



2025 Charleston Conference

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Trusted Together: Libraries, Publishers, and Other Stakeholders in the Future of Public Health Information

(25th Health Sciences Lively Discussion)

Thursday, November 6, 2025 / Thursday, November 20, 2025

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“Developments” :

Interesting and noteworthy trends since the 2024 Charleston Conference (a sampling)

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**Celebrating the 25th anniversary of health sciences
discussions at the Charleston Conference !**

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Anniversaries & Milestones

	ANNIVERSARIES
360 years	1 st issue of Philosophical Transactions (world's oldest & longest running scientific journal / Royal Society Publishing)
110 years	NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners)
100 years	Journal of Clinical Investigation (<i>October 2024</i>)
	Eugene Garfield Birth Centenary (helped create Science Citation Index and more)
75 years	May 10, 2025- the 75th anniversary of the modern research university. / <i>Leaders in Focus, Elsevier newsletter, 2025 /</i>
60 years	Sage
50 years	ISSN (International Standard Serial Number)
	JCR (Journal Citation Reports)
	LAMPHHS (predecessors: MeMA and ALHHS)
	MLA Public Health / Health Administration Caucus (formerly Section)
40 years	NASIG (<i>conference</i>)
35 years	The LCSH/MeSH mapping project was begun at Northwestern University in 1990
30 years	Open Athens
	PubMed (<i>in January 2026</i>)
25 years	BioOne (<i>since 2001</i>)
	ClinicalTrials.gov
	CrossRef
	Charleston Conference health sciences lively discussion sessions
20 years	ER&L
	Open Repositories (<i>conference</i>)
	Texas Digital Library
10 years	SMIRC (Southern Mississippi Institutional Repository Conference)
	SpringerNature
5 years	MIRL (Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries) Symposium
	MILESTONES
Circulating Now (NLM)	Blog; 1000 posts (over a decade on)
DynaMed	Named 2025 Best in KLAS for Clinical Decision Support (<i>4th time in 5 years</i>)
Scopus	Adds millionth item (<i>March 2025</i>)

Medical Library Association (MLA)

- [New Hospital Librarians Resources - Hospital Library Caucus - LibGuides at Medical Library Association - Advocacy Task Force](#)

New: National Library of Medicine, NIH, other

- **NLM Dataset Catalog:** Reimagined [NLM Technical Bulletin, [July–August 2025](#)]
- **NIAID Data Ecosystem:** <https://data.niaid.nih.gov/> platform to search across publicly available datasets

New: Government Information, Other Initiatives

- **DiscoverGov:** GPO released new web-based search tool for searching across multiple U.S. Federal Government databases [[December 2024](#)]
- **Government Information Tracker** – a librarians’ initiative to track removed or modified government information sites: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/trackinggovinfo>
- **NEJM and public health group**, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, are launching alternative to CDC’s MMWR publication [[October 2025](#)]
- **ZB MED** plans to develop an open, reliable and sustainable alternative to the PubMed database [[May 2025](#)]

Mergers & Other Changes

- **AHRQ Systematic Review Data Repository** – ceasing operations November 28 [[news](#)]
- **APHA:** In 2026, American Public Health Association will no longer offer subscriptions in Print + Online and Online Only for their journals : *American Journal of Public Health* and *Nations Health*. APHA will partner with EBSCO to make this journal available via EBSCO’s full-text databases. [announced by EBSCO]
- **Baker & Taylor** - Winding down operations with the intent of closing by the end 2025 [[October 2025](#)]
- **Cabells** partners with LibKey – Cabell’s data in linking algorithm [[January 2025](#)]
- **Clarivate**
 - Launched subscription-based access strategy; phased out one-time perpetual purchases of digital collections, books-- [[March 2025](#)]; Portico to preserve Clarivate’s Ebook Central [[March 2025](#)]
 - Announced it will stop counting citations to retracted articles in journals’ impact factors with 2024 data [[May 2025](#)]
 - Ex Libris launched Whitepapers Hub [[September 2025](#)]
- **IGI Global Scientific Publishing** partnering with **Rittenhouse Digital LLC** to feature portfolio of health science, clinical, medical publications on updated R2Library.com platform [[March 2025](#)]
- **Karger-** acquisition by Oxford University Press to be finalized December 2025 <https://corp.oup.com/news/oxford-university-press-announces-agreement-to-acquire-karger/>

