

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Business Meetings

08:30 - 10:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 001

Professional Council Meeting

Business Meetings

10:30 - 12:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 002

Regional Council Meeting

Business Meetings

13:30 - 15:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 003

Finance and Risk Committee Meeting

Business Meetings

15:30 - 18:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 004

Governing Board Meeting

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Business Meetings

08:30 - 09:30

Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 005

Officers Forum

Outgoing and Incoming IFLA Officers are invited to attend the 2025-2027 WLIC Officers Forum to learn more about IFLA's external advocacy activities and their impact on the global library and information field. Advisory Committee Chairs, Victoria Owen, Jonathan Hernández Pérez and Fiona Bradley, Li Lin Soh from the IFLA Regional Council and the IFLA Policy and Advocacy Team will speak on their work.

Business Meetings

08:45 - 10:45

Saryarqa/Congress Center

Session: 006

Regional Division Committee Europe

Business Meetings

08:45 - 10:45

Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 007

Regional Division Committee Middle East North Africa (MENA)

Business Meetings

08:45 - 10:45

Altay/Congress Center

Session: 008

Regional Division Committee Sub-Saharan Africa

Business Meetings

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Meeting Room 5/Hilton

Session: 009

Regional Division Committee North America

Business Meetings

08:45 - 10:45

Meeting Room 6/Hilton

Session: 010

Regional Division Committee Asia Oceania

Business Meetings

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Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 011

Professional Division Committee A

Business Meetings

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Grand Ballroom/Hilton

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Professional Division Committee C

Business Meetings

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Astana Hall/Hilton

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Professional Division Committee D

Business Meetings

09:45 - 10:45

Yesil/Congress Center

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Professional Division Committee B

Business Meetings

09:45 - 10:45

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Professional Division Committee F*Business Meetings*

09:45 - 10:45

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Professional Division Committee G*Business Meetings*

09:45 - 10:45

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 015

Professional Division Committee E*Business Meetings*

09:45 - 10:45

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 018

Professional Division Committee H*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Saryarqa/Congress Center

Session: 020

SC Meeting Academic and Research Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 021

SC Meeting Information Technology Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Altay/Congress Center

Session: 022

SC Meeting Library Theory and Research Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 023

SC Meeting Public Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 026

SC Meeting Science and technology Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Yesil/Congress Center

Session: 024

SC Meeting Acquisition and Collection Development Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 028

SC Library buildings and Equipment Section

Business Meetings

11:00 - 13:00

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Session: 029

SC Meeting Preservation and Conservation Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Meeting Room 5/Hilton

Session: 031

SC Meeting Subject Analysis and Access Section*Business Meetings*

11:00 - 13:00

Meeting Room 6/Hilton

Session: 032

SC Meeting Information Literacy Section*Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Saryarqa/Congress Center

Session: 033

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

13:15 - 15:15

Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 034

SC Meeting Cataloguing Section*Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Altay/Congress Center

Session: 035

SC Meeting Law Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 036

SC Meeting Marketing and Management Section*Business Meetings*

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Grand Ballroom/Hilton

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SC Meeting Metropolitan Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

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Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 039

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

13:15 - 15:15

Yesil/Congress Center

Session: 037

SC Meeting Management of Library Associations Section*Business Meetings*

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Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 041

SC Meeting Education and Training Section

Business Meetings

13:15 - 15:15

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Session: 042

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

13:15 - 15:15

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

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SC Meeting School Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

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Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 043

SC Meeting Literacy and Reading Section*Business Meetings*

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Meeting Room 5/Hilton

Session: 044

SC Meeting Art Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

13:15 - 15:15

Meeting Room 6/Hilton

Session: 045

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

15:30 - 17:30

Saryarqa/Congress Center

Session: 046

Meeting Advisory Committee Cultural Heritage*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 047

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

Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 049

SC Meeting Bibliography Section*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

Session: 051

SC Meeting National Libraries Section*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 052

