

From Walled Gardens to Open Fields:
AI-Enabled Clinical Decision Support and Libraries

(26th Health Sciences Lively Discussion)

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Preliminary agenda [link]

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Other 2026 Charleston Conference health sciences-related topics and presenters include:

- *We Never Had Walls: What an All-Digital Medical Library Does with AI* -- Kristen Burgess [stopwatch session]
- *Navigating a Shifting Landscape Together: Developing a Library Workshop Series on NIH Publishing Policies* -- Will White and Danielle Maurici-Pollock [stopwatch session]
- *Bridging the Gap: Collaboration Between Main Campus and the Health Sciences Libraries* -- Jennifer Matthews, William Joseph Thomas, Martin Wood, Megan Inman [concurrent session]
- *If They Don't Click, Does It Still Count? Rethinking Usage and Value in the Age of AI Summaries* -- Ryan Rodriguez, Michelle Kraft, Martin Wood, Isaac Jones [concurrent session]
- *Teaching the Institution to Harness the Wind: The Library as AI-Literacy Hub* -- Kristin Burgess and Laura Werts [poster]
- *Comics and Wellness* -Thematic Analysis of Graphic Medicine Engagement –-Jeffrey Wagner [poster]
- *What We Learned by Teaching: Assessing the Impact of a Nursing Orientation over 18 years* –Michael Lindsay [poster]
- *ON DEMAND*: What makes a top title? Perspectives on evolving criteria for building the ideal library collection -- Tim Budzen, Meg Inman, Susan Swogger, Leigh Wright (moderator)



"Developments": Interesting and noteworthy trends since the 2025 Charleston Conference *(a sampling)*

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***Link* to institutional repository collection with previous health sciences session handouts and slides.**

***Link* to list of themes of previous discussion sessions, and *link* to synopsis list.**

- **2024-** *Clinical Information Provision in an Era of Hospital Mergers and Acquisitions (24th Health Sciences Lively Discussion)*
  - **Proceedings link / Slides: https://doi.org/10.18131/necz9-4rf94**
- **2012-** *Point of Care Tools and Libraries: 12th Annual Health Sciences Lively Lunch*
  - **Proceedings link / Trends: 10.18131/ks93w-6ab28**

See also: [link]

Anniversaries & Milestones

# years:	*Celebration of:*
150	**AAMC** *(1876)*
150	**American Library Association (ALA); Library Journal** *(1876)*
125	**University of Toronto Press** *(1901)*
65	**Purdue University Press** *(1960)*
60	**The Chronicle of Higher Education** *(1966)*
50	**U.S. Copyright Act** *(1976)*
30	**HighWire** *(1995)*
30	**Internet Archive** *(1996)*
25	**Research4Life** *(2002)*
25	**PLOS** *(2000)*
20	**PLOS One** *(first multi-disciplinary journal launched Dec. 20, 2006)*
10	**DOAJ Ambassador Program** *(2016)*
10	**Cambridge Core** *(books, journals in one platform, 2016)*

Medical Library Association

Bias, Expertise, Sustainability, Transparency, and Privacy and Property (BEST-P) in AI Use [link]; MLA/AAHSL Joint Legislation Committee for AAHSL & MLA: Joint comment re: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [link] (re: proposed unallowed APC support and indirect costs (F&A) for journal subscriptions.

National Library of Medicine, NIH, other

- **All of Us:** largest integrated geonomics and health database in the world (747,000 participants) [link]
- **ClinicalTrials.gov:** multi-year modernization effort: public site and Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS) [link]
- **Discover Women's Health Research (DiscoverWHR):** redesigned (new homepage and navigational pages [link]
- **Linked Discoveries:** pilot; maps from one PubMed citation to 200 of closest related articles; surfaces NIH funding, citation relationships; retractions; reviews [link]; early product of **R3PEATS,** 5 year NIH program, Rigor, Replicability, and Reproducibility to Promote Excellence, Accuracy, and Translation in Science [link]
- **Challenges (calls for projects),** including: The Semantic Precision for AI Retrieval of Knowledge (SPARK) PubMed / PMC [link]

