

Egypt Fest hosted by St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church

- Saturday, July 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., shifts from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 2100 W Frontage Rd., Palatine, IL 60067
- Outdoor event.
- 4 staff needed. 2 staff from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 2 staff from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- This is a family-based, community event. At this event, you will interact with community members and pass out giveaways.
- You can read more about the [event here](#).

If you're interested, talk to your supervisor first then [contact Beth Sousa](#) to sign up. You will be paid for your time and will be entered into the Outreach Raffle!

ILA 2025 Annual Conference!

October 14-16, 2025

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont



You Belong Here

In 2025, we will celebrate inclusivity and belonging for patrons and library workers alike with the ILA Conference theme: **You Belong Here**.

Belonging happens when you are not just included - but when you are valued. When a person feels that they belong, they feel loved, seen, prioritized, celebrated, placed at the center, made space for. We will explore how libraries foster belonging within our spaces; how libraries build strong relationships with diverse communities and address their unique needs; how we as library workers hold space for each other within our profession; and examine how belonging fits in with diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility efforts within libraries.

General Registration Opens on Monday, July 21, 2025.

Program Schedule at a Glance

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Accessibility

ILA wants to make your conference experience pleasant and accessible.

- Leader animals are welcome throughout the conference.
- Complimentary ASL interpreters are available by request.*
- Complimentary mobility scooters are available by request.*
- A Mothers Room will be available in the convention center.
- A quiet room will be available for attendees who need a break from conference activity.

*Requests for mobility scooters and ASL interpreters must be received by September 10. Complete this [form](#) to make an accessibility request. ILA staff will confirm your request with you prior to the event.

Program Schedule at a Glance

Monday, October 13

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	RAILS Data Conference
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Tuesday, October 14

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Help Desk Open
9:00 – 10:30 A.M.	TBS Opening General Session featuring Dr. Terrell Strayhorn
10:45 – 11:45 A.M.	Program Session 1
NOON – 1:15 P.M.	Awards Luncheon
1:30 – 2:30 P.M.	Program Session 2
2:45 – 3:45 P.M.	Program Session 3
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Program Session 4

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Help Desk Open
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Youth Services Forum Breakfast featuring Wendy Xu
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Unconferences
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Program Session 5
10:30 A.M. – NOON	ILA Membership Meeting & President's Program featuring Dilla
NOON – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	Exhibits Opening Lunch
12:15 – 1:30 P.M.	IACRL Luncheon featuring April Anderson-Zorn
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	Program Session 6
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 7
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Snack Break

Thursday, October 16

8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Help Desk Open
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Unconferences
8:30 – 9:00 A.M.	Trustee Breakfast
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
9:00 – 10:00 A.M.	Program Session 8
10:00 – 11:00 A.M.	Exhibits Coffee Break
11:00 A.M. – NOON	Program Session 9
NOON – 1:30 P.M.	Exhibits Closing Lunch
12:15 – 1:30 P.M.	Trustee Luncheon
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	DiversiTEA Closing Session featuring Roy Kinsey
3:00 – 4:00 P.M.	Program Session 10