

2026 VLA Annual Conference Proposal Form - POSTER SESSIONS

The 2026 VLA Annual Conference will be held from Sunday, October 18 - Tuesday, October 20, 2026 in Norfolk Virginia at Norfolk Hilton the Main. **The deadline to submit poster proposals is April 17, 2026.**

This year's conference theme, Caring for Our Collective, focuses internally on mutual support and community care for library workers. Proposals should offer ideas and expertise on how to implement compassionate strategies to strengthen our collective community. The 2026 Conference Committee invites proposals that adhere to this theme, as well as any timely and relevant proposals that provide value to library workers across the Commonwealth.

Conference proposals do not need to directly tie into the conference theme and may focus on any topic that is timely and relevant to library workers.

The poster session will be held on Sunday, October 18 and run concurrently with the Awards Reception. Light bites and drinks will be served.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Poster Description

2. **Title of Poster ***

Give your poster a short, snappy title. If accepted, this will appear in the conference app. Please note that using generative AI may give you a title that will be similar or identical to another submission; use an editing eye to make your title stand out.

3. **Short Poster Description ***

What should VLA attendees know about your poster? What will make them want to stop and learn more? Please write a short description (50 words or less). If accepted, this will be printed in the conference app, so please write it in third person, and make it lively, informative, and interesting. It may be edited for publication. Presenters will be listed separately; they should not be listed in the description.

4. **Elevator Pitch ***

In 140 characters or fewer please provide a short description that gets attendees excited. If accepted, this may be used for social media and related marketing purposes.

5. **Learning Outcomes ***

Please identify three (3) learning outcomes for your poster that begin, “After viewing my poster, participants will...”

Learning outcomes should use active verbs, be measurable, and state what the participants should know or be able to do after attending your session. Learning outcomes should not simply repeat topics that will be addressed or activities that will take place during the session. Your proposal will be evaluated on the clarity and specificity of its learning outcomes.

6. **A strategic priority of VLA is a commitment to diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility in our profession and in library practice.**

In one paragraph or less, describe how your poster speaks to a broad variety of viewpoints and perspectives.

Presenter Details and Contact Information

7. **First Name ***

8. **Last Name ***

9. Organization *

10. Email Address *

11. Do you have additional presenters? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes *Skip to question 13*

No

12. I acknowledge that my poster must adhere to the guidelines provided by the Virginia Library Association in regards to size and material. I acknowledge that posters may not exceed 4 feet wide by 4 feet tall. I acknowledge that I will have an assigned space for my poster on a bulletin board that will be shared with a separate presenter. I acknowledge space limitations must be followed to prevent my poster from overtaking another presenter's space. I acknowledge I will forfeit my ability to hang and present my poster if it is discovered that my poster exceeds the size limitations. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

Accommodations

Please contact Vanessa Garbarino at vanessa@vla.org with questions about accessibility in the conference center.

Additional presenters

Up to two presenters per session will receive a discount code for \$75 off conference registration fees.

13. First Name of second presenter (if any)

14. Last Name of second presenter (if any)

15. Organization of second presenter (if any)

16. Email Address of second presenter (if any)

17. First Name of third presenter (if any)

18. Last Name of third presenter (if any)

19. Organization of third presenter (if any)

20. Email Address of third presenter (if any)

21. First Name of fourth presenter (if any)

22. Last Name of fourth presenter (if any)

23. Organization of fourth presenter (if any)

24. Email Address of fourth presenter (if any)

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