



UALC PD Retreat Schedule

Community and Collaboration: Pursuing Connection in the
Age of Technology

October 16, 2026 – SLCC Redwood Campus, Student
Center

[Full schedule with descriptions](#)

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Oak Room (student center): Breakfast Snacks & Registration

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Oak Room: Keynote

10:15 - 11:15 AM

Morning session I (60 min)

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| Oak Room | The Library as Community Hub: Building Toolkits and Services for Resource and Information Navigation (<i>Virtual presenter</i>) – Niyonta N. Chowdhury |
| 221/223 | Why Users with Divergent Needs Hide Their Struggles and What Libraries Can Do About It – Kristen Kellems and Annalee Hickman Pierson |
| 207/213 | Utah Book Bans and UALC Lending Trends (30 min) – Brian F. Gregory |
| | More Than Tech Support: How Libraries Support Technology-Integrated Classroom Learning (15 min) – Kirsten Cox and Shawn Hall |
| | When Opportunities Come Knocking (15 min) – Robyn Ward |

11:30 – 12:30 PM

Morning Session II (60 min)

Oak Room	From Transactions to Community: Inviting Student Belonging Through Library Touchpoints – Michelle Forstrom and Toni Pilcher
221/223	From Iceberg to Volcano: Reimagining Community-Centered Library Expertise in the Age of AI – Sonny Dulfo, Dr. Andy Walker, Chloe Rideanour, and Sara Szobody
207/213	Autonomy and Automation: Including Non-Users in AI Literacy (30 min) – Rachel Lawyer
	“Can’t AI do this for me?”: Discussing AI’s Impact on Information Literacy Instruction (30 min) – Shelby Shipley

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Oak Room	Lunch
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1:30 – 2:30 PM

Afternoon Session 1 (60 Min)

Oak Room	Information Literacy and AI: Redesigning a Course for the Future – Maralee Carlin, Anne Diekema, and Melissa Hatch
221/223	Prompt, Build, Collaborate: Creating Custom GPTs for Library Collection Work – Kristen Kellems, Garrett Blazzard, and Talmage Roberts
207/213	Fostering First-Gen Community through Collaborative Oral History and Library Partnerships (30 min) – Lux Darkbloom
	Library CoPilot (AI Chatbot) <i>Virtual presenter</i> (30 min) – Niyonta N. Chowdhury

2:45 - 3:45 PM

Afternoon Session II (60 min)

Oak Room	What We Bring, What We Need, and Why It Matters: Perspectives from Early Career Academic Librarians – Shawn Hall, Rachel Lawyer, Maeve Pages, Bella Villegas, Lydia Velazquez, and Rachel Ernst
221/223	Know When to Say Yes: A Low-Stakes Model for Faculty Community (30 min) – Luke Leither

Connection in the Archives: Using the Archives to Engage with the Campus Community (30 min) – Paulee Shakespear, Bethany Budge, and Abigail Bury

207/213 Community Engagement at a Land-Grant University (30 min) – Michael Harris

No More Departments of One: Building Collaborative Research Support Teams (30 min) – David Advent, Kacy Lundstrom, and Becky Thoms

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Afternoon Session III (60 min)

Oak Room Teaching with the Community of Inquiry Framework (*Virtual presenter*) – Jessi Van Der Volgen

221/223 Surveying Affordability in UT Higher Ed: Connecting Student and Faculty Voices to Policy and Practice – Chris Younkin, Emma Lanners, Michael Whitchurch, and Justin Kani

207/213 Collaboration Behind the Click: How UALC Supports Shared Database Access (30 min) – Annelise Nicholes Xiao and Mary Aagard

Equipment Checkout and Collaborative Teamwork: Building a Future for Tech Access in Uncertain Circumstances (30 min) – Camille Osborn and Katie Christensen

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks