

Saturday, August 16, 2025

*Business Meetings*

08:30 - 10:00

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Session: 001

**Professional Council Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

10:30 - 12:00

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**Regional Council Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

13:30 - 15:00

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Session: 003

**Finance and Risk Committee Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 18:00

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Session: 004

**Governing Board Meeting**

Sunday, August 17, 2025

*Business Meetings*

08:30 - 09:30

Burabay/Congress Center

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**PC Officers Forum**

*Business Meetings*

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Saryarqa/Congress Center

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**Regional Division Committee Europe**

*Business Meetings*

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Zheitsu/Congress Center

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**Regional Division Committee Middle East North Africa (MENA)**

*Business Meetings*

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Altay/Congress Center

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**Regional Division Committee Sub-Saharan Africa**

*Business Meetings*

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**Regional Division Committee North America**

*Business Meetings*

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**Regional Division Committee Asia Oceania**

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**Professional Council Division A**

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**Professional Council Division C**

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**Professional Council Division G***Business Meetings*

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**Professional Council Division H***Business Meetings*

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**Professional Council Division E***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Academic and Research Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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Zheitsu/Congress Center

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**SC Meeting Information technology Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Library Theory and Research Section***Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Burrabay/Congress Center

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**SC Meeting Public Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Science and technology Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Library buildings and equipment Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Preservation and Conservation Section**

*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Acquisition and Collection development Section***Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

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**SC Meeting News Media Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 5/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Subject analysis and access Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Information Literacy Section***Business Meetings*

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**Regional Division Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Cataloguing Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Law Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Marketing and management section***Business Meetings*

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**SC Meeting Metropolitan Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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Astana Hall/Hilton

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**SC meeting Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 1/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Education and Training Section**

*Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 2/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 3/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Management of Library associations Section***Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

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**SC Meeting literacy and reading Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 5/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Art Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 6/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Rare Books and Special Collections Section***Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Alatau/Congress Center

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**SC Meeting School Libraries Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Saryarqa/Congress Center

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**Meeting Advisory Committee Cultural heritage***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Zheitsu/Congress Center

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**SC Meeting Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Altay/Congress Center

Session: 048

**Meeting Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Burrabay/Congress Center

Session: 049

**SC Meeting Bibliography Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Session: 051

**SC Meeting National Libraries Section**

*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Astana Hall/Hilton

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**Meeting Advisory Committee on Standards***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

Session: 054

**Meeting Advisory Committee on Copyright and Other legal matters***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Conference Hall 2/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Statistics and Evaluation Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:00

Conference Hall 5/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Local History and Genealogy Section***Business Meetings*

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Conference Hall 6/Hilton

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**SC Meeting Social Science Library Section***Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Alatau/Congress Center

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**Meeting Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Astana/Congress Center

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**Caucus - USA***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Saryarqa/Congress Center

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**Caucus - Russian Speaking Participants***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Zheitsu/Congress Center

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**Caucus - Chinese Speaking Participants**

*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Altay/Congress Center

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**Caucus - Arabic Speaking Participants***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Burrabay/Congress Center

Session: 066

**Caucus - German Speaking Participants***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Session: 068

**Caucus - Nordic Countries***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Astana Hall/Hilton

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**Caucus - Canada***Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

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**Caucus - Japan***Congress Programme*

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**Caucus - Italy***Congress Programme*

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**Caucus - Subsaharan Africa***Congress Programme*

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Alatau/Congress Center

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**Caucus - Australia-New Zealand***Congress Programme*

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**Caucus Spanish Speaking Participants***Congress Programme*

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**Caucus - Portuguese Speaking Participants***Congress Programme*

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**Caucus - French Speaking Participants**

*Congress Programme*

19:15 - 20:15

Offsite

Session: 019

**Caucus United Kingdom**

CILIP is delighted to be convening the UK Caucus at this year's IFLA WLIC, kindly hosted by the HM Ambassador Kathy Leach at the British Embassy in Astana.

If you're attending IFLA this year, we would love to see you there. Join us for a two hour networking reception to connect with members of both our host country and UK delegation.

**Please note that registration is strictly required to attend and we will be operating a guest list on the evening.**

**Register your place at:** <https://www.cilip.org.uk/event/IFLA2025UKcaucus>

**Caucus United Kingdom: Welcome**

Louis Coiffait-Gunn, CEO of CILIP will briefly welcome the UK caucus delegation and encourage an evening of informal networking and discussion.



Monday, August 18, 2025

*Business Meetings*

08:30 - 09:30

Alatau/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA Journal editorial Committee

Session: 171

**IFLA Journal editorial Committee**

*Congress Programme*

10:00 - 11:30

Astana/Congress Center

Session: 74

**Opening Ceremony**

Welcome to the official start of the 2025 World Library and Information Congress held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

13:00 - 14:00

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 154

**Libraries and Post Offices: Two global infrastructures uniting for digital inclusion**

***What do libraries and post offices have in common? and How can they team up to advance digital inclusion?***

Both are among the most trusted and accessible public institutions worldwide. They serve as anchor community infrastructures, offering connectivity and essential access to information, services, and resources, especially in underserved areas.

Today, post offices (just as libraries) are becoming increasingly digital, providing free Internet, access to e-government/e-commerce services and support for local entrepreneurs. Similarly, libraries lead in offering public access, digital collections, literacy training, and other initiatives that promote digital inclusion and community well-being. IFLA and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) recognize the parallels in their digital inclusion work. As a result, this session aims to inform and spark dialogue between both networks. Using a case study, we will explore how such collaboration benefits local skills and economies, and how your library can partner with the postal network in your country.

*Coordinator:* Maria De Brasdefer

**Post offices as digital gateways in expanding connectivity for all**

13:00 - 13:00

This interactive presentation will explain the role of post offices in advancing digital inclusion and will emphasize some of the parallels between the postal and the library network, as well as showcasing possible opportunities for collaboration.

**Common ground: Building bridges between libraries and post offices**

13:00 - 13:00

The presenter will address the questions of: What can libraries gain from partnering with post offices?, What are the possible benefits? and How can they pursue this partnership at a local or national level?

**Successes from the library-post office partnership in Zimbabwe**

13:00 - 13:00

A case study that shows the library-post office partnership that took place in Zimbabwe, where a collaboration between the public library network and ZimPost the local postal operator, has improved access and opportunities for the local community.

Both institutions have complemented each other's activities to advance their digital inclusion efforts and as a result of that they have partnered with POTRAZ, the Postal and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe.

## Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: Information Litteracy Section

Session: 076

**Future-Ready Libraries: Integrating AI in Information Literacy**

Historically, libraries have delivered meaningful change at all levels. As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to evolve, preparing librarians for digital transformation and equipping our communities with the skills to engage critically with these emerging technologies are essential in building future-ready knowledge economies. The session explores how libraries can incorporate AI into their information literacy programs, paying special attention to the ethical considerations and potential benefits from a global perspective.

*Coordinator:* Ning Zou, Monroe C. Gutman Library | Harvard Graduate School of Education, United States

**CRAFT-ing AI Literacy: Implementing Prompt Engineering Frameworks in Library Information Literacy Programs**

As generative AI tools become increasingly embedded in academic and professional workflows, libraries face a critical opportunity to expand their traditional information literacy missions. This presentation introduces the CRAFT Framework for Prompt Engineering as a systematic approach for teaching users how to effectively interact with Large Language Models (LLMs) while maintaining critical engagement with AI-generated information.

*Speaker:* Haoyong Lan, Carnegie Mellon University, United States

**School Librarians AI Literacy, Engagement and Readiness in a Global Context: Navigating Ethical AI Leadership**

This study offers a global roadmap for AI literacy, positioning school library professionals (SLPs) as ethical AI leaders. While SLPs acknowledge AI's potential, their cautious engagement highlights urgent needs for professional development and systemic support. The AI Leadership Framework empowers SLPs to confidently integrate AI, preparing students for an AI-driven future. Future research should validate the framework's efficacy and explore AI training's long-term impacts, alongside school libraries' evolving role in digital transformation.

**Research on the Artificial Intelligence Literacy Framework for Librarians**

The findings reveal that AI technologies are utilized to varying degrees in library workflows, including Intelligent Retrieval, Reference Services, Reading Promotion, Social Education, and User Profiling. The proposed AI Literacy Framework for librarians comprises 4 key competency domains: Administrative Operation, Collection Development & Management, Reader Service, and Research Innovation. Each domain encompasses 4 core elements: AI Awareness, AI Knowledge, AI Skills, and AI Ethics.

**AI Literacy Education Practice in National Science Library, CAS**

This study seeks to explore the development of an efficient AI literacy education system through the practical case in National Science Library. The goal is to equip graduate students and researchers with the AI to utilize AI responsibly and effectively in scientific research, thereby supporting innovation.

**Exploratory AI in Practice: Teaching Information Literacy with Conversational Search**

This session highlights instructional strategies and ethical design principles librarians can use to frame AI tools as part of a broader learning experience. Attendees will leave with concrete takeaways on: ● How to distinguish between types of AI tools (exploratory vs. generative) ● How to position AI as a support for inquiry rather than a source of answers, ● ... and how to teach students to interact with AI in ways that deepen their critical engagement with information.

## Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Acquisition and Collection Development Section, Libraries Publishing Special Interest Group and Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship

Session: 077

**Sustainable Paths Towards Open Science and Open Scholarship**

This session is co-organized by the [Acquisition and Collection Development Section](#), the [Library Publishing Special Interest Group](#), and the [Advisory Committee on Open Science and Open Scholarship](#). It will explore how libraries can help shape open science models that are both equitable and sustainable. As the open science movement evolves, it has become increasingly clear that models designed for well-resourced institutions in the Global North don't always meet the needs of less-resourced institutions and communities in the Global South. Achieving truly open and inclusive scholarship requires collaboration across institutions and regions to ensure equitable access to knowledge in all disciplines. The Open Access movement is central to this vision, aiming to make scholarly content freely available to all readers regardless of institutional affiliation or geographic location. Libraries play an essential role in this global effort to support equitable access and sustainability in open science.

Coordinator: Lilly Hoi Sze Ho

Coordinator: Jane Buggle, Institute of Art, Design + Technology, Ireland

**It Takes a Village: How Library Contributions to Open Infrastructure Shape Global Open Science**

13:00 - 13:00

In the pursuit of a truly equitable and sustainable Open Science ecosystem, libraries are not just participants. They are foundational builders of the infrastructure that enables global knowledge sharing. This presentation explores how libraries, through community-governed initiatives and cross-sector partnerships, are actively shaping open infrastructure to reflect local priorities while contributing to global goals. Drawing on real-world case studies, we will highlight how library-led contributions to open platforms and collaborative support structures are helping grow a sustainable, scalable, and interoperative scholarly landscape. By recognizing and amplifying these contributions, we can better support a future where Open Science is not only...

Speaker: Mariya Maistrovskaya, Public Knowledge Project (PKP), Canada

**A Model Collection - A Showcase and Framework for Capturing Physical Items as Open Digital Resources**

13:00 - 13:00

The transformation of architectural models from physical artefacts into accessible digital and 3D resources is an essential step toward enhancing global discovery, research, and reuse. This paper addresses the need to digitise 250 models created in a renowned workshop, preserving their spatial and material qualities while enabling broader academic and public engagement. Central to this is the development of a replicable workflow and framework that can guide similar efforts worldwide. By outlining the processes, tools, and challenges involved, this project aims to support institutions in transitioning physical object collections into FAIR digital formats for long-term impact.

**Open science in the Maghreb: different approaches in a unified geography**

13:00 - 13:00

In the three Maghrebi countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia), there seem to be a clear ignorance of open science concept. The three countries have implemented policies pertaining to open access but have not taken steps to launch open science programs and actions. Previous research has clearly shown feeble statistical achievement compared to the three countries' capacity but also, and more importantly, an absence of cooperation due to political tensions and absence of will to remediate to the situation. We will try to see how could this situation be fixed and conclude that cooperation and mutualisation are the solution.

**One Nation One Subscription: A Transformative Framework for Equitable and Sustainable Open Science in the Global South**

13:00 - 13:00

This paper looks at India's "One Nation One Subscription" (ONOS) initiative as a bold step toward building a more inclusive and sustainable Open Science environment, especially for the Global South. By providing centralized, nationwide access to academic resources, ONOS aims to bridge institutional gaps and ensure equal access to knowledge. The paper goes beyond viewing ONOS as just a subscription model, suggesting ways it can evolve—through open-access policies, community-led digital

platforms, and support for regional languages. It highlights ONOS's potential not only to address current barriers but also to inspire long-term reforms in how knowledge is shared and governed.

*Speaker:* Rakhi Kumari, University of Jammu, India

*Speaker:* Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, University of Jammu, India

#### Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Subject Analysis and Access Section, Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Sections, New Professionals SIG,

Session: 079

#### **Jackpot or jeopardy? Exploring AI and Subject Indexing**

*Coordinator:* Caroline Saccucci, Library of Congress, United States

*Coordinator:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

#### Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Literacy and Reading Section, School Libraries, Public Libraries and Libraries for Children and Young Adults Sections

Session: 080

#### **Storytime: Sharing Reading Experiences Together**

Join us for a celebration of stories and the joy of reading, hosted by the Literacy and Reading, Public Libraries, Libraries for Children and Young Adults, and School Libraries Sections. This relaxed, interactive session invites you to bring along a favourite book (picture books and books in your own language especially welcome!) or choose one at the session to enjoy during a dedicated reading time.

You will have the chance to share books and discuss your reading experiences and ideas with others. The session will also feature short inspirational presentations highlighting successful reading initiatives from our sponsoring sections, perfect for sparking new ideas and deepening your appreciation of the power of reading together.

*Coordinator:* Atlanta Meyer

*Coordinator:* Luisa Marquardt

#### **Successful reading initiatives, short presentations by the hosting sections.**

Join us for short, inspirational presentations highlighting successful reading initiatives, new ideas and the shared joy of reading. Presented by the hosting sections and facilitated by Atlanta Meyer, Chair - Literacy and Reading Section.

