



**2023 SCLA  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

OCTOBER 17–19  
*Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center*

# 2023 Conference Program

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**South Carolina Library Association**

# General Information

The South Carolina Library Association (SCLA) invites all library professionals, paraprofessionals, students, and supplier partners to our annual conference.

## Registration

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

## Conduct

SCLA supports the American Library Association's Statement of Appropriate Conduct at ALA Conferences as a model for conduct at all SCLA-sponsored events. The ALA Statement is available at <http://bit.ly/ALASTatement>. Professional attire is requested for the Conference.

## Photography/Videography

Please note that photos and videos may be taken at the SCLA annual conference and used by SCLA on our website and other social media outlets.

## Lodging



The SCLA Conference host hotel is the Hampton Inn on Gervais Street and the Hilton Columbia Center on Senate Street. Both hotels are located in the Vista and are just a block away from the Convention Center.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The hotel room cancellations policy requires at least a one day notice (24 hours) or a one night fee will be charged to the credit card on file. You can visit [www.scla.org](http://www.scla.org) for additional information and a link to the hotel's online reservations page.

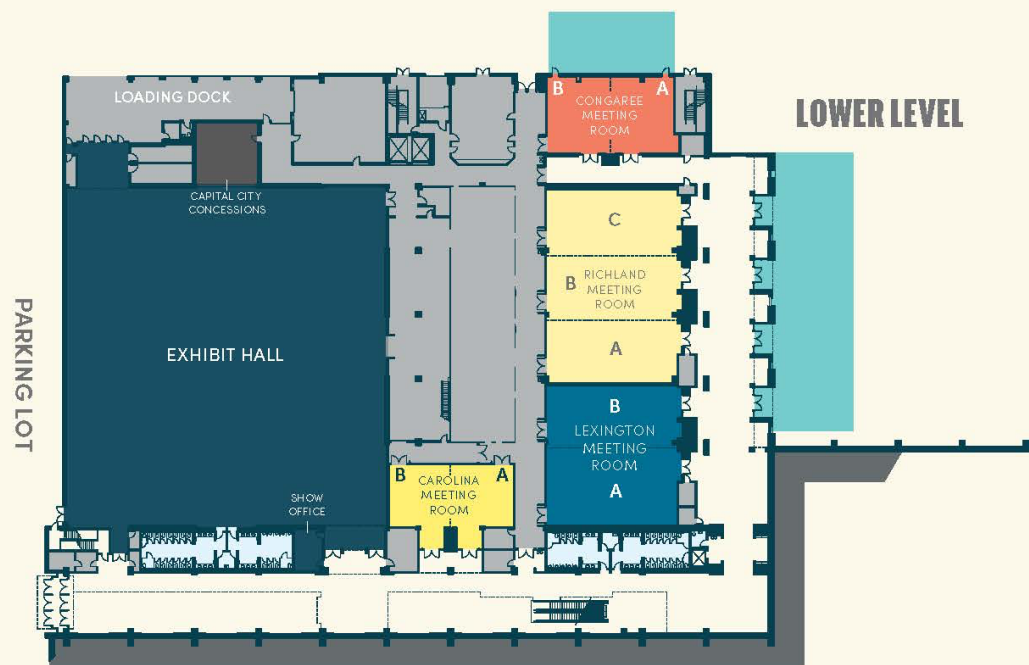
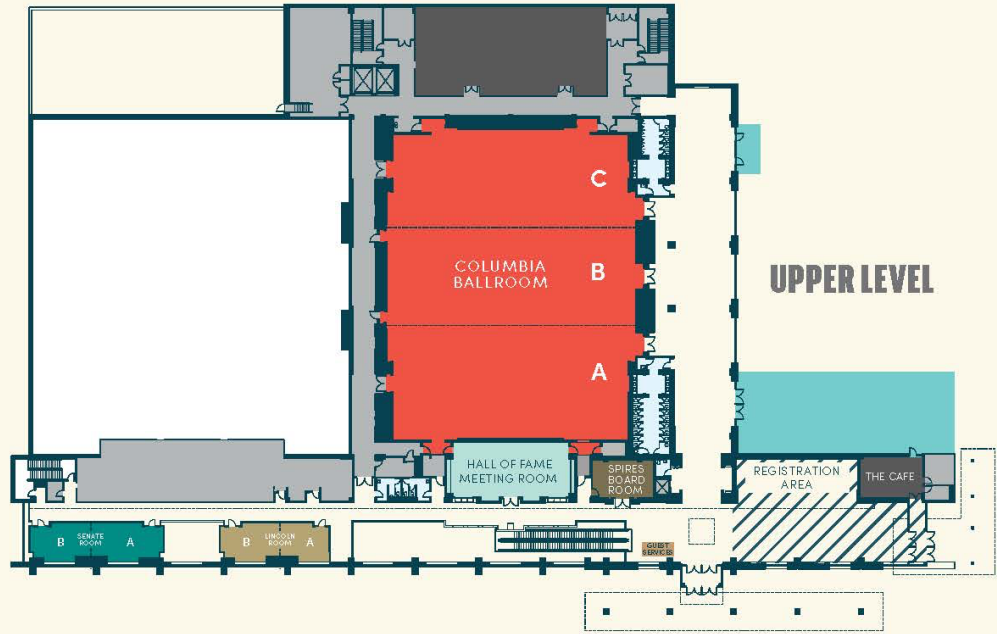
## Parking

Whether staying at the hotel or driving in for the day, self-parking is \$15 per day (or \$1/hour) in the City of Columbia garage adjacent to the hotel. If you are staying at the Hilton, you may choose to valet park your car for \$25 per day. Parking for those persons attending the conference is free in the convention center parking lot if available.

