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# Participating, Presenting, and Publishing

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### **5 Ways to Become a More Connected Librarian**

1. Be strategic and deliberate about ways that you participate.
2. Look for deadlines for calls for participation. Know the times of year when they happen.
3. Seek opportunities that interest you so that you'll want to do the work.
4. Experiment! Try out committees. They aren't forever, but finish your term.
5. Network to meet collaborators.

### **5 Ways to Get the Most from Networking**

1. Approach networking as an informational interview.
2. Research and prepare questions to have in mind beforehand.
3. Ask for suggestions for listservs, organizations, events, and other people to contact.
4. Offer something in return, such as buying them coffee.
5. Send a thank-you email, and keep in touch.

### **5 Ways to be a Better Presenter**

1. Pick the format (poster, panel, presentation, workshop) that best fits your topic.
2. Have a clear outcome (and connect it to the conference theme).
3. Engage your audience. Tell a story, give examples, discuss, be active.
4. Slides are not a handout. A handout is a handout.
5. Practice builds confidence.

### **5 Ways to Kick Your Presentations Up a Notch**

1. Less is more. Visuals should convey a specific point, message, or emotion.
2. Take advantage of free design. Browse the slide decks on [canva.com](https://www.canva.com).
3. We all love cats, but keep your presentations professional. Find free public domain images on [pixabay.com](https://www.pixabay.com).
4. Just say no to Comic Sans. Try [fonts.google.com](https://www.fonts.google.com).
5. Use animation sparingly.

### **5 Ways to Determine a Publication Topic**

1. Search through the literature to identify gaps.
2. Pick a topic that you're passionate about.
3. Bounce ideas off your colleagues.
4. Contemplate the "So What?" question - why should people care about this topic?
5. Send a prospective title and abstract to a journal editor as an email 'letter of inquiry.'

### **5 Ways to Be a More Successful Author**

1. Thoroughly research your publication venue before starting to write.
2. Pick collaborators that will enhance your writing and are able to meet your timeline.
3. Pace yourself - set realistic goals and an attainable timeline.
4. Once you submit it, forget about it!
5. Whether accepted or rejected, respond promptly and courteously to all requests.