#### Business Meetings

13:00 - 14:30

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

Session: 082

#### **Evidence for Global and Disaster Health Special Interest Group (SIG) Business Meeting**

#### Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Science and technology section, Environment-Sustainability and libraries, Knowledge Management and Information Technology Sections

Session: 078

#### **Building the future together to support the SDGs: Collaboration beyond library borders**

The intersection of knowledge management, technological advancement, and sustainable development is becoming increasingly crucial in the pursuit of global well-being. This SCITECH section's session presents three case studies that explore the synergistic role of Science and Technology libraries in collaboration with Research Offices, Information Technology units, and other entities outside libraries in supporting and advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). They highlight successful collaborations between libraries and research offices, IT units and outside organizational structures that facilitate effective interdepartmental cooperation; provide strategies for leveraging library resources aligned with SDGs as well as best practices for the dissemination of research outputs that influence policy and practice.

*Coordinator:* Marydee Ojala

*Coordinator:* Harri Sahavirta, Helsinki City Library, Finland

#### **Libraries at the Nexus of Campus Sustainability Efforts**

In collaboration with the Provost's office, Facilities Management and

Campus Services Division, and the university's academic colleges and administrative units, the University Libraries have become both a philosophical and organizational nexus of a campus-wide Voluntary University Review (VUR) to facilitate engagement with the SDGs. The CMU Libraries have actively partnered with campus, local, national, and international organizations, including the UN itself, to intentionally and actively engage with and advance the SDGs. This case study highlights both the organizational structures surrounding this engagement and the many activities being mapped to SDG goals, targets, and indicators.

**From Library Science to Health Tech: How Librarians Can Lead Knowledge Management and Product Ownership** -

Moving from academic librarianship to knowledge management involves translating librarians' core competencies into KM and strategic roles such as Product owner. Collaboration with IT teams, product developers and data specialists plays an important role. This case study offers valuable insights into how library professionals can extend their expertise beyond traditional boundaries, taking on leadership roles in Health Tech companies. It demonstrates that librarians are well-equipped to manage complex knowledge environments and can confidently embrace responsibilities in product ownership, directly contributing to healthcare innovation and sustainable development goals.

**The LibrarIN Toolkit: Driving Collaboration Beyond Library Borders** -

LibrarIN is a 3-year Horizon Europe-funded research initiative that empowers library innovators, both practitioners and policymakers, across Europe and beyond library borders, by equipping them with robust evidence, actionable policy recommendations, and strategies for demonstrating progress. LibrarIN has co-created a comprehensive toolkit designed to support library staff and policymakers in fostering social innovation within European libraries. Drawing on policy data, good practices, and research insights from across Europe, the toolkit serves as a valuable resource for policymaking, political advocacy, resource negotiation, comparison and benchmarking, and the development of innovative services, plans, and strategies.

*Speaker:* Marta Anducas, The Lisbon Council, Belgium

*Business Meetings*

13:00 - 14:30

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

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**LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group (SIG) Business Meeting**

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13:00 - 14:30

Alatau/Congress Center

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**Library History Special Interest Group (SIG) Business Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

14:00 - 15:30

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**Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group**

*Congress Programme*

14:00 - 15:15

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**Caucus - Korean Speaking Participants**

*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 15:45

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 084

**Local Governments Session***Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 16:00

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: Public Libraries Section, Library Buildings and Equipment Section, Metropolitan Libraries Section,

Session: 085

**IFLA/Baker & Taylor Public Library of the Year Award 2025**

The IFLA/Baker & Taylor Public Library of the Year Award 2025 Ceremony is the pinnacle of a process to identify and celebrate amazing public libraries constructed during 2024. The award ceremony will highlight this years shortlisted libraries for the prestigious award and announce the winning library of 2025 live on stage.

*Coordinator:* Jane Cowell, Public Library Section, Australia*Coordinator:* Janet Fletcher**Chair of Jury**

Chair of Jury, Standing committee member IFLA Library Building and Equipment Section, Director Gladsaxe Libraries in Denmark

*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 15:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Serials and Continuing Resources Section, Information Technology Section and Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship

Session: 086

**Influence of Open Science in Scholarly Communication: Practical actions for librarians and other information professionals**

This Ignite session provides a gathering space for information professionals to share their activities that support open science research and publishing. The session emphasizes practical guidance for the audience and hopes to inspire a global community of open science library practitioners with ideas they can use at their own libraries and institutions. The session embraces the "Uniting Knowledge" theme of the congress by providing a platform for short, engaging, synopses of successful and/or innovative practices that audience members can consider and adopt for their work in the field of open science. We will provide time for discussion between the presenters and the audience.

*Coordinator:* Andrea Wirth*Coordinator:* Cory Lampert, University of Nevada, United States**Opening Remarks and Speaker Introductions**

14:30 - 14:30

Members of the hosting committees will provide opening remarks, guide the discussion, and provide closing remarks.

*Speaker:* Andrea Wirth**International collaboration for the intensification of Open Science didactics. Insights from 4EU+ Universities**

14:30 - 14:30

"Open for You!" is a series of workshops initiated in 2021, targeting doctoral candidates from within the 4EU+ Alliance. The programme focuses on the principles and implementation of Open Science (OS) and is coordinated by the libraries of the 4EU+ universities.

The presentation will offer the audience two main avenues for inspiration and practical implementation. First, it seeks to encourage openness in research-related initiatives among colleagues from institutions that are still in the early stages of adopting Open Science (OS) practices. Second, it aims to guide colleagues from European institutions who are interested in international collaboration.

*Speaker:* Zuza Wiorogórska, University of Warsaw, Poland**National Library and Archives of Iran Research Festival; Facilitator of Scientific Communication in Realizing Open Science**

14:30 - 14:30

The National Library and Archives of Iran Research Festival, which has been held for fifteen years since 2010, was formed with the aim of discovering research talents, creating motivation among researchers, and

developing scholarship communications. The special theme of this year's festival, Open Science, was chosen as a starting point for scientific participation and research development.

We would like to share the experience of holding this festival and its impact on supporting open science in facilitating scholarship communication in the country's research and scientific environment, and show what scientific activities and achievements researchers have had in this field.

**Ethical AI in Open Science: A Framework for Library-Led Decision Making**

14:30 - 14:30

As artificial intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly embedded in research processes, from automated literature reviews to predictive data analysis, it also brings ethical challenges related to transparency, accountability, and bias.

The presentation will inspire actionable ideas by showcasing how libraries can offer consultative services, develop AI literacy programs, and participate in institutional governance related to responsible AI. Practical takeaways will include a customizable checklist for evaluating AI tools, sample guidance documents for researchers, and examples of partnership strategies with IT departments, research ethics committees, and academic leadership.

**Caring is Sharing: Public History and Library Practices for Scholarly Communication and Audience Engagement**

14:30 - 14:30

In recent years, open science has gained ground both in the academic field and among communities as a key way of approaching knowledge. Policies promoting open access to scientific output and research data are consolidating; citizen science initiatives are improving public engagement. Libraries can support these processes in many ways: this Talk would aim to review and comment on some examples in the field of historical knowledge, highlighting how libraries can help developing the scientific method and historical awareness for and with the public, through participatory programs and digital projects, thereby encouraging active citizenship.

**Reimagining Open Access: a Diverse Approach from Australia**

14:30 - 14:30

This presentation will highlight a suite of open access initiatives being carried out at James Cook University, a research-intensive university in regional northern Australia. It will share practical strategies that have been successfully implemented to make more research open, and that could be adopted by other institutions worldwide.

**Inspiring Ideas from the Emerald Isle: An overview of Open Science and Scholarship Initiatives in Ireland**

14:30 - 14:30

This presentation will give attendees an overview of recent developments in the area of open science and scholarship in university libraries in Ireland. With a national target for all publicly funded research to be available via open access by 2030 Ireland has seen a surge in activity in this area in recent years and this session will inform delegates about the diverse range of initiatives underway. The session will cover a range of actionable ideas and practical tips based on the Irish experience of: institutional repositories, library published journals, open monograph publishing, research data management, and open science strategy/policy development.

*Speaker:* Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University, Ireland

*Speaker:* John McDonough, Dublin City University, Ireland

*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 15:45

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 163

**Partners for a strong book sector**

More and more, libraries are discovering and exploiting all of the possibilities associated with space and connection, but at their heart, they are built around books and information. Yet in the attention economy, there is increasing competition from different media and voices which may not offer the same deep reflection and skills that books bring.

Fortunately, libraries are not alone in this. What can we learn from the approaches of other partners in the book chain? And what steps can we take together to ensure a strong future for books and reading? Find out more in this session.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 15:45

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section, New Professionals Special Interest Group

Session: 088

**Café Connections: Wellness, Mugs, & Meaningful Conversations**

This session is the occasion to bring to real life connections while keeping the event fun and oriented toward cultural diversity. To create an informal, interactive environment for participants to connect, share, and engage in conversations about wellness, libraries, and intercultural competency, we plan to cultural item swap. Our session encourages networking and relationship-building through shared interests, personal stories, and cultural exchange. Participants are encouraged to bring an item, preferably a mug, that contributes to their sense of wellness and a healthy workspace. These items will be the starting point of discussion around wellness and culture. Participants can swap their items with each other to take home something special, along with the cultural stories that they hear during these lively discussions. Our session explores the intersection of wellness practices through fun and engaging activities, including a mug and cultural item that brings you happiness, that fits in small luggage, swap.

*Coordinator:* Leili Seifi

*Coordinator:* Paria Aria, Texas A&M University, United States

**Yoga and Wellness**

Will present on yoga and wellness techniques for relaxation in the workplace.

*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 15:45

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: School Libraries Section

Session: 087

**The IFLA School Library Manifesto in Action**

*Coordinator:* Luisa Marquardt

*Special Sessions*

16:00 - 18:00

Exhibition Hall

Session: 091

**Exhibition Opening Party**

Everyone is welcome to join us after the opening day of the Congress and to celebrate the opening of the exhibition. Speak with exhibitors and connect with other delegates.

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

*Special Sessions*

18:00 - 18:30

Offsite

Session:

**Flashmob**

Location to be confirmed



*Special Sessions*

19:00 - 21:00

Offsite

Session: 92

**Officers Reception**

By invitation only.

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 094

**Become a Climate Empowerment Champion**

The Paris Agreement's Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) strives to help communities become more resilient and reduce vulnerability to climate change. This cannot happen without investment in public infrastructure, community-centres, education, and public participation. Libraries are necessary to achieving this goal. How can we supercharge the role that libraries have in ensuring climate education and participation reaches all members of society?

This session will explore how libraries can get involved in building resilience to climate change. It will place a focus on effective partnerships, and share practical ways that library professionals can effectively engage their users in climate issues.

You will:

- Hear from national / regional initiatives working on climate education
- Learn more about IFLA's climate research and how you can use it
- Ask questions and join a discussion that focuses on building partnership within the library sector and beyond

*Coordinator & chair:* Claire Maguire

**Introducing the Agro Library Concept**

09:00 - 09:00

The Agro Library's goal is to connect children, youth, and local communities, especially in rural areas, with knowledge related to sustainable agriculture, climate resilience, and ecological literacy. This presentation will introduce the concept, share experiences with scaling it, and highlight how it helps public libraries build resilience in their communities.

*Speaker:* Merve Yavuzdemir, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Libraries and Publications, Turkey

**CAPS Unlock - Turn It Around!**

09:00 - 09:00

TURN IT AROUND! Flashcards are a toolkit to help radically reimagine education in response to the climate and ecological emergency. This presentation and interactive activity will introduce how libraries might use a tool like this to kickstart climate education and discussion.

*Speaker:* Marzhan Tajiyeva, CAPS Unlock, Kazakhstan

*Speaker:* Saule Kalikova, CAPS Unlock, Kazakhstan

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning, Asia-Oceania, Latin Am.&Caribbean, Europe, MENA, North America, Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Division Committees

Session: 095

**Reimagine Continuing Professional Development for SustAInable Futures**

The session "Transform Continuing Professional Development for SustAInable Futures" aims to prepare library professionals for effectively integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into library practices. It focuses on enhancing AI literacy, exploring practical applications in library services, and identifying key skills for embedding AI in daily operations and strategic initiatives. Additionally, the session fosters a collaborative environment where professionals can exchange ideas and experiences, building a supportive community for continuous learning and adaptation. By equipping participants with education, practical examples, and skill development, the session seeks to transform professional development practices. This initiative ensures libraries remain capable of leveraging digital technologies, maintaining their relevance, and meeting future demands. Ultimately, the session aligns professional growth with the rapidly evolving technological landscape, empowering libraries to thrive in an AI-driven future.

*Coordinator:* Valerie Glass, Lycée international, France

**Digital Literacy & Crowdsourcing: Tackling Descriptive and Algorithmic Bias through Doing**

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation explores crowdsourcing projects as a way to build trust

and digital literacy with the public. As museums continue to rate as the most trusted sources for the public, the field of cultural heritage has been tasked to combat emerging information literacy needs in their communities. This session is ideal for those looking to get an introduction to crowdsourcing projects: the ethical considerations of these projects, the opportunities afforded, the investments needed, etc. It is also ideal for those looking to activate their collections in digital experiences online and onsite, specifically to teach digital literacy skills to the public.

*Speaker:* Jessica BrodeFrank, University of Illinois Chicago, United States

**Empowering Global South Librarians through Critical AI Literacy for Sustainable Futures**

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation reimagines continuing professional development (CPD) as a catalyst for critical AI literacy, empowering librarians from the Global South to evaluate, integrate, and ethically leverage AI in library services. By addressing challenges like equitable access, cultural context, and resource gaps, this session highlights AI ethics education and critical digital skills as essential tools for sustainable knowledge societies. Case studies from Latin America illustrate how targeted CPD enables librarians to bridge digital divides, enhance library services, and empower communities. Practical insights and strategies are shared to inspire globally inclusive CPD practices for AI-enhanced, ethical, and sustainable futures.

**Beyond Awareness: Managing Workforce-Related AI Risks in the National Library and Archives of Iran (NLAI) Using Importance-Performance Analysis (IPA)**

09:00 - 09:00

This study explores the prioritization of hidden workforce-related risks of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the National Library and Archives of Iran using the Importance-Performance Analysis (IPA) method. Through stakeholder assessment, risks across ethical, organizational, technical, legal, and societal domains are evaluated. The resulting IPA matrix provides a framework for effective AI risk management. This research aligns with the session theme "AI and the Future of Work in Libraries", and empowers libraries to take a proactive approach to AI adoption and risk mitigation.

