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SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 27-30, 2025

2025 SCLA CONFERENCE AGENDA

COLUMBIA METROPOLITAN CONVENTION CENTER
1101 LINCOLN ST
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

EVENT AGENDA

The Power of Us: Libraries in Action (SCLA 2025)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

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| 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Your Library Campaign Starts Today!
Location: Richland Library -1431 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 29201--SCLA attendees can enter on Hampton Street Plaza side at no earlier than 8:30 a.m.
Speaker: Patrick Sweeney |
| 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | Networking Lunch |
| 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM | Are You A Librarian? The Untold Story of Black Librarians
Location: The Nick- 1607 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Speaker: Rodney Freeman; Theater Manager: Allie Stubbs |
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

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| 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Morning Coffee & Networking |
| 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM | SCLA General Business Meeting
Location: Richland A-B
Speaker: Kelly Jones |
| 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM | Book Sanctuaries in Southern Libraries: Defending Diversity, Access, and Intellectual Freedom
Location: Richland A-B
Speakers: Lola DeWitt, Mark Adler, Edward Melton, Jennie Pu, Allison Grubbs |
| 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM | Supporting from the Top, a Discussion with SC Library Leaders
Location: Richland C
Speakers: Shamella Cromartie, Amanda Myers, Ray Turner, Amber Conger |
| 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM | Access Freely: Increasing Accessibility for Customers with Disabilities
Location: Congaree
Speakers: Heather McCue, Tristan Richardson, Dori Tempio, Mary Reaves |

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Literacy for All: Equipping Caregivers Through Library-Led Reading Support Location: Lexington A Speakers: Amanda Wirth, Paula Coonce, Emily Johansson
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Power Up Your Recommendations: Electronic Resources for Reader's Advisory Location: Lexington B Speaker: Kristen Rebollar
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	SCASL School Librarian of the Year: Accessibility in the School Library Environment Location: Hall of Fame Speaker: Helen Prince
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Storytelling for Advocacy Location: Carolina Speaker: Katherine Freligh
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	General Session: LisaVarga + Pamela Davenport Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Lisa Varga, Pamela Davenport
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Voices of Resilience: Elevating Black Male Representation in Library and Information Science Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Brittany Champion, Carlos Grooms, Christopher Fleming, John Light Jr
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Nourishing Our Communities: Tackling Food Insecurity in Rural South Carolina Location: Richland C Speakers: Taylor Atkinson, Rieta Drinkwine, Robin Rodgers, Elise Ashby
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Building Access Together: Inclusive Innovation Through SC State Library–Museum Partnership Location: Congaree Speakers: Tyler Edmond, Laura Ybarra

11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Academic Libraries Connecting and Fostering Community: Supporting High Schoolers Location: Lexington A Speaker: Nandi Prince
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Level Up Your Library: Using Gamification to Engage All Patrons Location: Lexington B Speaker: Kristen Rebollar
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Perma-Bound and Follett Location: Hall of Fame Speakers: Wilder Keaton, Olivia Sanders
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	Palmetto State Teachers Association & South Carolina Education Association Location: Carolina Speakers: Kathy Maness, Brandi Sturdevant
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Poster Session Location: Exhibit Hall Welcoming All: Enhancing Library Group Visits for Individuals with Disabilities 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speaker: Patrice Smith Library Marketing for Beginners: How We Increased Our Social Media Following 54% in a Year with \$0.00 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speaker: Kimberly Basso Beyond Books: Launching Passport Services in a Public Library 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speaker: Kimberly Jones Learn Freely: How Committees Advance Equity Work 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speakers: Tristan Richardson, Taelor Johnson, Keiondria Grant, Zuleyka Zayas, Jenny Lao Clues to a Successful Escape Room 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speaker: Brittney Peters Huzzah! Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence: How Can South Carolina Libraries Connect? 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speaker: Katherine Pemberton Little by Little: Preserving the Past 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Speakers: Jen M. Jones, Scott Dutkiewicz

