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**9:00am: Registration opens, Coffee & Networking**

**9:45am: Welcome**

**10:00am: Session 1**

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| Sandhills Room**Advocacy for Libraries***Joshua Malkin*Learn practical strategies for engaging in grassroots advocacy during this interactive session. Ask questions, share ideas, and build essential skills for effective civic participation. |
| Palmetto Room**Using Local History to Foster Community Engagement***Dr. Nic Butler*Dr. Nic Butler, historian for the Charleston County Public Library and creator of the popular "Charleston Time Machine" podcast, will discuss his experience presenting local history programs as a means of fostering community engagement and life-long learning. |

**11:00am: Session 2**

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| Sandhills Room**Resisting Anti-Queerness in Libraries: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Colleagues Through Collective Action***Dr. Vanessa Kitzie*LGBTQIA+ library workers are facing unprecedented levels of hostility, particularly in politically conservative regions where various stakeholders challenge drag storytimes, censor inclusive collections, and surveil or erase queer staff. This session brings together research findings from multiple studies to explore how LGBTQIA+ library workers experience anti-queer discrimination and the creative, community-driven strategies they use to resist it. Drawing from participatory forums, interviews, and focus group data, I’ll share practices of strategic visibility, workplace advocacy, allyship, and mutual aid. I’ll also offer actionable tools for building solidarity among colleagues, resisting harmful neutrality narratives, and fostering queer-affirming library spaces. Attendees will leave with strategies for supporting LGBTQIA+ coworkers, engaging in advocacy within their institutions, and co-creating libraries that embody equity and care. |

**12:00pm: Lunch**

**1:30pm: Session 3**

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| Sandhills Room**What's New in DISCUS***Sarah Pellerin*Stay up to date with the latest DISCUS resources and interface updates! This session will provide an overview of key databases, navigation tips, and new content on DISCUS, available to all South Carolinians through their school, college, and public libraries. Bring your personal device to follow along and explore as we go! |
| Palmetto Room**So, You Just Joined SCLA: A Panel Discussion***Presented by the SCLA New Members Round Table (NMRT)*New to the South Carolina Library Association? Join the NMRT for a lively and informative panel discussion designed to help you make the most of your membership! Whether you are a student, recent graduate, or professional new to SCLA, this session will introduce you to the many opportunities available—from networking and professional development to leadership and service. Hear from current members about their experiences, learn how to get involved, and ask your burning questions in a supportive, welcoming environment. Let this be your first step toward building lasting connections and growing your career in the South Carolina library community! |

**2:30pm: Session 4**

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| Sandhills Room**Crafting Effective Talking Points for Your Library***Anika Thomas*Learn how to develop clear, compelling talking points to advocate for your library with confidence. This interactive session will include a mini media role-play exercise and five key media tips to help you communicate effectively in any situation. |
| Palmetto Room**Get Ready, Stay Ready—and Keep Going: Tools for Advocacy & Action***Valerie Byrd-Fort*This session will introduce practical tools—including the Get Ready, Stay Ready: Community Action Toolkit—and other key resources to help library professionals advocate for intellectual freedom, mobilize community support, and sustain momentum in the fight for access. |