## Conference Billing

- Payment Information: Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to the SCLA and mailed to SCLA, Attn: Conference Registration, P.O. Box 1763, Columbia, SC 29202.
- Cancellation Policy: Substitutions are welcomed at any time. Registration cancellations made in writing and postmarked, emailed, or faxed at least thirty days prior to the official start of the conference will result in a full refund, less an administrative fee of \$60.
- No telephone cancellations will be accepted. There will be no refunds issued for cancellations received after October 3<sup>rd</sup>, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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- OUTDOOR SPACE
- SPIRES BOARDROOM
- LINCOLN ROOM
- EXHIBIT HALL
- RICHLAND MEETING ROOM
- PREFUNCTION SPACE
- HALL OF FAME MEETING ROOM
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- RESTROOMS



# FLOOR PLAN



# Keynote Speakers

Opening Session - Tuesday, October 17th, 1:00 p.m.

*Richland A&B*

## Betsy Gomez

ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom Program Officer

Betsy Gomez is a publishing professional with more than two decades of experience as an editor, writer, content developer, designer, and project manager for various print and web-based projects. She has an extensive background in working with organizations and coalitions that specialize in defending intellectual freedom, such as the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund, the Banned Books Week Coalition, and the Media Coalition. She currently coordinates various public outreach initiatives for the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom, which includes developing and managing digital assets and social media accounts to increase public awareness about the work of the office. Through the use of digital media and public-facing programs, she promotes such projects as ALA's Top Ten Most Challenged Books list, Banned Books Week, and Unite Against Book Bans.



General Session Luncheon - Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.

*Richland A&B*

## Sonia Alcántara-Antoine

CEO of Baltimore County Public Library (MD) & PLA President

Sonia Alcántara-Antoine is the CEO of Baltimore County Public Library (MD) and is the president of the Public Library Association. She was named as one of the Top 100 Women in Maryland. Previously she was director of Newport News Public Library (VA) and held leadership positions at Virginia Beach Public Library (VA) and Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD). Sonia is an American Library Association Spectrum Scholar, and holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University.



## “Big Ideas!” Opening Session - Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

*Richland A&B*

### Dave Ingram

Founder of Querri

Dave Ingram is a long-time software developer and manager with a passion for finding practical uses of the latest technologies. Dave is currently working on a new start up called Querri, making heavy use of LLMs for data cleaning and management. He is also the organizer of the Data Science and VR/AR meetups that meet regularly at the CDC.



## General Session Luncheon - Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.

*Richland A&B*

### Antjuan Seawright

Founder and CEO of Blueprint Strategy LLC

Antjuan Seawright is the founder and CEO of Blueprint Strategy LLC, a public relations, advertising, and political consulting firm based in South Carolina. He is a 2008 graduate of Winthrop University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Marketing and a 2010 graduate of Webster University where he received his Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). Seawright is also a graduate of the Congressional Black Caucus Institute for Political Education and Leadership Training. He advised the 2008 and 2016 Presidential Campaigns for Hillary Clinton. He has advised as the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC), South Carolina Democratic Party, Georgia State Democratic Party, New York State Democratic Party and the South Carolina State Senate Democratic Caucus and Protecting Our Vote (Democratic Super PAC). He served as Senior Advisor to the Democratic National Committee (DNC) for the 2020 election cycle. Seawright served as Senior Advisor to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) for the 2020 and 2022 election cycles. Seawright is a CBS News political contributor, and he is also an opinion writer for The Hill, BuzzFeed News, BET News.com, and The Christian Recorder. He also hosts “Insight with Antjuan Seawright” a weekly public affairs radio show based in South Carolina.



# Special Events

## SCLA Membership Meeting

12-1 p.m., Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Lexington B @ Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

## Happy Learning Hour

5:30 -7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
@ Richland Library Main (1431 Assembly Street)



Join us for food, drinks, and trivia at the Happy Learning Hour at Richland Library. Sponsored by Richland Library & the South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators (SCAPLA).

## Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship: Silent Auction

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
@ Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Once again, the Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship Committee will hold its popular SILENT AUCTION fundraiser! All proceeds benefit the scholarship, which is conferred annually. Sponsored by Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship.

## Vendor Marketplace

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
@ Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Reasons to visit our vendors at the Conference other than for the FREEBIES & SWAG.

