



Stars, Stripes, and Stories

– Libraries at the Heart of America –

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:00 AM-6:00 PM..... information desk open
8:00 AM-12:00 PM..... pipe and drape set up
9:00 AM-5:00 PM..... pre-conference workshops
12:00 PM-6:00 PM..... exhibitor set up
4:00 PM-5:00 PM..... MPLA Board meeting
5:00 PM-6:30 PM..... dine around
6:30 PM-8:00 PM..... *Omaha Public Libraries*
open house and tours*

Thursday, October 15, 2026

7:00 AM-6:00 PM information desk open
8:00 AM-7:00 PM exhibit floor open
8:00 AM-8:45 AM..... session
8:45 AM-9:00 AM..... transition time
9:00 AM-9:45 AM..... session
9:45 AM-10:00 AM..... transition time
10:00 AM-10:45 AM..... Keynote: *Kelvin Watson*
10:45 AM-11:15 AM..... exhibitor break
11:15 AM-12:00 PM..... session
12:00 PM-1:00 PM lunch with the
MPLA member meeting,
and NLA section meetings
1:00 PM-1:15 PM transition time
1:15 PM-2:00 PM session
2:00 PM-2:15 PM transition time
2:15 PM-3:00 PM Keynote: *Alex Kava*
3:00 PM-3:15 PM transition time
3:15 PM-4:00 PM session
4:00 PM-4:15PM transition time
4:15 PM-5:00 PM session
5:00 PM-7:00 PM exhibitor reception with
live band: *The Raw Nerve*
7:00 PM-7:30 PM transition
7:30 PM-9:30 PM *Smash Park* social event*

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:30 AM-5:00 PM information desk open
8:00 AM-11:30 AM exhibit floor open
8:30 AM-9:15 AM session
9:15 AM-9:30 AM transition time
9:30 AM-10:15 AM session
10:15 AM-11:30 AM exhibitor break
11:30 AM exhibitors are free to
leave if they wish
11:30 AM-1:15 PM lunch, featuring the
NLA annual meeting
1:15 PM-1:30 PM transition time
1:30 PM-2:15 PM session
1:30 PM-3:15 PM table talks open
2:15 PM-2:30 PM transition time
2:30 PM-3:15 PM session
3:15 PM deadline to submit
silent auction bids
3:15 PM-3:30 PM transition time
3:30 PM-4:30 PM Keynote: *Jewel Rodgers*
4:30 PM-5:00 PM closing address
5:00 PM deadline to pick up
silent auction winnings

All events will take place at the Embassy La Vista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE 68128, unless noted with an asterisk.