

What a truly awesome experience I had at AASL, held in Minneapolis this year! Boy, do national conferences really kick it up a notch!

The reception by Mackin was humbling. They treated everyone so very graciously—the gift books for our library that were signed by authors were a highlight, as was the company tour. It is wonderful to have faces and images to put to the people and place when I place orders.

The Wabasha Street Caves educational tour was amazing! I had no idea of the gangster-era history of St. Paul, or of these and other caves. I brought back tour information for our 6th grade team, which takes a study trip to St. Paul in the spring.

Breakout sessions—what a rush! There were so many opportunities for learning all areas of school media center knowledge—and more! It was extremely difficult to choose. What a great problem to have! Google apps, teen reading lists, electronic databases and more, oh my!

Vendors, vendors, vendors! More free books than you can shake a free pen at. And they all fit in our many free bags. So much helpfulness—info and materials—all in one location. Wow. It is also good to wade through the follow-ups in my inbox.

All in all, it was an extremely great experience. If you ever get a chance to go to a national AASL convention, don't think twice just GO!! Thank you soooo very much to NLLN for making this possible for me! My professional growth has skyrocketed through this opportunity.

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