Call for Lightning Round Proposals

Florida Library Association Annual Conference
May 10-12, 2017
Caribe Royale, Orlando, FL

The Florida Library Association Conference Planning Committee is accepting proposals to present Lightning Round sessions at the 2017 Annual Conference at Caribe Royale in Orlando.

Date: The Lightning Rounds event will be Friday, May 12, 2017, 10-11:15 am.

Description: A Lightning Round is a time-limited and slide-limited presentation format. Each presenter gives a 5-minute presentation accompanied by 15 slides that advance automatically every 20 seconds.

Only 8-10 presenters will be selected to present during this event.

General Submission Information

To apply to present, fill out the online submission form at: http://tinyurl.com/jshpjb4

- The deadline for submitting proposals is 11:59pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Proposals will not be accepted after 11:59pm on this date.
- All Lightning Round presenters must be registered for the conference (either the full conference or just for Friday, May 12). March 3, 2017 is the cutoff date for early registration, which offers a significant discount.
- Proposals for presentations should be related to the program theme "Florida Libraries Essential 2 Education) chosen by FLA president Elana Karshmer. For more information on the conference theme, please visit: https://fla.memberclicks.net/president-s-message

Selection

Selection will be made by members of the FLA Lightning Round Committee:
- Alyssa Koclanes, Eckerd College, Chair
- Michelle Demeter, Florida State University
- Heather Sostrom, NEFLIN
- Gary Austin, University of South Florida

Acceptance emails will be sent out by the end of February 2017.

FAQs

1. *What is a Lightning Round?*

   Each speaker is allocated five minutes of presentation time and is accompanied by 15 presentation slides. During presentations, each slide is displayed for 20 seconds and then automatically advanced.

2. *What do presenters need to provide?*

   The meeting room for the event will be equipped with a computer, projector, screen, and microphone. Presenters must send their presentation to the Chair by the Friday prior to the conference (May 5). All presentations will be preloaded onto the meeting room computer before the start of the event to reduce transition time between presenters.

3. *Can I use multimedia in my presentation?*

   Yes. However, due to the size of the room, it becomes difficult to hear audio slides.

4. *Can my presentation run longer than five minutes?*

   No. At the end of your allotted time, your session will be cut off.

5. *Where can I learn more about the Lightning Round format?*

   Lightning Rounds are similar to Pecha Kucha (http://www.pechakucha.org/) or Ignite (http://igniteshow.com/) sessions. Google "best pecha kucha" for tips on creating your presentation (http://blog.indezine.com/2012/05/10-tips-to-create-and-present-pecha.html)

Presentation Tips

- The key to a great presentation is to present something you are passionate about.
- 15 seconds is not a long time for people to read large blocks of text, so be selective in how much text you put on each slide.
- Practice to ensure that the timing of your presentation matches the content of your slides. The slides will advance automatically so you can't pause or veer off-topic.

For more information, contact the Lightning Rounds Committee Chair:

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