- Nothing more clearly reflects the future than what vendors choose to display or offer.
- Informal conversations can lead to product improvements or even new ones.
- Vendors will share innovative and creative ways others are using their products.
- Get opportunities to use paid apps for free, become a beta tester, be invited to vendor sponsored activities, and "insider" access to products and services.

## Break Tradition by Visiting the Non-Stop Poster Session Zone

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

@ Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

We are breaking with tradition this year. Rather than have one “poster session,” like the traditional early morning of the last day, we are having a “Non-Stop Poster Session Zone.” During the conference, there will be a three-table “Non-Stop Poster Session Zone” near Registration for a series of poster sessions. The Non-Stop Poster Session will give attendees a chance to discover something new between regular sessions, during a break, or as an option to attending a regular session. Presenters will have the opportunity to be seen by more attendees and share their work and insights.

## USC SLIS Alumni Reception

5-6 p.m., Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Hall of Fame Room @ Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center



USC SCLIS alumni are invited to relax and catch up with old friends and make new ones at the Alumni Reception. Hear what is ahead for SLIS in the coming year over champagne and hors d’oeuvres.

Sponsored by USC’s School of Library and Information Science (SLIS).

## Mid-Autumn Festival: All Conference Reception

7-9 p.m., Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

@ M Space in the Vista (530 Lady Street, Suite A)



Join us for this year's All Conference Reception as we celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival! Also known as the Moon Festival, this holiday is celebrated by those of Southeast Asian descent around the world on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month. We will enjoy eating moon cakes, making paper lanterns, and watching students perform a traditional Chinese fan dance. We welcome all to celebrate the most important aspect of this holiday: coming together with friends. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by EBSCO.

## SCLA Social

8:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

@ Bourbon (1214 Main Street)

Relax with your SCLA Conference colleagues for an evening of fun and great conversation at Bourbon, a whiskey bar and Cajun-Creole restaurant specializing in bourbon, whiskey, craft cocktails, and the flavors of the Louisiana Bayou. Bourbon is housed in the historic Brennen Building, capturing the warm, rustic feel of an upscale saloon from 1900 with exposed plaster walls, reclaimed wood, glass chandeliers, and custom wallpaper. High back booths give patrons privacy, while the communal tables encourage sharing and making new friends. Renew friendships and make new ones that will last a lifetime over perfect drink at Bourbon.

# Breakout & Non-Stop Poster Zone Sessions

## Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

### 2:30-3:20 p.m.

#### Research Data and South Carolina Academic Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges

*Congaree*

Academic libraries have become increasingly involved in the curation and sharing of research data in recent years. Learn how you can begin providing Research Data Services (RDS) at your library and the state of RDS in SC.

Sponsored by the College and University Section

Presenter

- Stacy Winchester, Research Data Librarian, University of South Carolina

#### South Carolina City Poets Laureate Speak Out

*Lexington B*

Discover the impact of poetry on local communities with a group of City Poets Laureate from across South Carolina as they discuss the importance of access to poetry for South Carolinians of all ages and the influence libraries have had on their work.

Sponsored by the Friends of South Carolina Libraries.



Charleston  
Asiah Mae



Rock Hill  
Angelo Geter



Greenville  
Glinis Redmond



Columbia  
Jennifer Bartell  
Boykin



Pee Dee  
Jo Angela Edwins

Presenters

- Charleston Poet Laureate AsiahMae (stylized A\$iahMae; they/she; itsasiahmae@gmail.com) is a Black, non-binary Southern poet, humorist, producer, and cultural worker from South Carolina. With a background covering film, curation, language, and performance arts, they are

a co-creator of both the online writing platform For The Scribes and the curation hub IIIVibe the Tribe, current show-runner of the oldest vintage market in the city, The Holy City Vintage Market, while currently serving as the Poet Laureate of Charleston, SC.

