

Call for proposals - Oregon Reference Summit Virtual Conference 2023

The Oregon Reference Summit will host a virtual conference in **May 2023 (Should we choose a date now? We had previously discussed May because it is Mental Health month)**. Our goal is to share reference-focused content appropriate for all skill levels, library types, and experiences.

The planning committee invites you to submit proposals for programs relating to reference service. We welcome any subjects. ***Nontraditional librarians, library support staff, and first time presenters are encouraged to submit.***

Possible topics might include: **(add to or edit some of these? I added Mental Health. Or just delete the suggestions and leave it open?)**

- Mental and Emotional health in library services including self-care for Library workers
- The intersection of reference services and social justice
- Communication: Best practices in impactful communication in reference services.
- Anti-Racist reference practices
- Multi-lingual reference services
- Supporting K-12 students
- Providing reference services and assistable options are available to patrons with disabilities and special needs in your library.
- Reference services for patrons experiencing homelessness and/or other trauma
- Providing reference remotely and/or doing reference on social media platforms
- Finding and utilizing culturally-appropriate resources
- Engaging underrepresented staff in reference services
- Success stories
- Not-so-successful stories (What did you learn when things didn't work out as planned?)

Programs should be designed to run for a total of **60 minutes (does this still seem like the right amount of time? Should we make them shorter? longer?)** including Q&A. The Summit Planning Team will provide the presentation platform (Zoom), manage advertising and registration, and assist and support presenters.

Additionally, while programs will be virtual, we hope to organize and support in-person lunch gatherings throughout the state so that people can get together and network/info share with each other. If you are interested in being a facilitator for one of these gatherings, let us know using **this form. (Should we include this here or just use this communication for proposals and put out this call later?)**

More information is on the OrRS website: tinyurl.com/OrRS2021.

The submission form is online. Proposals will be accepted until **February ?, 2023**.

Questions? Contact Lori Moore (lorim@multco.us) or the Oregon Reference Summit Planning Team