Sunday, Oct. 19th

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm


**Garry Golden**

- Learn about the ways to close the gap between changes from the outside world against changes from within their own library and the role that foresight plays when confronting the uncertainties of social, political and technological change as well as how practicing foresight can help to build support systems for libraries.

- A professionally trained futurist, Garry received his Masters degree from the University of Houston Futures Studies program (M.S.) and is a past member on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Futurists (APF).

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**NERTCL** - Studying the World through Story

**Padma Venkatraman, Jennifer Hanson & Dr. Diane Kern**

- Author Padma Venkatraman, librarian Jennifer Hanson, and associate professor Diane Kern will discuss the unique challenges presented by multicultural novels in light of common core standards. Suggestions will be offered on selecting authentic global fiction to achieve common core standards. Activities will focus on linking multicultural fiction with informational texts. Attendees will receive discussion guides, handouts, and a lesson plan.

- Padma Venkatraman is the award-winning author of 3 critically acclaimed novels – CLIMBING THE STAIRS, ISLAND’S END, and A TIME TO DANCE – all released to starred reviews. Dr. Kern’s research includes transformative pedagogy, preparing teachers for licensure tests, high-stakes testing, and improving ELA/literacy teacher education. She is the International Reading Association’s Specialized Professional Association Coordinator to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. A librarian at Primary Source, Jennifer develops teacher professional development opportunities related to world histories/cultures. She has presented on global and multicultural literature, finding and evaluating information, and using technology in classrooms, at the Boston Book Festival, Children’s Book Foundation, and Global Education, Massachusetts Teachers Association and ISTE conferences.

**General Interest** - The Human Library: Don’t Judge A Book By Its Cover

**Melissa Mannon, Carolyn Gamtso & Sandy Whipple**

- The Human Library is a worldwide project designed to challenge views that lead to misunderstanding, prejudice and discrimination within communities. The Greater Goffstown Area Human Library is a collaboration between the Goffstown High School, University of New Hampshire at Manchester and the Goffstown Public Library (NH).

- Melissa Mannon is a Media/Information Specialist at Goffstown High School. Carolyn Gamtso is Associate Professor/Reference & Instruction Librarian at University of New Hampshire at Manchester Library. Sandy Whipple is Adult Services & Outreach Coordinator at Goffstown Public Library.

**Spotlight** - State of the States

- Leaders from New England state library agencies discuss their current challenges and opportunities.

**Table Talk - Online Grad Students**

**Sharon Archambault**

- What are the pros and cons of getting a library degree online? Share your experience or questions.

- Facilitated by Sharon Archambault, Director of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Center Barnstead, NH.
Keynote - Keynote Breakout Session: The Future of Libraries  
Garry Golden
- Mr. Golden will conduct a breakout session with interested librarians to continue the discussion on the future of libraries.

Job Center - Career Mixer
- Are you a library school student, recent graduate, or librarian interested in meeting department heads and administrators with open positions at their libraries? The Career Mixers offer the opportunity for potential employers and employees to meet in a casual setting—a great networking opportunity. Prospective candidates are encouraged to bring their resumes.
- Special thanks to Kathryn Liddle of the Goodnow Library and Farouqua Abuzeit of the Wellesley Free Library for creating and sharing their concept and materials.

Vendor Demo - EBSCO’s New Tools and Resources for Your Library  
Nancy Grimaldi
- Come find out about FLIPSTER, DISCOVERY news, EBSCO ebooks w/Collection Manager, NoveList/Common Core tools and much more. Attendees will be eligible for an exciting Raffle prize.
- Come join Nancy Grimaldi to learn about exciting new resources at EBSCO. Nancy joined EBSCO in 2006 and now spends her time working together with librarians in K12 & Public Libraries throughout much of New England. She earned her BA in Business from Fordham University and an MLIS from Syracuse University. Nancy has worked part-time as a reference librarian in NYS, a volunteer researcher for Cornerstones of Kent Tile Mural Project, loves reading, books and book discussions.

Pride - Meet the Pride Alliance
- Drop by to meet and greet with your colleagues in NELA’s Pride Alliance Section.