- Pee Dee Poet Laureate Jo Angela Edwins (JEdwins@fmarion.edu), a native of North Augusta, lives in Florence, SC, where she serves as the first Poet Laureate of the Pee Dee region. She holds degrees from Augusta University and the University of Tennessee and is a professor of English at Francis Marion University, where she teaches courses in composition, American literature, and creative writing. She has published poems in over 100 journals and anthologies. Her chapbook *Play* was published in 2016 by Finishing Line Press, and her full-length collection, *A Dangerous Heaven*, was published in 2023 (Gnashing Teeth Publishing). She has received awards from Winning Writers, Poetry Super Highway, the SC Academy of Authors, and the Jasper Project and is a Pushcart Prize, Forward Prize, and Bettering American Poetry nominee.
- Rock Hill Poet Laureate Angelo Geter (angelogeter@gmail.com) is an award-winning poet, educator, author, and performance artist based in Rock Hill, SC. Known in the spoken word world as “EyeAmBic”, Geter’s work touches on a variety of issues including social justice, race, grief, character, and manhood. Over the course of his career, Geter has amassed several accolades and recognitions. He currently serves as the Poet Laureate of Rock Hill, SC, and is a 2020 Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellow. Geter is a 2018 National Poetry Slam champion, Rustbelt Regional Poetry Slam finalist, and Southern Fried Regional Poetry Slam finalist. He is also the Founder and Director of One Word Poetry Festival; a five-day celebration of poetry with readings, open mics, competitions, and performances. His work has appeared on All Def Poetry, Charleston Currents, Gratefulness.com, and the Academy of American Poets “Poem a Day” series. His debut collection *More God Than Dead* was released in June 2022.
- Greenville Poet Laureate Glenis Redmond (glenisredmond63@gmail.com) is the First Poet Laureate of Greenville, South Carolina. She is a recipient of the 2023 Poet Laureate Fellowship awarded by the Academy of American Poets. Glenis is a Kennedy Center Teaching Artist, and a Cave Canem Fellow and has authored six books of poetry: *Backbone* (Underground Epics, 2000), *Under the Sun* (Main Street Rag, 2002), and *What My Hand Say* (Press 53, 2016), *Listening Skin* (Four Way Books), *Three Harriets & Others* (Finishing Line Press), and *Praise Songs for Dave the Potter*, *Art by Jonathan Green*, and *Poetry by Glenis Redmond* (University of Georgia Press). Glenis received the highest arts award in South Carolina, the Governor’s Award and was inducted into the South Carolina Academy of Authors. She is a “Charlie Award” recipient awarded by the Carolina Mountains Literary Festival and was recently a recipient of the Peacemaker Award by the Upstate Mediation Center in 2022. Her latest book, *The Listening Skin*, has been long listed for the Julie Suk Award and the Pen America Open Book Award.
- Columbia Poet Laureate Jennifer Bartell Boykin (www.jenniferbartelloet.com) is the Poet Laureate of the City of Columbia. She received the MFA in Poetry from the University of South Carolina. Her debut book of poetry, *Traveling Mercy*, will be released in November 2023 under the name Jennifer Bartell. An alumna of Agnes Scott College, Jennifer is pursuing a Master of Library and Information Science at USC to become a school librarian.

## **The State of South Carolina Public Libraries in 2022**

*Richland C*

What are the trends in South Carolina libraries? Hear about what is happening in our libraries and the insights that can be gleaned from 2022 Public Libraries Survey.

Presenter

- Leah Cannon, State Data Coordinator, South Carolina State Library

## **Program It and They Will Come: How to Up Your Teen Program Numbers**

*Lexington A*

Are your programming vibes off? Learn about some innovative ways to get teens excited about joining in all the fun the library has to offer. Join us for a discussion on youth services and the programs we utilize to get them engaged in library programming!

Presenters

- Monika Dost, Youth Services Librarian, York County Library
- Krista Howell, Teen Services Assistant, York County Library
- Ravina Shive, Youth Services Assistant, York County Library

## **4-4:50 p.m.**

### **It Takes a Village: Creating and Implementing an Outreach Plan and Committee**

*Congaree*

While working with a limited budget, USC Upstate Library's Outreach Committee created a plan that centered on student/faculty engagement and community outreach that included planning events, promoting across campus/social media, collaborating with local charities, and more. Learn how you can recreate their success at your library.

Presenters

- Erika Montgomery, Librarian, USC Upstate
- Allison Read, Librarian, USC Upstate
- Michael Sanders, Archives Assistant, USC Upstate
- Abigail Webster, Library Assistant, USC Upstate

### **Genealogy Through Partnership**

*Lexington B*

When patrons arrive at the library seeking assistance with genealogy or local history research, they are confronted with either too much or too little information. You too can make the impossible seem possible by providing an avenue for research in and outside of the library through local partnerships with museums.

## Presenters

- Quientell Walker, Local History Associate, Oconee County Public Library
- Leslie White Hagerty, Arts & Historical Manager/Curator, Oconee County Parks, Recreation & Tourism, Director/Curator, Oconee History Museum
- Joshua "Josh" Johnson, Museum Site Coordinator, Bart Garrison Agricultural Museum of South Carolina

## **Renovating for the Missing Patron**

*Richland C*

How can you arrange library space to meet the hidden needs of your community? Join NYU professor and author of "Library Space Planning: A PLA Guide" (ALA, 2019) to learn how to identify community needs, analyze your existing space, and design inclusive library spaces.

## Presenter

- David Vinjamuri, Associate Professor (adj.), New York University

## **Screen-Free Technology for Children**

*Lexington A*

The absence of a screens helps children strengthen language skills, broaden their imagination, helps preserve their eyesight for the future, and provides more opportunities for families to spend quality time together. Let Horry County Memorial Library tell you how you can use the screen-free technology of Tonieboxes® and Yoto® Cards for children in your youth services program.

## Presenters

- Tracey Elvis-Weitzel, Horry County Memorial Library, Director of Libraries
- Lynn Doyle, Horry County Memorial Library, Assistant Director of Libraries

# **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

## **Non-Stop Poster Session Zone**

**Registration Area**

**9-10:30 a.m.**

### **Zine Scene at Your Library**

A zine library is a way for patrons to engage with your collection on a personal, artistically expressive level. Zines open up conversations and create engaged library patrons. In this presentation, you will be introduced to zines and their many uses in your library. Learn how the Anderson Public Library created a vibrant, ongoing makerspace for zine creation (and archive). Hear how you can do it too! Sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee.

