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Big news! **Springer Nature** has created a new scholarship for librarians to honor **Cynthia Hurd**, a dedicated librarian, whose career spanned more than 31 years in Charleston public and academic libraries, including the **St. Andrews Regional Library** and the **College of Charleston**. On June 17, 2015, **Cynthia Hurd** was



Cynthia Hurd

killed along with eight other people at the historic **Emanuel AME Church**. The **Cynthia Graham Hurd Memorial Scholarship** for attendance to the **Charleston Library Conference** provides \$1,500 to a librarian who has demonstrated an active interest in the profession, but has not had an opportunity to attend the annual gathering of librarians due to lack of institutional funding. The scholarship is to be applied to the costs of registration, travel, accommodations and meals. See more information and details on how

to apply at <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/springer-nature-creates-new-scholarship-librarians-honor-cyntha-hurd/>.

HARRASOWITZ is accepting applications for its annual **Charleston Conference Scholarship** as well. Pursuant to the **2016 Charleston Conference** theme of “**Roll with the Times, or the Times Roll Over You**” applicants are asked to write an essay of no more than 1,000 words on the following topic: What does “**Roll With the Times or the Times Roll Over You**” mean to libraries and vendors? Application details are online at <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/participate/scholarships/harrasowitz/>. Other scholarship opportunities are in the works, so check our Website at <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/participate/scholarships/> for more info as it becomes available.



2016 conference registration is now open as of June 6, and the early bird discounted price will be available through Friday, September 16. Hotel group rate information has also been posted. Rooms always sell out quickly, so book yours asap! <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/conference-info/hotelstravel/hotels/>

We’re working on several new ways to make the conference more fun! We will be bringing back the **Culinary Tours** we offered last year, but with expanded offerings of dates, times, and themes, including a **Mixology Tour**, a **City Market Tour**, and an **Upper King Street Tour**. **Broad Street Tours** will offer historic walking tours of the downtown area on topics such as the **Charleston Renaissance**, **Ironwork of**

the Holy City, the **Civil War**, **Ghostly Stroll**, and more. A “Speed Networking” event is under discussion to liven up the **Happy Hour Networking** hour on Thursday and Friday afternoon at the **Courtyard Marriott Historic District**.

I’m super excited about this year’s **Closing Session** on Saturday, November 5, from 12:30-1:30 pm! **Erin Gallagher**, Electronic Resources & Serials Librarian at **Olin Library, Rollins College**, has agreed to host another **Poll-a-palooza**. You really missed out if you didn’t attend last year’s session, but there’s a video online so you can get a sense of the fun: https://youtu.be/TTa40YPdU_M.



Erin Gallagher

David Worlock, Digital Information Services Strategist and Co-Chair of **Outsell’s Leadership Councils**, will wrap up with a summary of the conference. **David** did the closing session at this year’s **Fiesole Retreat** (<http://www.davidworlock.com/2016/04/with-milton-in-fiesole/>) and we’re honored to have him reprise the role in Charleston.



David Worlock

The **Charleston Premiers**, Five Minute Previews of the New and Noteworthy, will be moved to Friday afternoon, November 4, this year. We hope this change will better accommodate travel schedules for presenters and allow a larger audience to hear about all new companies, content, or technologies that are not widely known by the general library population and that will be of interest to the **Charleston Conference** audience. The format will remain the same, with five-minute “lightning round” talks presented back-to-back. The session will be moderated and organized by **Trey Shelton**, E-Resources & Acquisitions Librarian at the **George A. Smathers Libraries** at the **University of Florida**. More information on the **Premiers**, including how to apply to present, is online at <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/conference-info/events/charleston-premiers/>.

If you have things to say, our **Call for Papers, Ideas, Panels, Debates, Diatribes, Speakers, Poster Sessions, etc.** is open through July 15 at <http://www.charlestonlibraryconference.com/participate/call-for-papers/>. And as always, please let me know if you have comments, questions, or suggestions for the conference. I’d love to hear from you! 🌱

Future Dates for Charleston Conferences



	Preconferences and Vendor Showcase	Main Conference
2016 Conference	31 Oct. - 2 Nov.	3-5 November
2017 Conference	8 November	9-11 November
2018 Conference	7 November	8-10 November
2019 Conference	6 November	7-9 November
2020 Conference	4 November	5-7 November