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Join SLA, The Special Libraries Association for the 116th Annual Conference, June 7- 10, 2025 at the University of Pittsburgh. More than 400 attendees from across the globe gather to meet, network and discuss the latest innovations and challenges facing the information technology world today!

#### About the University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh is in the heart of Pittsburgh and offers easy access to all there is to see in the area. The university offers state of the art facilities over expansive campus grounds.

Traveling to and from the University of Pittsburgh is easy from train and plane. Easily located 16 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT).

Local lodging options will be available via discounted hotel rooms and University of Pittsburgh dormitory housing. Stay tuned for more information.

Program and schedule will be distributed January 2025.

## #SLA2025

[University Pittsburgh Video Tour!](#)



#### Did You Know?

##### The Cathedral of Learning

is home to 2,000 rooms, this iconic structure stands as a testament to architectural grandeur and academic pursuit. With its Gothic Revival style, the Cathedral of Learning is not only a centerpiece of the university but also a beloved landmark in Pittsburgh.

It houses classrooms, libraries, and the Nationality Rooms, which celebrate the cultural diversity and heritage of the university's community. These unique rooms, designed to reflect the artistic and architectural styles of various countries, offer a glimpse into the global tapestry that enriches the educational experience at Pitt.

Visitors and students alike are inspired by the building's towering presence and the knowledge that it represents.

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## Conference Overview

8 Hours of  
Networking

7.5 Hours  
Programming

## Professional Discipline

- Academic 30%
- Law 18%
- Pharma/Med 7%
- Science & Tech & Engineering 15%
- Government 12%
- Public Libraries 5%
- Finance 3%
- Publishing 4%
- Consulting 2%
- Other 4%

2025  
500 attendees

## Attendees

350+ Attendees

11 Countries

15% First Time Attendees

40+ Exhibitors

10:1 Attendee to Exhibitor Ratio

## Thank you 2024 Sponsors

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## WHY EXHIBIT?



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Attendees report that the Expo is their favorite part of the conference

SLA brings together one of the most comprehensive audiences in specialty libraries.

Your Competitors are there! Over 40+ companies exhibit.

Attendees come to the conference to look for new product and services they can trust.

When it comes to networking, nothing is better than SLA in-person events.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### Exhibit Booth

Early Bird Deadline March 1, 2025: \$2,500

After March 1, 2025: \$2,850

Each exhibit booth includes:

- 8 x 10 space with table and (1) chair
- Waste basket
- Electricity
- WIFI
- Mobile App/Lead Generation

The Expo Hall is not carpeted. Exhibitors can bring their own carpet.

Continental Breakfast, Lunches, and Breaks take place at the Expo Hall and are included.

#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(for travel planning purposes only - subject to change)

SATURDAY - JUNE 7, 2025	
12:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Registration / Badge Pickup Table Open
1:00 pm to 4:15 pm	Community Meetings + Events; Sponsored Industry Sessions
3:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Exhibits Booths Open
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Open SLA Board Meeting
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception   Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres   All are Invited
SUNDAY - JUNE 8, 2025	
7:30 am to 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am to 5:00 pm	Registration / Badge Pickup Table Open
9:00 am to 5:00 pm	SLA 2025 Sessions + Activities
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Dinner at Pitt Dining Hall   Tickets for Purchase (\$20)
MONDAY - JUNE 9, 2025	
7:30 am to 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am to 5:00 pm	Registration / Badge Pickup Table Open
9:00 am to 5:00 pm	SLA 2025 Sessions + Activities
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Dinner at Pitt Dining Hall   Tickets for Purchase (\$20)
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	SLA Annual Dance Party   All are Invited
TUESDAY - JUNE 10, 2025	
7:30 am to 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am to 2:00 pm	Attendee Services Table Open
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	SLA 2025 Sessions + Activities
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Exhibitors Tear Down
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Grab + Go: Lunch Boxes for All Attendees



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## About the Conference

SLA 2025 takes place at:

University of Pittsburgh  
University Club  
123 University Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

## Hotel Information

On-Campus Housing Details Coming Soon...