Presenter

- Bryce Martin, Library Assistant and Makerspace Instructor, Anderson County Library

### **Picture This: Using Library Exhibits to Attract and Interact with the University Community**

Post-renovation and post-pandemic, our library wanted to improve in-person interactions with the campus community, contribute to culture, create a sense of belonging, and better reflect our diverse student body. A program of library exhibits offers an affordable, effective way to pursue these aims.

Presenter

- John Barnett, Dean of the Library, University of South Carolina Upstate

### **Move Ahead Two Spaces: Library Board Game Programs for All Ages**

Board games are a fun way to stimulate the brain, and board game programs provide an opportunity for social and community engagement. Two programmers and their liaison from Firefly Toys and Games discuss the challenges, triumphs, and lessons learned from starting board game programs for both youth and adults.

Presenters

- Laura Collins Shealy, Librarian I, Lexington County Public Library System
- Becky Stokes, Librarian II, Lexington County Public Library System
- Emily Harris, Outreach Coordinator, Firefly Toys and Games

## **10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

### **Safe at Home: Learning Kits for Children with Disabilities**

Provide an overview of the Safe at Home Learning Program, which provided take-home learning kits for children with disabilities and their families, who are not able to fully participate in school or extracurricular activities due to medical risk. Kit focus, contents, feedback, and examples will be shown.

Presenters

- Sarah Westernen, Librarian, Richland Library
- Lea Stapleton, Librarian, Richland Library

### **Books and Biscuits: Creating a Delicious Partnership**

Learn how reimagining an empty café space and rethinking a complicated process led to a community-focused, customer-experience driven partnership between a local restaurateur and public library. We'll share our recipe for connecting with local businesses and removing process barriers to create a meaningful partnership.

Presenter

- Sarah Seegars, Director of Library Experience, Main, Richland Library

### **Training the Trainer: A New Approach to Supporting Student Athletes**

Student athletes are an underserved group often targeted for outreach, but their busy schedules and limited time make connecting with them difficult. Learn about a new approach to bringing curated library services to student athletes through an online asynchronous training module used to train the student athlete's tutors.

Presenter

- Karen Burton, Science Librarian, Clemson University

### **1:30-3 p.m.**

#### **A Rainbow Connection for Young Readers and Their Families**

Funded by an ALA Carnegie-Whitney grant, this presentation team is developing an online bibliography of LGBTQIA+ -inclusive books for young readers and their families. Take a peek at this collection and explore a few of the related activities and companion books to use with the titles there.

Presenter

- Valerie Byrd Fort, Instructor, University of South Carolina School of Information Science
- Liz Hartnett, Program Coordinator, SC Center for Community Literacy (SCCCL)

#### **Seating Observations!**

Lander University Library Services conducted seating observations during the Spring 2023 exam period to collect data for the design of a new library build, including group vs. individual study, study group sizes, use of open spaces vs. study rooms, and hard vs. lounge seating. Methods and results included.

Sponsored by the College & University Section.

Presenter

- Jean Thrift, User Experience Librarian, Lander University Library Services

## **Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **8-8:40 a.m.**

#### **Section, Round Table, and Committee Meetings**

Rainbow Round Table – Lexington A

## **9-9:50 a.m.**

### **Making OER Possible**

*Congaree*

Wondering what you can do to get your OER (open educational resources) program started or take it to the next level? Join members of PASCAL's Affordable Learning Committee in a series of lightning talks sharing ideas that advanced the adoption of OER at their institutions and how they were achieved.

#### Presenters

- Ariana Baker, Scholarly Engagement Librarian, Coastal Carolina University
- Lizah Ismail, Director of the Library, Limestone University
- Andrew Kearns, Coordinator of Distributed Education, University of South Carolina Upstate
- Huyen Maluck, Associate Librarian, Midlands Technical College
- Yang Wu, Open Resources Librarian, Clemson University
- Ellan Jenkinson, Member Engagement & Training Librarian, PASCAL

### **Libraries in the Early Digital Landscape**

*Lexington B*

Libraries have long been on the front lines of delivering technology and Internet access to their users. During the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries prominently shifted from being everyday safety nets to being lifelines and advocates. Learn how libraries leverage their role as trusted institutions to eradicate digital inequity once and for all, and the evolution of libraries once digital equity is achieved.

#### Presenter

- Alex Houff, Digital Equity and Virtual Services Manager, Baltimore County Public Library

### **Reflections on Renovations – Learning from Successes & Surprises**

*Richland C*

This panel openly discusses the journey libraries make as their spaces respond to community needs. Facilitated by architect Heather Mitchell, three library managers will discuss the original intentions behind library renovations. They will share successes and surprises made over the last five years, emphasizing the transformative nature of library services.

