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VERMONT LIBRARY CONFERENCE 2015

# REVEAL YOUR SUPERPOWER!

(TIGHTS AND CAPE OPTIONAL)



**TUESDAY, MAY 19TH,  
9AM-5:30PM,  
CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE,  
163 S WILLARD ST, BURLINGTON, VT**

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MUNICIPAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

# Pre-Conference

## Everyone Is Welcome: Tools for Confident and Safe Patron Interactions



You never know who will come into your library. Tammy Boudah from Howard Center will lead this workshop to help you feel confident that you can provide service to everyone, including people with mental health problems and substance use disorders. It will include a discussion of language, diagnoses, stigma, how to set boundaries, and how to engage with people who are in need of service, but not a threat. It will cover when and who to call for crisis intervention. There will also be time to discuss situations you encounter or have encountered in your libraries.

Tammy Boudah

Tammy Boudah is a native Vermonter and Burlingtonian. She has been a member of the Howard Center Street Outreach Team for eleven years, working with a variety of individuals experiencing struggles with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, poverty, and other issues.

Monday, May 18th

- Pre-Conference, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington ~~~~~ 2:00-5:00
- Check-In for Dorm Room, Champlain College ~~~~~ 4:00-6:00
- Library Libations, Fletcher Free Library ~~~~~ 6:30-8:30

# Keynote Speaker

## Scott Bonner

Scott Bonner has been the Director of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library since July 1, 2014. He has been a professional librarian for 9 years with a strong focus on serving the community. Before entering library work, Bonner worked in mental health, working with kids and teens. He received his master's degree in library science from University of Missouri, Columbia (Mizzou). He is married with 4 kids, ranging from 10 years old to just-turned-1. Follow him on Twitter at @ScottyBonner!



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Your membership in the Vermont Library Association is vital to the well-being of libraries in Vermont, and to your own professional development. VLA is over 300 members strong, and every new or renewed membership means we can accomplish more for Vermont libraries in our communities.

## Morning Programs

Conference Registration ~~~~~ 8:15-9:00

Opening General Session ~~~~~ 9:00-10:25

Keynote: Reveal Your Superpower! (tights and cape optional) *Scott Bonner, Library Director, Ferguson Municipal Public Library*

# First Session

10:30 – 11:30

**Conversation with Scott** *Scott Bonner, Library Director, Ferguson Municipal Public Library*

Have questions for Scott? Now's your time to ask! This session is a relaxed conversation with the keynote speaker.

**Library Partnerships and Community Collaborations** *Amy Olsen (Lanpher Memorial Library)*

Come get ideas on how building relationships within our communities will help assess community needs and give ways to get involved.

**LakeCraft** *Nina Ridhibinyo, Education Group Programs Manager, ECHO Center*

Lakecraft is a virtual world modeled in the computer game Minecraft using real data on the Lake Champlain watershed. It can be used as a powerful tool for engaging students in the digital exploration of local geography.

**Workplace Bullying in the Library** *Carol Geary (Bibliotemps)*

Learn about workplace bullying and how to create policies and procedures to create better work environments.

**Data-Driven Librarianship** *Alan Carbery (Champlain), Sean Leahy (Champlain), Janet Cottrell (Champlain)*

Join this panel to hear how one institute is using data and assessment to demonstrate value and guide services and decision-making within the library.

**Book Repair Workshop** *Helen Linda (Goddard College)*

Learn common techniques for reinserting falling-out pages, fixing torn pages, and reattaching book insides to their hard covers for items in your circulating collection. Bring a book from your repair pile to practice on. Materials are provided. This session is strictly limited to 15 participants, you will receive confirmation via email to attend.

**Lunch** ~~~~~ 11:30 - 12:30

**Section Meetings** ~~~~~ 12:30 - 12:55

- College and Special Libraries
- Public Libraries
- Youth Librarians and VSLA
- GMLC
- Technical Services
- Trustees & Friends

# Second Session

1:00 – 1:55

**Statistics for Annual Public Libraries Report** *Rob Geiszler (VTLIB)*

Tips to make these statistics easier to track and compile. Learn how to use these numbers to help you advocate for your library!

**Practical and Inexpensive Maker Projects** *Thad Gembczynski (Deborah Rawson Memorial Library), Bree Drapa (Westford Public Library)*

Not enough money in the budget for a 3D printer? Want to move beyond crafts and LEGOS? We'll show you how to get started with inexpensive Maker projects. Plenty of time for hands-on exploration!

