Intersect Unconference

Announcing Intersect 2021 - Resilience, Renewal, and Beyond

On behalf of the Western New York Library Resources Council’s Continuing Education Committee, we would like to thank everybody who made our past unconferences a success! It has been awesome to see such great ideas, creativity, and support from the library workers of Western New York (and beyond!) and we are excited to announce the beginning of Round One (Idea Submission) for Intersect 2021: Resilience, Renewal, and Beyond!

The event will be held virtually on October 1, 2021.

This year’s theme drew from multiple submissions on our recent theme poll. Thank you to everyone who participated! We are starting the planning process for Intersect 2021 right away, so please get involved using any of the options below...

How to Get Involved

Submit a Presentation Idea!

The WNYLRC Continuing Education Committee is looking for ideas for workshop sessions, lightning talks, pecha kucha, discussion roundtables, breakout sessions, interactive panel discussions, technology demonstrations, presentations in interesting new formats, and/or anything else that you’d like to experience at this year’s unconference.

Resilience, Renewal, and Beyond can incorporate many things in the library context, and we want to hear your ideas and suggestions of what this concept means to you. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Building community
- Adaptations in library services
- Sustainability
- Self-advocacy
- Activism
- Reskilling, upskilling, new skilling
- Personal or organizational struggles
- Workplace communication/staff morale

Feel free to use one of these points as inspiration, or to draw from your own ideas! Please submit your ideas on our Tricider page.
Let’s Have Fun!

This is our second Intersect taking place in a virtual environment. We are looking for ways to have fun and network online (in lieu of the fantastic tours we would have as part of an in-person event). Do you have any ideas for lunchtime games or mini-breaks? Are you a yogi, meditation teacher, trivia host or Bingo announcer? Please volunteer or propose ideas for these types of activities, as well!

Vote and/or Comment on Ideas!

If you aren’t interested in presenting yourself, you can still get involved in the planning process to make this unconference the best ever! Please visit our Tricider page to vote for your favorite ideas or post your support, concerns, or suggestions for enhancing an idea. We want to hear from all perspectives! Remember: the ideas with the most votes and interaction on the Tricider will move forward to Round Two of our proposal vetting process. So this is your chance to make sure your favorite ideas make it through.

Volunteer as a Peer Reviewer!

Once the top submissions have been established, the Continuing Education Committee will need assistance assessing formal conference proposals. This would be a temporary, short-term commitment of approximately one month or less, around June or July 2021. If you would be interested in volunteering as a peer reviewer, please contact Caitlin Kenney (ckenney@wnylrc.org) or Bryan Sajecki (bsajecki@buffalo.edu) at any time to express your interest.

Important Dates (So Far)

Idea Submission/Voting: May 2021

Invitation to Round Two (Formal Proposals): Early June

Peer Review Period: June-July 2021

Intersect 2021: October 1, 2021

Contact Us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erin Vest (veste@buffalolib.org), Bryan Sajecki (bsajecki@buffalo.edu), Kimberly Plassche (kf43@buffalo.edu), or Caitlin Kenney (ckenney@wnylrc.org).