



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* (2023), *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).

Q: What can we talk about?

A: Any presentation listed at <https://awfullibrarybooks.net/hire> is fair game. Presentations are customized for each audience. They range in length from about an hour to 2-3 hours and can be combined for longer sessions.

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. 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 11, webcams, and microphones, and are very experienced in virtual presentation platforms like Zoom, GoToMeeting, Adobe Connect, WebX, Google Meet, and MS Teams.

Q: How much do we charge?

A: Remember, everything is negotiable! Prices are dependent on timing and location. These flat fees are inclusive of all expenses.

- \$5,000 for up to 6 total hours of presentation time in locations that require air travel. Prices for international travel will vary; please ask for a quote.
- \$2,500 for up to 6 total hours of presentation time in locations within a 4-hour drive of Detroit.
- \$500 for one virtual presentation (webinar or live video) up to 2 hours long.
- Library/Information Science student groups within a 1-hour drive of Detroit are free of charge.