

## Introduction

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The Charleston Conference continues to be a major event for information and idea exchange among librarians, vendors, and publishers. Now in its thirty-eighth year, the Conference continues to be one of the most popular library-related conferences in the United States and globally.

With strong numbers for 2018, Conference attendees continue to remark on the informative and thought-provoking sessions. The Conference provides a casual, collegial atmosphere where librarians, publishers, and vendors talk freely and directly about issues facing their libraries and information providers. All of this interaction occurs in the beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina. This is the fourteenth year that Beth R. Bernhardt has put together the proceedings from the Conference, the tenth year for Leah Hinds, and the second year that we are joined by Lars Meyer, director of access and resource services, and library and information technology services, at Emory University. We are pleased to share some of the learning experiences that we, and other attendees, had at the conference.

The theme of the 2018 Charleston Conference was “Oh, Wind, if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?” While not all presenters prepared written versions of their remarks, enough did so that we are able to include an overview of such subjects as collection development, management, end users, scholarly

communication, and technology issues. The unique nature of the Charleston Conference gives librarians, publishers, and library vendors the opportunity to holistically examine these and other points of interest.

Katina Strauch, founder of the conference, continues to be an inspiration to us. Her enthusiasm for the conference and the proceedings is motivating. We hope you, the reader, find the papers as informative as we do and that they encourage the continuation of the ongoing dialogue among librarians, vendors, and publishers that can only enhance the learning and research experience for the ultimate user.

Signed,

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