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Conference Summary:

ALA Annual Meeting was in San Diego CA late June-early July 2024. As chair of the STARS-Atlas Systems Mentoring Award Committee I co-mentored our 2024 awardee before and during the conference. STARS is the Resource Sharing Committee within RUSA (Reference and User Services) division of ALA. I attended several STARS sponsored sessions on career paths in resource sharing, international resource sharing, and ILL discussion groups. I had a chance to see both Trevor Noah and Taraji P Henson speak of their experiences with libraries. I spent time in the Exhibit Hall talking to vendors as well as attending vendor sponsored sessions showcasing new products and databases, updates to resource sharing software, and copyright topics. I especially enjoyed seeing colleagues, many of whom I hadn't seen in a few years and discussing what's going on in their libraries. These conversations and sessions attended always spark new ideas and reminders to do things like review Custom Holdings in ILLiad.