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 96

**IFLA's Governance Structure Health Check**

IFLA implemented a new governance structure in 2021 and is now undertaking a health check. Through surveys and discussions with IFLA's members, volunteers and staff, the review will examine what works and which improvements can be made. Follow the process here: <https://www.ifla.org/units/ifla-governance-health-check/>

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Management of Library Associations section

Session: 098

**Successful Strategies for Library Advocacy & Financial Sustainability**

*Coordinator:* Loida Garcia Febo, LGF International Strategies, United States

## Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Bibliography section, Cataloguing, and Subject Analysis and Access sections

Session: 099

**Reliable Data, Stronger Libraries: Universal Bibliographic Control for the Future**

This session aims to introduce and promote the 2025 IFLA Professional Statement on Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC). It will explore UBC's enduring importance in an era shaped by data-driven technologies, AI, and the need for trusted, structured data. By presenting the updated statement and showcasing practical implementations, historical perspectives, and regional case studies, the session will encourage global adoption and adaptation of UBC principles. Through presentations and lightning talks, participants will gain a deeper understanding of how UBC supports equitable knowledge sharing, fosters interoperability, and remains central to the future of metadata in a changing world.

Coordinator &amp; chair: Maud Henry, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR), Belgium

Coordinator &amp; chair: Mathilde Koskas, National Library of France (BnF), France

**IFLA's 2025 Professional Statement on Universal Bibliographic Control**

09:00 - 09:00

Introduction to the session and presentation of the new Professional Statement on Universal Bibliographic Control

**From Universal Bibliographic Control to Open Access: Tracing IFLA's Legacy in Global Knowledge Sharing**

09:00 - 09:00

This talk explores the historical evolution of IFLA's Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC) program, situating it within broader movements advocating for universal access to knowledge. Originating in the 1970's as a visionary effort to ensure international bibliographic standardization and sharing, UBC laid foundational principles for today's open access and data sharing initiatives. The presentation traces the intellectual and institutional roots of UBC, its influence on international library cooperation, and its continuing relevance in an era of digital scholarship, metadata interoperability, and global information equity. By revisiting UBC's legacy, it highlights IFLA's enduring role in shaping a more inclusive global information landscape.

Speaker: Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

**Extending UBC to Research Data: A Conceptual Model Informed by the National Library and Archives of Iran**

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation proposes a conceptual model for integrating Research Data Management (RDM) into Universal Bibliographic Control (UBC). It explores extending UBC's scope to include diverse research data (Excel, CSV, SPSS, codes, images), requiring new metadata standards and policy frameworks. Using conceptual analysis and expert interviews, the study identifies strategic pathways for incorporating research data into bibliographic ecosystems, aligning with FAIR principles, and strengthening bibliographic infrastructures for scientific information in the digital era.

**Leveraging Publisher Metadata for Universal Bibliographic Control**

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation explores the strategic reuse of publisher metadata to enhance the scope and currency of the Finnish national bibliography. This partnership fosters mutual benefits, as accurate and comprehensive product information serves the interests of libraries, publishers, and vendors alike. With the methods highlighted in this presentation, the automated production of metadata can be carried out in a controlled manner while minimizing risks, thereby supporting the national bibliography's relevance and currency.

**From Granthagar to Global: Reimagining Universal Bibliographic Control Through India's National Library and RRRLF Network**

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation proposes a technology-driven framework for federated bibliographic control in India by linking the National Library's metadata initiatives with RRRLF's vast public library network. It explores AI-assisted authority control, vernacular cataloguing, and decentralized metadata creation across Indian languages. Drawing from recent pilots using linked open data and regional bibliographies, the model aims to strengthen global metadata ecosystems by rooting them in local knowledge.

infrastructures. It positions India not just as a participant but a co-creator of Universal Bibliographic Control, offering a culturally anchored, inclusive approach to bibliographic data governance in the 21st century.

*Speaker:* Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, University of Jammu, India

*Speaker:* Rakhi Kumari, University of Jammu, India

**Enhancing Inclusive Bibliographic Data: A Study of Disability Terminology in the Subject Headings of the National Library of Indonesia**

09:00 - 09:00

Indonesia's linguistic and cultural diversity contributes to a wide array of terms used to describe disabilities, terms that are often shaped by shifting social attitudes, institutional practices, and policies. While this richness reflects societal complexity, it also poses serious challenges for controlled vocabulary systems that aim to be clear, consistent, and internationally interoperable. The inconsistent application of disability-related terminology can obscure access, marginalize user communities, and weaken the reusability of bibliographic records on a global scale. This study focuses on the representation of disability-related terminology in the subject headings used by the National Library of Indonesia.

**UBC in LIS Education in the Arab World: Rethinking Curricula for AI-Driven Metadata Ecosystems**

09:00 - 09:00

This study explores the integration of UBC principles within LIS curricula across Gulf Cooperation Council countries, focusing on how academic programs are (or not) preparing future professionals for the challenges and opportunities of AI-enhanced metadata ecosystems.

By presenting curricular recommendations grounded in regional needs and global best practices, it contributes to a wider conversation about how educational institutions can ensure the continuity and evolution of UBC. It also highlights the role of regional collaboration, policy support, and investment in professional capacity-building as

critical enablers for bridging the gap between traditional cataloguing practices and the demands of AI-integrated bibliographic infrastructures.

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Local History and Genealogy section

Session: 097

**Uniting Knowledge by Tasting the Past: What Culinary Collections Reveal About Local History and Culture**

Food is a universal topic of conversation—people love to discuss their favorite dishes, the foods they dislike, and the memories tied to meals shared with family and friends. The foods available in a community, along with its agricultural practices and culinary traditions, shape local identity and cultural heritage. Libraries, archives, and cultural institutions play a vital role in preserving and celebrating this culinary history. Institutions help document and share the rich stories behind food traditions. This panel will explore institutions contribute to the preservation of family and local history through culinary collections and food-related programming.

*Coordinator:* Cherie Bush, FamilySearch International, United States

**Collaboration and Preservation of Traditional Food in Abu Dhabi**

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The presentation will explore the Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism efforts in preserving and interpreting traditional Emirati food and beverages, focusing on the foodways and food rituals associated with preparing and serving Gahwa (Arabic coffee) and Harees. Examining these practices will highlight their cultural significance in family gatherings, official occasions, traditional festivities, Ramadan evenings, and hospitality. The talk will also address how these traditions evolve with modern challenges, balancing preserving heritage with innovation in the face of globalization, technological advancements, and changing social values.

**From the Kitchen to the Archive: Taking Cookbooks to Local History Researchers**

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[Paper in English](#)

This presentation explores often-overlooked historical and cultural significance of community cookbooks—those humble, spiral-bound compilations of recipes created by churches, schools, clubs, and grassroots women's groups. Cookbooks serve as rich primary sources that document the lives, labor, values, and voices of women across generations. Librarians in Special Collections at USM have prioritized collecting cookbooks from around the state. Focusing on promoting research and use of the cookbooks, this talk will include an overview of the cookbook collection at the University of Southern Mississippi how the items can be used in research, and outreach efforts to the community and students.

*Speaker:* Jennifer Brannock, The University of Southern Mississippi, United States

**Preserving Culinary Heritage through Libraries: Japanese Local Food Culture from Sweets to Sushi and Pathfinders**

Japanese public libraries play an active role in preserving and revitalizing local food traditions through workshops, seasonal events, and curated collections. These initiatives focus not only on documenting recipes but on creating spaces where communities can rediscover and share their culinary heritage.

This presentation highlights several programs rooted in seasonal customs.

*Special Sessions*

09:00 - 17:00

Offsite

Session: 101

**Conference of Directors of National Libraries 2025 - Meeting National Academic Library of Kazakhstan, Astana**

*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 11:45

Astana/Congress Center

Session: 102

**Keynote Session**

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 11:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: News and media Section, Information Technology Section, Digital Humanities/Digital Scholarship

Special Interest group, Serials and Continuing Resources, and Artificial Intelligence Sections

Session: 103

**Media behavior and news consumption in the age of AI and digitalization**

Main objective is to bring together librarians, educators, researchers, practitioners, and other interested stakeholders to explore the evolving dynamics of media consumption, news dissemination, and digital literacy in today's rapidly changing social and cultural landscape. Because we do believe that news literacy is the direction strongly connected with traditional libraries' functions like bibliographic instructions and information delivery, but at the same time engagement of LIS professionals in solving problems of news literacy in digital environment foster collaboration, widen knowledge and skills of librarians and spreading the awareness about libraries' role among different stakeholders.

*Coordinator:* Victor Mutyev

*Coordinator:* Cory Lampert, University of Nevada, United States

**Information War in the Age of AI: Media Narratives and Misinformation during Operation Sindhoor**

10:45 - 10:45

Using a qualitative content analysis of media reports, government briefings, and social media content, this study identifies key themes in how Operation Sindhoor was represented and misrepresented across platforms. It also highlights the techniques of digital propaganda, viral misinformation, and coordinated narrative shaping. Particular focus is given to the role of platforms such as Twitter/X, WhatsApp, and YouTube in circulating both verified updates and misleading content.

The paper calls for stronger frameworks for digital literacy, information verification, and crisis communication to mitigate the consequences of such conflicts on public understanding and democratic discourse.

*Speaker:* C. Syamili, University of Calicut, Department of Library and Information Science, India

**Virtual Service in Library as a Hub of Information Openness: A Digital Strategy to Combat Misinformation in the AI Era**

10:45 - 10:45

In the contemporary digital era, characterized by the unprecedented proliferation of information, the pervasive spread of misinformation has emerged as a critical challenge, particularly in contexts such as Indonesia where rapid digital adoption intersects with evolving media consumption behaviors. The National Library of Indonesia, through its virtual services, offers a strategic avenue to enhance news literacy and foster informational transparency. This study aims to examine the perceptions, experiences, and challenges encountered by users and librarians of the National Library of Indonesia's virtual platform in the context of widespread misinformation.

**Algorithmic Bias in AI-Driven News Production and Dissemination: The Dynamics of X Misinformation During Elections**

10:45 - 10:45

In the process of addressing questions like what tweets and users are similar to my interests, and what tweets my friend liked, confirmation bias results, and echo chambers that create polarization during election discourse. The study surveyed secondary sources from JSTOR and ProQuest databases on X's election information sharing, which revealed that X's platform perpetuated misinformation, amplified subjective and divisive narratives during the elections in the US, EU, Germany, and Poland. Reimagining the recommendation algorithms to incorporate a fact-checking component would address misinformation, confirmation bias, and echo chambers, and unify information sharing.

*Speaker:* Njideka N. Charlotte Ojukwu, University of Zululand, South Africa

**Swipe, Watch, Believe? Gen Z News Consumption Trends and the Role of Libraries in Promoting Critical Engagement in Pakistan**

10:45 - 10:45

This study aims to explore how Gen Z interact, interpret and consume digital news through TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube in the Pakistani context. Libraries are traditionally trusted hubs for information access and literacy. In this situation they are now confronted with the challenge of redefining their role in this evolving media environment. Therefore, study will also examine the strategic support provided by the libraries towards Gen Z's critical engagement with news, promote digital media literacy, and serve as active agents in combating misinformation.

*Speaker:* Faiza Bashir, Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab, Pakistan

*Speaker:* Almas Khanum, Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan

**A Multi-Agent Debate Approach Based on Large Language Models for Scientific and Technological Misinformation Detection**

10:45 - 10:45

We first conduct a comprehensive literature review to clarify the definitions, diffusion mechanisms, and societal impacts of misinformation. Furthermore, through content analysis of 200 representative samples of scientific and technological misinformation, we extract and classify key features across multiple dimensions—including semantic structure, emotional tone, linguistic style, and technical specificity—to construct a comprehensive representation framework specific to this domain. Building upon this foundation, we propose MAD-MID (Multi-Agent Debate framework for Misinformation Detection in Science and Technology), a novel detection approach grounded in large language models.

*Speaker:* Baiyang Li, Academy of Military Science, China

**Building AI Awareness and News Literacy in Fiji: USP Library's Response To AI and Journalism Challenges in Fiji**

10:45 - 10:45

The University of the South Pacific (USP) Library will be planning a series of initiatives to strengthen AI awareness and news literacy among journalism students and educators. As the Information Research Skills Coordinator and Liaison Librarian for Journalism, I see it as our responsibility to lead efforts that equip future journalists to critically engage with AI technologies, uphold ethical standards, and preserve Pacific voices in the digital age.

## Congress Programme

10:45 - 11:45

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section

Session: 104

**Building a Sustainable Future for Resource Sharing in a Changing World**

Due to the changing nature of business practices, Resource Sharing experts are deeply involved in discussing the challenges of the international shipping of physical materials and the payment methods for service charges. The technology opens new doors for library professionals to overcome these challenges. The transition of the IFLA voucher system, incorporation of controlled digital lending, and initiatives such as RSCVD are only a few of these new approaches under development. This session will allow the parties who ponder these solutions to present via short presentations. It will also allow the audience to participate actively in the discussion in the second half of the session using the fishbowl technique.

*Coordinator:* Tuba Akbayturk**Findings of international resource sharing payment methods through two global surveys**

10:45 - 10:45

One of the major barriers for international resource sharing services is financial transactions. Libraries across the globe are using different methods to pay and charge their international resource sharing borrowing and lending fees. This session shares survey results from the American Library Association Reference & User Service Association Sharing and Transforming Access to Resource Section International Interlibrary Loan Committee and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) ISO/TC 46/SC 4/ Ad Hoc Group 1 for Interlibrary Loan Financial Transactions. The session further discusses findings from the global surveys and makes recommendations for future development.

**Challenges and Solutions in Cross-Border Resource Sharing**

10:45 - 10:45

The results of a survey on the difficulties of cross-border interlibrary exchanges of physical items (customs, payment and shipping methods) and possible solutions adopted and proposed by libraries will be presented. Furthermore, the opportunities to overcome the limits of physical items exchange via RSCVD digital lending potential will be discussed

*Speaker:* Giovanna Colombo, Science Library, University of Insubria, Italy**IFLA Vouchers: Present and Future**

10:45 - 10:45

The IFLA vouchers make it easier for organizations and members to pay for international interlibrary (ILL) requests across borders by using a voucher instead of needing to do a formal money transfer. IFLA vouchers enable all libraries to provide interlibrary requests for the benefit of their users. IFLA has facilitated the sale and redemption of interlibrary loan vouchers for over twenty years. The IFLA Vouchers Working Group, established in 2025, actively investigates the current situation with vouchers globally and works on developing recommendations for the IFLA Governing Board. This presentation will highlight key findings and discuss the future plans.



