Virginia Library Association 2013 Annual Conference

A Universe of Knowledge in One Small Space: 2013 VLA Annual Conference
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Abstract

President Lisa Lee Broughman opened the General Session by welcoming all 537 conference attendees (including 123 first-time participants) and announcing that the conference vendor exhibits had sold out for the first time in VLA's history. Clearly, the 2013 conference had generated a great deal of interest, due in no small part to the creative efforts of Conference Cochairs Megan Hodge and Rebecca Miller and their conference committee cohorts. President Broughman highlighted a handful of new conference features — for example, the "Unconference," which allows conference goers to discuss topics of their own choosing in an informal setting — and the "Battle Decks" event, where you get to watch your colleagues compete in a battle of wits, creating on-the-fly presentations based on pre-selected images (clearly not an event for the introverts among us). Also for the first time, VLA Executive Director Lisa Varga would be hosting an AMA (Ask Me Anything) session, where she would make herself available to answer any questions.
Virginia has a wide range of excellent academic libraries. We should continue to learn from each other, and demonstrate to those outside of Virginia how we in VLACRL are leading academic libraries into the future. Thank you for your consideration. Past Association Experience: I have been a member of ACRL since 1999, and served on the University Libraries Section’s Organization and By-laws Committee from 2003 to 2008. I joined VLA in 2009 and have been serving on the Awards Committee since 2012. I attended ACRL conference in 2011 and VLA conference in 2013. I have attended and participated in several American Library Association Annual Conference 2012.

06/29/2012 9:00 pm by Torsten Adair. Share this There was a graphic novel stage, an actual Artists Alley, and the first meeting of the Graphic Novels & Comic in Libraries Member Interest Group. MIGs (as they are known) are the first steps to creating a “round table”: a subject-specific group of librarians. So what did we decide to do? Host an actual mini-con within the larger conference! So building on all the stuff that was going on in 2011, and reaching for the stars, Tina Coleman, ALA Marketing Specialist, and her merry cohorts created an even more amazing program! There was the graphic novel stage, where panels and interviews were h