



From San Jose State University: Mini-Conference on April 4th

The next **mini-conference from San Jose State University** is coming up on **April 4** (2:00-5:00PM central time) Always good information—and always free—their April education event is titled *“Mental Health and Wellness: Library Workers Thriving in Uncertain Times.”*

The conference format for the afternoon begins with a keynote panel, followed by 10-15 crowd-sourced thirty-minute presentations, and finishing with a closing keynote. From the event website: *“Libraries have the power to help transform lives, both for staff and patrons, through efforts that promote mental health and wellness. In this Library 2.023 mini-conference, we will focus specifically on helping library workers thrive in these current uncertain and complex times. We will also explore the opportunity to reimagine our futures, to renew and adapt our institutions, and to craft new stories about who we are and what we value.”*

Conference sessions will focus on programs and initiatives supporting staff, teams, leadership, and organizational health and wellness. Topics are expected to include staff burnout, trauma support, the best in work-life balance, and achieving civility in polarized environments. Registration is required to be able to access the recording after-the-fact. So check your calendar and make room to attend 😊

[Register For SJSU Mini Conference April 4th](#)

Director Roundtables In May

A longtime staple in our Continuing Education calendar, **Director Roundtables** are coming back in May. **Roundtables** are another way we can go deeper into the annual CE theme. In a guided discussion format, library directors have a chance to connect with

peers and learn from each other in applying and adapting ideas—this year, it's partnership ideas.

This spring, **Director Roundtables** will follow our overall education theme in 2023: **“Productive Partnerships.”** With last year's theme (“Make Room for Yes”) as a jumping off point, we'll spend time this year discussing the benefits of finding partners in a common cause. And we'll discuss how productive partnerships can advance mutual missions for community betterment. Among likely partners to consider:



- Teachers and school librarians
- Businesses and community groups
- Friends Groups
- Other city departments
- Other libraries

Come ready to share success stories about the productive partnerships your library enjoys. With that as the main focus, there will also be time for open-ended conversation on other topics that attendees would like to discuss.

Thanks to Emily Bainter, a webpage displays all of the **Director Roundtables** happening across the state in May. This helpful at-a-glance page shows all the dates and locations so you can match them against your calendar and choose the one that's most convenient. Obviously ample opportunities, so make plans to join your colleagues and State Library Staff at **Director Roundtables in the merry month of May** 😊

[Director Roundtables May 2023 Schedule](#)

This Week ...

STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits Continue

**This Week @ Cedar Falls on March 20-21
Then @ Anita on March 23-24**

These programs are happening in each District throughout the month of March. The STEM fairs had limited enrollment and have filled up everywhere.



However, the Summer Reading Summits do not have similar registration limits, so you can still register for those. Here's more information on specific locations

[Find Remaining Dates & Locations](#)

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