Teen Workforce Development in Action: A Roadmap to Building Life Skills, from Volunteer Hours to Paid Internships

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speakers: Madison Gaskins, Conner Caraman

SC Plants the Seed: A Recipe for Success - Literacy, Nutrition and Community

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speakers: Jennifer D. Jean, Ashley Page-Lockhart

From Public to Academic Librarianship: Navigating the Switch

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speaker: Parker Heustess

Welcoming All Abilities: Building Inclusive Internship Programs That Work

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speakers: Susie O'Connor, Robert Amerson, Julia Markert

Did You Know That The Government Publishing Office (GPO) Has Transitioned to Digital?

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speakers: Candace Moorer, Bernadette Johnson

Ballin' on a Budget - DIY Exhibit Fabrication

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speakers: Logan Cocklin, McKenzie Lemhouse

Creating a Lesson Plan for Teaching with Archival Collections

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speaker: Catherine Baker

Can We Stream This? Developing a Focus Group about Streaming Films in an Academic Library

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Speaker: Carmanita Turner

Community Programming through Partnership: Lessons Learned through the Bike Maintenance Clinic at Richland Library

12:00PM - 2:00 PM

Speaker: Phillip Windsor

Nourishing Minds & Bodies: The Little Free Pantry Project

12:00PM - 2:00 PM

Speaker: Elizabeth Doyle

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Business Meetings

Youth Services Section Meeting

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: Lexington A

Speaker: Christine LaLonde

Library Management Section Meeting

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: Lexington B

Speaker: Amanda Myers

Archives and Special Collections

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: Congaree

Continuing Education

1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

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1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	SCASL Chat Location: Hall of Fame Speaker: Emily Baccomo
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Considering (Critical) Hope: Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities for Librarianship Location: Richland A-B Speaker: Kaetrena Davis Kendrick
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Copyright Crossroads: AI, Ebooks, and Legal Shifts in 2025 Location: Richland C Speakers: Tucker Taylor, Alyssa Pastore
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Learning about Legislation and Making Connections Location: Congaree Speakers: Jonathan Newton, Sarah Schroeder, Virginia Cononie, Katherine Freleigh, Tenley Middleton
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Basic Spanish for Library Staff: Bridging the Language Barrier Location: Lexington A Speakers: Caroline Smith, Sophia Caldwell, Ana Robles
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Utilizing Your FREE Discus Tutor.com Program Location: Lexington B Speakers: David Wills, Patricia Sinclair
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Library Engagement: Extreme Makeover Edition! Location: Carolina Speaker: Amy McMichael

2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Same Degree, Different Library: Learning the Nuances in Applying for Jobs in Various Kinds of Libraries Location: Hall of Fame Speakers: Renna Redd, Cassie Hamilton, Dana Whelchel, Amy Trepal
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	What the Tech? Evaluating and Addressing Digital Literacy Needs of the Community Location: Richland A-B Speaker: Andrew Dombrowski
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Robots vs. Zombies: Enfleshing the AI Storyline with Local Primary Sources Location: Richland C Speaker: Warren Cobb
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Wellness in the Stacks: Creating Health and Wellness Focused Library Programs with Community Partners Location: Congaree Speaker: Tiffany Williams
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Safe Havens on a Shoestring: Trauma-Informed Library Spaces & Programs Location: Lexington A Speaker: Caroline Sanders
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Unleashing the Research Superpowers of AP Students: Academic and High School Librarians Unite Location: Lexington B Speakers: Suzanne Rook Schilf, Camille Cooper, Lindsey Douglas, Jennifer Groff
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Curating a middle school collection in a public library Location: Hall of Fame Speakers: Jana Stevenson, Eric Weaver, Madison Gaskins, Beth McGuire
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Children and Books at the Center: Literacy Connections at the Service Point Location: Carolina Speakers: Leslie Tetreault, Anne Clifton-Katz, Heather McCue

