

Lowcountry Fall Workshop 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

[USCB Center for the Arts](#)

805 Carteret St, Beaufort, SC 29902

Time	Presentation	Location
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Registration, Refreshments, Networking Refreshments provided by Perma-Bound	Auditorium
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Welcome and Purpose Updates and news from USC, SCLA, SCASL and more Sponsor Spotlight SCASL Q&A	Auditorium
Breakout 1 12:05 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Discus Elementary	Room 202
	Leading from the Library - Karen Gareis Do your colleagues recognize you as a leader or view you in a limited capacity? Is your principal actively soliciting your input on important decisions, or are your contributions underutilized? Are you advancing professionally in alignment with your career goals? This session is designed to identify simple strategies for expanding your professional influence and leveraging your expertise across your school building. You will gain practical solutions applicable to librarians of all grade levels to strengthen your role as an instructional leader and advocate for students and staff. This session moves beyond visibility tactics like social media to address real avenues for leadership development. I encourage you to bring specific challenges for collaborative problem-solving and strategy development.	Room 204
1:05 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Lunch - Provided by Follett Content	Room 102
Breakout 2 2:05 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Discus Secondary	Room 202

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	SC Book Awards Think Tank - Jordan Henry, SCASL Book Award Program Chair In this session, attendees will be quickly introduced to the 2026-2027 South Carolina Book Awards Nominees. We will then move into a group discussion about ways to incorporate the SC Book Awards Program into your school library. Attendees will be encouraged to share their ideas and input on ways to make the program even better moving forward.	Room 204
Breakout 3 3:05 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Freedom to Read Freedom to Read SC is a coalition supporting intellectual freedom and the right to read across South Carolina. In this session, we will provide an overview of censorship efforts affecting school librarians, explain how the State Board of Education works, and share practical ways librarians can stay informed and advocate for students.	Room 202
	Law for Librarians - Tenley Middleton An overview of intellectual freedom considerations ranging from Board of Education v. Pico to SC Regulation 43-170. This session is for informational purposes only and is not to be construed as legal advice.	Room 204

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