



PLA 2026 Conference

April 1-3 • Minneapolis



Registration is Now Open

Join the Public Library Association (PLA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the highly anticipated PLA 2026 Conference, April 1-3!

PLA Conference is the largest public library event in the world, where thousands of public library workers, advocates, and vendors come together for an unparalleled opportunity to learn, connect, and be seen. This three-day event is jam-packed with [over 100 educational sessions](#), [awe-inspiring speakers](#), [bestselling authors](#), [networking opportunities](#), and an [exhibits hall](#) with vendors offering the best library products and solutions. Whether you're a seasoned library professional or new to the field, there is something for everyone at PLA 2026.

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Register online and reserve your hotel at the same time.



"Last Chance" Call for Proposals

We're pleased to announce two final opportunities for you to present at PLA 2026!

For [Hot Takes](#), we're looking for mild, medium, and spicy ideas to get people talking! In 5 minutes or less, what's your take on the future of public libraries?

Or propose a 20-minute hands-on session to share your "how-to" expertise at the PLA 2026 [How-To Stage](#). Topics could be about anything, so get creative!

Meet Us in Minneapolis for PLA 2026!



Meet Minneapolis

Minneapolis is a vibrant city that beautifully blends culture, cuisine, and natural beauty. The name Minneapolis reflects the city's deep connection to water, with "mni" meaning "water" in Dakota and "polis" meaning "city" in Greek. This unique fusion captures the essence of the community, where the Mississippi River and 22 beautiful lakes shape the lifestyle, providing both leisure and economic opportunities for generations.

You'll often hear the phrase "Minnesota Nice" in many languages. Since its founding in 1867, Minneapolis has welcomed people worldwide, enriching the culture with diversity and a strong commitment to social justice. Today, nearly half a million residents call this city home, drawn by Fortune 500 companies, a robust public university system, and neighborhoods bursting with character, along with a shared passion for biking, local breweries, and our famous "Jucy Lucy" burgers (and yes, it is spelled "jucy," but you'll have to visit Matt's Bar to learn why!).

MSP Airport is within a 3-hour flight from almost everywhere in the U.S., and the Light rail connects attendees straight to the city's compact, walkable downtown with dozens of entertainment options. The Minneapolis Skyways—enclosed, second-level walkways connecting buildings in 80 blocks—keep you comfortable and dry year-round.

Minneapolis boasts an array of award-winning restaurants, captivating performances, thrilling sporting events, and picturesque parks, ensuring your visit is filled with endless entertainment. Visit [minneapolis.org](https://www.minneapolis.org) to start exploring Minneapolis, the City by Nature!



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