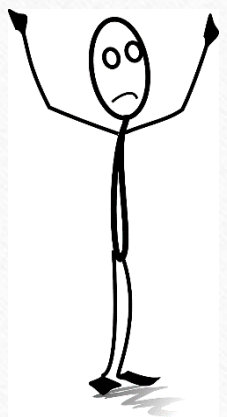


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First Question: To Go Or Not To Go?





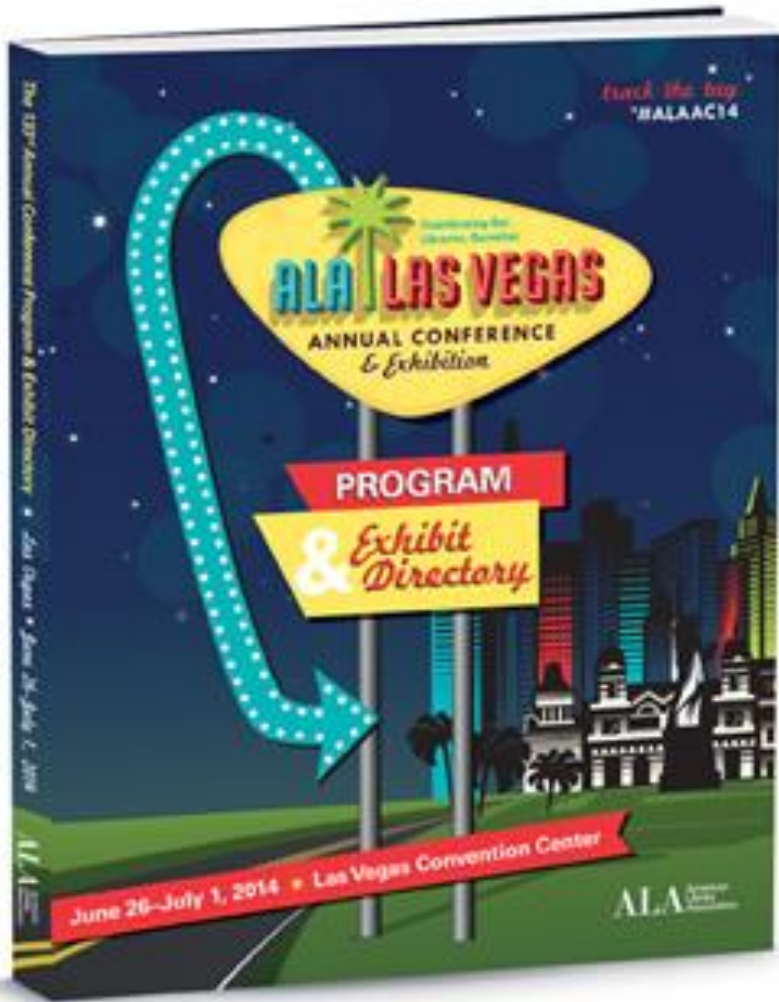
Look for discounts

[ALA Awards & Grants webpage](#)

Share a hotel room

Go local

Go Dutch with your boss!



Get your boss involved!

Read session descriptions

Live is (almost) always better

Networking & freebies!

Meet new people!

You'll probably know someone

Newbies – go local/small



You're Going! Before . . .





Do your research!

Watch blogs & social media

Prepare for vendors

Decide on sessions to attend

Make plans to hang out!



Get your professional house in order:

Take business cards

Take supplies

Prepare elevator speech (30 seconds)

Articulate a goal

Packing

Food! Snacks, breakfast, etc.

Thermos/water bottle

What to wear?



You're There! During



Work the room!

Sessions vs. networking

Vendors & freebies

Newbie tips:

Go to everything

Get a mentor



Conference etiquette

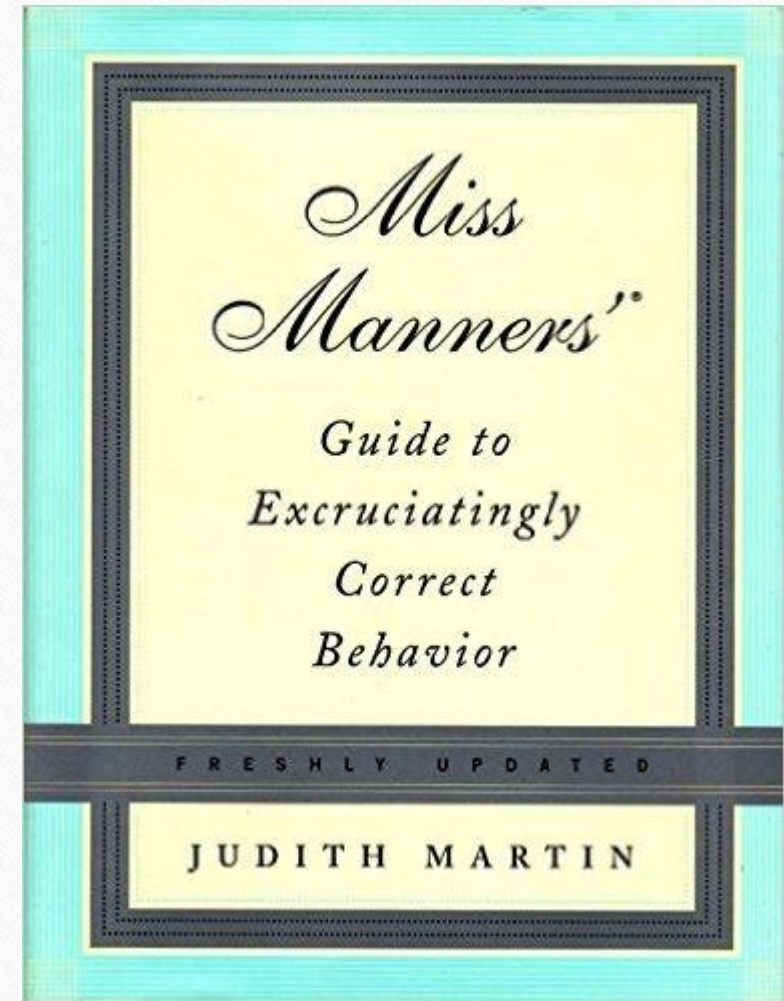
Talk to strangers

Be respectful of others

Sneak out quietly (if you must)

Wear name badge high

Tip and share the love





Self-care

Rest as needed

Eat normally

Nervous about networking?

Prepare

Get a wingman

Small talk is good

Do things that interest you

Be aware of body language

Be a speaker

Practice = better



You're Exhausted! After





Knowledge transfer

Follow-up with contacts

Toss out the junk

Start planning again!

Resources

[The How and Why of Conference Attendance](#) – ALA-APA Blog

[Tips For a Library Conference Newbie](#) - INALJ

[Updated ALA Survival Tips and Packing Suggestions for #ALA2013](#) – Librarian by Day

[ALA Conferences: Some Tips for Newbies](#) – Public Libraries Online

[ALA Conference Survival Tips: 35 Conferences Later](#) – Free Range Librarian

[Hack Your First Professional Conference](#) – Hack Library School

[13 Mistakes Not to make When Attending a Conference](#) – Forbes.com

[How to Get the Most Out of a Conference](#) – Harvard Business Review

[Networking When You Hate Talking to Strangers](#) – Harvard Business Review

[How to Attend Conferences as an Introvert](#) – Zapier Engineering Blog

[Attending a Professional Conference \(PowerPoint slides\)](#) – University of Northern Iowa

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