

124TH ANNUAL
VERMONT LIBRARY CONFERENCE

REACHING
GREATER HEIGHTS
TOGETHER

Join Us At
Lake Morey Resort
1 Clubhouse Road Fairlee, Vermont
Friday, May 18th 2018, 8am - 5:15pm

With Special Guests
Bill McKibben & Sue Halpern

Our Special Guests...

Bill McKibben. His book, *The End of Nature*, began the discussion of climate change almost 30 years ago. Last year, he published his first novel, *Radio Free VT*, a rollicking story of an oddball band of patriots who think maybe VT would be better off as its own republic.

One of the foremost environmental authors and activists of our time, Bill is a founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement, which has organized twenty thousand rallies around the world, spearheaded the resistance to the Keystone Pipeline, and launched the fast-growing fossil fuel divestment movement.



Sue Halpern. “Sometimes the best stories in the library aren’t found on its shelves; they’re walking through its doors and congregating by the reference desk. Sue Halpern knows this and mines the (library) setting for comic and tragicomic gold” comments reviewer, Marilyn Johnson about her latest book, the novel *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library*, published in February, 2018. Journalist and author, Sue is a frequent contributor to the New York Review and is the author of both fiction and nonfiction. *The Book of Hard Things*, *Migration to Solitude*, *Four Wings and a Prayer*, *A Dog Walks Into A Nursing Home*, and *I Can’t Remember What I Forgot*.

Bill McKibben & Sue Halpern @ 1:30

Our Communities Our Libraries

8:00-8:45 **Registration** **Breakfast** **Exhibits**
8:45-9:00 **VLA Annual Meeting**
9:00-9:50 **Opening Plenary**

Creating the Best Small Libraries in America

Better Together

Erica Freudenberger



Libraries have an opportunity to strengthen the social fabric in a digital age, creating connections, collaborations, and helping communities to build the world-or at least their corner of it-as they would like it to be. We can empower the communities we serve by helping them identify and multiply resources through strategic collaborations; develop inclusive plans that encourage citizens to become active agents in our democracy; and adapt local, sustainable strategies allowing them to innovate and thrive, so that libraries may as well.

Get Engaged

Continue to work with Erica to apply what you learned in more depth. This double workshop (10:00-11:50) will be a hands-on introduction to community engagement, including asset mapping, power mapping, and the Harwood Institute for Public Innovation tools. By the end of the workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify community needs by gathering pertinent data
- Develop an asset and/or power map
- Confidently approach stakeholder organizations
- Translate community needs (data) into desirable outcomes (action)
- Involve key leaders & public in action
- Build buy-in with board and staff

Presenter: Erica Freudenberger, Outreach & Engagement Consultant, Southern Adirondack Library System

Round One Workshops

10:00-10:50

Get Engaged!

Continue to work with Erica to apply what you learned in more depth. A hands-on introduction to community engagement.

Presenter: Erica Freudenberger

RAPID Reviews

A year's worth of reader's advisory in an hour, using a format to encourage copycat sessions in all VT public, academic, and school libraries. With the incomparable reviewing team of Amy, Ernie, & Co.

Presenters: Amy Howlett, Springfield Town Library; Ernie Drown, recovering librarian; Joy Worland, Joslin Memorial Library; Toni Josey, Burnham Memorial Library Trustee; and Mary Danko, Fletcher Free Library

Digitizing your Special Collections using Omeka

Learn to make your Special Collections accessible using Omeka, a free Open Source content-management system. Learn all project steps to benefit both library patrons & researchers across the globe.

Presenters: Virgil Fuller & Sam Maskell, Rockingham Free Public Library

The Importance of Diverse Literature for Children and Adolescents: A Call to Action

Libraries can provide the protected & brave spaces for leading conversations on equity & inclusion. Discuss how to build diverse collections & cultural competence, as well as engage in conversations about equity and inclusivity.

Presenter: Marta Beede Ed.D

Open Door Collective: Public Libraries & Adult Education

Libraries are natural partners for supporting programs sponsored by the Open Door Collective, a national effort in poverty reduction. Learn how the ProLiteracy Library Literacy Action Plan can get you started.

Presenter: Peter Waite & David Rosen, Open Door Collective

Round Two Workshops

11:00-11:50

Get Engaged! Continued...

Continue to work with Erica to apply what you learned in more depth.

Presenter: Erica Freudenberger

Legal Information for all VTers

Connect your patrons to the legal resources they need. Natalia May, the Coordinator of the Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) at VT Law School highlights legal reference & information available to VTers.

Presenter: Natalia May, VT Law School

Reach the Highest Note: Music and Movement Programs at Your Library

Music is for everyone & critical to a child's development. Participate in hands-on music & rhythm activities and share how to develop a new program at your library or incorporate these into existing programs for youth.

Presenters: Caitlin Corless, Essex Free Library and Rachel Booher, Morristown Centennial Library

Security in the Library

Retired FBI Special Agent Bill McSallis details how to assess & improve library security. He offers specific actions librarians & trustees can take to improve staff awareness, & reduce negative outcomes during security threats.

Presenter: William McSallis, Special Agent FBI, Retired

Win-Win With Community Partnerships

Inspiration for non-traditional & low-cost programs from partnering with local and statewide organizations. This panel features representatives from a wide variety of possible partners.

12:00-1:30 Mid-Day Break

Section Meetings

Exhibits

Lunch

Section Meetings

Plan to join your colleagues for a brief business meeting during the midday break. Check for the location and time for the section meetings in your registration packet. Sections are: Youth, Academic, Public, Technology, & Trustee/Friends.

Green Mountain Library Consortium Annual Meeting

In the Theater at 12:00-12:30

Browse the Exhibits

Plan to spend time visiting the Exhibit Hall throughout the day to view the displays and learn about what the organizations and vendors can offer your library. Please thank them for coming. Our Sponsors and Exhibitors help make the conference possible!