- **LibQUAL** to be sunsetted by ARL (or turned over another entity) at end of 2025 [LibQUAL to become open-source survey application](#)
- **Mary Ann Liebert** (acquired by Sage as of Dec. 2024) launched AI Neuroscience
- **openRxiv**- preprint servers move to newly formed nonprofit [[March 2025](#)]
- **ResearchGate** formed a new Journal Home partnership with **MA Healthcare**, a UK-based publisher specializing in nursing and medical education [[May 2025](#)]
- **RSNA and SEG** implement GetFTR Retraction and Errata feature to strengthen research integrity [[announcement](#)]
- **SLA (Special Libraries Association) and ASIS&T (Association for Information Sciences and Technology)** merger is moving forward [[announced August 21, 2025](#)]

New: Products and Features

- **Cabell's** launched [CompassAI](#), which enables users to match their research with best-fit journals using its [Journalytics](#) products [[July 2025](#)]
- **CABI**
 - **Tool** (currently in Beta) – [protocolRxiv](#) –open-access repository & fully searchable database for protocols of systematic reviews & other types of evidence synthesis across agriculture, food security & nutrition, climate adaptation, public health, One Health, & animal and veterinary sciences [[Feb 2025](#)]
 - **Evidence Synthesis Skills Framework** launched [[October 2025](#)]
- **Cochrane**: Launched the Scientific Strategy 2025-2030 [[report](#)]
- **Coherent Digital**:
 - Launched **Applied Psychology**- curated items from more than 500 organizations worldwide; captures, indexes, and preserves real-world documents, videos, podcasts, and other fugitive literature in psychology [[September 2025](#)]
 - Released **Mental Health in VR and Video**, an upgraded and expanded version of *Mindscape Commons*; cross-searchable with *Applied Psychology* [[September 2025](#)]
 - Announced **Policy Commons 2025 Open Collection** [[March 2025](#)]
- **Doody Core Titles**: 2 new subjects added (2025): Health Humanities and Osteopathic Medicine -DCT Featured Article, “Osteopathic Medicine, Welcome to Doody's Core Titles!”, <https://www.doody.com/dct/PublicFeaturedArticle.asp?SiteContentID=544>
- **Elsevier**: Embase adding ClinicalTrials.gov [[March 2025](#)]
- **Figment Learning Labs**- InnoVision Awards 2025 Education Finalist [[October 2024](#)]
- **JAMA+**- Women's Health-curated clinical information from JAMA Network [[September 2025](#)]
- **JoVE**: ISBN title purchases- [Core](#) and [Science Education](#)
- **LERRN**: The Librarians' Electronic Resource Reviews Network <https://lerrn.librarika.com/>

- **McGraw-Hill- Clinical Reasoning-** “AI-powered learning tool built on trusted, evidence-based content “ <https://www.mheducation.com/highered/digital-products/compass/clinical-reasoning.html>
- **Radcliffe Group:** Introduced [Transcatheter Academy](#), an online destination consolidating its educational resources for interventional cardiology
- **Springer Nature**
 - Took on publication of *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine* (from American Academy of Sleep Medicine) [[August 2025](#)]
 - New AI tool to identify irrelevant references in submitted manuscripts [[April 2025](#)]
- **Thieme MedOne’s Clinical Capsules on MedOne Education):** comprehensive series of clinical learning modules [review- [October 2024](#)]
- **WithdrarXiv:** Database launched by researchers- >14,000 studies withdrawn from preprint server, arXiv since its launch in 2001 [[January 2025](#)]
- **Wolters Kluwer:**
 - Ovid Guidelines AI , a new agentic generative AI (GenAI) solution [[May 2025](#)]
 - Ovid's AI Article Summary integrated in proprietary LWW journals [beta in [Sept. 2025](#)]
 - Tools help researchers accelerate the path to publication: LWW Author Portal, Journal Recommender[[August 7, 2025](#)]

New: AI, OA, Subscribe to Open...

- **AIP new business model** – “AIP Fusion”, <https://publishing.aip.org/introducing-aip-fusion/>
- **Elsevier** Launched ScienceDirect AI [[March 2025](#)]
- **Pledge to Open:** New collaborative funding model makes scholarly books free to read and free to publish (pilot: 2023/2024; aim in 2024/2025 70 books in 7 collections) [Taylor and Francis, [March 2025](#)]
- **Royal Society** transitioning all journals to OA in 2026 via S2O [August 2025, <https://royalsociety.org/news/2025/08/subscribe-to-open/>]
- **Springer Nature** donated its AI tool to the STM Integrity Hub. [May 2025]

Postings, articles, books of note (sampling)

- **Public health / public health information**

Dixon BE, Staes C, Acharya J, Allen KS, Hartsell J, Cullen T, Lenert L, Rucker DW, Lehmann H. Enhancing the nation's public health information infrastructure: a report from the ACMI symposium. *J Am Med Inform Assoc.* 2023 Apr 19;30(5):1000-1005. doi: 10.1093/jamia/ocad033. PMID: 36917089; PMCID: PMC10114045.

