

## Meet Me In Minneapolis: The 2011 VRA + ARLIS-NA Conference

Friday, March 18, 2011 11am Pacific – 12pm Mountain – 1pm Central – 2pm Eastern

Guest Moderators:

- Jessica McIntyre, Assistant Librarian, Minneapolis Institute of Arts; Local Committee Co-Chair, Program
- Rebecca Moss, Coordinator of Visual Resources, University of Minnesota; Local Committee Co-Chair, Local Arrangements
- Heidi Raatz, Visual Resources Librarian, Minneapolis Institute of Arts; VRA Vice President for Conference Program; Local Committee Co-Chair, Program

Note: *Meebo unexpectedly changed its archive settings since the last lunchtime chat, so only the second portion of this conversation was saved. Next time we will plan around this to ensure chats are fully transcribed.*

### **Transcript:**

[14:32] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Even for the "Icebreaker" event, if the weather is good the Walker is not a super far walk from the Hilton.

[14:32] Rebecca Moss: But at night, downtown, lots of traffic??

[14:32] Kate Wilson: All this talk about the weather! Any predictions on what it is suppose to be like? It is very Spring like in Pittsburgh.

[14:33] Rebecca Moss: We are melting as we speak

[14:33] Jessica McIntyre: We think this is spring-like, but not all of the snow has melted!

[14:33] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Last time I checked the long-range forecast they had removed any mentions of S N O W

[14:33] Jessica McIntyre: We're around 40 degrees lately.

[14:33] Jessica McIntyre: Balmy!

[14:34] Bryan Loar: The blog also mentioned vegetarian options

<http://vraarlis2011.wordpress.com/2011/03/16/vegetarian-options/> - any thoughts on restaurants?

[14:34] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Hospitality has been compiling lists.

[14:34] Heather Koopmans: I was just going to ask the same thing - what should attendees check out in the area for food, drinks, etc.?

[14:34] Jessica McIntyre: So many ideas for restaurants!

[14:35] Kate Wilson: Vegetarian only options? Will there be vegan options?

[14:35] Heidi Raatz (heideland): I believe they've mentioned a few already in the blog, but there are lots of wonderful options downtown.

[14:35] Jessica McIntyre: There may be some vegan options, but unfortunately caterers in

general don't seem to find that as easy.

[14:35] Rebecca Moss: What jessica said

[14:36] Michelle Murray: On the subject of events in Minneapolis, the Science Museum of MN will be hosting an exhibition entitled "Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs". For info see <http://www.smm.org/tut/>

[14:36] Heather Koopmans: Eat Street on Nicollet ave is a super quick bus ride (or 20 minute walk) away and if you love ethnic cuisine there are tons of options there.

[14:36] Kate Wilson: Figured that much RE: vegan. It always seem to be that way

[14:36] Jessica McIntyre: If you do need to buy your own food, there is a Target about a block away with a grocery section. Also, we have great co-ops accessible by buses: the Wedge in particular.

[14:37] Rebecca Moss: Hell's Kitchen is close by

[14:37] Jessica McIntyre: Also, if you get a chance to check out Ecopolitan - it's tasty ... raw food restaurant.

[14:37] Heather Koopmans: @Heidi Will Hospitality be posting this info online or will it be included in the conference packets?

[14:38] Rebecca Moss: <http://www.vra-arlis2011.org/about.html#2>

[14:38] Jessica McIntyre: It's on the conference website, highlights are on the blog, or Hospitality would gladly answer any questions in person.

[14:38] Heather Koopmans: Great!

[14:38] Heidi Raatz (heideland): (what Jessica said)

[14:38] Jessica McIntyre: Or ask any of us if you see us - clearly we love to talk food 😊

[14:38] Fran: info on wifi hot spots?

[14:38] Heidi Raatz (heideland): and we are opinionated about it

[14:38] Heidi Raatz (heideland): ooooh tricky!

[14:39] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Fran About the WiFi.

[14:39] Rebecca Moss: there is a subscription service for all of Minneapolis

[14:39] Rebecca Moss: and Starbucks

[14:39] Rebecca Moss: USI Wireless

[14:39] Heidi Raatz (heideland): there are also some downtown coffee shops, starbucks, caribou, Dunn Bros, that have WiFi

[14:40] Heidi Raatz (heideland): USI Wireless has several different subscription options, everything from single day to weeks, months

[14:40] Rebecca Moss: Many hotels are finally getting a clue, though not the Hilton...yet. Next year, won't VRA have more options?

[14:41] Rebecca Moss: And ARLIS had it last year at the hotel, right?

