

Awful Library Books

Hoarding is not collection development



FAQs about Hiring ALB

To book a speaking engagement with Holly and Mary of Awful Library Books (ALB Partners), please review our frequently asked questions and contact us at submit@awfullibrarybooks.net. Please note that most fees are negotiable. We work in public libraries and have been on conference committees, so we understand budget limitations.

Q: What are our credentials?

A: We both have Masters Degrees in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. We have extensive experience speaking at workshops and conferences, both around the U.S. and internationally. We have given keynote presentations and breakout sessions, presented webinars on various platforms, been interviewed for podcasts and radio shows, and have even been on national TV. We have published three books: *Making a Collection Count: A Holistic Approach to Library Collection Management* (2nd edition 2013), *Weeding Manual*, part of the *Quick Reads for Busy Librarians* series published by the Public Library Association in 2016, and *Taking Your Library Career to the Next Level: Participating, Publishing, and Presenting* (2017). For a full list of our past performances and publications, please go to awfullibrarybooks.net/street-cred.

Q: What can we talk about?

A: Any presentation listed at slideshare.net/awfullibrarybooks is fair game. If you have an idea for a different topic, just run it by us. Presentations are customized for each audience. We are also available for consulting projects like collection analysis, inventory, writing collection management policies, or training staff to do the same.

Q: What equipment do we require?

A: We can work with whatever you've got. A projector and screen are preferred. Two separate microphones are also preferred. We will provide a laptop. We can provide adaptors for HDMI and VGA connections. An internet connection is nice, but not necessary. For webinars, we need access to whatever webinar platform you're hosting the webinar on. We have laptops with Windows 10, webcams, and microphones, and are very experienced in virtual presentation platforms like Zoom, GoToMeeting, Adobe Connect, and WebX.

Q: How much do we charge?

A: Remember, everything is negotiable! Prices are dependent on the scope of the project and the location. Please ask for a quote for a consulting project. These flat fees are inclusive of all expenses.

- \$3,000 for one presentation, up to 2 hours long, in locations that require air travel. Prices for international travel will vary; please ask for a quote.
- \$2,000 for one presentation up to 90-minutes long in locations within a 4-hour drive of Detroit.
- \$1,000 for each presentation up to 90-minutes long in locations within a 1-hour drive of Detroit.
- \$500 for one virtual presentation (webinar or live video) up to 90 minutes long.
- Multiple presentations and those longer than 90 minutes are possible! Please ask for a quote.