Excerpt:

First, the nation must perceive the health data infrastructure to be a matter of national security. The nation must further invest significantly more in its health data infrastructure. Investments should include the education and training of the public health workforce as informaticians in this domain are currently limited.

Acharya JC, Staes C, Allen KS, Hartsell J, Cullen TA, Lenert L, Rucker DW, Lehmann HP, Dixon BE. Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the nation's public health information systems infrastructure: synthesis of discussions from the 2022 ACMI Symposium. *J Am Med Inform Assoc.* 2023 May 5;30(6):1011–21. doi: 10.1093/jamia/ocad059. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37146228; PMCID: PMC10198524.

Excerpt:

Three overarching opportunities were especially prominent: (1) addressing the needs for sustainable funding, (2) leveraging existing infrastructure and processes for information exchange and system development that meets public health goals, and (3) preparing the public health workforce to benefit from available resources.

Alpi KM, Del Biondo KM, Rethlefsen ML. Evolving from public health libraries as a place to focus on public health librarian expertise. *J Med Libr Assoc.* 2024 Apr 1;112(2):95-106. doi: 10.5195/jmla.2024.1804. Epub 2024 May 22. PMID: 39119164; PMCID: PMC11305463.

Excerpt:

Following a national trend for branch libraries, public health information services were centralized into larger health or science libraries. The scope and specialization of librarian expertise continues to be valued with several institutions having librarians dedicated to public health.

Census of Public Health Librarianship within the United States. [poster] Shenita Peterson (Emory University) at MLA '25 with other authors from MLA's PH/HA Caucus (50th anniversary).

Abstract: <https://site.phedloop.com/event/mla25/sessions/SES8BIPBWQEIQDLJX>

Excerpt:

...preliminary survey results which will include analysis of characteristics of today's US-based public health librarians [working with academic public health programs] and their academic and professional training...

- **Doody Core Titles Featured Articles**

<https://www.doody.com/dct/PublicFeaturedArticle.asp?SiteContentID=544>

- “The Big Weed”: Weeding for a Stronger Nursing Collection
- Journal Citation Analysis in Health Communication: Insights for Core Journals and Relevant Subjects
- Reaffirming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work in Health Sciences Collection Development

- **Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA)**

Portillo I, Carson D. Making the most of Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models to support collection development in health sciences libraries. *J Med Libr Assoc.* 2025 Jan 14;113(1):92-93. doi: 10.5195/jmla.2025.2079. PMID: 39975505; PMCID: PMC11835035.

Health Sciences Lively Lunch Discussions / Health Sciences Lively Discussions

1-20 listed in:

Kubilius, R. K. (2020). Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going? (20th Health Sciences Lively Lunchtime Discussion): Developments 2019-2020 (v9.0.0). DigitalHub. Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center. <https://doi.org/10.18131/g3-r672-an38> (pages 4-6)

21st: Navigating the Road Ahead (The 21st Health Sciences Lively Lunchtime Discussion)

- <https://doi.org/10.18131/g3-txxe-ky26>
- *Charleston Conference Proceedings:*
<https://www.fulcrum.org/epubs/zk51vk41v?locale=en#page=310>

22nd: Down Long Wiggled Roads: Familiar and New Health Sciences Information Places (22nd Health Sciences Lively Lunchtime Discussion)

- <https://doi.org/10.18131/g3-w2tn-ss25>
- *Charleston Conference Proceedings:*
<https://www.fulcrum.org/epubs/tb09j8935?locale=en#page=196>

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23rd: The Fun is Just Beginning: Juggling Values-Based Practice in a High-Stakes World (23rd Health Sciences Lively Lunchtime Discussion)

- <https://doi.org/10.18131/20j6k-96h75>
- *Charleston Conference Proceedings:*
[https://www.fulcrum.org/epubs/d217qs76b?locale=en#/6/62\[chapter-021\]!/4/2/2\[charleston-conference-23rd-health-sciences-lively-lunchtime-discussion-the-fun-is-just-beginning-juggling-values-based-practice-in-a-high-stakes-world\]/2/4/1:0](https://www.fulcrum.org/epubs/d217qs76b?locale=en#/6/62[chapter-021]!/4/2/2[charleston-conference-23rd-health-sciences-lively-lunchtime-discussion-the-fun-is-just-beginning-juggling-values-based-practice-in-a-high-stakes-world]/2/4/1:0)

24th: Clinical Information Provision in an Era of Hospital Mergers and Acquisitions (24th Health Sciences Lively Discussion)

- <https://doi.org/10.18131/twhx7-xse23>
- *Slide deck:* <https://doi.org/10.18131/necz9-4rf94>
- *Charleston Conference Proceedings To be published (Nov 2025) in:*
<https://www.fulcrum.org/cp?locale=en>