## Congress Programme

10:45 - 11:45

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Advisory Committee on Standards, Bibliographic Conceptual Models, International Standards Bibliographic Description, Metadata Technical Standards, Universal MARC format Review Groups and the Accessibility Metadata Network

Session: 105

**Standards Matter: Building a sustainable future for information**

Presentations aim to continue the dialogue started during the IFLA Standards and Metadata Symposium, Metadata Standards Matter: Building a Sustainable Future for Information, held in Athens, Greece, on 19 March 2025. Metadata standards are essential for the organization, management, and retrieval of information in various domains. They provide a structured framework for describing data, ensuring consistency and interoperability across systems and platforms. They are more than technical specifications; they are the pillars that support the accessibility, interoperability, and preservation of information across various platforms and institutions.

This session also highlights current standards work within IFLA, particularly the newly approved guidelines (IFLA Guidelines for Making Libraries Accessible for People with Disabilities, and IFLA Guidelines for Libraries Supporting Displaced Persons) from the Equitable and Accessible Library Services section as well as work-in-progress on ISBD for entity-based cataloguing.

*Coordinator:* Pat Riva, Concordia University, Canada

*Coordinator:* Mikael Wetterstom

**Why metadata standards and models matter?**

10:45 - 10:45

This presentation explores the role of metadata standards and models in contemporary information environments, the imperative for interoperability, their limitations and implications. It argues that metadata standards and models are foundational infrastructure, ensuring consistency, quality and interoperability of information resources. It examines the functions of metadata, its typologies and the roles of stakeholders, including AI and machine learning approaches, in its creation, management and use. It highlights a paradigm shift towards enriched, linked, open and filterable metadata. Modern metadata standards and models are indispensable for fostering interoperability, resource sharing, maximising resource utilisation and establishing the logical structure of bibliographic information.

*Speaker:* Getaneh Alemu, Southampton Solent University, United Kingdom

**Artificial intelligence vs. smart cataloguing: a prospective dialogue**

10:45 - 10:45

A prospective look at the potential contribution of recent technological developments to the challenges faced by cataloguing. As a consequence of the evolution of bibliographic models, cataloguers are faced with new tasks. Concurrently, their hiring, training and retaining presents increasing challenges for libraries. Meanwhile the promises of artificial intelligence garner interest from librarians and decision-makers who might be tempted to see the latter as an answer to the problems caused by the former. This presentation is a dialogue seeking a smart way forward: how to harness artificial intelligence where it is useful while keeping humans at the centre of considerations?

**IFLA Guidelines for Making Libraries Accessible for People with Disabilities & IFLA Guidelines for Libraries Supporting Displaced Persons**

10:45 - 10:45

This presentation introduces two Guidelines prepared by the Equitable and Accessible Library Services section that were published in 2024.

*Speaker:* Mohd Faizal Hamzah, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**Towards a multiple-entity ISBD**

10:45 - 10:45

Implementing the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM) requires the ISBD to align with an entity-based bibliographic universe. The first phase of the alignment project has been completed for the Manifestation entity, resulting in the ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM). ISBDM is designed for stand-alone use in a cataloguing environment based on a multiple-entity conceptual model. A second phase of the project will attempt to align the ISBD with the rest of the LRM entities using the same single-entity stand-alone approach, with the goal to create an ISBD for each LRM entity, a collective ISBD for LRM.

*Speaker:* Mikael Wetterström, National Library of Sweden, Sweden

*Special Sessions*

12:00 - 14:00

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 106

**Poster Session 1***Coordinator:* Alain Zayan

Poster Area/Congress Center

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Organizers: Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section

Session: 107

**The 2025 IFLA Green Library Award Ceremony**

The IFLA Green Library Award, first launched in 2016, is presented by the IFLA/ENSULIB Section. The Award has a major impact on the transformation of all types of libraries through the promotion of green and sustainable library initiatives locally, regionally and worldwide. It creates awareness of libraries' social responsibility and leadership in environmental education. The Award Ceremony in WLIC every year gives libraries the opportunity to share green and sustainable practices and experiences with the global library field.

*Coordinator & chair:* Harri Sahavirta, Helsinki City Library, Finland

Astana/Congress Center

**The Growth Library: Reading Without Borders, Growth With Sustainability** -

Yantian District in Shenzhen, China, is an UN-recognized International Sustainable Development Demonstration Area. The Yantian Library, embracing sustainable development, transformed the former Vanke Group headquarters into the **Growth Library**. Spanning 120,000 sqm, it uses 85% green energy, reduces energy and water consumption by 60% and 50%, and cuts 800 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually. The library also features green initiatives like kitchen waste recycling and eco-friendly restaurants. Leading the "**Yantian Initiative**," it partnered with 2,721 libraries nationwide to promote sustainability through education, management, service, and construction. The Growth Library serves as a global model for sustainable library development.

**James Baldwin Library: SDGs Inside a Sustainable Project** -

As part of the Parisian library network, James Baldwin Library shares the 2.800 m<sup>2</sup> building and vegetalisated property of 6.000 m<sup>2</sup> with the Refugees Home, Emmaüs Solidarity and Singa. The library is also one of the 5 deaf hubs in the network. It is one of Paris flagship architectural projects. It notably stems from the adoption of the Climate Plan by the Paris Council in 2017: low-tech, positive energy (presence of photovoltaic panels on the roof), low carbon, bio-sourced materials, sourced from reuse or the circular economy, but also strong user involvement in the operation.

**Retro Roots, Green Future: A Midcentury Marvel in Sustainability** -

Nashville Public Library's new Donelson Branch, which opened in June 2024, is the centerpiece and civic anchor of the redevelopment of Donelson Plaza from a run-down 1960's era shopping center to a modern, midcentury-inspired, walkable urban town center. When viewed through the lens of the Triple Bottom Line, the library, its operations, and its programming are environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible.

**Green Festival - Karlovac Green Story** -

The library in Karlovac County, is one of the country's largest public libraries, serving numerous members and over 150,000 annual visitors through 500+ events promoting community engagement and environmental awareness. Its green initiatives began in 1976 as Croatia's first purpose-built library, expanding in 2007 with an energy-efficient extension featuring a green roof for eco-events. In 2019, the original building underwent energy-efficient renovations. The library further highlighted its sustainability efforts with the "Green Festival - Karlovac Green Story", fostering national and international collaboration. The festival's success has positioned it as a key national event, uniting librarians and experts in green initiatives.

**“Lire pour Agir” : The Prize of the Socioecological Transition Book** -

The *Lire pour Agir* (Read to Act) Prize annually honors books that inspire action in the socio-ecological transition, encouraging readers to vote for the work most likely to motivate environmental commitment. Each edition features six diverse books—two comics, two novels, and two essays—covering a range of ecological issues. The prize unites these books under a shared theme, raising awareness through curated displays at the Maison de l'Environnement library and partner venues. This initiative fosters environmental culture in Lyon Metropole and demonstrates how libraries can drive ecological awareness and action.

**Our Common Home, heart of the Little Naturalists of Querença** -

Short description: “Our Common Home” is a children’s library established in 2020 by the Foundation in partnership with Loulé City Council, featuring books on environmental themes linked to the Manuel Gomes Guerreiro Eco-Botanical Trail. Designed to inspire young readers to Know, Tell, Create, and Care for Earth’s biodiversity, it fosters curiosity, environmental responsibility, and cultural appreciation through interactive activities. A key social sustainability project engaging students from Querença School, which include animal-assisted reading to boost literacy. Over five years, this commitment has nurtured harmony with nature while strengthening education and local belonging.

**From Waste to Wealth: Green Library Through Circular Economy** -

Thammasat University Library has implemented the “From Waste to Wealth: Green Library Through Circular Economy” project to reduce waste and promote efficient resource utilization through circular economy principles. The project aims to raise environmental awareness, minimize single-use plastics, encourage recycling, and transform waste into valuable resources. It is driven by the Journey of Transformation, which consists of six key initiatives. This initiative highlights the role of libraries as sustainability learning hubs and serves as a model for integrating circular economy practices to create tangible social and environmental impacts.

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 108

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

**Library fields - from theory to practice**

We talk a lot about the idea of a library 'field', but how can we describe it in practice, let alone one that is able to work together effectively to achieve the goal of sustainable futures for all through knowledge and information?

Associations, national libraries, governments, civil society organisations and others all have their place, but how do they link together to form an ecosystem at the service of individual library and information workers and the communities they serve?

Come along to this session to hear about recent research published by IFLA, and to work collaboratively to explore how to map library fields, and reflect on how to optimise their sustainability and effectiveness. In doing so, help contribute to IFLA's future support for field development and durability.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

**A typology for library association development** -

A key part of the evaluating BSLA project was the development of a typology allowing reflection on the strengths and growth opportunities for library associations. Find out more about this work in this presentation.

*Industry Session*

13:30 - 14:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: OCLC

Session: 109

**Bridging Intelligence: Practical library applications of AI and Linked Data at OCLC**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping the way we access, share, and interpret information, but its potential is only as strong as the data that powers it. In this session, we'll explore our practical applications of AI in resource sharing, offering real-life examples that demonstrate its transformative impact. We'll also provide an update on our ongoing work with linked data, highlighting how it enhances discoverability and interoperability. Most importantly, we'll connect the dots between AI and linked data, underscoring how the structured, interconnected nature of linked data can strengthen the accuracy and relevance of artificial intelligence in ways that help advance librarianship. Join us to discover how these technologies are working together to redefine how libraries can serve their communities.

Coordinator: Gemma Burke

**Bridging Intelligence: Practical library applications of AI and Linked Data at OCLC**

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Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Academic and research Library Section

Session: 111

**Libraries as Springboard in national Development: Opportunities and Challenges**

This session will focus on a broad range of topics to highlight libraries' roles as proactive agents in facilitating the development of a nation including

- facilitating access to current information
- supporting education and digital literacies
- enabling groundbreaking research
- serving as central hub of engagement and discourse
- highlighting challenges libraries face in maximizing their impact.

Coordinator: Mimi Calter, Washington University Libraries, United States

**Empowering AI Research through Strategic Partnerships: The Role of Libraries in Building New York State's AI Future**

In January 2024, Governor Hochul of New York announced the launch of the Empire AI Consortium, a transformative initiative in artificial intelligence research, bringing together leading public and private universities to establish a state-of-the-art AI computing center hosted at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. This consortium aims to advance AI research for the public good, positioning New York at the forefront of the global AI revolution. This presentation will highlight the role of UB libraries in building New York State's AI future.

**The Main Priorities and Directions of Creating a Library Ecosystem in Kazakhstan**

Government agencies and library communities at the levels of library associations and individual libraries are undertaking a number of initiatives and projects to increase impact of libraries on the society. This presentation will focus on the current situation and prospects for the development of librarianship in Kazakhstan, as well as the main priorities and strategic directions for the development of the library ecosystem in the country, which is based on library education, the coordinated activities of national libraries and library associations, as well as their cooperation with relevant government agencies.

**From Access to Action: Pustaka's Role in Building a Digitally Inclusive and Sustainable Sarawak**

The Sarawak State Library (Pustaka) plays a critical role in advancing the Sarawak Post COVID-19 Development Strategy 2030 (PCDS2030) by fostering economic prosperity, social inclusivity, and environmental sustainability through digital inclusion initiatives. As a key institution appointed by the Sarawak Government, Pustaka strengthens digital competency and readiness across diverse communities, ensuring equitable access to technology and learning resources. This presentation highlights

three core initiatives driving Pustaka's contribution to PCDS2030 that focus on the library's role as a dynamic enabler of economic, social, and environmental progress, positioning it at the forefront of Sarawak's digital future.

### **Fueling National Progress Through Library Support for Interdisciplinary and Transformative Research: A Systematic Review**

This study presents a systematic review of literature examining how libraries support interdisciplinary and transformative research efforts that contribute to national progress. Drawing from four scholarly databases including Google scholar, Scopus, Web of Science, and Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA), the review analyzes peer-reviewed publications from 2013 to 2023. The study focuses on the strategic roles libraries play in research facilitation ranging from curating access to diverse information resources, fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration, supporting research data management, to integrating digital tools and platforms that enhance innovation.

#### *Business Meetings*

13:30 - 14:45

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

Session: 113

#### **IFLA Digital Heritage Network Meeting**

IFLA's brand new Digital Heritage Network was established in 2025. This seeks to unite the many separate threads of conversation about digital heritage already taking place, both within and out with IFLA's purview, and to identify, share, centralise, and promote good practice for those actively working with digital cultural heritage. This will be the first in-person meeting of participants, and will start to facilitate connections between interested members on specific topics of interest and identify potential collaboration.

#### **IFLA Digital Heritage Network**

Introduction to the IFLA Digital Heritage Network and its goals.

#### *Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Bibliography Section, Art Libraries Section

Session: 110

#### **Art and Bibliography in Digital Dialogue**

In the evolving GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums) landscape, digital technologies are transforming how art and its bibliographic information are described, accessed, and experienced.

This shift—driven by innovations in cataloguing, subject and genre descriptions, linked data, and AI—opens new avenues for discovery and user engagement.

The session will explore the intersection of art and bibliography in the digital age within art libraries and GLAM collections, focusing on how technological advancements are enhancing the description, preservation, access, presentation, connection, and discovery of art across all formats—from cultural heritage to born-digital and GenAI materials, addressing some of the ethical and legal challenges they raise.

Art Bibliography, Digital Transformation, Art Discovery

*Coordinator & chair:* Rehab Ouf, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt

*Coordinator & chair:* Rana Abdulrahman, Qatar National Library, Qatar

#### **Reconciling interoperability and digital preservation in art library metadata: a case study from the Warburg Institute**

13:30 - 13:30

Two strategic aims should define a library's metadata strategy: interoperability and long-term preservation for future systems. The reconciliation of these conflicting aims underlies the metadata strategy which has been adopted at the Warburg Institute, University of London. The Institute is a centre for the study of images, their history and role in culture, and has a primary research and teaching focus on the history of art. Its key digital resource is a database of approximately 110,000 images of works of art categorised by an extensive taxonomy of iconographic subjects. The presentation will outline the practical implementation of this strategy.

