Dream Dare Do, the 2017 Medical Library Association's (MLA) Annual Conference, kept to this ambitious theme by providing adventurous speakers and ideas.

One of the plenary speakers, Julie Angus, told of her journey to be the first woman to navigate the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean in a rowboat. How does this relate to libraries? In many ways:

- Prepare for the unknown
- Too much focus on one thing can make you lose sight of true priorities
- Focus on your strengths
- Utilize constructive criticism
- Prove yourself through actions

Julie was a delightful speaker and a true inspiration.

Closing the Loop: Using Data Analysis and Visualization to Get the Most out of Your Library Assessment, presented by Laura Menard and Gabe Rios, was a great combination of presentation and small group work. The speakers provided attendees with a worksheet that outlined steps to conduct a data analysis project. With permission, I used this tool as part of a presentation I did at the OhioNET Dive Into Data 2 conference. It really enhanced my session and made my attendance at MLA17 even more valuable.

As part of my membership to MLA, I participate in the Technical Services Section (TSS) and was able to attend the business meeting held during MLA17. Topics discussed included:

- Changing the name Technical Services Section to a more inclusive one such as Resource Management Section – more discussion to follow
- Rethinking the purpose of TSS scholarships

I appreciate NOTSL for providing me this opportunity to network with professionals on a national level and grow professionally.

Expenses:

Round Trip Airline Ticket – Columbus/Seattle $648.60
Meals during conference $101.40

Total $750.00