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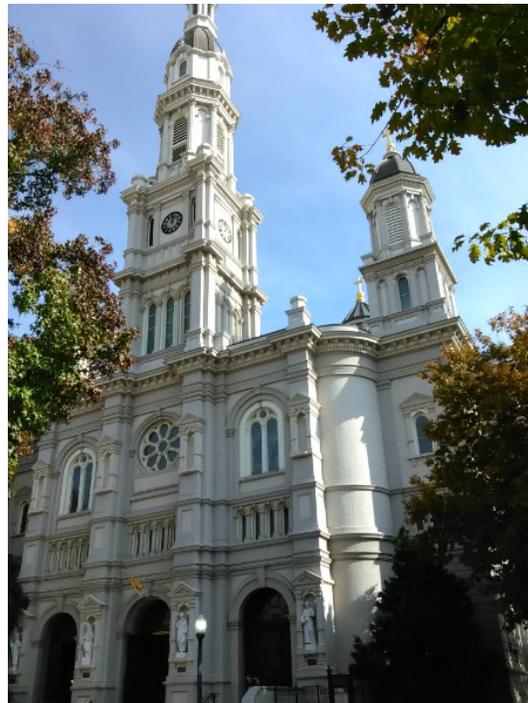
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From November 3rd-6th, the [2016 annual California Library Association conference](#) took place in our capitol, Sacramento, CA. The theme of the conference was Swing into Action. I had the privilege of traveling to Sacramento to work for our University of North Texas booth, host our alumni & student reception and present two conference sessions.

Upon my arrival early morning from the annual New Mexico Library Association conference, it was a bustling day at the exhibit hall meeting diverse librarians from across our state – academic, public, prison, and special librarians. I was ready to present on How Cultural Intelligence (CQ) Makes a Difference: Are you Culturally Competent? that afternoon. This was well received with 98 attendees including our State Librarian, Greg Lucas. Greg approached me after to discuss how we can get CQ out statewide and more will be coming on this exciting future initiative. My session on Social Networking in Organizational Cultures was early morning on Saturday and in the best room in the house – the Hyatt's Capitol View room (see photo). A short walk through downtown Sacramento and attendees saw the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacramento Public Library, where I took a tour with our students that work there (enjoy the photos).

The California State Library Discussion where the latest news from the California State Library was presented and upcoming items on the agenda for the State was of most interest to me. The State Library has 127 staff and serves many roles including as a research hub, law library, policy forum, cultural heritage center, literacy leader, funding partner and providing local assistance. With a budget of 160 billion dollars, 10 million dollars from the federal government is put into the field. The State Library is currently in a good position with funding up the last two years. Almost 5 million dollars is dedicated to adult literacy.

The current 5-year federal grant spending plan is coming to an end. The State Library will be focusing on coming up with a new spending plan to take effect in June 2017 through 2022. They are focusing on a new strategic plan and a collection development plan. The plan must include and take into account the digital age, technology shelf life, services and access. Libraries need to keep on adapting. One great take away that we all can apply to our organizations is to demonstrate our value by telling your own community story. We provide the tools to help people thrive and become the trusted partners with our communities, therefore we have the power to make a difference. The same goes for SANDALL. Our association offers so many benefits that we need to continue to share our story and engage our memberships.



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