Speaker: Richard Gartner, Warburg Institute, University of London, United Kingdom

**From Cassette to Cloud: Reimagining Nusantara's Pop Music Heritage through Digital Platforms as Living Art**

13:30 - 13:30

This research explores how Indonesia's pop music heritage is not only preserved but reimagined through digital platforms, positioning it as living art. The study highlights the work of Irama Nusantara, Indonesia's leading digital music archive, which curates and digitizes pop music from 1960s to 1990s.

These digitized songs evolve into visual narratives, interconnected metadata, and participatory sonic experiences. The archive's approach blurs traditional bibliographic boundaries - merging cataloging, genre description, and metadata with digital storytelling, remix culture, and community memory. Through a literature review and interview, we examine how digitization serves safeguarding analog artifacts and activating cultural imagination.

**AI and the Cultural Commons: Copyright and Cultural Integrity in AI-Generated Artifacts in the Global South**

13:30 - 13:30

This presentation explores the exploitation risks inherent in the use of AI trained on culturally specific data, often without consent or benefit to the communities of origin. When AI systems draw inspiration from indigenous knowledge or traditional aesthetics, who should be credited as the creator or compensated as the rightful holder? Are such outputs co-authored works? What does authorship mean in the context of non-human agents and marginalized cultural sources?

The authenticity in AI-generated cultural works is explored. Drawing on case studies from developing countries we call for a rethinking of legal and ethical standards governing AI and cultural heritage.

**Art Libraries in the Society 5.0 Era: A Framework for Collaborative Knowledge Exchange**

13:30 - 13:30

This study presents an analysis of the evolving equilibrium between art libraries and bibliographic practices within the contemporary society 5.0 landscape. It identifies several challenges in an evolving landscape, including institutional cultural differences, incompatible systems, disparate metadata standards, and varying priorities in digital content management. Opportunities for advancement include the development of shared digital platforms, standardization of art bibliographic metadata, integration of diverse systems through linked data technologies, and increasingly using digital tools to transform static bibliographies into dynamic knowledge networks that connect siloed information resources. The study outlines how art libraries can support digital scholarship and ensure bibliographic integrity.

Speaker: Daniel Rankadi Mosako, University of South Africa (Department of Information Science), South Africa

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Organizers: New Professionals Special Interest Group

Session: 114

**Navigating the Future: A Beginner's Guide to AI Tools for Professional and Academic Success**

This workshop will provide participants with the skills needed to navigate the future of libraries and information centers. The workshop begins with an introduction overview of AI tools for libraries and librarians. Afterwards, participants learn how to use some of these tools for their work or personal projects. This workshop is hands-on, giving the participants time to use the tools, ask questions, and share their findings. The tools taught in this workshop teach participants to summarize articles and create citations for literature reviews, make images for marketing, or draft teaching plans using AI.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required to attend this workshop. Seating is limited, and we will notify those who are selected. The workshop will be conducted in English, and participants are required to bring a laptop.

Please register here: <https://forms.gle/2ZpMj6V549gTxuWF6>

Coordinator & chair: Paria Aria, Texas A&M University, United States

**AI Tools for Marketing**

This is a hands-on practice where participants try AI tools for creating images and videos.

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**AI Tools for Literature Reviews**

This is a hands-on practice where participants try AI tools for finding articles and doing literature reviews.

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*Speaker:* Mahmoud Khalifa, WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany

*Business Meetings*

13:30 - 14:45

Alatau/Congress Center

Session: 112

**Bibliographic Conceptual Models (BCM) Review Group***Business Meetings*

15:00 - 16:15

Alatau/Congress Center

Session: 120

**International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD) Review Group***Congress Programme*

15:15 - 16:15

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA Journal

Session: 115

**Mastering Peer Review - A Guide for LIS Scholars**

Mastering Peer Review - A Guide for LIS Scholars is an instructional session aimed at demystifying the peer review process and equipping library and information science (LIS) scholars with the knowledge and skills needed to become effective peer reviewers. Led by Steve Witt, Editor of *IFLA Journal*, the session will provide step-by-step guidance on how to critically assess manuscripts, offer constructive feedback, and engage with the ethics and responsibilities of peer review. Whether you're new to reviewing or looking to sharpen your approach, this session offers practical insights into how peer review strengthens scholarly publishing and how you can contribute meaningfully to that process.

Steve Witt, Editor of IFLA Journal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Amanda Cossham, IFLA Journal Editorial Board, Open Polytechnic of New Zealand

Sara Benson, IFLA Journal Author and Reviewer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Coordinator:* Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

*Congress Programme*

15:15 - 16:15

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 116

**Leaders in Libraries: boosting leadership provision for all**

Building on the report prepared by the Arab Federation of Libraries and Information and published earlier this year, this session digs into the question of what sort of leadership programming the library field needs at all levels.

From the format and content of training to the sort of goals it should be seeking to achieve overall, this interactive session will aim to build up a wider understanding of the range of interventions that may be necessary to develop a culture of leadership across the sector.

Come along and help contribute to next steps in the development of this key area of work!

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

**Presenting the AFLI Study**

The AFLI study builds on existing literature and original survey work to build up an overview of experience of library leadership programming across the world, shedding insights into structures, approaches and more

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*Congress Programme*

15:15 - 16:15

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 118

**IFLA Strategy Session - into our 2nd century**

IFLA's Strategy 2024-2029 was launched last year at the Information Futures Summit, and will form a key reference point for IFLA's volunteer units as they develop their action plans.

But what does it contain, and why is it different? We'll be discussing the key ideas and innovations it contains, and working with you to reflect on how you can adapt it to your own needs.

In particular, we will also be talking about a key milestone in IFLA's history - our centenary in 2027. Come along both to hear about our plans and ideas, but also to share how you think we can make this into a lasting and global celebration.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

**IFLA100 - on the agenda**

With just two years to go until IFLA's centenary, find out about what is already planned, and reflect with us about how we can make it the most impactful, inclusive event possible.

*Congress Programme*

15:15 - 16:15

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections, Library and Research Services for Parliaments Section, Government Information and Official Publications Section

Session: 119

**Coaching session**

Have a coaching session with experienced IFLA coaches about your career development, workplace issues, teambuilding, skills and knowledge, general advice, or any other topic you may wish to discuss.

*Coordinator:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

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*Speaker:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

*Congress Programme*

15:15 - 16:15

Conference Hall 5&amp;6/Hilton

Organizers: LGBTQ+ Special Interest Group

Session: 117

**Issues and successes related to LGBTQ+ services in libraries**

Libraries are vital community hubs, serving as gateways to information, knowledge, and connection. However, ensuring equitable access and inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ patrons remains a critical and evolving challenge. This conference, aims to foster a global dialogue, exploring the complexities, successes, and future directions of LGBTQ+ services within library settings.

*Coordinator:* Thomas Chaimbault, France

**Speaking Out in the Stacks: Oral History Project of LGBTQIA+ Librarians**

15:15 - 15:15

This project aims to document the professional experiences of LGBTQIA+ librarians at the University of the Philippines Diliman by creating an oral history platform that fosters awareness of LGBTQIA+ representation in LIS and actively engages the community in developing the narratives

*Speaker:* Lucan Lopez Eugenio, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Philippines

**Digital Repository for Preserving LGBTQ+ Archives Histories in Indonesia**

15:15 - 15:15

This study explains how LGBTQ+ digital repositories in Indonesia were formed and managed. Then it examines the motivations, values, and strategies behind this digital repository initiatives. Furthermore, this study seeks to uncover the social, political, and technical challenges faced by repository managers and contributors



**Censorship and Its Implications for the Accessibility of LGBTQIA+ Themed Collections in the National Library of Indonesia**

15:15 - 15:15

This study explores the practice of censorship of LGBTQIA+-themed collections at the National Library of Indonesia and how it reflects the tension between the principle of open access to information and prevailing conservative social norms

*Speaker:* Soraya Hariyani Putri, National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia

**Piloting an Academic/Public Library Research Partnership: Black, Trans, Precariously Housed Women in Toronto**

15:15 - 15:15

This presentation will describe a pilot study that sought to design and test a research model that if successful, would be used in an academic/public library research partnership.

**LGBTQ+ Cultural Citizenship and Library Events: The Case of the Nélida Piñon Library at the Cervantes Institute Rio de Janeiro**

15:15 - 15:15

This paper discusses the challenges in the realisation, promotion and awareness of the diversity of cultural expressions for the LGBTQ+ community incorporated in the activities of the Nélida Piñon Library of the Cervantes Institute Rio de Janeiro.

*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Organizers: IFLA

Astana/Congress Center

Session: 122

**Mainstreaming Futures Thinking**

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Organizers: Library Theory and Research Section, Section on Education and Training, Library History and New Professionals Special Interest groups

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 123

**LIS and Ethical AI: deliberations on research, Scholarly Publishing, Teaching and in Libraries and Information Centers Innovative and future-ready:using AI as a tool**

*Coordinator:* Susmita Chakraborty, University of Calcutta, India

*Coordinator:* Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

**A Journal Editor's View of Navigating the Ethical Landscape of AI in Scholarly Publishing**

16:30 - 16:30

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into scholarly research, writing, and publishing presents a complex array of ethical challenges. As the editor of the IFLA Journal, this presentation will delve into the multifaceted implications of AI's adoption within the Library and Information Science (LIS) field, emphasizing the critical need for ethical guidelines and proactive engagement from all stakeholders. This presentation will explore the evolving roles of editors, publishers, and librarians in establishing ethical standards for AI usage. It will highlight the importance of collaborative efforts to ensure that AI enhances, rather than compromises, the integrity and quality of scholarly research and publishing. By examining current guidelines, industry practices, and educational initiatives, this presentation will build upon our understanding of how the LIS community can ethically integrate AI into its scholarly endeavors.

*Speaker:* Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Public Libraries, Metropolitan Libraries

Session: 125

**Libraries Supporting Democracy**

Explore the vital role libraries play in fostering democratic values at this dynamic session. The panel will address the current state of democracy worldwide, highlight innovative ways libraries are strengthening democratic engagement, and examine the global rise of censorship. Following the presentations, participants will engage in a World Café-style workshop to discuss the challenges their libraries face in supporting democracy. Attendees will also collaborate to identify key resources and strategies needed in a practical Handbook, empowering library services to deliver impactful democracy-supporting programs. Join us to share insights, strategies, and shape the future of libraries as pillars of democratic society.

*Coordinator:* Jane Cowell, Public Library Section, Australia*Coordinator:* Carolyn A. Anthony, Metropolitan Libraries Section, United States**Public Libraries and the role they play in strengthening democracies.**

The three panel chairs will present short presentations on the topic and will then deliver a workshop with the audience. Table Chairs will be nominated from the Public Library Section, Metropolitan Section and FAIFE to facilitate the workshop.

*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA, Management of Library Associations Section

Session: 156

**Association Members Meeting**

Representatives of all IFLA Association Members are invited to attend this session. Associations will share solutions to address common challenges around association development and communications. Come prepared to discuss and learn together.

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Religions: Libraries and Dialogue Special Interest Group

Session: 124

**At the service of communities: new challenges for religious libraries. Uniting knowledge to build a sustainable future**

In addition to the ethical and spiritual aspects of religious libraries, several other issues must be considered, such as: the knowledge and use of artificial intelligence. Sharing best practices with other professionals. The availability of documentary sources thanks to the professionalism of librarians and the development of new technologies that facilitate the services offered.

Gaining experience from other working groups and learning from their practices, such as digital preservation, sustainability, integration, multilingual and multicultural dialogue, and education.

Facilitating scientific research by sharing sources and using new professional strategies and technologies. Offering services for different types of audiences.

*Coordinator:* Anna Cascone, Lasallian Library and the La Salle Museum, Rome, Italy**Digital Preservation: Overview of Current Research and Practice in Religious Libraries**

Conservation, preservation, digitisation, collaboration, archives, libraries, museums, disasters, Artificial intelligence, Religious Libraries.

*Speaker:* Ornella Foglieni, Associazione Italiana Biblioteche and Chair of Preservation and Conservation Section, Italy

**School libraries, new educational challenges in the age of artificial intelligence**

Education, artificial intelligence, generative libraries, library services, young readers, collaboration, ethics, educating community.

**Information literacy for sustainable development.**

Sostenibilità, sviluppo, pace, tecnologia, energie rinnovabili, giustizia,

condivisione, professionalism, green libraries.

**Sharing experiences through professional networks.**

Institutions, Public History ,best practices, collaboration, digital environment, networkikg, associations.

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*Special Sessions*

18:30 - 22:00

Offsite

Session:

**Cultural Evening**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:30

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: All Regional divisions

Session: 130

**Advocacy and Collaboration in a time of Global Upheaval: A Unified Response from IFLA's Regional Divisions**

The IFLA Regional Divisions and Regional Council collaborate within their respective territories to identify regional priorities, ensuring the concerns of libraries and library workers are heard and acted upon. By bringing a regional perspective to IFLA's global advocacy efforts, our IFLA Regions work to strengthen the role of libraries in a world facing geopolitical instability, misinformation, and financial constraints. As norms and values are increasingly challenged, strong collaboration and strategic advocacy have never been more essential.

*Coordinator & chair:* Diane Koen

*Coordinator:* Ertugrul Cimen

**Panel Discussion with the RDC Chairs**

09:00 - 09:00

*Speaker:* Diane Koen

*Speaker:* Saif Aljabri, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

*Speaker:* Ertugrul Cimen, MEF University, Turkey

*Speaker:* Lin Li Soh, National Library Board, Singapore, Singapore

**Curation or Censorship? A Case from Münster and Its Implications for Libraries**

09:00 - 09:00

A recent case in Münster, Germany, involved the local public library labeling two books as containing controversial content that denied historical facts. The library defended this action as part of its educational mission and based on freedom of information and expression. One author objected, but the Münster Administrative Court ruled in April 2025 that such critical labeling is legal if presented objectively. This case raises broader questions about the role of libraries: should they simply provide access to information or also guide readers through contextualization and curation? The talk invites discussion rather than offering definitive answers

*Speaker:* Juliana Pranke, Germany Library Association (dbv), Germany

**Hidden from public view: advocating and collaborating for the information needs of incarcerated Manitobans**

09:00 - 09:00

Manitoba has one of Canada's highest incarceration rates, with 75% in remand and 80% of inmates being Indigenous, despite making up only 18% of the population. Yet, provincial prisons lack mandated library services, limiting access to legal, cultural, and educational resources. Since 2012, the Manitoba Library Association's Prison Libraries Committee has worked with community partners to create humane, informative spaces in prisons. Their advocacy challenges censorship, supports personal agency, and promotes systemic change. Partnerships with government and human rights organizations are influencing policy. This grassroots movement reflects the broader societal health, aiming to address injustices behind prison walls.

