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-Chris O’Byrne

Upcoming library conferences to note


American Library Association Annual Conference: July 9-15, Chicago, IL (http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm)

Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting: May 17-20, Anaheim, CA (http://www.innopacusers.org/iug-conferences)

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting: October 14-16, Cleveland, OH (http://www.orall.org/annual_meeting.htm)

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians 2009 Conference: May 6-9, Indianapolis, IN (http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/OVGTSL2009)