CollectUn

Leadership in Technical Services Unconference

Please join us for CollectUn, an informal meeting of technical services library leadership! We've scheduled around the [Charleston Conference](#), and will convene for a full-day (8:30 - 5 EST) in person at the [College of Charleston's Addlestone Library](#) on Tuesday, November 12, and for a half-day (12:30-4:30 EST/9:30-1:30 PST) on Zoom on Monday, December 16. You are free to attend either or both events–whether or not you also plan to attend the Charleston Conference. We're following an [unconference](#) format. You can find a [tentative schedule here](#), but our final discussion agenda will be set in collaboration with all of you who plan to attend. We'll share a working agenda document and a list of attendees after you register. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to share this invite with others who might be interested!

[RSVP for the in person event](#)

[RSVP for the virtual event](#)

Where and when?

In person: 12 November 2024, 8:30 am – 5 pm at the [Marlene & Nathan Addlestone Library, College of Charleston](#)
Virtual: 16 December 2024, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm EST on Zoom

Who is the intended audience?

To keep the discussion focused, we're looking for ADs/AULs (or roughly equivalent positions at institutions with different organizational structures) who are responsible for collections, technical services, and related areas. If you're unsure if you're a good fit for the event, don't hesitate to contact us and ask!

Is there a registration fee?

Nope! There is no cost to attend. Thanks to College of Charleston for providing the space for the in-person event.

Do I need to RSVP? Is there a deadline?

Please do, and the sooner the better! That said, this is an informal event, and we understand that you may need time to weigh other confirmed or potential commitments. **We need to know if you will attend in-person by November 5** to finalize the catering order. There is no hard deadline on registration for the virtual event.

Is food provided at the in-person event?

Breakfast and lunch are provided, sponsored by the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. We may organize dine-arounds for dinner (participants would be responsible for their own checks). Let us know if you're interested in the latter when you register!

Where should I stay for the in-person event?

The hotels affiliated with the Charleston Conference are a good place to start. **IMPORTANT! Hotels in the area book up fast because of the conference. Reserve as soon as you are able.**

How far is the College of Charleston's Addlestone Library from the Charleston Conference venues?

The CofC Library is within easy walking or ride-sharing distance from all conference venues. It's 0.2 miles (~4 min walk) from the Francis Marion Hotel, 0.4 miles (~8 min walk) from the Courtyard Historic Marriott, and 0.6 miles (~15 min walk) from the Gaillard Center.

Do I need to stay for the whole event?

No! Although we would love to see you for the full event, you are welcome to come and go as needed (e.g., for scheduled meetings with vendors during the in-person meeting or at your home institution during the virtual meeting). If you do need to leave, we ask that you try to come and go between scheduled discussion topic blocks, or during breaks/meals. Note as well that the in-person event lunch break is two hours, allowing attendees to visit the Charleston Conference Vendor Showcase during opening hours.

Do I need to attend both the in-person and virtual events?

No! But we'd be thrilled to see you at both.

Is CollectUn affiliated with the Charleston Conference?

No! CollectUn is not affiliated with the Charleston Conference, and you do not need to register for the latter to attend the former. We merely thought the timing would be convenient for those who were already traveling to the area. For example, one of our co-organizers, Heather Heckman, does not plan to attend the Charleston Conference this year.

Can I forward this invite to interested colleagues?

Absolutely!

Can I connect with other tech services leaders even if I'm unable to attend either date?

Join us in Slack!

Who is hosting?

This event is co-hosted by SC's own College of Charleston (CofC), Clemson University and University of South Carolina (USC). The following people helped organize the event:
- Ariel Turner, Associate Dean for Collections & Discovery, Clemson
- Heather Gilbert, Associate Dean of Collection and Content Services, CofC
- Heather Heckman, Associate Dean for Information Resources & Technologies, USC
- Miranda Bennett, Director of Shared Collections, California Digital Library

I have a different question.

Reach out to Heather Heckman (heckmanh@mailbox.sc.edu) 🙂