San Diego, California - The power of puzzles bringing people together is undeniable. In celebration of all things puzzles, a Puzzle Day booth will be set up at the upcoming American Librarian Association (ALA) Conference 2024 to share the world of puzzles with librarians. Sharing the variety of puzzles from word searches to jigsaw puzzles, the Puzzle Day Booth will share ideas and programs libraries can use to embrace patrons (Booth 2449).

Join us Saturday for the ALA talk, titled "Puzzle Please! Why Jigsaw Puzzles, Word Challenges, and Puzzle Competitions are Perfect for Community Engagement." It will highlight how puzzles can increase patron engagement at libraries and fill a need for the community. To be held at the Chapter One Stage, Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 1:30 PM - 1:55 PM.

The talk, presented by Jodi Jill, will delve deeper into the world of puzzles and how they can be incorporated into library programs to increase community engagement. Attendees will also have the chance to reflect on how puzzle competitions and puzzle experiences could be implemented in their libraries for patrons of all ages.

Puzzles have been a beloved pastime for centuries, but their benefits go beyond just entertainment. Studies have shown that puzzles can improve cognitive skills, memory, and problem-solving abilities. They also promote teamwork and communication, making them a perfect activity for libraries to offer to their patrons. With the rise of technology and screen time, puzzles offer a refreshing and engaging alternative for people of all ages.

The puzzle booth at the ALA will showcase a variety of puzzles, from traditional jigsaw puzzles to brain teasers and 3D puzzles. The booth will include, Big Piece, an entire human built out of jigsaw puzzles for attendees to take selfies. Booth visitors will have the opportunity to pick up information about puzzles to enhance their libraries and share benefits their patrons will receive.

"We are excited to bring the world of puzzles to the American Librarian Association Conference and share how puzzles can bring people together," said Jodi Jill, founder of National Puzzle Day and
presenter. "Puzzles are not only a fun activity, but they also have numerous benefits for individuals and communities. We hope to inspire librarians to incorporate puzzles into their library programs and create a more interactive and engaging environment for their patrons."

The Talk

_Puzzle Please! Why Jigsaw Puzzles, Word Challenges, and Puzzle Competitions are Perfect for Community Engagement_, Saturday, June 29, 2024, 1:30 PM – 1:55 PM, Exhibit Hall - Chapter One Stage (Booth 2311). The talk will be presented by Jodi Jill, Founder of National Puzzle Day.

The Puzzle Booth

Join us at the National Puzzle Day booth 2449 at the American Library Association Conference Exhibit Hall. The Big Piece will be on display for selfies for a fun, photo moment at the conference.

The Presenter

Jodi Jill loves puzzles! A professional puzzle maker who loves playing puzzles too, she is the founder of National Puzzle Day. For over 30 years she has offered puzzles fun on her special day to encourage and reflect the joy of puzzles with over 20 million people celebrating on January 29, in 2024.

An accomplished author, a puzzle enthusiast, and professional speaker. She is a strong force in the puzzle world, Jodi shares her commitment to puzzles with kids and adults. Coming from a difficult childhood, she learned to read at the library later in life. She loves the idea of sharing knowledge in fun puzzles, games, and activities to challenge and embrace the world. She has created puzzles that are shared in schools, libraries, magazines, newspapers and more.

Attendees are encouraged to stop by our booth and join in on the puzzle fun. Of course, we hope attendees get a selfie with Big Piece too as he is too cute to pass by!

For more information about National Puzzle Day, please visit PuzzleDayFun.com or contact Jodi Jill at jodijill1@gmail.com. See You at the ALA convention!