SCLA / SCASL / USC Fall Workshop @ PeeDee

October 24, 2025
The Continuum

208 W Main St, Lake City, SC 29560

9 a.m 9:25 a.m. Registration	Sign-in/Coffee & Donuts/Networking Coffee & Donuts sponsored by Wilder Keeton with Perma-Bound		
9:30 a.m 10 a.m.	Welcome		
<u>Locations</u>	TBD	TBD	TBD
Breakout 1 10:10 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Building Stronger Library Collections with Perma-Bound Books Wilder Keeton (25 minutes) Genre in your Library Olivia Sanders & Jason Smith (25 minutes)	What's New with Pebble Go? - Robyn Prince (25 minutes)	The Legislative Process: What it means for educators and public education supporters - Mary Foster
Breakout 2 11:10 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Storytelling for Advocacy - Katherine Freligh	Legislative Update PSTA (25 minutes) Kathy Maness Know your Rights The SCEA (25 minutes) Brandi Sturdevant	Boost Literacy and Learning with Discus for K-6 Kristen Rebollar
12:10 - 1 p.m. Lunch Lunch sponsored by Jason Smith with Follett New Books with LIBRARIA (Virtual)			
Breakout 3 1:10 p.m 2 p.m.	Amanda Cullers - White	USC TBD	Elevate Literacy, Research, and Critical Thinking with Discus for 7-12 Kristen Rebollar
ALL 2:10 p.m 3:00 p.m.	SCASL Chat - SCASL Representative		
3:10 p.m - 3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks/ Thank You/Door Prizes		

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Breakout Session Descriptions

Boost Literacy and Learning with Discus for K-6

Join us as we dive into the dynamic literacy tools and interactive resources available through Discus for grades K-6. This session will showcase engaging eBooks, read-aloud features, and multimedia content designed to spark curiosity and foster a love for reading. Learn how to access educator tools that support student engagement, enhance instruction, and introduce foundational research skills in fun, age-appropriate ways. Discover how Discus — South Carolina's Virtual Library — can enrich your classroom or library with reliable, accessible content for every young learner in South Carolina.

• Building Stronger Library Collections with Perma-Bound Books

Perma-Bound Books has been supporting schools and libraries for more than 65 years. We are known for providing the strongest books you can buy, along with tools that help educators and media specialists manage their library collections. This session will begin with a short introduction to our company and the design of our premium bindings, then move into a guided demonstration of our website. Together we will explore features such as Collection Analysis, Advanced Search, and Series Tracker, as well as tools that assist with weeding, ordering, and analyzing your collection. The goal of this session is to provide a practical look at how these resources can support your work in maintaining and growing a collection that truly meets the needs of your students. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to use Perma Bound's website and tools in ways that save time, simplify decision-making, and support long-term collection goals.

Elevate Literacy, Research, and Critical Thinking with Discus for 7-12

Discover how Discus can transform your middle and high school literacy and research instruction. This session highlights rich, curriculum-aligned resources including author biographies, literary criticism, text overviews, and multimedia tools to promote analysis, inquiry, and critical thinking. Explore easily navigable eBooks, read-aloud options, and scalable content that meets students where they are. We'll also unpack educator resources designed to deepen student engagement and enhance classroom instruction. Discus — South Carolina's Virtual Library — is your free, statewide tool for supporting student success.

• Genre in your Library

Tips and tools for using genre in your collection. We will touch on dynamic shelving, genre helper, genre processing setup, genre best practices and Titlewave Content Tags that can help you with the process. If time allows, we will also touch on some new Titlewave tools released this Fall.

• Know Your Rights: The South Carolina Education Association

The SCEA will present information about educator's rights in the workplace beginning with established laws and extending to current regulations. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of the protections and responsibilities that shape their professional environment

• The Legislative Process: What It Means for Educators and Public Education Supporters

Understand how state laws affect public education. This session will cover the legislative process, how to navigate the SC Legislature website, bills to watch, and tips for engaging in advocacy.

• Legislative Update with Palmetto State Teachers Association

The General Assembly makes decisions that affect your profession. This session will discuss what happened in the last session of the General Assembly and how we MUST use our educator voices (and how PSTA can help!).

SCASL Chat

Attend this informal session to chat with fellow school librarians. Ask questions, give advice, and connect.

Storytelling for Advocacy

Have you ever wanted to speak at a school board meeting, state board meeting, or even just meet with your legislators, but are afraid you just aren't polished enough? This session will give you the skills and talking points to help you feel confident, no matter what audience you are addressing.

• What's new with Pebble Go?

Want to learn more about what PebbleGo can do to help improve literacy skills and content knowledge? Let's learn some basics and dive a little deeper into the resources embedded in the platform. Come see what's new with PebbleGo and see what's provided through DISCUS.