Meeting Advisory Committee on Standards

Business Meetings

15:30 - 17:30

Yesil/Congress Center

Session: 050

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

15:30 - 17:30

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 054

Meeting Advisory Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Session: 055

SC Meeting Statistics and Evaluation Section*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 053

Meeting Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 056

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

15:30 - 17:00

Meeting Room 5/Hilton

Session: 057

SC Meeting Local History and Genealogy Section*Business Meetings*

15:30 - 17:30

Meeting Room 6/Hilton

Session: 058

SC Meeting Social Science Library Section*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Saryarqa/Congress Center

Session: 063

Caucus - Russian Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 064

Caucus - Chinese Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Altay/Congress Center

Session: 065

Caucus - Arabic Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 20:00

Burabay/Congress Center

Session: 066

Caucus - German Speaking Participants

Congress Programme

18:00 - 19:00

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

Session: 062

Caucus - USA*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 068

Caucus - Nordic Countries*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Yesil/Congress Center

Session: 067

Caucus - Sub-Saharan Africa*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

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Caucus - Japan*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

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Caucus - Italy*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 070

Caucus - Australia-New Zealand*Congress Programme*

18:00 - 19:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Session: 069

Caucus - Canada*Congress Programme*

19:15 - 20:15

Yesil/Congress Center

Session: 073

Caucus - French Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

19:15 - 20:15

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 169

Caucus Spanish Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

19:15 - 20:15

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Session: 170

Caucus - Portuguese 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 Ambassador's Residence 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

19:15 - 19:15

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

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Access to information and media literacy: problems and solutions

10:00 - 10:00

Access to information and media literacy are crucial for navigating the global information space.

Media and information literacy is a major tool for empowering individuals, communities, and nations to participate in and contribute to global knowledge societies.

Today, social media platforms serve as an important channel of access to information, and many people use them to get to know the news, establish contacts with other people, and share information. However, the way information is accessed and shared on these platforms raises concerns about privacy, data collection, and the possibility of misinformation. Social networks act as a means of obtaining information and they are also a source of information about the perception of public insecurity. Therefore, it is important to study the impact of social media on the availability of information and their role in ensuring the availability of information.

Why fact-checking is important today, firstly, it is the fight against disinformation; secondly, it is the promotion of informed decision-making; thirdly: This is the protection of democracy; and fourthly, maintaining trust, which means that fact-checking helps maintain trust in the media and institutions, holding them accountable for the accuracy of their reports.

Currently, fact-checking websites and libraries and research institutes are important resources for fact-checking. It should be especially emphasized that libraries and research institutes provide access to reliable sources of information and recommendations for its evaluation.

By developing solid fact-checking skills and using available resources, people can navigate the complex information landscape, distinguish between reliable and misleading information, and contribute to building a more informed and engaged society.

Industry Session

11:30 - 16:00

Exhibition Hall

Session:

Exhibition

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Maria De Brasdefer, IFLA, Netherlands

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?

Speaker: Maria De Brasdefer, IFLA, Netherlands

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.

Speaker: Dr. Nancy Kwangwa, Women's University in Africa & Zimbabwe Information and Technology Empowerment Trust (ZITET), Zimbabwe

Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: Information Literacy 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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

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

Chair: Valérie Glass, APDEN (Association des Professeurs Documentalistes de l'Éducation Nationale), France

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

13:00 - 13:00

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

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Zakir Hossain, International School Utrecht, NL, Netherlands

Research on the Artificial Intelligence Literacy Framework for Librarians

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Yunzhe Ma, School of Information Management, Sun Yat-sen University, China

Exploratory AI in Practice: Teaching Information Literacy with Conversational Search

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Frode Opdahl, Norway

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

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

Chair: Lilly Hoi Sze Ho, Acquisition and Collection Development, Australia

Chair: Anna Isaksson, Gothenburg University Library, Sweden

It Takes a Village: How Library Contributions to Open

13:00 - 13:00

Infrastructure Shape Global Open Science

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. Drawing on real-world case studies, this presentation 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 collaborative and inclusive, but truly powered by the global community it serves.

