

ULS Current Topics Discussion Group Meeting
August 31, 2023
11 am PST, 12 pm MST, 1 pm CST, 2 pm EST

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Discussion Group Introductions
2. [Current charge](#)
 - a. The Current Topics Discussion Group organizes informal discussion meetings and presentations on well-defined issues and problems of current interest to university libraries and librarians.
 - b. [Other discussion group charges in ULS](#)
 - c. Background: Pre-pandemic this group met in person at Midwinter and ALA Annual Conference. In the last few years the committee has issued a call for presenters for virtual discussion events.
 - d. Ideas:
 - i. Jamboard/Padlet in advance to gather topics for informal discussion
 1. Guiding questions -
 2. Identifying potential speakers from the padlet
 - 3.
 - ii. Call for presenters
 - iii. ALA Annual Session (in-person)
 - iv. We select a topic, identify expert for brief intro to topic, focus on discussion
 - v. Brainstorm ways to promote - cross-pollinate beyond Connect digests
 - e. Current Responsibilities (Update?)

Plan agendas for discussion group meetings at ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences by determining topic and format. Agendas for previous conference meetings have included a call sent out on relevant e-mail distribution lists for proposals to present a topic and lead a discussion, optionally followed by a convener-led group discussion.
3. Committee members' role(s)
4. Use of ALA Connect
 - a. Need to fix this page: <https://connect.ala.org/node/65473>
5. Planning for 2023-2024
 - a. Previous activity as a discussion group
 - b. Updating charge
 - c. What kinds of discussions do we want to have as a group this year?
 - d. How do we want to structure these discussions?
6. New business / additional items
7. Next steps

- a. Ula, William, and Michelle to chat about Padlet content before next meeting. Will have a draft Padlet
- b. Rosan and Veronica meeting with ULS leadership - will have updates
- c. Next meeting - Monday, Oct 9 11 am PST / 12 MST / 1 CST / 2 EST