



## CONVENTION ALERT

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2026 PLA NATIONAL CONFERENCE March 31-April 3, 2026**

<b><u>Estimated Attendance:</u></b>	6,000
<b><u>Location:</u></b>	Minneapolis Convention Center
<b><u>Major Arrivals:</u></b>	Tuesday, March 31, 2026
<b><u>Major Departure:</u></b>	Saturday, April 4, 2026
<b><u>Convention Hotels:</u></b>	Best Western Normandy, Canopy by Hilton Mill District, DoubleTree Guest Suites, Elliot Park Hotel, Embassy Suites, Emery Hotel, Hamton Inn and Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton Minneapolis (HQ), Holiday Inn Express, Hotel Indigo, Hotel Ivy, Hyatt Place, Hyatt Centric, Hyatt Place Downtown, Hyatt Regency, Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Rand Tower Hotel, Royal Sonesta, Sheraton Minneapolis Downtown, The Lofton Hotel, The Marquette Hotel, W Minneapolis – The Foshay.
<b><u>Meet Minneapolis Contact:</u></b>	Tamara Spude (612.767.8186)
<b><u>Attendee Profile</u></b>	The PLA Conference is the largest public library event in the world where thousands of public library workers, advocates and vendors come together to learn and connect.
<b><u>Restaurant/Info Booth Hours:</u></b>	Tuesday, March 31 – 10:00AM–3:00PM Wednesday, April 1 – 10:00AM–3:00PM Thursday, April 2 – 10:00AM–3:00PM
<b><u>Transportation Provided:</u></b>	No; heavy light rail usage anticipated.
<b><u>Special Notes:</u></b>	Attendees are on own for all meals; group dine-around on Tuesday between 7:00PM-9:00PM  Anticipated heavy skyway usage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tuesday, 3/31 between 3:00PM–6:00PM</li><li>▪ Wednesday, 4/1 between 7:00AM–10:00AM and 4:00PM–6:30PM</li><li>▪ Thursday, 4/2 between 7:00AM–10:00AM and 5:00PM–7:00PM</li><li>▪ Friday, 4/2 between 7:00AM–10:00AM and 3:00PM–5:00PM</li></ul>
<b><u>Schedule:</u></b>	Schedule-at-a-glance on following page.

<b>DAY/DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 31</b>		
	7:30am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
	12:15pm – 5:00pm	Minneapolis Metropolitan Library Tour
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Hot Takes
	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Conference 101
<b>Wednesday, April 1</b>		
	7:00am – 6:00pm	Registration Open
	8:30am – 10:00am	Opening Session
	10:15am – 12:15pm	Deep Dive Programs
	10:15am – 12:45pm	Programs
	12:30pm – 1:45pm	Author Lunch
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Programs
	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Exhibits Opening Reception
<b>Thursday, April 2</b>		
	7:00am – 8:00am	Children’s Author Breakfast
	7:30am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
	8:00am – 9:00am	Big Ideas Session
	9:00am – 5:00pm	Exhibits Open
	9:00am – 1:00am	Exhibits Coffee Break
	10:15am – 12:15pm	Deep Dive Programs
	10:15am – 12:45pm	Programs
	12:30pm – 1:45pm	Author Lunch
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Programs
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Exhibits Coffee Break
	4:00pm – 5:00pm	Programs
	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Conference Happy Hour
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Dine Around Minneapolis
<b>Friday, April 3</b>		
	7:30am – 2:00pm	Registration Open
	8:00am – 9:00am	Programs
	9:00am – 2:00pm	Exhibits Open
	9:00am – 10:00am	Exhibits Coffee Break
	10:15am – 12:45pm	Programs
	12:30pm – 1:45pm	Author Lunch
	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Exhibits Closing Reception
	2:15pm – 3:15pm	Programs
	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Closing Session