

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)**
Oak Room	The Library as Community Hub: Building Toolkits and Services for Resource and Information Navigation (*Virtual presenter*) – Niyonta N. Chowdhury
221/223	Invisible Systems, Invisible Struggles: 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

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, Talmage Roberts, and Rikki Walker
207/213	Fostering First-Gen Community through Collaborative Oral History and Library Partnerships (30 min) – Lux Darkbloom
	Library CoPilot (AI Chatbot) *Virtual presenter* (30 min) – Niyonta N. Chowdhury (Cancelled)

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**