

ACLCP Continuing Education Grant

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ALA Conference Summary

The conference this year was the second ALA meeting I attended with the first being in DC a few years ago. It was another great experience with so many sessions to attend and the exhibits floor which is overwhelming in its size. I was able to bring home a great deal of swag and books (autographed, ARCs, etc.) for my library program. It seemed every time I turned around there was another booth with an author signing free books. My session, *Cultivating Inclusivity: Assessing Collections for Diversity*, which I presented with Jessica Jordan (Slippery Rock) and Karen Wanamaker (Kutztown) was well attended for a Sunday afternoon with 65 people showing up. A lively discussion took place at the end of the presentation with attendees asking questions and sharing experiences which added to the presentation.

Thank you again for the grant to attend the conference. National events are extremely expensive and this funding made the trip possible.