New: Products, Features, Initiatives

- **Cabell: Journalytics STEM:** like Journalytics Academic and Journalytics Medicine, product integration with Predatory Reports and journal selection tool, CompassAI [link]
- **CABI:** Evidence Synthesis Skill Framework launched [link]
- **Cassyni Video Research Talks & Seminars Collection:** includes (free) recordings such as: AAMC the AI Skill Building for Medical Educators series; research discussed in a Cassyni talk counts towards the paper's Altmetric Attention score [link]
- **Coherent Digital:** Applied Nursing and Allied Health, "a new database for real-world clinical education and practice"; Global Technical Reports- "preserving the record of government-funded science" [link]; Disability Activism, Access, and Rights Social Justice and Culture- "documents disability through lived experience, advocacy, cultural expression, and community action, not only medical, governmental, institutional perspectives" [link]
- **Company of Biologists:** full accessible journal archive (perpetual access) to articles from 1853-2004 [link]
- **EBSCO Information Services:** AgeLine with Full Text [link]; Nursing & Allied Health Reference Source- new full-text resource; CINAHL Ultimate expanded with instructional videos for Nursing Education [link]; new Global Indigenous Studies database [link]
- **IEEE:** Clear Skies Ltd. announced 3 year agreement with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) to screen up to one million research article submissions using Oversight ("the world's first index of research integrity") [link]

- **Johns Hopkins University,** the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, in partnership with state and territorial public health agencies: **U.S. Disease Tracker** [link]
- **Massachusetts Medical Society**: new journal- *NEJM Clinician* [link]
- **Public Health Alerts**: new free series by NEJM Evidence and CIDRAP (University of Minnesota, Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy)- for rapid communication of information and early warnings about emerging health threats, enabling swift, informed responses across the U.S. and globally [link]
- **Public Library of Science (PLOS):** revitalized brand; PLOS Open Science Indicators dashboard prototype:
- **Rockefeller University Press**: new gold OA journal- *Journal of Human Immunity* [link]
- **Springer Nature:** launched Nature Books imprint [link]; discontinued participation in Article Galaxy Scholar (effective April 2026) [link]
- **Taylor & Francis:** launched Plain Language Reviews (PLRs) [link]; provide overview of research data along with information from multiple related peer-review articles; announced it will no longer participate in Article Galaxy Scholar (effective Dec. 2026) [news to customers]
- **Thieme**: unveiled *Therapeutics NOW*: new open access journal for drug discovery, gene therapy, and personalized medicine [link]
- **Third Iron LibKey: Problematic Publishers** module- internally produced by Third Iron team, automatically surfaces warnings when content from problematic publishers is encountered (9 classifications), works in LibKey third-party integrations and LibKey Nomad-specific integrations [link]; new integrations: Article Galaxy Scholar; ScholarIQ. [List of 3rd party LibKey integrations]
- **TrustMark Initiative**: community-led initiative, introduced by a coalition of scientific societies and organizations (organized by BioCore: A Scholarly Publishing Consortium), to enhance confidence in science [link]
- **Trust Seal Framework** launching in 2027; open effort to make trust in content visible, verifiable, and portable under guidance of independent Standards Council [link]
- **ZB MED**: new tool, Pubservatory, to make continuous curation of PubMed visible and transparent; tracks changes in PubMed, which publications were added / which removed, provides visualizations [link]

New: AI

- **AIBODY:** "the world's first real-time digital physiology platform that simulates the human body from cells to systems [link]; partnered with TDS Health [link]
- **CAS Intelligence Hub:** for AI-ready scientific data management [link]
- **CCC's RightFind Enterprise:** an API-based integration of CCC software solution with AVAYL's MedPro, an AI-powered Medical Affairs workflow platform [link]
- **Clarivate Web of Science**: AI-native Research Intelligence platform to support decision making across funding, strategy, and impact [link]