#### Presenters

- Heather Mitchell, President, BOUDREAUX
- Georgia Coleman, COO, Richland Library
- Sarah Seegars, Director of Library Experience for Main Library, Richland Library
- Rasheen Richardson, Northeast Manager, Richland Library

## **We're Here, We're Queer, and We Need a Nap: Weary Queer SC Library Workers**

*Lexington A*

The Rainbow Roundtable will put together a panel to discuss LGBTQ+ workers' experiences in SC libraries in the current social climate. Multiple sectors and library positions will be represented. Sponsored by the Rainbow Roundtable.

### Presenters

- Kristin Hare (she/her), Children's Services Manager, Charleston County Public Library
- Alex Biscoll (they/them), Teen Services Librarian, Richland Library
- Logan Cocklin (they/them), Digital Strategies and Systems Librarian, Winthrop University
- Joshua Greer (he/him), Deputy Director, Beaufort County Library
- Heather Shockey (she/her), Digital Preservation Specialist, Greenville County Library System
- Debra Trogdon-Livingston (she/they), User Experience and Education Strategist  
Network of the National Library of Medicine Region 2, Medical University of South Carolina

## **10-10:50 a.m.**

### **What Once Seemed Impossible Is Already Here: Artificial Intelligence and Its Implications for Academic Libraries**

*Congaree*

Generative artificial intelligence technologies (ChatGPT, Microsoft Bing Chat) are prompting conversations at academic libraries around AI's implications for myriad services and issues: Reference and research; content discovery; information literacy; academic integrity; and diversity, equity, and inclusion. AI tech offers libraries benefits and challenges. Hear what your colleagues have to say about AI tech in libraries.

Sponsored by the College and University Section.

### Presenters

- John Barnett, Dean of the Library, University of South Carolina Upstate
- Virginia Cononie, Coordinator of Research Services, University of South Carolina Upstate Library
- Christopher Cox, Dean of Libraries, Clemson University
- Brandolyn Love, Ph.D., Director, Williamsburg Technical College Library
- Elias Tzoc Caniz, Associate Dean for Teaching, Learning, and Research, Clemson University Libraries

### **Get Ready, Stay Ready: A Community Action Toolkit**

*Lexington B*

Pick up your "Get Ready, Stay Ready: A Community Action Toolkit" today! This "kit" will provide you with the invaluable tools you will need to face intellectual freedom challenges in your library.

Sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee.

### Presenter

- Valerie Byrd Fort, Project Director, USC Columbia

### **It Doesn't Have to Be Lonely at the Top! Library Directors Support**

*Richland C*

Leading your library as the director can be one of the most interesting, challenging, and rewarding jobs on the planet. Who knows better what you experience day in and day out than other library directors? Pull up a chair and find community with other library directors. No eye-catching Prezi or PowerPoint slideshow, riveting statistics, or helpful handouts here, just an open space for you to ask questions and get encouragement from your peers. To ensure confidentiality, we respectfully ask only Library Directors attend.

Presenter

- Amanda Brewer Dickman, Director, Beaufort County Library

### **Kindergarten Readiness in Storytime: Creating a Finger Gym**

*Lexington A*

Never heard of a Finger Gym? With a Finger Gym, you bring rotating activities into your story time to get children ready for kindergarten skills. Parents have embraced my library's Finger Gym because it readies their child for kindergarten. Learn how you too can open a Finger Gym in your story time.

Presenter

- Melissa Gephart, Children's Library Assistant, Landrum Library

## **11-11:50 a.m.**

### **Happy Together: Academic and Public Libraries Exploring Ways to Bring Value to Our "Shared" Patrons**

*Congaree*

"Having worked in both an academic and public library settings, I can't help but remember all the cool services public libraries had to offer their patrons. The students that I now serve qualify for these same services...services we here at Upstate cannot provide. Let me tell you about the inroads that I've made with my library "Cousins" in the public sector and our efforts to identify other opportunities we might find to work together.

Presenter

- Mark L. Smith, Research Librarian, USC Upstate

### **Advocacy Learning Block; Library Worker Rights**

*Lexington B*

Get the latest news on library worker rights, self-advocacy, policy improvement for administrators, legislation impacting libraries, and making a state-level impact with our advocacy work.

Sponsored by the Advocacy Committee.

#### Presenters

- Jana Stevenson, Branch Manager, Charleston County Library
- Joshua Greer, Deputy Director, Beaufort County Library
- Jonathan Newton, Coordinator of Access Services, USC Upstate
- Virginia Cononie, Coordinator of Research, USC Upstate

### **Combating the Opioid Epidemic, One Rural Librarian at a Time**

*Richland C*

Provisional CDC data report 109,680 drug overdose deaths in the US during 2022—most from opioids. The OCLC responded by creating a toolkit for public librarians, particularly those serving the Southeast. Topics introduce interpreting local public health data, identifying community partners, conducting outreach, and institutional response.

