving over 200 Williston residents led to a permanent art display at the library. From Wilmington: A creative writing project run by the Poetry Party led to six VT-themed writing prompts. Wilmington community members responded with anonymous submissions. Presenters: Marti Fiske, Dorothy Alling Memorial Library & Jennifer Razee, Pettee Memorial Library

Redefining Special Services
Talking books, large print, & assistive technologies are just a few of the special services offered by the Department of Libraries. Explore physical and virtual tools available to your patrons and learn about new programs in the works. Presenters: Vincent Livoti, VT Department of Libraries and Amy Olsen, Lanpher Memorial Library

The Return of Materials Review for Young Readers
Join Cass Mabbott from the VT Department of Libraries and her cadre of book reviewers for a return of Materials Review! This panel shares the most interesting upcoming books for all ages. Presenters: Cass Mabbott, VT DOL; Kelsey Psaute & Hannah Peacock, Burnham Memorial Library

VLA Strategic Planning & Social Media Empire
Learn about the April VLA Summit, the VLA’s strategic plan and future direction of the organization. Discuss how VLA’s social media presence can promote the profession and our organization. Presenters: Joy Worland, VLA President; Lawrence Webster, Consultant; Jessamyn West, Web Guru
Round Five Workshops          4:30-5:15

Small Town Solutions          Theater
Need more ideas for your small library? Just borrow from your neighbors! Two directors showcase their model of collaborative service. Borrow ideas and bring your own to share. Presenters: Abby Adams, Platt Memorial Library, Shoreham; and Kate Hunter, Orwell Free Library

Safe and Supportive          Terrace Ballroom
Recognize the basic symptoms of individuals who may be under the influence and how and when to respond. Learn how to maintain a safe environment for everyone. Increase your knowledge of stigma around substance-use disorder. Discover statewide resources for prevention, treatment & recovery to share with library patrons. Presenters: Michelle Salvador and Matt Whelan, Substance Abuse Prevention Consultants with the VT Department of Health

Easy and Effective E-Newsletters          Edgewater
Discover how to create an online newsletter or make your current one more appealing. Details include design & format tips, as well as how to create and schedule the campaign and link the newsletter to your library website. Presenter: Jessica Psaros, Stowe Free Library

Information First Responders          Lakeside
Create a disaster recovery support strategy for your community as a companion to your library’s own disaster recovery plan using free tools and resources specific for librarians. Presenter: Loona Brogan, Cutler Memorial Library, Plainfield

Hands on the Books          Waterlot
A continuation of “The Return of Materials Review.” Time to examine the materials and make selections for your library.

Reception          5:15-6:30          Steamboat Lounge