- 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM** **A Conversation with Dawn Staley, Head Coach, University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Team and New York Times Best-Selling Author**
Location: Richland A-B
Moderator: Tamara King
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM** **Happy Learning Hour**
Location: Richland Library
Organizer: Amanda Myers
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM** **Morning Coffee & Networking**
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now: Planting Small Seeds for Library and Community Engagement**
Location: Richland A-B
Speaker: Alvin Blount
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Privacy in Practice: What Libraries Need to Know**
Location: Lexington A
Speaker: Tucker Taylor
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Self Care for Library Workers: Surviving and Thriving in Tough Times**
Location: Lexington B
Speakers: Hannah Broam, Ashley Bonnette
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Libraries & Lifelines: Partnering for Substance Use Prevention**
Location: Congaree
Speaker: Rebecca Whitt Burgess
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Leading Leaders: Strategies for Empowering Library Managers**
Location: Hall of Fame
Speakers: Crystal Mickle, Sarah Seegars
- 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM** **Librarian First Responders: Transforming Public Library Services in the Wake of Natural Disasters**
Location: Carolina
Speakers: Feili Tu-Keefner, April Hobbs

9:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Conference Committee Use Location: Richland C
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	THE LIBRARIANS Documentary Screening & Conversation Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Janique L. Robillard, Becky Calzada, Lyda Fontes
12:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Author Luncheon: Dr. Rhondda Robinson Thomas - Illuminating History with the Archives Location: Richland C Speaker: Rhondda Thomas
12:10 PM - 1:30 PM	Author Luncheon - George Singleton Location: Congaree Speaker: George Singleton
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	The Afro Movement Collective: Centering Healing, Cultural Memory, and Transformation Location: Richland A-B Speaker: Nasir Jean-Paul
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Library Advocacy and Legislative Update Location: Richland C Speakers: Jonathan Newton, Sarah Schroeder, Virginia Cononie
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	How Libraries and Institutional History Connect Location: Lexington A Speaker: Otis Pickett
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Design on a Dime: Creating Modern Library Collateral with Canva Location: Lexington B Speaker: Rachel Lebbing
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Should Information be Convenient? Issues with Frictionless Information Location: Congaree Speaker: Darin Freeburg
2:15 PM - 3:05 PM	Empowering Knowledge: Advancing Open Access and Scholarly Communication Education for a Better Future Location: Carolina Speakers: Dr. Amal Mostafa, Amie Freeman, Ariana Baker, Gretchen Scronce

3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Library of Things for Your Community: From Pilot to Expansion Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Kelsey Andrus, Jennifer Thompson, Kristin Amsden
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	The Art of Library Persuasion: Using Sales Techniques to Connect Patrons with Books and Services Location: Richland C Speaker: Christopher Fleming
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	So, You Just Joined SCLA: A Panel Discussion Location: Lexington A Speakers: Jennifer D. Jean, Sonaite Debebe-Kumssa, Kelly Jones
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	Rethinking the Message: How Shifting Perspectives Should be Reshaping Library Marketing Location: Lexington B Speaker: Jenn McGlon
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	From Vision to Impact: Strategic Collaborations for Emerging Library Services Location: Congaree Speakers: Elias Tzoc, Dr. Amal Mostafa, Cath Bruhnke, Stacie Powell, Yang Wu
3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	AI Literacy Through Library Collaboration: Working Together to Empower Communities Location: Hall of Fame Speakers: Scott Shumate, Jenny Harris, Stephanie Bandel
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Lightning Talks 1 Location: Richland C Design for Everyone! Teaching Canva in the Public Library 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Speaker: Phillip Windsor Bursting the Bubble: Community Engagement Practices for Academic Libraries 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Speaker: Erika Montgomery Empowering Faculty Through Library Collaboration: A Micro-Credential Program for Research and Publishing 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM Speaker: Emily Harris Enhancing Access: Clemson Libraries' Implementation of LibKey Nomad++ 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

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Lightning Talks 2

Location: Congaree

From Cryptids to Cold War: Using Unconventional Themes to Spark Student Curiosity

