# AgendaCatch the Wave: Collaborate! 2023 NLS Northern and Southern Regional Conference, May 2-4, 2023 Daytona Beach, Florida

**Location: The Shores Resort and Spa,** 2637 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

## **Tuesday May 2**:

Preconference activity: Post on Surfing for Answers challenge board

8:00 **Breakfast with Colleagues, provided.** Registration table open

9:00 **Welcome remarks** State Librarian of Florida Amy Johnson; Message from Sec. of State Cord Byrd (tentative); or DOE Division of Blind Services Director Robert Doyle III, Deputy Director NLS Jason Yasner

9:30 **Roll Call of states**

10:00 **NLS updates**: Jason Yasner, Steve Prine, MaryBeth Wise, Meredith Beckhardt

10:45 Break

11:00 **Speed Networking**

12:00: **Lunch Provided at the FL Braille and Talking Book Library, and Tour**

2:00 **NLS: Wave of Equipment.** Includes DS1 and DA1 basic repair and operation, updates on inventory, and special sneak peak of the DA2! E Readers introduced. Led by Joseph Dorsey, Kevin Watson.

**Back to Hotel**

3:00 (Panel) **Wave of Support: Ereader Examined**. Network led. Includes lessons learned on distribution, ways to maximize use, encourage braille literacy, etc. (Angela Fisher Hall, AL, Barbara Penegor and Tracey Mania, KY)

3:30 Break

3:45 (Presentation/ Panel) **Turn the Tide: Youth Engagement!** (Call for network presenters, panel includes Donna Koh)

4:30 – 5:00 **Tidepool: Q and A session with NLS Staff and Network Consultant**

6:00 **Welcome reception and dinner, provided.** (blind services advocate Paul Kurtz, speaker, trumpeter will perform)

## **Wednesday May 3:**

8:00 **Breakfast with Colleagues, provided.**

9:00 -(Panel) -**Wave of Success: Remote Strategies**. Includes best practices for Remote programming, Hybrid programming, and creating digital communities.

10:00 **Turn the Tide: Best of what's new in tech** (call for network presenters, Jason Yasner NLS)

10:30 **Turn the Tide: Podcasting in Libraries** (Craig Hayward NC)

11:15 Break

11:30 **ILS meetups (KLAS and WebReads)**

12:30 **Lunch provided.**

1:45 - **NLS: Summer Reading** (Donna Koh, NLS, Mary Beth Parks, PA, and LaShawn Myles, MD)

2:30 - (Panel)- **Wave of Information: Outreach Initiatives** includes remote outreach, new approaches that worked, proven success stories (Sarah Smedley, FL) (call for presenters)

3:15 **Brain Coral Roundtable:** Call for presenters, moderators

**1. Applications** Digital from the Start and Electronic Storage; Steve Prine for NLS plan

**2.Tactiles in the Library** (Mark Lee and Steven McMillan PA)

**3. Leads session** with Meredith Beckhardt

3:45 -break

4:00 (Panel) **Turn the Tide: Programming.** Panel including NLS and presenters from the networks (Pandemic and beyond, Sarah Smedley, FL) (call for more presenters)

4:30: **Regional conference business meetings**

5:00: **Tidepool**: **Q&A with NLS staff and Network Consultant**

5:30 end

## **Thursday May 4**:

8:00 **Breakfast with Colleagues, provided.**

9:00 **Brain Coral Roundtable:** Call for presenters, moderators

**1. NLS: Advanced Machine Repair and Other Topics** battery life, etc. Joseph Dorsey, Kevin Watson, NLS

**2. Planning a conference of disabled authors**

**3. Collaborative programming** across network libraries and cross-advertising initiatives.

9:30: **NFB Newsline updates**

10:00 **Local author keynote: TBA**

11:00: Break

11:15 **Treading Water: Surfing for Answers** Selection of topics for discussion (collected on board from start of conference).

11:45 **Open Waters:** Small group discussion tables, discuss the solutions to “Treading Water”.

12:45: Closing Remarks

1:00 - END.