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

General Interest - Advice for Librarians Amid the Upsurge in Self-Publishing  
Kelley Rae Unger, Laurie Collins & Joan Hansen
- Looking for advice on managing the influx of programming requests from self-published authors and/or wondering how to address self-published materials in your library’s collection development policy? Adult Services Librarian Kelley Rae Unger, Peabody Institute Library, Peabody, MA, Senior Collection Specialist Joan Hansen, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO and Children’s Librarian and self-published author Laurie Collins will address these questions and Laurie will also give her unique perspective on the self-publishing process as both an author and librarian. There will be time for questions and discussion following the presentations.
- Kelly Rae Unger is the Adult Services Librarian at the Peabody Institute Library. Joan Hansen is the Senior Collection Specialist at the Denver Public Library. Laurie Collins is an author.

Pride - Alphabet Soup: Libraries and Queer Youth  
Hillary Montague-Asp
- Wondering what GLBTQQIA teens and twenty-somethings are seeking from school, public, and academic libraries? Hear the experiences of young adults from UMass, Amherst’s Stonewall Center, and discover what your library can do to better meet the needs of queer youth. This presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.
- Hillary Montague-Asp is Speakers Bureau Coordinator at The Stonewall Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

General Interest - Chapter Leaders Forum  
Virgil Fuller, Linda Taggart & Jenifer Bond
- Leaders from the state associations are invited to discuss shared opportunities and challenges. This program is an opportunity for the chapter leaders from each of the six New England states to
meet one another and find out what is happening at the association level. This will be conducted an an open discussion, with no agenda. Bring questions, updates and any exciting news to share!

- Virgil Fuller is Vice President/President-Elect at VLA. Linda Taggart is the President at NHLA. Jenifer Bond is the President at RILA.

**Table Talk - Volunteers in Libraries**

Lori Fisher

- Volunteers are an integral part of most libraries. What do we need to know and what are the best practices in having a volunteer program?

**General Interest - OverDrive User Group Roundtable**

Deb Hoadley & Jessica D'Avanza

- Join fellow OverDrive users to discuss issues and concerns, as well as new innovations that are being offered by OverDrive. This is a roundtable discussion with the hope that a formal group can be formed to continue discussions around New England libraries in the future.
- Deb Hoadley is an Advisor with the Massachusetts Library System. Jessica D'Avanza is a Community Services Librarian and Chair of the Ocean State Libraries eZone Committee at the Barrington Public Library.

**Job Center - Bibliotemps Vendor Demo**

- Attention, Massachusetts Library System Members: BiblioTemps® is ready to help you with your short-term staffing needs! We recruit and place experienced library staff in short-term assignments in libraries across Massachusetts.

**Vendor Demo - Got data? Maximize local efforts and investments without breaking the budget**

Marian Schwaller Carney

- Your library produces unique information – it’s “your” data, whether you wrote it, or it describes someone else’s work, whether you manage it in MARC, Dublin Core, or another schema, whether it is digitized or microfilmed. Learn how Backstage Library Works can help your library maximize local efforts and investments by providing support and expertise for a variety of data needs. Also discover the latest in Backstage metadata creation and editing, automated cataloging, database clean-up, archival quality digitization, preservation microfilming, on-site RFID tagging, reclassification of materials from one class schema to another, and more. Whether your project is large or small, Backstage can help get it done, and all their work is backed by a lifetime quality guarantee. **Light refreshments will be provided.**
- Marian Schwaller Carney, Northeast Accounts Manager, is based in Dublin, New Hampshire, and has been with Backstage four years. A Simmons GSLIS grad, she’s practiced librarianship in both academic and corporate settings in the Boston area. A library vendor since 1997, representing content, software and services companies, she especially enjoys working with Backstage customers because of their commitment to their local data and the dynamic quality of the projects.

**General Interest - The Human Library Project: Breakout**

- Continue the discussion of the Human Library Project in this breakout session.

**ITS - Meet the Information Technology Section**

- Drop by to meet your colleagues in NELA’s Information Technology Section.
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Activity - NELA Games
• Join us for our traditional NELA Games and meet NELA. All attendees and exhibitors are welcome to attend.
• Which state will reign supreme? The “Snail” is waiting for a (new) home!

7:00 pm - TBD

Activity – BBQ & NELA After Dark
• Join us for an evening of food, fun, games and entertainment in this fundraiser for Educational Assistance. (Add it to your conference ticket at registration).

All Day

Job Center – Resume Review
• Visit the Job Center in the Boxwood Room on Sunday and Monday for programs, mixers and more! Experienced hiring managers are available to review your resume.
• Please sign up for a fifteen-minute time slot at the registration desk.

*Schedule is subject to change.