

## Results of PLS Survey, September 2013

The biannual spring conference was cancelled this year due to the low number of registrations. If you didn't register, would you please share why you were not able or chose not to attend?

18 answered; 11 skipped question

Timing was bad: spring is not a good time to be away from home or the library	11.1%
There were several other CE opportunities happening at the same time	22.2%
The program didn't interest me	16.7%
My library couldn't afford to send me	16.7%
The location was inconvenient	16.7%
Other	27.8%
• n/a	
• I was participating in a local chamber leadership program	
• publicity was unclear on what the program was about	
• just joined	
• I registered	

Would you participate in live online "Lunch and Learn" sessions, perhaps conducted monthly, that you could participate in over a lunch hour using your computer?

27 answered; 2 skipped question

Yes, sounds fun!	74.1%
Yes, but I might need some technical help.	3.7%
Not really interested in this way of learning and networking	22.2%

Which would you be more likely to attend, a two day spring conference sponsored by PLS or a one half day pre-conference prior to the annual KLA Conference?

27 answered; 2 skipped question

Two day spring conference	18.5%
One half day pre-conference	81.5%

PLS is sponsoring two sessions this year at the KLA Conference in addition to a breakfast/business meeting: "Obamacare and the Librarian" and "The New Face of Mentoring."

Are there other topics you would like to learn more about, either as a pre-conference or as an online class/session?

7 answered; 22 skipped question

- Adult programming, readers advisory, author presentation
- no suggestions

- I think there are many topics relating to public libraries that could be addressed: budgets, advocacy, programming, personnel issues, personnel appraisals. I would like to see something on doing effective appraisals and continuing training for long-time employees. By the way - i really object to the title "Obamacare and the Librarian." The Affordable Care Act should be called by it's proper name. "Obamacare" had loaded connotations.
- Yes
- Perhaps customer service would be a good topic.

Please share any thoughts or suggestions you have that will help us fulfill our mission "to provide an opportunity for communication among public librarians and to allow them to explore new ideas and improvements in the public library field."

8 answered; 21 skipped question

- Adult programming - sharing ideas about successful programs.
- Do you have your own dedicated website? It would be nice to have a resource website or a directory to aid communication, and a place to broadcast new ideas, instead of being tied to a conference presentation (in person or one-time online).
- no suggestions
- round-table discussions or other opportunities for face-to-face networking are always welcomed
- we need that
- Perhaps a special public library networking session at KLA? Post a list of PLA members somewhere so we know who else is involved and how to contact them?
- I really feel that having the opportunity to meet face to face is very important. Online meetings are ok, but I feel that very few people are willing to talk and there is actually little to no networking that takes place through these. A Spring conference would be a great way to provide the opportunity for librarians to meet up at a different time than KLC.
- I hope PLS takes a more proactive approach to sponsoring or supporting continuing education, professional development, and other related events in the state, and NOT just at Conference. PLS should have a year-round presence and librarians should think about PLS as a valuable, reliable resource that can be called on at any time.