### Discounted Rooms at:

- Pittsburgh Hotels
- University of Pittsburgh Dorms

Hotel rooms will fill up quickly. So please check back soon for more information on how to book them.

We also encourage SLA 2025 attendees to stay on campus for an economical (and fun!) stay for the duration of the conference dates. When booking a dorm room, do let us know whether you're seeking to make the most of mingling with fellow attendees or prefer a quiet corner. Organizers will do their best to accommodate your requests when assigning the rooms.

## Registration

Sponsors and Exhibitors | Additional Passes at Discounted Rates are also available for Sponsors and Exhibitors - options for Full Conference and for Expo-Only. These will be available in your Exhibitor Portal.

## Travel

There are many ways to get to Pittsburgh, and from there, the University of Pittsburgh. For those flying in, the campus is 24 miles from Pittsburgh International Airport, just under an hour by taxi or rideshare.

Attendees may also choose to and within the city by Pittsburgh Regional Transit (bus and light rail options). Full fares are \$2.75 per ride with options available for discounted/limited ticket prices and multi-day packages.

### Travel Options

#### Plane:

- Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)

#### Train:

- Pittsburgh Union Station
- Potomac Station

#### Bus:

- Port Authority Steel Plaza Station

#### Arriving by Car:

- Find the Quickest, Most Efficient Routes to Enter the City

## Program

### 2 Keynotes

Sponsored Industry Sessions

40+ Breakout Sessions

SLA Community Meetings

Poster Presentations

SLA Community Events

Topic Table Discussions

First-timers Meet + Greet

AI Solutions Roundtables

Annual SLA Dance Party

Lunch + Learn

Networking over 3 days

### 2025 TRACKS:

Data Science & Research

Leadership & Management

Innovative Technology Marketing &

Competitive Intelligence

knowledge & Record Management



# Sponsorship Packages include Exhibit Booth

**Sponsorship Deadline: April 15, 2025**

SLA Exhibit Packages are designed to maximize your experience at the Annual Conference! And, make it easy with a **tabletop booth included!** Need a bigger space? No problem...Additional booth space may be added to any sponsorship package!

## Diamond Sponsor + Exhibit Package \$8,500

*Choice of: WIFI, Charging Stations, Keynote, SLA Dance Party, Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception*

- One Skirted Table Top + 2 Chairs, WIFI & Electricity included
- Two Full Registrations
- 1-minute video promo played at one of the sessions (sponsor's choice)
- Sponsor recognition on the SLA Website, Onsite Signage, and in the Program
- Digital ad for 3-months on SLA Conference Website
- (1) Social Media post during the conference
- Pre & Post Attendee List

## Platinum Sponsor + Exhibit Package \$6,500

*Choice of: Hydration Station, Dorm Welcome Pack, First-Timers & Fellows Meetup, Lunch & Learn*

- One Skirted Table Top + 2 Chairs, WIFI & Electricity included
- Two Full Registrations
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## Gold Sponsor + Exhibit Package \$5,000

*Choice of: Coffee Break, Lanyards, Conference Bags, Dining Tent*

- One Skirted Table Top + 1 Chair, WIFI & Electricity included
- One Full Registration
- 1-minute video promo played at one of the sessions (sponsor's choice)
- Sponsor recognition on the SLA Website, Onsite Signage and in the Program
- Digital ad for 1-month on the SLA Conference Website
- Pre & Post Attendee List

## Silver Sponsor + Exhibit Package \$3,500

*Choice of: Poster Session Dessert Break, Hello Sunshine Breakfast, Conversation Starter Buttons*

- One Skirted Table Top + 1 Chair, WIFI & Electricity included
- One Full Registration
- Recognition on the SLA Website, Onsite Signage, and in the Program
- Pre & Post Attendee List



# Sponsorships

## Diamond Sponsor \$8,500

### WIFI Sponsor

Be our official Annual Meeting WIFI sponsor! Your company will have a dedicated conference password, used by all the attendees who want to stay connected! Branded signage throughout the conference.

