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The Public Libraries Branch will be sponsoring two program sessions at the annual conference in New York in June 2015. The first session, *Americana Research and Public Libraries*, will include presentations by George Boziwick and Doug Reside, both of the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, featuring materials from their collections, and by Susanne Hein, from the Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin, on a special Americana collection in her library. Our second session, *Becoming Digital: Public Libraries towards Inevitable Changes*, will include papers by Michael Schugardt (Bücherhallen Hamburg) on challenges for public music libraries in the digital age, Guy Hankel (Madison Public Library, Wisconsin, USA) on a project of streaming local music, and Anna Priscilla Winling (Mediatheque Andre Malraux, Strasbourg), on practical examples of digital music outreach and curation.

The branch will also hold a working meeting in New York, at which branch vice-chair, Hanneke Kuiper will present a proposal for the updating of the branch webpages for discussion. We will also make the opportunity to discuss current issues of interest to public music librarians, and ideas on how the branch can serve the public music library community.

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