- **Digital Science: Altmetric Attention Digest** (available to users of Almetric Explorer): AI-powered feature for clearly communicating research impact [link]
- **EBSCO AI Exchange** partnered with **Perplexity's Premium Sources** - allows researchers to trace AI-generated answers back to scholarly journals [link]; **AI Insights** [link]
- **Elsevier LeapSpace-** AI-assisted workspace to accelerate research & discovery [link]; **ClinicalKey AI-** expanded into full-text medical journals and HIPAA-compliant upgrade [link]; **ClinicalKey Nursing AI** was launched [link]
- **Prism** (powered by OpenAI's GPT-5.2 LLM)- free, AI-native workspace for scientists to write and collaborate on research [link]
- **STAT!Ref AI**: subscribed and free content [link]
- **Wiley AI Gateway:** "brings trusted scholarly content directly into Anthropic's Claude, AWS Marketplace, Mistral AI's Le Chat, and Perplexity" [link]; Imagetwin's image screening brings power of AI to detecting potentially manipulated images [link]
- **Wolters Kluwer**: expanded AI collaboration with OpenAI [[link]

Mergers and Other Changes

- **ASHG** announced move of its two journals from Elsevier Cell Press to Oxford University Press [link]
- **Annual Reviews** acquired Underline Science [link]
- **ArXIV** preprint server moved from Cornell; became independent nonprofit [link]
- **BioOne** began operating as discrete business unit of Johns Hopkins University Press [link]
- **Bowker** launched a new ISNI assignment service via its online portal, ISNI.Bowker.com [link]
- **Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE)** introduced a new version of its Code of Conduct framework and added a new one: the Core Principles [link]
- **Elsevier** acquired Wellsheet "to close gap between patient data and clinical evidence at the point of care" [link]
- **Impelsys** and **Delta Think** merged [link]
- **Informa** announced plans to separate its academic market business, Taylor & Francis [link]
- **OSF (Open Science Foundation)** announced changes to OSF (phased out Projects workflow, moved toward integrated model with complementary services)
- **Oxford University Press (OUP)** acquired Karger Publishers (Karger), journals moved to OUP platform (effective Jan. 2027) [link]
- **Radiological Society of North American (RSNA)** signed 10 year agreement with Wolters Kluwer (for journal hosting) [link]
- **Tsinghua University Press** launched new OA journal (APC free before 2028), *Health Engineering* [link]; the *Journal of Neurorestoratology (JNR)* officially returned (from Elsevier)

(new submission system- Sept 2026; content in Press' SciOpen platform- Jan 2027) [link]; several journals officially indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index [link]

- **Wiley** announced plans to expand Advanced Portfolio with launch of 8 new journals by end of 2026, and additional titles to follow [link]; acquired Emerald Publishing [link]

New: Agreements, Licensing Models

- **DataCite** - new membership model, but commitment to open scholarly infrastructure remains the same [link]
- **JMIR Publications** - new Flat-Fee Unlimited Open Access Publishing Agreement with University of Nevada, Las Vegas [link]
- **OA Forward** (hosted by DEAL Opean Access Services, DEAS) - new internally governed international initiative to strengthen global coordination around open access negotiations... [link]
- **Open Evidence** - enterprise licenses, eg. Sutter (Feb 2026), Cedars Sinai (May 2026), Mount Sinai (March 2026); The University of Texas Medical Branch (Sept 2026); partnerships- with Microsoft; with Anthropic (to make available free of charge to MDs in low and middle income countries); medical librarians can apply for accounts [link] (Aug 2026)
- **Royal Society Publishing-** committed to goal of making the Royal Society journals 100% open access- to make this possible, current hybrid subscription journals converted to Subscribe to Open for 2026 [link]
- **Wolters Kluwer-** transformative / OA / read & publish agreements- Vanderbilt University's Heard Libraries (Oct 2025); Stanford University (March 2026); University of Pennsylvania (Aug. 2026); - 10 year agreement with Radiological Society of North America journals to publish portfolio of 5 journals [link]

