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Events

- [15 September, 6-9 p.m., DCLA Fall Membership Reception/Librarian Social](#)
- [27 September, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Symposium: "Collections as Data: Stewardship and Use Models to Enhance Access" at Coolidge Auditorium, Library of Congress. The event is free, but advanced registration is required.](#)
- [30 September, 7 p.m., UNCENSORED: The Cocktail Party 2016](#)
- [18 October, 6:30 p.m., DC SLA Nonfiction Book Club discusses, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot](#)

[From Your DCLA President](#)

Years ago when I was a freshman in college I was friends with a senior that was continually going around saying “perception is reality” – meaning that reality was only what someone else perceived it to be. He went on to explain that during his internship he was always the first to arrive and the last to leave work so that he was “perceived” to be hard working. Being a freshman I considered the possibility,

Announcements

[2016 VLA Conference](#)

DCLA members are eligible to register for the upcoming [Virginia Library Association \(VLA\) Annual Conference](#), Oct. 26-28, in Hot Springs, VA at their membership rate. Use the discount code "ALTMEM16" on the payment page and your rate will be reduced to reflect member pricing.

[Call for Proposals: 9th Annual "Bridging the Spectrum" Symposium](#)

The Department of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America requests proposals

however thought there might be more to it when the experienced “hard working” senior didn’t get the job offer he expected upon graduation.

Perception can be a funny thing because it involves someone’s individual interpretation of the world. Whether or not that interpretation is even remotely close to the truth is beside the point – a person may still cling to it as gospel. And a number of things can distort our perception making reality a bit fuzzy, like our attitude, emotions or background. Just like a lightbulb overlaid with a color filter can change the way you see a white light, outside influences (and sometime inside thoughts and feelings) can change our perception of actual events and interactions with other people.

Think of a time when you had absolutely no opinion of someone or something, but after a friend or family member said something good or bad about that said person or thing your opinion suddenly changed. The circumstances didn’t change, only your view of them. Sometimes, if you are not careful, those distorted perceptions can lead you down a path that is nowhere near the reality of the situation, ultimately resulting in a negative outcome.

That’s where the help of others comes in. Colleagues and acquaintances that you may not even know very well or be that close to but whom you respect because of the work you have seen them accomplish or the way they conduct themselves generally can offer insight. People outside our normal circles can help us see things in new ways and a great network can keep you grounded and challenge any distortions that may be impairing your “vision.”

If you are interested in developing a great network, or already have one that you would like to expand upon, join us Thursday, September 15, at Smith Public Trust for our annual membership reception. We’ve got a great year planned and would love for you to be a part of it.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Dooley, DCLA President

DCLA Presents:

[DCLA Fall Membership Reception/Librarian Social](#)

for its [9th Annual Symposium!](#) The Symposium offers a knowledge-sharing forum and meeting place for practitioners, students, and faculty in all sectors of Library and Information Sciences and Services! Proposals are due on September 16, [click here to submit yours.](#)

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Washington, DC 20017
(a quick walk from the Brookland Metro)

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