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Susan Myers

Richland Library Staff Oral History Project

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Margaret Dunlap

Scholarly Sleuths: Unmasking Predatory Publishers Through AI Innovation

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Karen Burton

Does it Compute?: Measuring the Impact of Laptop Lending Programs

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speakers: Jennifer Hughes, Rose Graf

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Lightning Talks 3

Location: Lexington A

Moving and Grooving in the Community

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speakers: Jenny Lao, Dana Mapson

Circulating Creativity in Library Programming

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speakers: Jennifer D. Jean, Casey Stoudemayer

And Then There Were Two: Restructuring Library Services Following Institutional Rightsizing

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Joni Addis

Simulating Success: How Libraries and Workforce Education Drive Career Readiness Through Emerging Technologies

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Ron Stafford

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Lightning Talks 4

Location: Lexington B

The State of South Carolina Public Libraries in 2024

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Speaker: Leah Cannon

Local Love and Outreach - Reconnections

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Speaker: Evette Bridges

Preserving Paper and Trust: Ethical Quality Control in Digitization

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Speaker: Camille Roberson

Little by Little: Collaborate Cataloging of Rare Books at Hanover House

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

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Location: Hall of Fame

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4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

USC iSchool Alumni Happy Hour

Location: Hall of Fame

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Rainbow Roundtable MeetUp

Speaker: Hannah Broam

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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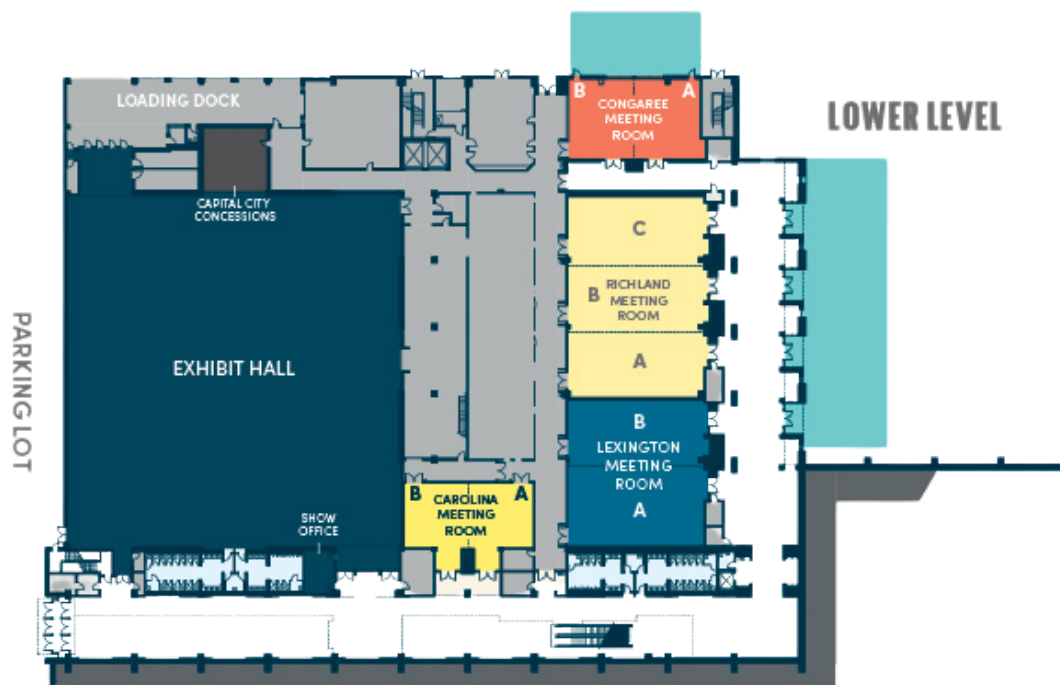
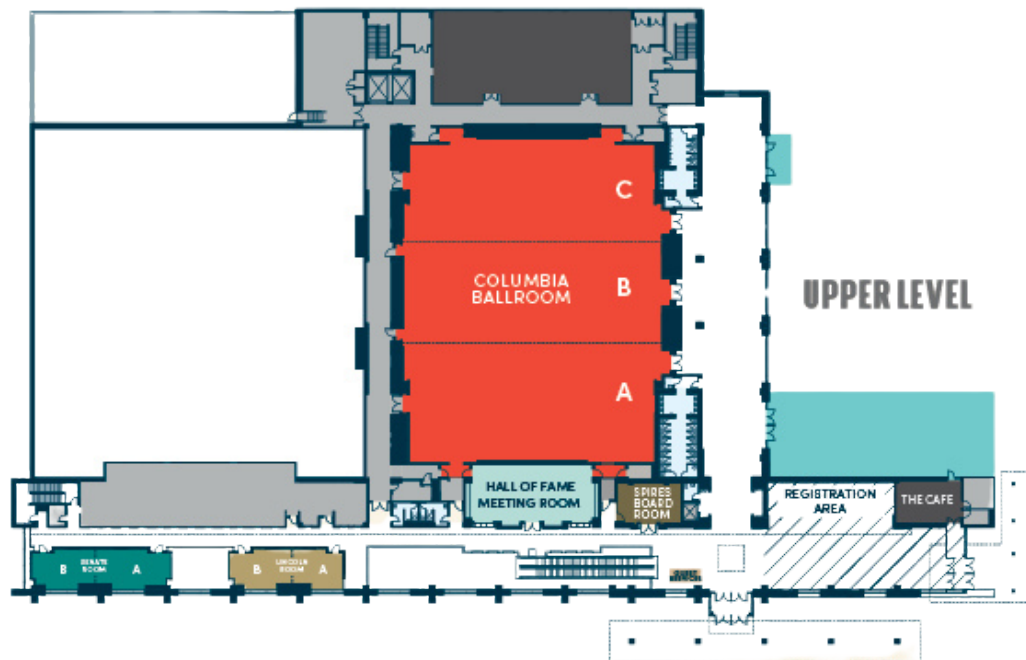
Speakers: Ray Turner, Shamella Cromartie

