**2023 NLS Midlands Regional Conference:**

# **Unity in Diversity**

# **May 16-18, 2023**

# **Grand Rapids, Michigan**

## **Conference Agenda**

### **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

9:00 AM Registration/Networking

9:30 AM Housekeeping/Roll Call of the States - Shelley Roossien, Kent District Library Talking Book & Braille Center

9:50 AM Welcome – Lance Werner, Kent District Library

10:15 AM Keynote: Changing Perspective and Creating Opportunities: How Accessibility and Equity are Key! – Jon Cauchi, Disability Advocates

11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM LBPH Wiki – Katie Monkiewicz, Washtenaw Library for the Blind & Print Disabled at AADL

12:00 PM Lunch on your own

1:00 PM EDI Tagging: Maintaining a Diverse Collection – Samantha Hodge & Marie Mulder, Kent District Library

2:00 PM Newsline Update – Scott White, National Federation for the Blind

2:30 PM Open Forum: Outreach

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Meet in Lobby for Grand Rapids Public Museum Tour

3:30 PM Grand Rapids Public Museum Tour or explore Grand Rapids on your own

### **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

9:00 AM Registration/Networking

9:15 AM NLS Updates – Pam Davenport & Jason Broughton, NLS

10:00 AM Open Forum: Meet the Director – Jason Broughton

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM VA Rapid Sign-up – Caitlin Wolfe, Braille & Talking Book Library

11:00 AM Finding the Way: How to Help a Visually Impaired Person With Their Orientation and Mobility – Amber Strasz, Mobility Specialist

12:00 PM Lunch sponsored by Keystone

1:00 PM be nice. To Yourself – Christy Buck, Founder of be nice.

2:00 PM Baking Something New for 2024: ALA-ODLOS and NLS Project for Revised Standards and Guidelines of Service for LOC Network of Libraries for the Blind and Print Disabled 2024 – Mandy Mattingly, Project Director

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Summer Reading – Stephanie Wambaugh, Braille & Talking Book Library

3:30 PM Open Forum – Braille eReaders

4:00 PM Midlands Business Meeting

### **Thursday, May 18, 2023**

9:00 AM Registration/Networking

9:15 AM User Group Meetings

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM VA Presentation – Deb Unseld & Paul Ryan, West Michigan Veterans Coalition

11:30 AM Closing Remarks

12:00 PM Adjourn