

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)**. Additionally, we will continue to offer regular individual session opportunities throughout the year. 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:

- 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?)
- Specialized research topics (e.g. medicine, law, science)

Programs should be designed to run for either 60 minutes or 20-30 minutes including Q&A. The Summit Planning Team will provide the presentation platform (Zoom), manage advertising and registration, and assist and support presenters.

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

The submission form is online. Proposals will be accepted until February 17, 2023.

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