### Charging Station

Keep attendees connected with charging stations. Your brand will shine throughout the conference with branded signage and recognition.

### Keynote/Plenary

Make a lasting impression at one of our three general sessions. Opportunity to provide a two-minute welcome remark before the session and your brand will be showcased on the **screen** and through seat drops, ensuring maximum visibility during key sessions.

### SLA Dance Party

Keep the conference excitement alive by sponsoring the SLA Dance Party. Attendees can unwind, enjoy cocktails, dance, and savor delicious bites. Your sponsorship ensures you're at the center of this memorable evening, with your brand associated with the fun and camaraderie.

### Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception (SAT)

Help attendees unwind by sponsoring the first night Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception. Your brand will be prominently featured on signage and food stations throughout the Expo Hall, creating a lively atmosphere where connections flourish.

## Platinum Sponsor \$6,500

### Hydration Station Sponsor

Keep attendees refreshed!! Your branding will be prominently displayed at a hydration station, ensuring your brand is top of mind. Branded water bottles for attendees to pick up and use throughout the conference!

### A Dorm Welcome Pack

Get your brand in every attendee's hand staying at the Dorms!! Custom welcome kit can drive traffic to your booth with fun promotions, trivia, and QR codes.

### First-Timers & Fellows Meetup

This is a great opportunity for our new attendees to get a first glimpse into what the conference has in store. Add snacks & coffee/soft drinks to the 45-minute meet & greet that will take place before the Welcome Reception on Saturday.

### Lunch & Learn

Great speaking opportunity at one of the two lunches at the conference. Put your company in the spotlight with a 30-minute presentation to attendees during one of the lunches.

## Gold Sponsor \$5,000

### Coffee Break Sponsor

Fuel the event! Your brand will be featured on **branded coffee cup sleeves** and signage during breaks in the Expo Hall on Thursday and Friday.

### Lanyards | EXCLUSIVE

Show your meeting support and provide every attendee with a branded lanyard. This exclusive opportunity is an eye catcher.

### Conference Bags | EXCLUSIVE

Put your message in the hands of every attendee and guarantee to be seen. Branded bags are available to every attendee.

### Dining Tent

Give attendees haven from the summer sun during meals and breaks. Sponsor signage placed in the tent and its entryways.





## Silver Sponsor \$3,000

### Poster Session Dessert Break (2 Available)

Sweeten the experience! Your brand will be featured on branded napkins and signage at the dessert stations during the Poster Session and in the Expo Hall.

### Hello Sunshine Breakfast

Meet and greet attendees at a breakfast. Signage on the food stations and branded napkins. Provide a giveaway to attendees.

### Conversation Starter Buttons

Help attendees ignite conversations and make connections with a conversation button. Your brand will be front and center, encouraging attendees to engage and network by writing 3 fun facts about themselves on a pin-back button worn on a lapel or attached to their badge.

## Community Sponsorship \$1,500

Support an SLA Community at the Annual Conference. Your sponsorship includes, sponsor recognition on the SLA webpage, community page, community event signage. Seat drop.



## Beyond the Booth with SLA Digital Marketing

### Booth Marketing Package - \$3,500 (2 available)

Maximize your visibility with a mobile push notification, conference website banner ad, html email.

### Mobile App Package - \$1,200 (3 available)

Enhance your presence with a daily push notification in the mobile app.

### Mobile Poll & Push - \$800

Send a push notification with a sponsored poll. Post a question or topic with 2-6 answer options and drive engagement/feedback.

### Know Before You Go Email Banner Ad - \$2,000 EXCLUSIVE

Reach all attendees with an exclusive banner ad in pre-event emails, plus a 3-month SLA website banner.

### Digital Marketing Package - \$2,500

Get ahead of the conference and promote your company before and after the meeting. SLA This Week Newsletter banner ad, SLA.org ad, and conference website banner ad. April, May, June.

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## Sponsorships



## Thought Leadership

### Industry Breakout Sessions - \$3,000 (6) Sessions Available

Position your organization as a thought leader. These sessions are free to any registered attendee. SLA promotes these sessions along with other Annual Conference programming and they are labeled as Industry Breakout Sessions. Each session is 30 minutes in length.