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.

Speaker: Bill Ayres, The University of Manchester, United Kingdom

Speaker: Matthew McGill, The University of Manchester, United Kingdom

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 Ballroom/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

Join us in our **interactive fishbowl discussion** and share your ideas and thoughts on how AI is changing the way in which we "library".

We want to communicate directly and discuss what we have experienced first-hand, from changed users' expectations to new skills and training. We want to learn from your experience by hearing about what worked and what didn't work.

AI tools and applications are rapidly changing library services bringing new expectations, opportunities, and challenges. For instance, subject indexing and the intellectual work of determining the aboutness of a resource is an area that lends itself well to AI tools such as natural language processing or named entity recognition.

Are these tools able to enhance or replace our practices?

What about trust and ethics in our cataloging?

What has changed in our daily work since AI applications have become part of libraries and library services?

What do our users expect from our work and our services?

In our interactive fishbowl discussion, we want to discuss the skills, additional training, and professional development needed for librarians to be 'prepared' for AI.

This session will encourage open sharing and listening to move us forward together into the future.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

Coordinator & chair: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Coordinator: Caroline Saccucci, Library of Congress, United States

Chair: Julijana Nadj-Guttandin, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator: Atlanta Meyer

Coordinator: Luisa Marquardt, Roma Tre University, Rome, and IFLA School Libraries Section Chair (2023-2025)

Successful reading initiatives, short presentations by the hosting sections.

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Elizabeth Jones, National Library of New Zealand, New Zealand

Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section

13:00 - 13:00

Speaker: Sarah Evans, University of North Texas, United States

Speaker: Linn T. Sunne, Innlandet County Library, Norway

School Libraries Section

13:00 - 13:00

Speaker: Elizabeth Burns, Old Dominion University, United States

Congress Programme

13:00 - 14:00

Yesil/Congress Center

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

Coordinator: Marydee Ojala

Coordinator: Harri Sahavirta, Helsinki City Library, Finland

Libraries at the Nexus of Campus Sustainability Efforts

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Joelle Pitts, Carnegie Mellon University Libraries, United States**From Library Science to Health Tech: How Librarians Can Lead Knowledge Management and Product Ownership**

13:00 - 13:00

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.

Speaker: Anar Dautova, Coventry University Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan**The LibrarIN Toolkit: Driving Collaboration Beyond Library Borders**

13:00 - 13:00

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*

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

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

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Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group*Congress Programme*

14:00 - 15:15

Meeting Room 5&6/Hilton

Session: 090

Caucus - Korean Speaking Participants*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 16:00

Astana/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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>*Chair:* Philip Kent, University of Sydney and Chair of Library Buildings and Equipment Section, Australia*Chair:* Neeza Singh, Metropolitan Libraries Section, India*Chair:* Raneetha Rajaratman, National Library of Singapore, Singapore**Chair of Jury**

14:30 - 14:30

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

Speaker: Jakob Guillois Lærkes, Gladsaxe Libraries, Denmark**Chair of LBES**

14:30 - 14:30

Standing committee MetLib

14:30 - 14:30

Speaker: Neeza Singh, Metropolitan Libraries Section, India**Standing committee PLS**

14:30 - 14:30

Nominee 1: Heping Library, Shanghai, China

14:30 - 14:30

Speaker: Ke Tong, Hongkou District Administration of Culture and Tourism, China**Nominee 2: Gabrielle-Roy Library**

14:30 - 14:30

Speaker: Dominique Lemieux, Institut Canadien de Québec, Canada**New Canaan Library, Connecticut, United States**

14:30 - 14:30

Congress Programme

14:30 - 15:45

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 084

A future for our past: WIPO Toolkit on Preservation

The World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) Toolkit on Preservation for Cultural Heritage Institutions represents a powerful tool for anyone interested in making sure that libraries, alongside archives and museums, have the legal frameworks they need in order to preserve their collections. With copyright laws having a very significant role in deciding what libraries can do, as well as how and when, it is important to be up to speed on these provisions, as well as to reflect on what other models are possible.