**Advocating for Fair and Sustainable Public Lending Right Tax in Serbian Public Libraries**

09:00 - 09:00

In 2024, Serbian librarianship faced a major threat from a proposed Public Lending Right (PLR) tax, risking mass public library closures. The Serbian Library Association led a strong advocacy campaign, urging the government to reconsider and calling on international bodies to condemn the move. While Serbia must align with the EU's Rental and Lending Directive, the proposed PLR scheme placed unsustainable financial burdens on libraries, endangering access to reading and public services. The campaign achieved initial success, halting the harmful proposal, but the challenge remains to ensure a revised, library-safe PLR model that supports both creators and communities.

*Speaker:* Jelena Glisovic, Serbian Library Association, Serbia

**Empowering digital literacy for researchers and librarians**

09:00 - 09:00

In today's tech-driven world, digital literacy is essential—not optional—especially for researchers and librarians who play key roles in knowledge sharing and innovation. This talk explores how digital literacy empowers equitable information access, bridges the digital divide, and fosters civic engagement. As information landscapes evolve, librarians and researchers must lead by developing strong digital skills and guiding their communities. The session highlights practical strategies, current trends, and the transformative impact of digital competencies. It aims to inspire proactive steps toward building a digitally inclusive society where all individuals can navigate, evaluate, and use information effectively

*Speaker:* Nabi Hasan, India institute of Technology, Central Library, India

**Strengthening Information Integrity in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Role of Libraries and Information Professionals in Combating Mis/Disinformation**

09:00 - 09:00

The rise of mis/disinformation in Sub-Saharan Africa threatens information integrity, democracy, and development. This scoping review examines the roles, strategies, and impact of libraries and information professionals in combating these issues. Focusing on studies from 2015–2025, sourced from Scopus and Google Scholar, the review explores interventions like media literacy programs, fact-checking, stakeholder partnerships, and policy responses. Guided by the PRISMA-ScR framework, it identifies gaps in research, practice, and policy, offering recommendations to strengthen libraries' role in promoting credible information. The findings aim to support future research and empower libraries to build a resilient, trustworthy information ecosystem in the region

*Speaker:* Danquah Mensah Monica, University of Ghana, Ghana

**The library as a place of empowerment for democracy**

09:00 - 09:00

We see libraries as essential pillars of democracy, fostering informed and engaged citizens who can participate in shaping their communities. Libraries offer a wide range of resources, including books, journals, databases and digital content, with equal access to information for all members of the community. This ensures that everyone has the opportunity to learn and interact with information, which is very important for everyone.

By promoting literacy and education through programs and services that help people of all ages develop their literacy skills, libraries enable users to participate more fully in democratic processes.

**Building Bridges for Inclusion: Lessons from the Library Bridges Project on Local Partnerships for Integration**

09:00 - 09:00

Migration is a longstanding global reality, and libraries are increasingly adapting to support displaced communities. The LiBri project—active in five European countries with 50+ libraries and NGOs—demonstrates how libraries can play a central role in integration by forming strategic partnerships with local authorities and migrant-led groups. Despite being trusted institutions, libraries are often overlooked in inclusion policies. LiBri addressed this by mapping stakeholders, co-creating local strategies, and offering practical tools like intercultural toolkits and advocacy platforms. This session shares replicable strategies for making libraries key drivers of inclusion, inviting global reflection and local action.

*Speaker:* Claudia Serbanuta, Communities of the Future Association, Romania

**Bridging Cultures, Building Communities": The Role of Academic Library in Fostering Multicultural Engagement and Digital Inclusion**

09:00 - 09:00

This study examines how academic libraries promote digital inclusion by overcoming language barriers through technology-driven storytelling. Using a 360-degree sound system (OTTOSONIC), the project offers multilingual content to engage diverse communities and enhance literacy. International students and staff narrate stories in their native languages, fostering intercultural exchange and creativity. The initiative reflects IFLA's digital equity goals and UNESCO's SDG 16 by advancing access to information, preserving cultural diversity, and encouraging dialogue. Libraries emerge as inclusive spaces that reduce linguistic barriers,

strengthen social cohesion, and support cultural understanding through innovative, user-centered approaches.

#### Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 131

#### **Enhancing Knowledge Societies through Collections: Learn more and get involved**

Preserving and providing access to library materials in the digital space can be a way to further their reach, grow their impact on society, and ensure their preservation into the future. Ensuring that an increasing body of digitised and born-digital cultural heritage is preserved and accessible is a critical aspect of enabling cultural participation and reducing inequalities - aspects of building knowledge societies.

This session will explore the impact that digitising collections can have on efforts to preserve and provide access to heritage. From a look at digitising endangered archives to digital heritage in the context of emerging technologies and born digital materials, this session will seek to raise awareness on new contexts on preserving and providing access to documentary heritage, and result in actionable strategies to grow library engagement with the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme and beyond.

*Coordinator & chair:* Claire Maguire

#### **Growing the Presence of Libraries at UNESCO**

UNESCO, the UN Education, Science, and Culture Organisation, is one of IFLA's key partners. Working especially with the Communications and Information Sector, IFLA highlights the significant contribution of libraries to achieving international goals. We have seen an increase in library engagement at UNESCO, but there is room for more growth, including in UNESCO's Memory of the World programme. This introduction talk will highlight how IFLA is bringing libraries to the table at UNESCO, and share tips for how you can be more involved - including in the upcoming call for nominations for the Memory of the World International Register.

#### Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:30

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Statistics and Evaluation Section

Session: 132

#### **Frontiers of Assessment: Transforming traditional assessment - new tools, new ideas and a new future**

This session unites knowledge to build a better future. It intends to first look at traditional assessment measures, data, tools etc, in different countries, contexts and libraries that have the potential to be used more robustly in the future to demonstrate impact and value of libraries and library organizations. The session will touch on how assessment can inform strategic planning. It hopes to explore innovative ideas for the use of big data sets, AI tools, quantitative and qualitative methods and story telling in assessment, demonstrating value and taking more advantage of the statistics we already collect.

*Coordinator:* Mary-Jo Romaniuk, University of Calgary, Canada

#### **Demonstrating Value of a Research Library**

Using the Impact Compass to demonstrate value of an academic/research library.

#### **TBD**

More information will be provided closer to the event and once all speakers are confirmed

#### **Using AI to Explore Statistical Data**

Library organizations collect a wealth of statistical data. AI tools can help explore that data and provide new insights.

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 134

**IFLA President's Session: Stronger, Bolder, Together**

The world has not stood still over the past two years - the term served by Vicki McDonald as IFLA President. Yet her theme - 'Stronger Together' has only become more relevant, as we face changes and challenges of a type, and at a scale, that would have seemed unimaginable even only in 2023.

But what does it mean to take a radical approach to working together, both amongst ourselves and with the wider world? Come along to hear inspiring - and sometimes provocative - ideas from thought leaders in our field, and share your own!

Don't forget also to mark down the President-elect's session in your agendas also, which will continue the discussion.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:30

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Professional Division B:

- Government Information and Official Publication Section
- Government Libraries Section
- Law Libraries Section
- Library and Research Services for Parliament Section
- Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group
- Women, Information and Libraries Special Interest Group

Session: 135

**Libraries as Incubators for Civil Society: Strengthening Trust, Democracy, and the Future**

This Division B Knowledge Café will explore how law libraries, parliamentary libraries and research services, government libraries, and other institutions providing government and official information contribute to civil society by fostering access to trusted information, supporting democracy, and promoting public trust. Through small, rotating discussion groups, participants will engage on five key themes: libraries as providers of legal and government information, their role in democratic participation and access to justice, the impact of AI on information integrity and public trust, strategies for strengthening libraries' civic role, and inclusive access to knowledge for women, equity and social empowerment. Facilitators and rapporteurs will guide each group and synthesize key takeaways. Open to librarians from all sectors, the session offers a participatory, Knowledge Café format that reflects the democratic ideals at the heart of libraries, aiming to generate actionable insights for professionals and policymakers alike.

*Coordinator:* Carolyne Menard

*Business Meetings*

09:00 - 10:30

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

Session: 137

**Library History Special Interest Group (SIG) Business Meeting***Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:30

Conference Hall 2/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA, Advisory Committee on Open science and Scholarship

Session: 138

**IFLA Open Science & Publishers Meeting***Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA Journal

Session: 133

**Mastering Peer Review: A Guide for LIS Scholars**

*Business Meetings*

09:00 - 10:30

Alatau/Congress Center

Session: 136

**IFLA Metatec Business Meeting***Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 139

**Keynote Session***Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Advisory Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters

Session: 140

**Navigating Copyright Considerations: Contemporary Developments and Implications for Libraries**

Copyright law is evolving in jurisdictions around the globe in response to the digital landscape, open access initiatives, and emerging technologies. As key facilitators of access to knowledge, libraries must navigate an increasingly complex legal landscape shaped by legislative reforms, international treaties, and shifting licensing models. This session will explore recent developments and review IFLA's advocacy efforts. Attendees will learn about policy trends and how these can impact approaches to copyright risk management in libraries.

*Coordinator:* Melissa Levine, University of Michigan Library, United States**Navigating Copyright Considerations: Contemporary Developments and Implications for Libraries**

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*Speaker:* Sara Benson, University of Illinois Library, United States*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:15

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Knowledge Management Section

Session: 142

**Knowledge Café: Uniting Colleagues in Building Our Future**

WLIC has the unique opportunity to draw upon the collective expertise and experiences of global members in order to connect with each other examining critical issues facing libraries. The Knowledge Café will connect colleagues as they gather to discuss the future of libraries and existing challenges. Together, IFLA colleagues will brainstorm on solutions and share best practices. Librarians will be energized through these discussions to act on current issues such as AI, leadership, wellness, finances, literacy, professional development, and organizational structures. The Café program structure will be highly interactive that will have the additional benefit of connecting participants with each other through discussion and reflection. The discussions will directly lead to actionable outcome that participants will take away to enhanced their leadership and services. Discussion notes will be distributed following the Congress, extending the session's insights to IFLA members.

*Coordinator:* Maggie Farrell, University of Nevada Las Vegas, United States**Introduction**

The Knowledge Café will start with an overview of the program format and participants will arrange themselves into discussion groups.

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*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:15

Conference Hall 2/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections

Session: 184

**Coaching session**

Have a coaching session with experienced IFLA coaches about your career development, workplace issues, teambuilding, skills and knowledge, general advice, or any other topic you may wish to discuss.

*Coordinator:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

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*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Evidence for Global & Disaster Health Special Interest Group

Session: 141

**Building Future Resilience: Leveraging Library Resources for Global and Disaster Health**

This session will explore the essential role of libraries in disaster preparedness and response, focusing on how they can improve health outcomes in the context of access, climate change, digital divides, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A keynote will discuss broadly the importance of librarians from all sectors in disaster response, followed by a panel of experts sharing their experiences, and ending with small group discussion amongst attendees. Summaries of the group discussions will inform a post-WLIC outcomes paper prepared by members of the E4GDH SIG and Health and Biosciences Libraries Section.

*Coordinator:* Elizabeth Ketterman, East Carolina University, United States

**Panel Facilitator**

Panel discussion will include practical examples of library support for localities experiencing disasters.

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*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:15

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections

Session: 190

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*Special Sessions*

12:00 - 14:00

Poster Area/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA Artificial Intelligence SIG,

Session: 143

**Poster Session 2**

*Coordinator:* Alain Zayan

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: Management and Marketing Section

Session: 144

**IFLA PressReader Marketing Award 2025**

Leslie Weir hosts the 2025 IFLA PressReader Marketing Award Ceremony, presenting the best library marketing of the year from around the world.

*Coordinator:* Nick Boxem, Dutch National Government, Netherlands

**PressReader segment**

Presented by James Fairbotham, Director of Libraries & Institutions at PressReader.

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA Journal, IFLA Publications

Session: 145

**Getting Published with IFLA: Insights from the Editors**

*Coordinator:* Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

**Insights into publishing a book in the IFLA Series from the Series Editor**

13:30 - 13:30

**Insights on Publishing in Academic Journals from the Editor of IFLA Journal.**

13:30 - 13:30

*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Advisory Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression Cataloguing Section,

Session: 147

**Information Integrity for a Healthy Information Environment***Coordinator:* Claire McGuire, IFLA Policy and Research Officer, Netherlands*Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Preservation and Conservation Section, Library Buildings and Equipment Section, and Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section

Session: 148

**Building, Sustainability and Preservation**

Research on the effects of sustainable storage and environment; what effects do passive constructions methods to change the quality of air , general information on constructions topics, .Discussion on some cases and adopted solutions, suggestions to organize new spaces and adopt methods to preserve born digital to prevent damage to books in grea library and new library repository buildings.

*Chair:* Ornella Foglieni, Associazione Italiana Biblioteche and Chair of Preservation and Conservation Section, Italy*Coordinator:* Philip Kent, University of Sydney and Chair of Library Buildings and Equipment Section, Australia*Coordinator:* Priscilla Pun, University of Macao Library, and Secretary of Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section, China*Coordinator:* Sonia Casquico, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's Art Library and Secretary of Preservation and Conservation Section, Portugal**Improving storageEnvironments while reducing Energy use and cost at the National Archives and Records Administration**

13:30 - 13:30

Over the30 years past, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has improved the storage environment for archival records while saving millions of dollars in utilities expenses an cutting energy consumption by over 40%. The presentation will focus on NARA two largest buildings and the equipment upgrades, adjustments and other approaches responsible for this savingsn .(Pre-recorded video presentation)

**Designed to impress. How construction challenges Impact library operations**

13:30 - 13:30

This presentation explores how ambitious architectural design and construction challenges Impactat the Nazarbayev University Library have influenced its day to day operations. While the library's striking design aims to inspire innovation and reflect academic excellence, its complex construction has posed significant operational hurdles.We will discuss the impact on services delivery, space utilization, and user experience, highlighting lessons learned and strategies adopted to maintain functionality and user satisfaction in the face of phisical constraints .