[14:41] Heidi Raatz (heideland): we tested it a bit at the mid-year meeting. worked good in some areas, not so good in others.

[14:41] dfeavyour: Where is the nearest Starbucks to the Hilton?

[14:41] Jessica McIntyre: Yes, Boston spoiled me with all its wireless!

[14:42] Rebecca Moss: 2 blocks in a couple of directions

[14:42] Heidi Raatz (heideland): there's actually one in the Hilton lobby too

[14:43] dfeavyour: Yay! 😊

[14:43] Heather Koopmans: Other than local eats, getting around, etc., what else does everyone hope to get out of the conference?

[14:43] Heather Koopmans: Or what else do we want to do while in Minneapolis?

[14:43] MarianneCavanaugh: The poster sessions sound pretty interesting.

[14:44] MarianneCavanaugh: I'm always interested in what other libraries are doing--what works what doesn't

[14:44] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Dawn you may want to try more local coffee places too. Dunn Bros is a hometown fave.

[14:44] Rebecca Moss: New media for this here techie

[14:44] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Marianne Definitely visit our beautiful new downtown public library

[14:45] Jessica McIntyre: The poster sessions are amazing! They're all thrilled to be able to share their projects with you!

[14:45] RCLawson: @Heather: Establishing contacts between the Public Policy Committee and the VRA IPR with an eye to more collaboration.

[14:45] Heather Koopmans: Yes, posters are 8:00 - 9:30 Sunday morning.

[14:45] Jessica McIntyre: I second the suggestion to visit the central library - beautiful space.

[14:45] Bryan Loar: @Heather I'm looking forward to helping build new initiatives & looking towards greater collaboration/integration

[14:45] RCLawson: Right on, Bryan

[14:46] Bryan Loar: 😊

[14:46] Heidi Raatz (heideland): tech tech more tech and anything filled with metadata-y goodness

[14:46] icilibref: Cloud computing ideas

[14:46] Rebecca Moss: work together or sink alone 😬

[14:47] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @icilibref  
<http://vraaris11.sched.org/event/b22a0220f28974da67e76bd0079ee312>

[14:47] Heather Koopmans: As an ARLIS member I'm excited to meet folks from VRA and attend some of these collaborative meetings too.

[14:48] Bryan Loar: @Heidi good call. Engaging New Technologies

[14:48] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @icilibref I'd be amazed if we didn't hear about the cloud in this session.

[14:48] Jessica McIntyre: Is anyone here going to the Copyright Practi\*\*\*?

[14:48] iclibref: I am

[14:48] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Matter of fact, I know one of the presenters if very ProCloud

[14:49] iclibref: (this is Jenny Strickland, btw)

[14:49] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Hi Jenny!

[14:49] Jessica McIntyre: Hi Jenny!

[14:49] iclibref: 😊

[14:49] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Jenny Nancy Sims is W O N D E R F U L

[14:49] Heidi Raatz (heideland): We are super lucky to have her on the program.

[14:49] Kate Wilson: I will be at the Copyright Practi\*\*\*

[14:49] iclibref: Hi all! Thanks! I'm looking forward to that!

[14:49] Jessica McIntyre: It looks like a great workshop (they all do) ... if anyone can't go to that, our opening plenary will also be talking about copyright of course.

[14:49] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Snagged her up right after her presentation to MN Digital Libraries

[14:50] Rebecca Moss: and we'll be recording that workshop too, for later distribution at Chapter meetings

[14:50] Jessica McIntyre: Yes, recording is a new thing for ARLIS and I believe VRA as well - right?

[14:50] Heather Koopmans: great!

[14:51] Rebecca Moss: Follow Nancy on Twitter - <http://twitter.com/#!/CopyrightLibn>

[14:51] Heather Koopmans: I don't know much about the recording but the ARLIS Ed. subcommittee has hosted a couple of webinars that were "encores" of presentations at Boston.

[14:51] Rebecca Moss: which I always read as Copyright Lion - which makes me laugh

[14:52] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Rebecca you should suggest a change of avatar to her!

[14:52] Rebecca Moss: will do

[14:52] Heather Koopmans: And speaking of twitter, does anyone know if there is an official hashtag for the conference? Anyone planning on blogging or tweeting from the conference?

[14:52] Heidi Raatz (heideland): #vra\_arlis2011

[14:52] Bryan Loar: man you're quick Heidi!

[14:52] Heather Koopmans: thanks Heidi!