The Toolkit is based on extensive work commissioned by WIPO to understand the decisions taken by different countries, organising these in order to identify clear choices that are made when designing statutes. In doing to, it also asks key questions about how we approach preservation in general, as well as what we – as well as future generations – need tomorrow in the face of climate change and other threats.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

A future for our past: WIPO Toolkit on Preservation

14:30 - 14:30

Speaker: Christina Langer, WIPO, Switzerland

Congress Programme

14:30 - 15:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: Serials and Other 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. This session is co-sponsored by the [Serials and Other Continuing Resources Section](#), [Information Technology Section](#), and the [Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship](#).

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

Coordinator: Andrea Wirth, University of Nevada, United States

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, University of Nevada, United States

International collaboration for the intensification of Open Science didactics. Insights from 4EU+ Universities

14:30 - 14:30

[Paper in English](#)

"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

[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Fattaneh Torkashvand, National Library and Archives of Iran, Iran

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.

Speaker: Chiara De Vecchis, Italian Senate Library, Italy

Reimagining Open Access: a Diverse Approach from Australia

14:30 - 14:30

[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Jayshree Mamtara, James Cook University, Australia

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

14:30 - 14:30

[Paper in English](#)

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

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.

Congress Programme

14:30 - 15:45

Grand Ballroom/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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>*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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>*Coordinator:* Leili Seifi*Coordinator:* Paria Aria, Texas Woman's University, United States**Yoga and Wellness**

14:30 - 14:30

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

Speaker: Anne Barnhart, University of West Georgia, United States*Congress Programme*

14:30 - 16:00

Yesil/Congress Center

Organizers: School Libraries Section

Session: 087

The IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025 in Action

This workshop focuses on school library advocacy, highlighting how the new IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto (2025) can support the push for effective school libraries and improved education. Participants will share findings from an IFLA School Library Section survey, carried out in collaboration with IASL and other Associations, explore practical advocacy strategies, and discuss applying the Manifesto in various contexts. The session will also open a dialogue on updating the IFLA School Library Guidelines (2015) to align with the new Manifesto.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>*Coordinator:* Luisa Marquardt, Roma Tre University, Rome, and IFLA School Libraries Section Chair (2023-2025)**Welcome and Session Presentation**

14:30 - 14:30

Speaker: Luisa Marquardt, Roma Tre University, Rome, and IFLA School Libraries Section Chair (2023-2025)

The IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025

14:30 - 14:30

The talk provides an overview of the collaboration established with Unesco-IFAP and the process that led to the endorsement of the new School Library Manifesto by Unesco, a strategic document that can contribute to effectively promote and improve school libraries across the globe.

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

School Libraries in Kazakhstan: Upholding the Vision of the School Library Manifesto

14:30 - 14:30

The presentation explores how school libraries in Kazakhstan are actively upholding and implementing the principles of the School Library Manifesto. It highlights their role in fostering equitable access to information, supporting student-centered learning, and sustaining the educational vision within the national context.

Speaker: Aida Agadil, Vice Director of Department of Pastoral Care of AEO "Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools, Kazakhstan

Speaker: Olga Salamakhina, Senior Teacher-librarian, Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools in Kokshetau, Kazakhstan

School Library Advocacy in Japan

14:30 - 14:30

The talk will provide an overview of school libraries in Japan, and reflect on their promotion and advocacy.