#### Presenters

- Margaret Sullivan, Assistant Professor, the School of Information at Florida State University
- Carli Lucius, MSW, Community Outreach Specialist, Southeast Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Center (ROTA-RC), Florida State University

### **Creating a Family Activity Center with Unused Library Space and Little Budget**

*Lexington A*

Here is your opportunity to learn how you can create a learning activity center, on a small budget, that enables families to work together on hands-on activities that promote STEAM based learning. This learning activity center was a spinoff of a kindergarten readiness program implemented last fall that turned into a great success for families and the library.

#### Presenters

- Melissa Gephart, Children's Library Assistant at Landrum Library (SCPL)
- Tracy Files, Children's Library Assistant at Landrum Library (SCPL)

**1:30-2:20 p.m.**

**“Mad Hatter Tea Party” Show & Tell**

*Congaree*

Why should kids and teens have all the fun? Join the Youth Services Section for a “Mad Hatter Tea Party.” This is your chance to share the latest in youth services trends and share (show off!) your favorite program guides, flyers, book lists, a craft, photos, and other cool stuff from your library with everyone at the party. Be careful when you attend this party...you will leave with new ideas! Sponsored by the Youth Services Section.

Presenter

- Leigh Ramey, Youth Services Consultant, South Carolina State Library

**Bridging the Practice Divide in LIS Curricula**

*Lexington B*

There appears to be some disconnect between library school curricula and the needs of library practitioners. MLIS graduates express concerns that they were not adequately prepared for the profession. In this panel presentation, educators and practitioners will lead attendees in discussing ways of shifting curriculum to better prepare students for the profession.

Presenters

- Darin Freeburg, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina School of Information Science
- Lyda McCartin, Director, University of South Carolina School of Information Science
- Tamara King, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer, Richland Library
- Rachel Dineen, Academic Librarian, University of Northern Colorado
- Jimmie Epling, Director, Darlington County Library System

**Impacting Reliable, High-Speed Internet Access in South Carolina: BEAD and Digital Equity Grants**

*Richland C*

The Federal government is providing millions of dollars for the deployment of broadband infrastructure development and digital inclusion efforts across the country. In South Carolina, these funds will be awarded through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) and Digital Equity (DE) grant programs. Learn how these funds will impact our state and its libraries in terms of high-speed, reliable internet.

Presenter

- Michael Herzerberger, Deputy Director, South Carolina Broadband Office

## **Plugging the Personnel Drain: Using Research to Retain Faculty and Staff Post COVID-19**

*Lexington A*

What's behind the great resignation of library personnel since COVID-19? Why did they leave and how can academic libraries retain employees, particularly those of color? Hear from three Clemson Libraries employees on possible causes based on research as part of the IMLS funded "Leading the Charge" project with Hampton University.

### **Presenters**

- Jessica Serrao, Metadata Librarian for Digital Collections, Clemson University Libraries
- Alydia Sims, Library Manager for Standards Management and Assessment, Clemson University Libraries
- Yang Wu, Open Resources Librarian, Clemson University Libraries

## **2:30-3:20 p.m.**

### **Section, Round Table, and Committee Meetings**

Youth Services Section - Congaree

Continuing Education Committee – Lexington A

College and University Section – Richland C

## **3:30-4:20 p.m.**

### **Libraries Partnering for Health**

*Congaree*

The SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare's Rural Libraries and Health Innovations Program supports library systems as community health hubs. Library systems that participated in this program will provide an overview of the program and learning collaborative, and highlights different models, strategies, successes, and lessons learned.

### **Presenters**

- Alanti Price, MPH, Program Manager, Community Connections, SC Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare
- Amy Schofield, Kershaw County Library
- Quin Knox, CEO, Lee County Public Library & Marlboro Co. Public Library
- Faith A. Line, MLS, MPA, Interim Director, Abbeville County Library System

### **Stuck in a Routine: The Challenges and Workarounds of Routine Work in Libraries**

*Lexington B*

Libraries are full of routines. And while these routines can help to simplify work, they can also lead to feelings of being stuck, frustrated, or uncomfortable. The repetition in these routines works to

normalize and standardize these barriers. In this hands-on session, you will identify problematic routines and design concrete solutions for overcoming them.

Presenters

- Darin Freeburg, Associate Professor, iSchool @ USC
- Katie Klein, PhD Student, iSchool @ USC

### **Refresh Your Library on a Budget...Even Your Budget**

*Richland C*

This slightly irreverent session on refreshing or renovating your library is for those libraries with a really tight budget. All it takes to make the impossible possible within your library is a tape measure, a computer, thinking in 10-year increments, and some imagination. All for less than you might expect. Get practical insights on how you can make noticeable changes in your library on a truly limited budget.

Presenter

- Jimmie Epling, Director, Darlington County Library System

### **“Why Am I the Only Black Man in the Children’s Department?!?”**

*Lexington A*

Library specialist and early childhood educator Julian Gooding will discuss the historical roles black men have played in early childhood education and raising black boys. He will share his lived experience as a children’s librarian, the stigma and marginalization of being the only black male working in early childhood literacy and libraries.