[14:52] Rebecca Moss: and we have a Flickr account - [http://www.flickr.com/groups/vra\\_arlis\\_2011](http://www.flickr.com/groups/vra_arlis_2011)

[14:52] Heidi Raatz (heideland): the official twitter hashtag since the mid-year meeting this past July

[14:53] Bryan Loar: it might also be helpful to tag your posts on blogs & what not the same

[14:53] Rebecca Moss: we hope to be posting presentations to SlideShare as well

[14:53] Rebecca Moss: lots of cloud stuff already in use

[14:53] Heidi Raatz (heideland): and now doubt we'll look into something like TwapperKeeper

for archiving the tweets <http://twapperkeeper.com/index.php>

[14:54] Heidi Raatz (heideland): (no doubt - sorry typo)

[14:54] Heather Koopmans: We're down to about five minutes left, any final questions from the audience before we wrap it up?

[14:55] Bryan Loar: any don't miss stuff?

[14:55] iclibref: Just a quick survey? How many of you have smart phones or iPads? I usually lug a laptop to conferences.

[14:55] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Bryan that's like asking me to pick my favorite child (speaking from a program co-chair perspective)

[14:55] Kate Wilson: I have both an iPhone and iPad. Thats what I am bringing

[14:55] Bryan Loar: @iclibref laptop. my phone is intentionally dumb.

[14:55] Rebecca Moss: I have both

[14:56] iclibref: 😊

[14:56] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Rebecca has all three

[14:56] Jessica McIntyre: Rebecca has everything!

[14:56] Heidi Raatz (heideland): iPhone MBP for me

[14:56] Rebecca Moss: Yes, yes I do. But I share

[14:56] Jessica McIntyre: I use an ipod touch ... easy to take notes on.

[14:57] Kate Wilson: @Jessica Even with the iPad, I prefer pen and paper for notes!

[14:57] Heather Koopmans: As a former MPLS resident I'm really looking forward to visiting the Mpls Institute of Arts and Walker Art Center. Both are incredible institutions.

[14:57] MarianneCavanaugh: I'm with Kate on the pen and paper

[14:57] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Heather and both have new additions!

[14:57] iclibref: I'm a ludite -- I lug a laptop and bring a big 3 ring binder. Maybe I'll drop by the Mall of America and join the 21st century

[14:57] Rebecca Moss: The VRA Foundation will be giving out some pens!

[14:57] dfeavyour: What is the difference between the exhibits hall and the vendor slam?

[14:58] iclibref: Yea pens!

[14:58] Kate Wilson: I second @dfeavyour's question

[14:58] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @dawn - the Vendor Slam is a special opportunity for Vendors to showcase products and services in short presentations.

[14:58] Bryan Loar: Rhodia makes some great notepads

[14:58] Heidi Raatz (heideland): It will be occurring in the Exhibits Hall space

[14:58] Jessica McIntyre: @iclibref There's an Apple store even closer to downtown if you need it!

[14:59] iclibref: Thanks!

[14:59] Heather Koopmans: We're almost at the top of the hour so I think we'll wrap up.

[14:59] Heather Koopmans: Thanks to all for chatting today!

[14:59] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Gives them a chance to give their "pitch" to an assembled audience rather than having to repeat it to individuals over and over. Also gives shy people a chance to find out what's up with a particular vendor without having to go up to an exhibit table.

[15:00] dfeavoyour: Thanks!

[15:00] Kate Wilson: @Moderators Thanks for the chat. Great information.

[15:00] Heidi Raatz (heideland): You're welcome!

[15:00] Heather Koopmans: Heidi, Rebecca and Jessica, you rock! Thanks for taking the time to tell us about the conference.

[15:00] Jessica McIntyre: Thank you all for coming!

[15:00] Kate Wilson: I hope to meet everyone at the conference

[15:00] Bryan Loar: Thanks so much everyone. Looking forward to seeing all.

[15:00] Rebecca Moss: thanks all - see you soon!

[15:00] Heidi Raatz (heideland): @Kate you may have to catch us on the run but we'll be there!

[15:00] Heather Koopmans: Looking forward to meeting many of you IRL

[15:00] Heather Koopmans: (In Real Life)

[15:01] Heidi Raatz (heideland): Thanks Heather!

[15:01] Rebecca Moss: thanks for arranging this @heather

[15:01] Heather Koopmans: A transcript of this chat will be posted soon on the ARLIS chats page if you want to refer back to it.

[15:01] Heather Koopmans: @heidi @jessica you're welcome! Glad to have you participate. 😊

[15:02] Heather Koopmans: And @rebecca 😊

[15:02] Jessica McIntyre: And thanks Heather!!

[15:03] RCLawson: Thanks, Heather -- see you next week.

[15:04] Heather Koopmans: @rclawson See you! thanks for joining the discussion.

[15:04] MarianneCavanaugh: My first Meebo, and it was great.