

LISA R. VARGA

PRESENTATIONS



ABOUT

Lisa R. Varga has been the Executive Director of the Virginia Library Association since 2011. In 2024, she was named the 2024 Librarian of the Year by Library Journal. She is active with the Virginia Society of Association Executives, the International Council of Library Association Executives, and the American Library Association Policy Corps, focusing on the Unite Against Book Bans Campaign. She was the Chair of the Virginia Beach Public Library Board from 2023-2024 and was recently honored with a Commending Resolution from the Board of Trustees of the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

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Lisa has presented locally and nationally on a variety of topics including Intellectual Freedom and Association Governance.

ADVOCACY

- ACLU Virginia/Presenter, Community Conversation, October 2023
- League of Women Voters, VA
 - Membership Meeting on First Amendment Issues, January 15, 2023
 - Membership Meeting, June 28, 2023

DIGITAL PRESENTATIONS

- Amigos/Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law, October 2023
- Digipalooza/#UniteAgainstBookBans: Advocate for your community's right to read, August 10, 2023
- Infobase.com/Webinar, May 10, 2022: Serving All Communities: Navigating the Banned Books, Censorship & Intellectual Freedom Debates
- Library Journal & School Library Journal, Censorship and Banned Books: Tactics for Defending Intellectual Freedom/Stronger Together: Building Community, Coalitions and Allies, April 17, 2024 (online)
- Network NOVA Power Lunch
 - Combat Book Bans Using Advocacy Tools: Bring the Hammer, July 24, 2023
 - Webinar: Spooky Stories this election, featured speaker, October 28, 2022
- PCI Webinars/The Censorship Cycle: Prevention Through Materials Management, August 16, 2023

STATE AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

- Library Journal Director's Summit/Taking Action on Censorship panel, November 9, 2023
- Massachusetts Library Association Leadership and Management Section Presenter, May 21, 2024
- NYLA Spring on the Hill Advocacy Day/Preserving Knowledge, Protecting Freedoms; Navigating the Landscape of Censorship in Libraries, April 2024
- Potomac Technical and Processing Librarians/What's in YOUR Policy? Protecting the Freedom to Read through Materials Management, May 2023
- VICULA Intellectual Freedom Summit/Presented with Dr. Martin Garner, March 15, 2024
- Wisconsin Library Association Intellectual Freedom Summit/ Presenter, May 22, 2024

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

- ALA/AASL Chapter Advocacy Workshop, December 2023
- Chapter Leaders Forum, biannually, 2013-2023
- June 23, 2023: Foreward presents: Library Insights Summit, Moderator, Understanding and Combating Book Bans
- June 25, 2023: 2023 State Legislation Update Panel
- April 5, 2023: United for Libraries webinar, Hammer, Vice, Lever: Better Tools, Stronger Advocacy
- January 28, 2023: LibLearnX: Hammer, Vice, Lever: Better Tools, Stronger Advocacy
- January 29, 2023: LibLearnX: Association Leaders Forum
- December 15, 2022: ALA Connect Live! Our Brave Communities: Facing Censorship Head on with ALA, Panelist with Martha Hickson and Brian Raitz
- December 7, 2021: Committee on Legislative Advocacy 2nd Annual Ecosystem Committee Webinar, Panelist
- **Public Library Association** Conference/Pivoting to Meet New Censorship Tactics, April 5, 2024
- **Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)** National Webinar, Intellectual Freedom: Individuals Making a Difference/Presenter, May 23, 2024

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- Alexandria Library, VA/Staff Day Keynote, May 17, 2024
- Loudoun County Public Library Circulation Retreat/Keynote speaker, April 26, 2024
- Norfolk Public Library
 - Trustee Retreat, September 2023
 - Staff Day Keynote, October 2023
- Ramapo-Catskill Library System, NY/Trustees meeting, The Escalating Cycle of Censorship in Libraries, August 15, 2023
- Rockbridge Regional Library Staff Day/VLA: What we do, how we do, how we can't do it without you, April 2023
- Slover Library Foundation & NPL Foundation Present/The Importance of Libraries Series April 27, 2023
- Suffolk Public Library, VA/VLA & Challenged Materials/18 months in review, June 30, 2023
- Valley Libraries/Trustee Retreat, Waynesboro Public Library/Augusta County Public Library/Staunton Public Library, September 2023
- Virginia Beach Public Library All Staff Development Day/Reconsideration Policies in Practice in Public Libraries, May 2, 2024

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Lifelong Learning Institute of Northern Virginia/Book Banning in Virginia and Beyond, The Law and Policy, October 2023 with Matt Callahan, ACLU
- Old Dominion University MLIS program
- Office Hours for Dr. Jennifer Scott-Brown, October 2023
- Office Hours for Dr. Nan Carmack, October 2023
- Keynote speaker for online Graduation, May 2024
- Tidewater Community College Library/Innovations and Empowerment Conference, May 10, 2024
- Virginia Commonwealth University/TEDU 211: Censored in School: Banned Books, guest speaker, February 2024