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	The Power of Place: Charting the Course for the Reimagined Library Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Terry W. Brandsma, Christine Fischer, William Cook
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Where There's a WILL, There's a Way: Restructuring a Library Website Location: Richland C Speakers: Jean Thrift, Scott Salzman, Christy Allen
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Beyond the Numbers: Measuring Reach, Impact, and Belonging Location: Lexington A Speakers: Eric Resnis, Melvin Davis, Jennifer Hughes
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	More than Books: The Power of Cooking in the Library Location: Lexington B Speakers: Floyd Jeffcoat, Jenny Lao
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Debriefing: Unpacking Student Learning Location: Congaree Speakers: Kala Dunn, Amy Edwards
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Open Mics in Libraries Location: Hall of Fame Speakers: Brittany Smith, Rasheen Richardson
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Professor Poet Cadence Cadet: A History of Poetry at The Citadel Location: Carolina Speaker: Dan Hawkins
10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Third General Session: Formats, Futures, and Freedom: Diversifying Library Resources for a Multimodal World Speaker: Jason Broughton Location: Richland A-B
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	All Conference Luncheon, Awards and Scholarship for Diversity Location: Richland A-B Speakers: Christy Allen, Kelly Jones, Shamella Cromartie

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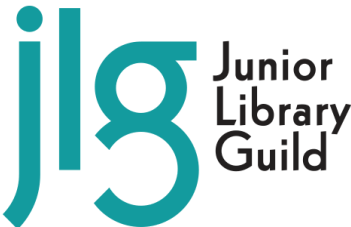
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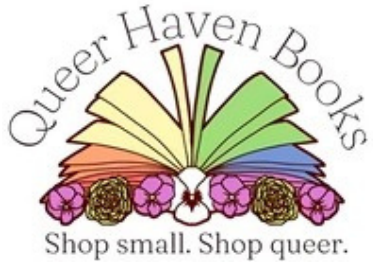
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