Articles *[a sampling]*

AI

- **Why Communities of Practice endure in an AI world**, Marydee Ojala, *KM World*, April 15, 2026
- **Clinical AI has boomed. A new Stanford-Harvard state of clinical AI Report shows what holds up in practice,** Rebecca Handler, **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Medicine** January 15, 2026
- **The role of AI in hospitals and clinics: transforming healthcare in the 21st century**. Maleki Varnosfaderani S, Forouzanfar M. *Bioengineering* (Basel) 11(4):337, 2024 Mar 29; doi: 10.3390/bioengineering11040337. PMID: 38671759; PMCID: PMC11047988.
- **Artificial intelligence in modern clinical practice.** Inglada Galiana, L., Mena Martin, F.J., Sanz Espinosa, P.A. *Medical Research Archives*, [online] 13(8), 2025. https://doi.org/10.18103/mra.v13i8.6887
- **AI in practice: trends in hospital and clinic libraries**, Teolis, MG; Poletti EJ; Stephenson P; Whitehead S. *MRSQ* 45(2): 158-70, Apr-June 2026 PMID: 42093541

- **Prescribing caution: a critique of OpenEvidence to answer medication-related questions.** Bergsbaken JM, Wilson P, Vandagriff S, Christensen L, Vellardita L. J Am Coll *Clin Pharm*. 2026 Jul;9(7):e70237. doi: 10.1002/jac5.70237. PMID: 42286997.
- **NNLM Region 7**- series of blog posts from hospital librarians using AI in their work: Doctor AI, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love
- **New WHO report calls for stronger ethics oversight of AI-related health research,** September 21, 2026 **[**link]

Other

- **Bridging the Data Discovery Gap**: User-Centric Recommendations for Research Data Repositories, Mingfang Wu et al., *Data Science Journal* 25(6), 2026
- **Choice White Papers, eg.**
    - **Transformative Agreements, Open Access and Research Impact, Choice and Wiley** [link]
    - **The Optimized Library: Prescriptive Foundations for Resource Stewardship in an Era of Fiscal Austerity** [link]
- **Introducing COSIG: The Collection of Open Science Integrity Guides/** Ozturk Y, Pirelli S, Richardson RAK. PLoS Biol. 2026 Jun 10;24(6):e3003817. PMC13252753
- **Scholarly Publishing Information Hub (SPI-Hub)** – continuing to evolve free online tool from the Center for Knowledge Management at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- **OpenEvidence** quietly made accounts available to medical librarians [**link**]
- **Temple University Libraries**: A Case Study in Using Book Awards to Focus Collection Development on Diverse Voices / David Parker, Lived Places Publishing blog, August 12, 2026 [link]

Doody Featured articles [link]

- **Adding Rigor to Health Sciences Journal Analysis in Collection Management**, Laura Lipke, May 2026. [link]
- **Artificial Intelligence in Health Sciences Library Collections**, Megan Inman, June 2026. [link]
- **Using Heritage Months to Guide Collection of DEIA-Focused Materials for a Health Sciences Library,** Kimberly Barker, Allison Cruise, Lewis Savarese, March 2026 **[**link**]**
- **Scanning the Shelves: Connecting Students to DDA,** Dominique Couturier, Kristen Giordano, September 2026 [link]

Doody's Collection Development Monthly **[reviews]**

- **A Review of ClinicalKey** / Jeffrey Wagner, July 28, 2026
- **A Review of OpenEvidence** / LaTeesa N. James, May 26, 2026
- **A Review of Rayyan** / Bradley A. Long, January 27, 2026

Katina Magazine: Open Knowledge

- **The Proposed NIH Policy on APCs Is Bonkers. Does it Matter?,** Alicia Salaz [link]

- **The Open Science Landscape Is Increasingly Difficult to Grasp. That's a Problem.,** Abdelghani Maddi, Isabelle Dorsch and Marc-André Simard [link]

Katina Magazine: Resource Reviews

- **Scilit** (Can This Massive, Free Aggregator Platform Compete with Commercial Giants?), Ch. Mahmood Anwar [link]
- **Scholarly Publishing Information Hub (SPI-Hub),** CJ Garcia [link]

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