

On Presenting at AJL and Other Conferences

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Description: Many of us have stage fright getting up in front of our peers to present topics relevant to AJL or librarianship. This workshop will give seasoned and new AJL members an opportunity to learn how to prepare and present at a session to dazzle peers. We will look at tools for presenting, like PowerPoint and Prezi, some basics like how to create slides and come up with an intriguing topic, and how to present in a panel, poster session, forum, or other ways. We hope to tap some AJL members and local talent, especially DC area librarians and professors at library schools, who are seasoned presenters, to give AJL members an opportunity to learn from colleagues and gain confidence in presenting in the future.

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