Presenter

- Julian Gooding, Library Specialist, Charleston County Public Library

## **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9-9:50 a.m.**

### **Big Ideas! AI and the Future of Libraries**

*Richland A & B*

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing our view of the future with its possibilities and perils. With the rapid innovations in the field of AI, there will be an impact how we live and work. It is already the main driver of emerging technologies, like ChatGPT and AI art generators. Dave Ingram, Founder of Querri, a long-time software developer and manager with a passion for finding practical uses of the latest technologies, will talk with Georgia Coleman, Chief Operating Officer of Richland Library, about AI and the future of libraries.

Presenter

- Dave Ingram, Founder of Querri

## **10-10:50 a.m.**

### **Open Educational Resources: Starting, Setbacks and Success**

*Congaree*

Winthrop University was part of the American Association of Colleges and Universities' Open Educational Resources Institute over the last year. There were many meetings, webinars, and attempted outreach plans. Come listen to what went well, what did not, and where we are after a year of focused work.

Presenter

- Cody Walters, Research and User Services Coordinator, Winthrop University

### **Public Libraries Speed Networking and Business Meeting**

*Lexington B*

Do you come to work every morning wondering if today will be an "I got a wonderful, personalized drawing from an adorable 4-year-old patron" kind of day or an "I had to tell a woman she couldn't just put the lit cigarette in her pocketbook when she comes in the branch... twice" kind of day? The good news is there are people all over the state that get it. Come meet your public library colleagues from around the state in a fast-paced round of Speed Networking. Participants will meet each other in a series of brief exchanges where they can share their backgrounds and goals. This session will be followed by a short business meeting of the Public Library Section where we can talk about what we want out of our Section and elect officers for next year.

Sponsored by the Public Library Section.

Presenter

- Matthew Smith, Staff Development Coordinator, Lexington County Public Library

### **Let's Talk Mental Health: Beyond Self-Care**

*Richland C*

Library staff play a crucial role in society, providing essential services and resources to their communities. However, recent changes have made their work demanding and with high levels of stress, which can lead to burnout and mental health issues. To provide the best possible services to our communities, it is essential to talk about the mental health of library staff. This workshop aims to go beyond the traditional self-care talk and focuses on empowering library staff with actionable strategies. Through interactive conversations and hands-on activities, participants will learn to identify the signs and symptoms of mental health, develop strategies for personal resilience, and create a personalized action plan that prioritizes their mental health.

Presenter

- Beatriz De La Espriella, Mental Health Therapist, LCSW

## **Touch and See: An Inclusive Art Program for the Visually Impaired**

*Lexington A*

Discover what inspired Margaret Edwards and Jana Stevenson to design an art exhibit for the visually impaired. Walk away from the program with a detailed plan to host a tactile art exhibit for your community.

### Presenters

- Margaret Edwards, Circulation Assistant, Cynthia Graham Hurd/St. Andrews Library, Charleston County Public Library
- Jana Stevenson, Branch Manager, Cynthia Graham Hurd/St. Andrews Library, Charleston County Public Library

## **11-11:50 a.m.**

### **From Librarian to Docent: How to Host a Traveling Museum Exhibit**

*Congaree*

Furman University Libraries recently hosted the traveling exhibition "Americans and the Holocaust" by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. Get some practical tips, based on firsthand experience, for hosting a museum exhibition, including funding, organization, logistics, programming, marketing, and K-12 field trips.

### Presenters

- Christy Allen, Assoc. Director for Digital & Resource Mgmt., Furman University Libraries
- Rick Jones, Digital Collections Center Manager, Furman University Libraries
- Allison Diaz, Outreach Librarian, Furman University Libraries

### **Critical Race Theory (CRT) Tool Kit**

*Lexington B*

The Critical Race Theory (CRT) digital toolkit, created by Dr. Nicole Cooke and Cearra Harris, aims to dismantle the misconceptions surrounding CRT by making credible resources, media, and teachings accessible to all. The toolkit is structured to provide accurate foundational information surrounding the development of CRT and access to scholars' theories, writings, pedagogical instruction, and teachings through its open or universal access source. The LIS community will learn how to use the digital toolkit to deepen their understanding of CRT, enhance their pedagogical efforts, and strengthen their respective community's learning by providing credible resources, and stop the spread of disinformation surrounding Critical Race Theory.

Sponsored by the Roundtable for African-American Concerns.

### Presenter

- Dr. Nicole Cooke, Augusta Baker Endowed Chair and Professor School of Information Science, USC

## **Transforming Libraries Through Trauma-Informed Services**

*Richland C*

Trauma is often a silent unknown event that many people experience. It can affect how people behave and interact with others. Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, participants will learn about trauma, its impact on the brain, and how shifting our mindset transforms how we provide services to our patrons and connect with our community. Participants will leave this presentation with the tools they need to serve patrons with empathy, avoid re-traumatization, and strategies that focus on the well-being of both patrons and staff.

Presenter

- Beatriz De La Espriella, Mental Health Therapist, LCSW

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