### AI Solutions Round Tables - \$2,000 (8) Tables Available

Showcase your latest innovation! During this 60-minute session on Saturday attendees will rotate through sponsor-hosted tables to learn about the latest AI solutions for scholarly publishers. Share information about your services in a small group discussion format while cultivating leads for follow up conversations.

### Lunchtime Topic Tables - \$1,000 (8) Tables Available | 4 Sunday + 4 Monday

During this 30-minute session attendees will rotate through sponsor-hosted tables to learn to learn about your products and services and discuss the sector your company represents. Share information about your services in a small group discussion format while cultivating leads for follow up conversations.



### Primary Contact Information (handles all conference/marketing logistics)

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Company Information

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Main Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, my organization agrees to abide by the Sponsorship & Exhibitor Application Terms, below. This includes policies regarding deposits, partial refunds, full payment due date and cancellation date (April 1).

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

▶ **Exhibit Booths** ☐ Exhibit Booth ONLY \$2,500 *Before March 1, 2025* ☐ Exhibit Booth \$2,850 *After March 1, 2025* ◀

#### Diamond (includes Table Top Booth)

- ☐ WiFi Sponsor \$8,500
- ☐ Charging Station \$8,500
- ☐ Keynote/Plenary \$8,500
- ☐ SLA Dance Party \$8,500
- ☐ Welcome Reception \$8,500

#### Platinum (includes Table Top Booth)

- ☐ Hydration Station \$6,500
- ☐ First Timers & Fellows Meetup \$6,500
- ☐ Lunch & Learn \$6,500
- ☐ Dorm Welcome Pack \$6,500

#### Gold (includes Table Top Booth)

- ☐ Lanyards \$5,000
- ☐ Conference Bags \$5,000
- ☐ Dining Tent \$5,000
- ☐ Coffee Break \$5,000

#### Silver (includes Table Top Booth)

- ☐ Poster Session Dessert Break \$3,000
- ☐ Hello Sunshine Breakfast \$3,000
- ☐ Conversation Starter Buttons \$3,000

#### Community

- ☐ Community Sponsorship \$1,500

#### Thought Leadership

- ☐ Industry Breakout Session (6) \$2,000
- ☐ AI Round Tables (8) \$3,000
- ☐ Lunchtime Topic Tables (8) \$1,000

#### Digital Marketing

- ☐ Booth Marketing Package (2) \$3,500
- ☐ Mobile App Package (3) \$1,200
- ☐ Mobile Poll & Push \$800
- ☐ Know Before You Go Email \$2,000
- ☐ Digital Marketing Package \$2,500

Total Investment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

- ☐ Invoice me for payment by **check**
- ☐ Invoice me for payment with a **secured payment link**
- ☐ Invoice me for payment by **wire transfer or ACH**  
SLA charges a flat fee of \$25 USD for all payments being made by wire transfer to cover fees.
- ☐ Please charge my **credit card** below:
  - ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am an authorized representative of the company named above with the full power and authority to sign and deliver this application. The company listed on this application agrees to comply with all payment terms.

### Sponsorship & Exhibitor Application Terms

**TERMS OF PAYMENT & CANCELLATION** All payments must be received in FULL prior to the Annual Meeting. Cancellations must be submitted to SLA in writing regardless of the timing of the cancellation. Cancellation must be directed in writing to ktotaro@sla.org, Kristen Totaro Industry Relations Manager. The date of receipt of the supporter's written notice of cancellation will be the official cancellation date. If exhibit space or sponsorship is canceled on or before April 1, 2025 the supporter will be responsible for 50% of the total fee. No refunds will be provided for cancellation requests made after April 1, 2025. Any company requesting to pay later than net 30 days after the receipt of invoice, agrees to pay a deposit in the amount equivalent to the cancellation processing fee. All funds paid are non-transferable.

Mail or email completed form and payment to:  
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Mount Laurel, NJ 08054  
EMAIL: ktotaro@sla.org

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