**Ditching Dewey** *Nancy Daigle (Thatcher Brook Primary School), Jessica Summer (Winooski Memorial Library), Amanda Perry (Winooski Memorial Library)*

Come see how three librarians dumped Dewey to make their collections more accessible to patrons of all ages.

**Rapid Reviews** *Amy Howlett (VTLIB), Selene Colburn (UVM), Ernie Drown*

These booktalkers hit the highlights of the best adult fiction and nonfiction in the past year.

**Threshold Concept Secret Sauce** *Andy Burkhardt (Champlain College), Alan Carbery (Champlain College)*

Learn about real-world examples of how one library is already adapting the revised ACRL framework!

**Oh, I Just Use the Search Bar** *Angele D. Mott Nickerson (VTLIB), Thomas McMurdo (VTLIB)*

Overview of the large-scale redesign of the VTLIB website. Designed for libraries embarking on website redesign.

**VLA Business Meeting** ~~~~~ 2:00 - 2:45

**Poster Session and Snack Time** ~~~~~ 2:45 - 3:25

## Third Session

3:30 - 4:25

### **Architects, Engineers, & Builders: Oh, My** *Jeannette Bair (Rochester Public Library)*

Beginning a renovation project at your library? Come learn what to look out for from a library that's just finished a building project.

### **Starting a Seed Library: Tips and Tools** *Amy Wisehart (Hartland Public Library), Molly Kennedy (Brandon Free Public Library)*

Come learn how to start a seed library, tips and tools for implementation, and possibilities for resource sharing statewide.

### **Process Art at Library Story Time** *Amy Olsen (Lanpher Memorial Library), Marie Olsen*

Learn ways to enhance art activities to provide children with what they need to freely experiment with materials and use their imaginations in concrete form.

### **We're Not Open Yet: or Effective Signage** *Abby Noland (Rutland Free Library)*

This is a humorous and thought provoking view of finding the best way for your library to put up signs that the public will read in your library. Audience participation encouraged.

### **What Can Guide on the Side Do For Your Library?** *Dan DeSanto, Daisy Benson (UVM), Graham Sherriff (UVM)*

UVM is in their second year using this free software that can lead users through interactive tutorial experiences. Come learn about this software and the UVM Libraries' experiences!

### **Appy Hour** *Amanda Perry (Winooski Memorial Library), Andy Burkhardt (Champlain College)*

Curious about how to use smartphone or tablet apps in the library to help keep you organized or make your library more productive? This is the session for you! Come prepared to share your favorites with the group.

## Fourth Session

4:30 - 5:25

### **Guidance on Common Legal & HR Issues in Libraries** *Caroline S. Earle, Esq., Robin A. Freeman, Jr., Esq.*

This session is designed to provide practical legal and human resources advice to libraries that do not have in-house counsel or a human resources professional on staff. (Questions to be submitted anonymously in advance.)

### **Tabletop Games @ the Library** *Travis Perry (Franklin County Gamers), Hannah Tracy (Fairlee Public Library)*

Looking to liven up library gaming programs? Come learn how libraries have successfully implemented these types of programs, and examine several games in person. Plenty of time for questions.

### **VELI Roundup** *Wendy Martin (VT Center for the Book), Sally Anderson (VT Center for the Book)*

Have you participated in VELI, or are you considering it? In this session, learn about the program and hear librarians share success stories and programming examples from their VELI trainings.

### **Who Do I Call, Where Do I Go?** *Ann Dillenbeck*

Are you ever uncertain how to handle patron interactions where you suspect abuse or drug use? This session will help identify resources to better support staff and difficult patrons.

### **Academic Library Show & Tell: Pecha Kucha Sessions** *Laura Crain (SMC)*

A variety of presenters from academic libraries share their innovative topics in the 6 minute 40 second Pecha Kucha format, with plenty of time for discussion.

### **Project Management Apps for Busy Librarians** *Amber Billey (UVM)*

Learn the benefits of project management apps to help keep tasks organized and get things done. This session will give you simple project management tips, and explore web-based applications such as SmartSheet, BaseCamp, FreedCamp, Trello, and Asana.

## Conference Reception

5:30-6:30