

I'm pleased to submit this report relating to my participation in the A.L.A. Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago, IL in July. I attended several events including:

Connecting First-Year College Students with the Library

Speaker and panelists identified best practices leading to student success in First-Year Experience programs and suggested strategies for integrating the library into these college programs for freshmen based on their own institutional experiences.

The Secret Life of Our Data: Privacy in the Digital Age

The program focused on patron privacy issues and how to serve as effective defenders of users' rights.

Collection Development: Decision Making with Data

The overview program reviewed sources of readily-available data and provided tips on how to use it effectively for collection development.

Top Technology Trends

The program featured a roundtable discussion about trends and advances in library technology by a panel of technology experts.

Booklist/Reference Books Bulletin: Rethinking the Reference Collection

Featured a panel of librarians who explained how they have changed their reference collections to meet current and future needs.

Scenarios from the Copyright Advisory Network

Copyright experts analyzed copyright case studies and library copyright topics.

I thank LIBRAS for the funding that enabled me to attend this conference and to confer, converse, and otherwise hobnob with my fellow wizards. You will receive verification of my registration shortly.

Sincerely,
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