*Speaker:* Yelizavet Kamilova, Nazarbayev University Library, Kazakhstan**Building the new preservation center of the Bibliotheque nationale de Frnce in Amiens. sustainable future**

13:30 - 13:30

The case styudy reports on the BnF's landmark Amiens project due to open in 2029.They are aiming for the HQE (High Environmental Quality certification: a passive building ,with high inertia, which will eventually store 260 Km of collections / 1/3 of the BNF's collections).Advanced studied based thermo-dynamic simulations are refining the design of the building envelope to guarantee optimal storage conditions , while staying within budget.

*Speaker:* Nadia Perigaud, Bibliotheque National del France (BnF), France**Hair quality in the depositories of the National Library of the Czech Republic or the prevention of damage to books .**

13:30 - 13:30

This Technical monograph deals with one of the most important steps in the care of library collections, namely preventive conservation measures, It should serve as inspiration for all libraries monitoring and regulating cliimate parameters in library depositories At the same time , it can be beneficial for library workers and other cultural institutions.The results of

long term measurement, the development of methods for monitoring climatic parameters, the possibilities of regulation and case studies presented. The book introduces issue of preventive conservation provides clarification of the terminology in this area for greater comprehensibility.

*Speaker:* Petra Vavrova, National Library of Czech republic, Czech Republic

#### *Business Meetings*

13:30 - 15:00

Conference Hall 1/Hilton

Session: 149

#### **IFLA UNIMARC Business Meeting**

#### *Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 146

#### **Stronger voices, better laws: Knowledge Rights 21 Update**

IFLA runs the Knowledge Rights 21 Programme alongside our partners at LIBER and SPARC Europe, with the goal of making sure that the voices of libraries and the communities that they serve are heard when decisions are made about copyright and wider information law. Through supporting the building of networks at national level, direct advocacy in Brussels, and commissioning ground-breaking research, the Programme provides a boost to the work of libraries not just across Europe but globally.

With legislation focused on research on the agenda at the European level, as well as growing awareness that markets for digital content are not working as they should, there is also an unprecedented opportunity to share our experiences and call for the reforms that we need in order to be able to do fulfil our missions.

Come along to find out more about resources available from the Programme and how to get involved.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

#### **Presenting the Knowledge Rights 21 Programme**

Find out about the overall goals of the Programme, its research publications, and explore how you can get involved and contribute

#### *Special Sessions*

15:30 - 17:30

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA Reference and Information Services Section

Session: 151

#### **IFLA General Assembly**

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Thursday, August 21, 2025

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship

Session: 152

**Perspectives on open science: What libraries need to know about equitable open science, multi-lingualism, and open infrastructure**

The session aims to raise awareness of recent developments in open science and address issues in implementing open science across different library environments, geographic regions, and economic contexts. Equity and inclusion so that everyone can participate in science and research, and can benefit from these activities, is essential. Libraries are one of the most important partners in making this a reality through the services and infrastructure provided at academic, research, and public libraries around the world. Libraries play a vital role in ensuring research reaches communities where it is most needed, including at the local level through public libraries and citizen science projects.

*Coordinator:* Fiona Bradley, FAIFE, AI SIG, UNSW Sydney, Australia

**Introduction of the IFLA Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship (OSS)**

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**Introduction of the Session: Perspectives on Open Science**

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*Speaker:* Lilly Ho, Acquisition and Collection Development, Australia

**Advancing Equitable Open Science: DataCite's Role in Building a Global, Trusted, Research Infrastructure**

Persistent identifiers (PIDs) and open metadata are essential to building a transparent, inclusive, and reliable open research infrastructure. As highlighted by UNESCO, integrating PIDs into research workflows improves the discoverability and accessibility of diverse outputs. Libraries and institutions play a central role in advancing equitable open science by adopting PIDs and supporting open infrastructure. DataCite enables the registration of DOIs for a wide range of research outputs, resources and activities helping communities strengthen visibility, foster interoperability, and ensure knowledge remains accessible, connected, and reusable—ultimately contributing to a more inclusive global research ecosystem.

*Speaker:* Mohamad Mostafa, DataCite, Germany

**Championing Bibliodiversity and Multilingualism: The Role of Open Infrastructures and Libraries in Inclusive Open Science and Scholarship**

This presentation explores how the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) supports bibliodiversity and multilingualism through inclusive editorial criteria, language-aware indexing, and regional outreach. It highlights the vital role libraries play in promoting non-English and regionally grounded research—through discovery, support for institutional journals, and guidance for researchers. Drawing on global examples, it offers actionable strategies for collaboration between libraries and open infrastructures like DOAJ to embed linguistic and regional diversity into scholarly communication systems, ensuring a more equitable and inclusive open science landscape.

*Speaker:* Vrushali Dandawate, DOAJ, AISSMS COE Pune, India

**Open Books Hong Kong: Multilingualism and Bibliodiversity**

Open Books Hong Kong is a groundbreaking pilot project that reimagines access to academic monographs in Chinese. Launched in July 2024, it offers free online access to 36 peer-reviewed titles from three university presses and academic libraries. It addresses the underrepresentation of Chinese-language research in open-access research publishing. By

emphasizing multilingualism and bibliodiversity, it democratizes knowledge and fosters global scholarly exchange. With over 430,000 views from 170,000 users, the first year of the initiative demonstrates strong demand and impact. This talk explores its development, challenges in sustainability and infrastructure, and its potential as a scalable model for inclusive academic dissemination.

*Speaker:* Benjamin Meunier, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

### **Bridging Mountains and Minds: The Role of Libraries in Advancing Equitable and Multilingual Open Science in Nepal and Beyond**

This presentation explores how libraries in Nepal and the Global South are advancing equitable and multilingual Open Science through inclusive knowledge practices, digital infrastructure, and regional cooperation. It highlights the challenges of language diversity, access inequality, and capacity gaps, while proposing strategies for libraries to foster cross-border knowledge exchange. The paper emphasizes the critical role of libraries in building an equitable, open, and inclusive scholarly ecosystem that bridges local knowledge systems with global scientific communication.

## *Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: National Libraries Section

Session: 153

### **Collecting in a Digital World: Inclusivity and Sustainability**

National Libraries today face a growing responsibility: to reflect the full diversity of their nation's stories in a rapidly shifting digital landscape. From YouTube videos and photographs from mobile phones to social media and oral histories, born-digital content now forms a significant part of our documentary heritage. This session will explore how some national libraries around the world are responding to these challenges.

*Coordinator:* Liisa Savolainen, University of Helsinki, Finland

#### **Collecting with, not from communities in the digital age**

The Australian population is extremely diverse. More than 50% of Australians were either born overseas, or their parents were. More than 25% Australians speak another language other than English at home. From 2019, the Library clearly signaled its intentions to improve representation of First Nations and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities in the collection. Successful projects with First Nations Australians, and three migrant communities have delivered strong outcomes - and established a blueprint for future engagement. The presentation will focus on how digital channels were used to engage communities and build collections, and the longer-term outcomes after sustained efforts.

#### **Culture Memory in the Digital Age**

Hannah Sommers will share an overview of Library of Congress' strategic approach to developing born- digital and digitized collections, examples of projects aligned with these strategies and aimed at expanding access to and representation within the library's digital collections, and reflections on the benefits and challenges of working at scale to support cultural memory in the digital age.

#### **Rebuilding Memory through Digital Collecting: The Case of the National Library of Kosovo**

Recognizing the urgent need to protect and reconstruct lost or fragmented heritage, the National Library of Kosovo has prioritized inclusive digital collecting strategies that engage directly with communities. A cornerstone of this effort is the Memory Center, which has led projects such as Memory of Kosovo—dedicated to preserving collective memory, especially related to the 1999 war—Migration Memory, and Elderly Testimonies, focusing on oral histories of older generations. This presentation will examine the Library's approach as a case study of inclusivity, and sustainability in digital collecting.

### **Keys to Palestine: A Digital Platform for Memory, Resistance, and Community**

In the aftermath of October 7th, thousands of Palestinians from Gaza were displaced. Many arrived in Qatar, seeking safety and healing. They brought with them: stories, memories, and symbolic keys to homes they may never see again. At Qatar National Library, we launched the "**Keys to Palestine**" community project—a digital initiative designed to preserve and amplify Palestinian voices in exile. Displaced Palestinians are invited to submit photos, videos, poems, oral histories, and artwork, creating an evolving archive of memory, struggle, and identity. The presentation will explore how a national library became a co-creator with a displaced community.

*Speaker:* Rana Ahmed Alani, Qatar National Library, Qatar

### **Collecting and Preserving National Digital Intellectual and Cultural Heritage for a Sustainable Future: The Role and Challenges of the National Library of Korea**

The National Library of Korea (NLK) plays an important role in collecting and preserving online resources—often at risk of disappearing—as part of Korea's digital intellectual and cultural heritage. Since 2024, the NLK has been identifying and collecting a wide range of globally distributed online K-content—including videos, audio files, images, and webtoons. With growing volume and the rapid rise of AI-generated digital publications, the NLK is increasingly challenged in defining the scope and priorities of its online collection efforts. This presentation will provide an overview of the NLK's current digital collection strategies to address this.

### **Addressing Silences through born digital collecting at the National Library of Scotland**

Sustained collaboration with civic organisations, trusted by and well connected to their communities, has been the key to three example projects at the National Library of Scotland which have resulted in additions to the permanent national collections of diverse born-digital content including TikTok videos from the point of view of a Scottish Deaf creator, oral history recordings and creative media presenting the life stories and experiences of the LGBT community in Scotland, and films made by young people reflecting their experiences of the covid pandemic. This presentation will feature the experiences of these three projects.

*Speaker:* Alison Stevenson, National Library of Scotland, United Kingdom

#### *Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 075

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

#### **What have we learned from library-led AI Literacy**

Amidst rising global tensions and dis/misinformation, libraries are playing a crucial role in reducing polarization and ensuring equitable access to AI literacy worldwide. Over the past years, several have collaborated with IFLA to lead initiatives that aimed to strengthen the capacity of library staff and the communities they serve. As a result, this session will discuss the impact reports of the MLCE project and the MILSR 'Supercharged by AI' intervention. The two main objectives of the session will be: presenting impact results and community reflections & exchange with attendees who would like to replicate these initiatives locally.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

#### **Why MILSR and where does it come from?**

Louise as one of the coordinators of the MILSR, will share some insights on the creation of MILSR resources and the value of library-led AI literacy initiatives from the perspective of someone outside of the library network but who has extensive experience collaborating with them on digital literacy projects.

#### **MLCE and MILSR 'Supercharged by AI' successes, challenges and reflections**

A presentation about the projects' impact reports. While there will be a brief recap on content of the projects, the presentation will focus mostly

on the reflections observed from the community and gathered via the monitoring reports. These describe opinions both from the library networks and from the attendees (community members) who took part in the workshops and attended the exhibitions, as well as the library facilitators.

**A couple of reflections on MILSR implementation at a local level** -

Brief sharing of interesting observations that took place upon MILSR implementation across Croatia

*Speaker:* Dorja Mučnjak, National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 155

**In conversation with the IFLA Governing Board**

IFLA's Governing Board has the responsibility of steering the day-to-day work of the Federation on behalf of its membership.

Over its 2023-2025 term, the Board has, under the leadership of Vicki McDonald, focused in particular on updating our Strategy and conference model, improving internal working and communication with members, producing a new Trend Report, and building IFLA's financial sustainability. It has also launched the Governance Structure Healthcheck.

As the current Board comes to the end of its term, come and hear about the work they've advanced, and ask your questions directly.

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: New Professionals Special Interest Group, Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group

Session: 126

**Discovering Responsible Generative AI through Collaborative Discussions: Work Smarter, Not Harder**

This session will create a forum to share experiences of effective and responsible uses of generative AI (such as ChatGPT or Dall-E). From simple applications to transform data, plan training or summarise texts, through to more complex uses such as in cataloguing material, the session is about what works safely, and is based on sharing practical experiences among participants. Through a series of discussions, participants will learn tips and tricks from each other, document them, and network with colleagues from across the globe. At the end of this session, participants will have achieved the following learning outcomes:

1. A wide awareness of responsible uses of generative AI for library work
2. Insights into how to manage the ethical issues, such as inaccuracy, bias, and privacy, that ensure uses are responsible

*Coordinator:* Paria Aria, Texas A&M University, United States

*Coordinator:* Andrew Cox, University of Sheffield - Information School, United Kingdom

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09:00 - 09:00

Not applicable. This session does not have a speaker, as it's a discussion moderated by the coordinators.

*Speaker:* Andrew Cox, University of Sheffield - Information School, United Kingdom



*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Conference Hall 5&amp;6/Hilton

Organizers: Health and Biosciences Libraries Section, Evidence for Global &amp; Disaster Health Special Interest Group

Session: 158

**Workshop Climate Change and Health Literacy Information Resources**

Librarians play a critical role in disseminating accurate health and environmental information. In an era where climate change poses significant challenges to global health, information professionals must be prepared to guide their patrons in navigating authoritative resources, combating misinformation, and fostering health resilience. The primary objective is to prepare registrants with resources for addressing a topic relevant to their communities, to include identifying trustworthy information and combatting untrustworthy information. This training will emphasize collaboration, resource-sharing, and the power of librarians as trusted community partners.

This workshop will prepare community-serving libraries, including but not limited to public libraries, to engage with their communities about one locally/regionally important public health topic that is related to climate change and that they define.

To manage the limited space in the training room, please pre-register for the workshop here: <https://tinyurl.com/3mj5ed2h>

Coordinator: Elizabeth Ketterman, East Carolina University, United States

Coordinator: Blessing Mawire, Integra professional services, South Africa

**Climate change and health literacy information resources training**

09:00 - 09:00

This training will prepare community-serving libraries, including but not limited to public libraries, to engage with their communities about one locally/regionally important public health topic that is related to climate change and that they define.