Lunch

Section meeting times are staggered to help alleviate long lines at the buffet.

Books!

Bill and Sue's books will be available for sale & signing

1:30-2:20 Special Guests

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Our Communities Our Libraries

Round Three Workshops

2:30-3:20

Facing the Future: Facilitating Climate Change Conversations in Your Library

Explore ways libraries can empower our communities to respond, adapt, and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Presenter: Madeleine Charney, Sustainability Studies Librarian, UMass Amherst

Start Spreading the News: Help Your Users Navigate News Media in a Time of Fake News

Help your users understand where their news comes from and assess it for accuracy and perspective. Review factors that lead to media distrust, the rise of fake & "fake" news and how technology & social media shape news contact.

Presenter: Daisy Benson, University of VT

VELI STEM Primer

A state-led IMLS grant gave public librarians the steps essential to STEM learning for children ages 4-8. Partners explain putting STEM into action and offer activities to try at your library.

Presenters: Cass Mabbott, VT Department of Libraries; Sally Anderson & Wendy Martin, VT Center for the Book; Librarians Hannah Peacock, Sam Maskell, and Michelle Stinson

What's going on @ VTLIB

It's a whole new team in Montpelier. What's new and what's on the horizon? Scott Murphy, VT State Librarian, and his team update you and answer all your questions.

Book Repair 101

Learn basic techniques to repair items in your circulating collection, from broken bindings to torn pages & more.

Bring books from your to-repair pile to practice on, repair materials provided. **Session limited to 15**, pre-registration required, with email confirmation.

Presenter: Helen Linda, VT Agcy. of Digital Services & formerly Goddard College.

Round Four Workshops

3:30-4:20

Actionable Data: Collecting and Analyzing Information for Maximum Impact

What do to with all that data? Learn how to collect data and act on it with maximum impact. Get tools and tips for making confident decisions about collecting and using data for your library.

Presenter: Helen Linda, VT Agency of Digital Services and formerly Goddard College

Town-Wide Programs & Writing Together: Community Collaborations

Learn how to create your own community-wide project, based on two different projects that build spirit and engagement in their respective towns. **From Williston:** A town-wide Peace Project involving over 200 Williston residents led to a permanent art display at the library. **From Wilmington:** A creative writing project run by the Poetry Party led to six VT-themed writing prompts. Wilmington community members responded with anonymous submissions.

Presenters: Marti Fiske, Dorothy Alling Memorial Library and Jennifer Raze, Pettee Memorial Library

Redefining Special Services

Talking books, large print, & assistive technologies are just a few of the special services offered by the Department of Libraries. Explore physical and virtual tools available to your patrons and learn about new programs in the works.

Presenters: Vincent Livotj, VT Department of Libraries and Amy Olsen, Lanpher Memorial Library

The Return of Materials Review for Young Readers

Join Cass Mabbott from the VT Department of Libraries and her cadre of book reviewers for a return of Materials Review! This panel shares the most interesting upcoming books for all ages.

Presenters: Cass Mabbott, VT DOL; Kelsey Psaute & Hannah Peacock, Burnham Memorial Library

VLA Strategic Planning & Social Media Empire

Learn about the April VLA Summit, the VLA's strategic plan and future direction of the organization. Discuss how VLA's social media presence can promote the profession and our organization.

Presenters: Joy Worland, VLA President; Lawrence Webster, Consultant; Jessamyn West, Web Guru

Round Five Workshops

4:30-5:15

Small Town Solutions

Need more ideas for your small library? Just borrow from your neighbors! Two directors showcase how their model of collaborative service. Borrow ideas and bring your own to share.

Presenters: Abby Adams, Platt Memorial Library, Shoreham; and Kate Hunter, Orwell Free Library

Safe and Supportive

Recognize the basic symptoms of individuals who may be under the influence and how and when to respond. Learn how to maintain a safe environment for everyone. Increase your knowledge of stigma around substance-use disorder. Discover statewide resources for prevention, treatment & recovery to share with library patrons.

Presenters: Michelle Salvador and Matt Whelan, Substance Abuse Prevention Consultants with the VT Department of Health

Easy and Effective E-Newsletters

Discover how to create an online newsletter or make your current one more appealing. Details include design & format tips, as well as how to create and schedule the campaign and link the newsletter to your library website.

Presenter: Jessica Psaros, Stowe Free Library

Information First Responders

Create a disaster recovery support strategy for your community as a companion to your library's own disaster recovery plan using free tools and resources specific for librarians.

Presenter: Loona Brogan, Cutler Memorial Library, Plainfield

Hands on the Books

A continuation of the "The Return of Materials Review." Time to examine the materials and make selections for your library.

Reception

5:15-6:30

Essential Information

Snacks & Drinks available in the Exhibit Hall throughout the day.

**Want to stay over?
Conference room rate , \$139**

**Lake Morey Resort
1 Clubhouse Rd, Fairlee, VT 05045
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Vermont Library Association

Membership provides many benefits including discounts up to \$50 on conference registration and eligibility for scholarships.

Join or renew your membership [CLICK HERE!](#)

**Early Bird Discount Registration ends April 16th
Registration closes May 1**

Register for the conference [CLICK HERE!](#)

Has it been awhile since you were able to attend a VLA Conference? Do you want to attend but lack the funds? Thanks to generous sponsorship from the Department of Libraries, VLA is able to offer a limited number of scholarships to fully or partially cover the registration cost of attending the 2018 VT Library Association Conference. Applying is simple!

**Scholarship applications due Friday, March 23.
Recipients will be notified by Friday, April 6.
You must be a member of VLA to apply.**

Need a Scholarships? [CLICK HERE!](#)