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Because of the NLA C&U section professional development grant, I was able to attend the 2017 ACRL Biannual Conference.

At the conference, I participated in a variety of sessions and vendor meetings. I tried to stay focused on a few areas that I consider broadly applicable to my career goals and interests. These included collaboration and campus partnerships, online learning and information literacy, and design thinking for libraries.

A couple sessions that will be immediately applicable to my current position at Metro Community College included "Promoting a Service Culture Across Technical and Public Services: Lessons from Electronic Resource Access Troubleshooting and Support" and "Current Issues in Acquisitions for New Recruits through Seasoned Sailors". I also had the opportunity to meet vendors face-to-face and see what they have on the horizon, which will help me make the best choices in purchasing new resources.

The conference exceeded my expectations in providing information valuable to my job and to my own long-term professional development. The whole experience was capped off with a final keynote from Dr. Carla Hayden, the recently appointed Librarian of Congress. She was inspiring, funny, and brilliant in providing both grand visions and practical actions that we can take to advance libraries and serve our patrons.

Thank you to C&U for the grant, which allowed me to attend this excellent learning opportunity. I look forward to using new skills and sharing ideas from the conference with the Nebraska library community.