

A unique event:

- An informal & vendor-neutral gathering of librarians, publishers, consultants, and vendors from across the industry –
 representing the full range of job possibilities and levels of experience;
- Diverse subject threads analytics; collections; management; scholarly communications; technology; up & coming;
- Many types of sessions: plenary; neapolitan; lively discussions; concurrent; stopwatch; innovation lightning rounds; poster sessions; and virtual posters;
- A First Timers reception to welcome new attendees (and conference mentors available for First Timers);
- Complimentary one-year subscription to <u>Against the Grain</u>, the premier journal linking publishers, vendors, and librarians.

Many other benefits:

- Be inspired by the collaborative and collegial dialogue, where all voices can be heard
- Learn about new trends, ideas, opportunities, and solutions
- Develop your career in new ways and make important contacts
- Get experience in delivering a presentation or a poster
- Attend a library conference not sponsored by any association
- Various <u>scholarships</u> are available to help finance the costs

What attendees have said:

- I learned a lot, and it was great to have the opportunity to present as well, even though I'm new to the profession and the conference.
- Incredibly well organised. Structure of Vendor Showcase especially good, allowing publishers and vendors to be able to attend the conference sessions, allowing for a good exchange of ideas.
- It was an amazing experience to connect with so many other librarians!
- Many of the panels were very informative and helped me to direct decisions I'll make going forward.
- Overall, this was a great conference. It left me feeling empowered and ready to take a lot back to my workplace and pursue new projects. I think that is the one hallmark of a great conference.
- The conference was everything I've ever heard about it and more! So targeted to my specific profession -- it was one of the most meaningful conferences I've ever attended.
- This was very intellectually challenging and stimulating; I have lots of ideas from the many exchanges that I shared.
- One of the things that I always tell people about Charleston is that there is not a "predator/prey" relationship amongst attendees (in my opinion). We're all mixed up--in sessions, in networking events--nobody has to feel like they are put in a box with a defined role. Everyone talks together and it is cordial and productive.

Attendees return year after year to the Charleston Conference because of the special mix of people, ideas, and fabulous location.

This provides the setting for great conversations, innovative possibilities, and exciting opportunities for career growth and contributing to one's library, and to the profession! See conference website for details