Speaker: Cindy Pierard, Rice University, United States

Speaker: Blessing Mawire, Research4Life, South Africa

*Business Meetings*

09:00 - 10:30

Alatau/Congress Center

Organizers: Subject Access and Analysis Section, Cataloguing Section,

Session: 157

**RELINDIAL Special Interest Group Business Meeting***Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 159

**Keynote Session**

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage

Session: 161

**Towards a Common Understanding of Documentary Heritage**

Current understandings of documentary heritage in policy at the international (and often, national) levels center a largely western perspective of documentary heritage, and may leave important aspects out, such as records of intangible heritage, oral tradition, and meanings behind festivals and celebrations. How do different library and memory institution professionals understand documentary heritage (and their role preserving it) in their own cultural context? And how can this enhance the way we preserve and provide access to documentary heritage?

This session will build on outcomes from the CCH's 2025 South Africa workshop, which resulted in a position paper presenting a southern African perspective on documentary heritage. It will be a provocation session, engaging participants in an interactive discussion on whether we have a collective understanding of documentary heritage, how it can be more inclusive, and how we can better understand the value of our collections and serve our communities.

Coordinator: Claire McGuire, IFLA Policy and Research Officer, Netherlands

**How do we define documentary heritage?**

This session is interactive and will invite participants to discuss and share their ideas. The session will open with an introduction that will offer

context on the CCH's activity on documentary heritage definitions and introduce the outcomes from the Southern Africa workshop.

*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:00

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Library Services du Multicultural Populations Section

Session: 162

**Reimagining Library Services: Updating the Multicultural Communities Guidelines**

Aims and Scope:

This session will provide a dynamic forum for brainstorming and feedback to inform the development of the fourth edition of the "Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for Library Services." Participants will explore key updates required to better reflect modern multicultural realities, technological advancements, and evolving user needs. Topics will include:

- Best practices in serving multicultural and multilingual communities
- New technologies for inclusive service delivery
- Strategies for community engagement
- Evolving definitions of cultural diversity in a globalized world

Session Objectives:

- Collect practical recommendations from library professionals
- Identify gaps and emerging trends in multicultural service delivery
- Foster collaborative ideas for enhancing library services for diverse communities

*Coordinator:* Leili Seifi**Updating the Multicultural Communities Guidelines**

This speaker supports the theme by fostering collaboration to build inclusive and future-oriented library services that meet the needs of multicultural communities

*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 12:15

Conference Hall 2/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections

Session: 191

**Coaching session**

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*Chair:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong**Coaching session**

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*Speaker:* Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

## Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Law Libraries Section

Session: 160

**Building a Future through Cross-Border Exchange**

The Marrakesh Treaty has given libraries serving people with print disabilities the legal framework to share accessible content across borders, uniting knowledge, human creativity, and discovery. This critical work began with the law, and this presentation will outline comparative strategies and approaches to implementing the Marrakesh Treaty worldwide. Additionally, representatives from libraries serving people with print disabilities will discuss the exceptional importance of the Marrakesh Treaty in collection development, availability of accessible content, and resulting enrichment of print disabled communities around the world.

The session will also cover an overview of a recent Law Library of Congress report on global access to information for persons with disabilities and legal protections and resources.

*Coordinator:* Leslie Street, Wolf Law Library, William & Mary Law School, United States

**Implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty at the National Library Service**

This presentation will focus on the accomplishments, challenges, and lessons learned from implementing the Marrakesh Treaty at the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. The Marrakesh Treaty facilitates the cross-border exchange of copyrighted materials in accessible formats, and NLS has benefited from the content now available to our patrons. Our collection development efforts have primarily concentrated on acquiring audio and braille materials in various languages, including English. However, the exchange of accessible books through the Marrakesh Treaty has fostered meaningful relationships, enhanced our understanding of libraries serving the print-disabled community worldwide, and created opportunities for deeper collaborations.

**DAISY Regional networks making efforts to end book famine for persons with print disabilities in developing countries**

Marrakesh Treaty and global libraries such as ABC Global Books Service and Bookshare present an opportunity to end the book famine for persons with print disabilities. DAISY Consortium has established regional networks in the Asia Pacific, Arabic, and Latin American regions to improve access to knowledge and increase the availability of accessible content and assistive technologies. The DAISY regional networks facilitate participation in addressing socioeconomic and language issues to end the book famine for persons with print disabilities. In this presentation, we will be sharing activities and impact of the network and encourage others to become part of the movement.

**Overview of Access to Information for Persons with Disabilities in Selected Jurisdictions**

This presentation provides an overview of the 2024 report by the Law Library of Congress, *Access to Information for Persons with Disabilities in Selected Jurisdictions*. The report surveys a sample of 27 jurisdictions examining the constitutional and legislative frameworks, highlighting international obligations like the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Marrakesh Treaty. The report explores public access to legal information, justice, and culture, and services like specialized libraries for the blind and visually impaired. It also reviews pending legislative initiatives aimed at enhancing inclusion and accessibility across various sectors, including education, culture, and legal representation.

*Speaker:* Aslihan Bulut, Library of Congress, United States

**Implementation of the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty in Developing Countries**

Harmonization of copyrights and rights of access to information based on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is the ultimate goal of the WIPO Marrakesh Treaty. In addition to production of alternative accessible contents, publishing accessible e-books managed by an accessible Digital Rights Management (DRM) will accelerate the implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty. Speaker presents the requirements of Arabic STEM educational materials for students in Gaza

Strip as an example to address the challenges and potential solutions for implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty in Arabic-speaking region.

#### Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:15

Conference Hall 4/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections

Session: 192

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10:45 - 12:00

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Organizers: Panel review groups + Cataloguing, Bibliography, Subject Analysis & Access, UNIMARC, BCM Review Group, ISBD Review Group, METATEC, Accessibility Metadata Network, Committee on Standards

Session: 194

#### Meet with metadata!

The library field operates like a wheel, with cataloguing and metadata forming the hub that supports and connects all services. In the way a solid hub enables a wheel to rotate smoothly, standardized cataloguing practices—using MARC, UNIMARC, ISBD, RDA, LRM, related metadata frameworks and appropriate subject access—ensure that every part of the library system works in harmony and provides efficient and effective service to patrons and information seekers.

IFLA's related committees - The IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards, ISBD, BCM, METATEC and UNIMARC Review Groups, the Accessibility Metadata Network and the Bibliography, Cataloguing and Subject Analysis and Access Sections are a strong, accomplished group of dedicated information professionals who are leading experts in their fields. Come meet a panel of these specialists to discover more about what makes metadata work GLAMorous and how you can get involved in the technical aspects of Library and Information field.

*Coordinator:* Megan Price

#### IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards

Pat Riva is the Secretary of the IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards

*Speaker:* Pat Riva, Concordia University, Canada

#### IFLA Bibliography Section

Rehab Ouf is the Chair of the IFLA Bibliography Section

#### IFLA Cataloguing Section

Mélanie Roche is the Chair of the IFLA Cataloguing Section

#### IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Section

Caroline Saccucci is the Chair of the IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Section.

*Speaker:* Caroline Saccucci, Library of Congress, United States

#### IFLA Accessibility Metadata Network

The representative from the AMN is still to be confirmed.

## Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Information Technology Section

Session: 164

**Technology for all: Prioritizing Digital Inclusion and Equity in Technology**

This event will explore practical approaches to closing gaps in digital inclusion and accessibility through use of technology solutions, creative approaches to implementing technology and information integrity. The session will include a selection of case studies, technology education, and examples of how technology can contribute to more equitable discovery and use of information. In this session, talks will:

- Inspire actionable ideas on digital inclusion
- Prompt discussion and dialogue about inclusivity in library technologies and practice
- Present how technology can be used to foster information integrity
- Provide thought-provoking examples and case studies; especially representing user perspectives

*Coordinator:* Cory Lampert, University of Nevada, United States

**Bridging the Divide: the IN+ Principles and the embodied Realities of Digital Inequality**

13:30 - 13:30

This paper introduces the IN+ Principles as a values-led, practitioner-informed framework for designing and implementing digital inclusion initiatives that are equitable, context-sensitive, and accountable to those most often excluded. Developed through collaborative research and participatory action across the INCLUDE+ Network, the principles distil learning from over 25 projects across the UK and internationally ranging from rural coding hubs to asylum-seeker tech access, care-experienced youth initiatives, Roma-led digital arts projects, and climate justice storytelling.

**Reimagining Library and Information Technologies for Invisible Users: Serving Caregivers, Informal Workers, and Non-Literate Communities in Emerging Economies**

13:30 - 13:30

This study investigated the digital exclusion faced by invisible users including caregivers, informal sector workers, and individuals with limited or no literacy who are frequently marginalized in the design and implementation of library and information technologies. The research focused on communities in Delta State, Nigeria. Libraries were found to play a crucial role as inclusive information hubs when equipped with adaptive technologies and empathetic service models. The study concluded that bridging the digital divide requires a paradigm shift toward empathy-driven, context-aware design and sustainable, community-based solutions and active recognition of the lived experiences of populations historically excluded from digital ecosystems.

*Speaker:* Azino Oscarand Akpokurerie, Federal College of Education (Technical), Nigeria

**Instructional Leaders in a Digital World: Preparing School Librarians for Equity-Driven Tech Initiatives**

13:30 - 13:30

As digital access becomes increasingly essential to student success, school librarians are uniquely positioned to lead technological initiatives that close equity gaps. This paper explores how a graduate-level school library preparation program empowers preservice school librarians to design and implement technology projects that promote digital inclusion in K-12 settings.

Through examples of student work, this paper highlights how school librarians-in-training are prepared to serve as instructional leaders and equity advocates in their schools. Attendees will receive practical templates, project prompts, and ideas for embedding digital equity work into school library preparation.

*Speaker:* Giham Mohamad, William Paterson University / College of Education, United States

**Standardization and dissemination of Immersive digital book contents: Digital Book Kiosk**

13:30 - 13:30

Libraries, traditionally responsible for preserving and disseminating knowledge through physical books, currently face significant challenges in the digital era. Despite widespread digitization, contemporary users continue to value the tangible experience of interacting physically with books. This paper presents the Digital Book Kiosk (DBK), an innovative solution to address this evolving user need. The DBK integrates projection mapping technology, physical medium touch sensors, and infrared (IR) marker detection to provide a uniquely interactive and immersive reading experience. Users engage with physical books while simultaneously exploring interactive digital narratives, thus bridging the tactile and digital worlds to enhance digital storytelling.

*Speaker:* Seung Sik Yoon, Ubidus Co., Ltd., Korea, Republic of

#### *Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Grand Ball Room/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 166

#### **President-elect's Session: Be Bold!**

Leslie Weir will take up the role of IFLA President at the end of this year's World Library and Information Congress, holding the role into IFLA's centenary year in 2027. Under the theme "Be Bold", she will be encouraging - and even challenging - the global library field to be ready to question, to make a noise, to do things differently. In a turbulent world, we cannot afford to stay the same.

Details to follow!

*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

#### *Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and marketing, and School Libraries Sections

Session: 193

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#### *Congress Programme*

13:30 - 14:45

Conference Hall 3/Hilton

Organizers: Library History Special Interest Group

Session: 165

#### **Documenting Library Association Histories through Oral History and Born-Digital Archives**

Libraries and archives play a pivotal role in documenting the histories of library associations, yet challenges persist in preserving these narratives—particularly those of underrepresented communities and born-digital records.

The session aims to explore the opportunities and challenges of using oral history to document the histories of library associations and their evolving practices, with a focus on diversity, collaboration, and preservation in the digital age.

*Coordinator:* Steve Witt, IFLA Journal Editor, University of Illinois, United States

#### **IFLAPARL in Their Own Words: An Oral History of the Section through the Voices of Its Past Members**

13:30 - 13:30

IFLAPARL has launched an oral history initiative aimed at capturing the voices and experiences of its former Standing Committee officers and members. This presentation will share selected insights from the oral history interviews and explain how the methodology used while conducting the interviews adapted practices shared by the IFLA SIG on Library History, ensuring a structured and reflective approach to

collecting and presenting these narratives. It underscores the significance of preserving institutional memory and illustrates how the voices of library professionals help shape and sustain the values that define IFLA's enduring legacy.

*Speaker:* Carolyne Ménard, Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée nationale du Québec, Canada

**Documenting Memory, Forging Knowledge: ILSIA Knowledge Tree Based on Oral History**

13:30 - 13:30

The presentation explores the complex and often fragmented history of the Iranian Library and Information Science Association (ILISA). ILISA's rotational governance structure leads to significant challenges in preserving institutional memory. The presentation proposes a knowledge tree framework, rooted in knowledge management principles, as a strategic tool to map, organize, and transmit the institutional memory. Drawing on available oral history data, the presentation will outline a preliminary knowledge tree and discuss a roadmap for establishing a permanent historiography committee within ILISA. This initiative aims to systematically document personal narratives and reconstruct organizational memory, ensuring the continuity of ILISA's historical knowledge.

**Preserving Born-Digital Content: Preservation of Oral History of Nigerian Library Association**

13:30 - 13:30

The presentation examines the critical challenges and strategies involved in safeguarding born-digital oral histories within the Nigerian Library Association (NLA). It highlights issues such as digital obsolescence, metadata standards, accessibility, and sustainability that pose risks to these records. Through a case study approach, the presentation explores the NLA's efforts to document and preserve the oral narratives of key library professionals. The session will assess current preservation initiatives and propose a comprehensive framework integrating technology and human resources for digital preservation. This aims to ensure the long-term continuity of the NLA's institutional memory and the evolving history of librarianship in Nigeria.

*Congress Programme*  
13:30 - 14:30

Alatau/Congress Center

Session:

**UDC session**

This session is exclusively for UDC guests.

*Special Sessions*

15:15 - 17:15

Organizers: IFLA

Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 168

**Closing ceremony**

Together we will honour individuals and IFLA committees that have provided outstanding service to IFLA and the library field. Join us to celebrate the time we've had together in Astana as we look forward to the next Congress.

*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Friday, August 22, 2025

*Business Meetings*

08:30 - 10:00

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Session: 185

**Professional Council Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

10:30 - 12:00

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Session: 186

**Regional Council Meeting**

*Business Meetings*

13:30 - 17:00

Conference Hall 5&6/Hilton

Session: 188

**Governing Board Meeting**