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Michelle Pearse, will discuss her library's efforts to help implement her law school's open access policy for scholarly journal articles and other open access initiatives.

Summary:

- History of development of open access policy
- Actual text of the policy-key phrases and causes of misunderstanding
- Challenges in implementing the policy and populating the repository
- Ways in which our own library can contribute to open access movement

Attendees will then be encouraged to participate in a discussion of how law libraries and law librarians can help support the development of and access to open access legal literature, with particular attention paid to journal literature (following up in part on Thursday's “Are They Being Indexed II” session), with the hope that others will share experiences from their own institutions.

Ed Hart and Paula Tejada will prompt conversations about the conference's keynote speakers and their ideas possible impacts on law libraries.

Moderated discussion for Law Librarians to explore the theme of the Charleston Conference and points brought up by the keynote speakers. The Charleston Conference is a great view venue for discovering and learning new trends in information acquisitions. Topics not necessarily addressed at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. Specific law library types, such as libraries need to reflect on what they have learned at the Charleston Conference and the possible impacts on our libraries and user populations. This is particularly true as the American Bar Association, law school accrediting authority, shifts the focus of its statistics from volumes and budgets to titles, formats and budgets.