Speaker: Fumie Niwai, Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU), Japan

The legal framework to sustain school libraries in Norway

14:30 - 14:30

The talk will briefly introduce the recent law and regulations that state that students' right to a school library in every school (Section 9-2) and to counselling concerning education, careers and social matters. The Act regulation 2024

(https://lovdata.no/dokument/NLEO/lov/1998-07-17-61/KAPITTEL_10#%C2%A79-2 - English version) underlines the educational role of the school library, e.g. in developing students' language skills, reading abilities, and critical thinking, and reducing social inequalities.

Speaker: Hans-Petter Storemyr, Norsk Bibliotekforening, Norway

The First Action of the IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025 in Gaozhou, China

14:30 - 14:30

This presentation will introduce a series of participatory research projects on building a county territory urban-rural integrated system for children's public reading in China, with a focus on the approach of using the IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto to gain attention and support from various stakeholders for school libraries.

Speaker: Jing Zhang, Sun-Yat-Sen University, China

A Great School Library for Every Child

14:30 - 14:30

This talk presents the main highlights of, and a reflection on, the campaign for school library advocacy in the UK.

Speaker: Anaïs Cayzac, CILIP SLG group, United Kingdom

The IFLA/UNESCO School Library Manifesto in the context of France

14:30 - 14:30

The talk will provide insights regarding the launch of the Manifesto within the French educational system, which already has regulations for school librarians and libraries.

Speaker: Valérie Glass, APDEN (Association des Professeurs Documentalistes de l'Education Nationale), France

The impact of the IFLA School Library Guidelines (2015) and the IFLA School Library Manifesto (1999 and 2025)

14:30 - 14:30

The results from a survey designed and carried out by the IFLA School Libraries Section Standing Committee (2023-2025), administered online in collaboration with IASL and other Associations, will provide the workshop participants with a basis of discussion. The survey asked both the content and use of two key documents in school librarianship - the

IFLA School Library Guidelines (2nd Ed., 2015) and the *IFLA School Library Manifesto* (1999 and 2025).

Speaker: Elizabeth Burns, Old Dominion University, United States

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

Organizers: New Professionals SIG

Session:

Librarian Flashmob

Bring a book to read: A book about hero(es) of your life (for example your favorite author or someone you admire) in your own language. We will meet at Mega Silk Way mall and start reading our books together at the same time for 5 minutes. To make it more fun, you can bring an action figure or a stuffed animal or dress up like your favorite hero! At the end of the flashmob, you have the option of donating your book to the Kazakhstan public library.

Location: Mega Silk Way Mall

Time: 6:15 pm

Special Sessions

19:00 - 21:00

Offsite

Session: 92

Officers Reception

By invitation only.

Coordinator: Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

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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

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

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, Türkiye

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 America & the 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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

Coordinator & chair: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Coordinator: Diane Koen, IFLA North America Regional Division, Canada

Coordinator: Ertuğrul Çimen, MEF University, Türkiye

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

09:40 - 09:40

[Paper in English](#)

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/Empoderando a bibliotecarios del Sur Global a través de la alfabetización crítica en IA para futuros sostenibles

09:40 - 09:40

[Paper in Spanish with Abstract in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Cristian Maturana Maturana, Biblioteca de Santiago, Chile

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

09:40 - 09:40

[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Babak Zendeheel Nobari, National Library and Archives of Iran (NLAI), Iran

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/>

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

Coordinator: Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

Organizers: Management of Library Associations section

Session: 098

Successful strategies for library advocacy and financial sustainability

In this interactive session, the IFLA's Management of Library Association Section (MLAS) will share key insights from its Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project—a vital tool that empowers library associations worldwide to evaluate and improve their advocacy strategies. This session will provide actionable steps for library associations to amplify their voices in support of libraries and strengthen their advocacy efforts across various regions.

MLAS will also present highlights from the Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA) initiative, focusing on priority areas such as information integrity, financial sustainability, membership retention, library advocacy, and strategic planning. Representatives from library associations will share their success stories, offering strategies that have helped them build strong, resilient organizations capable of effectively advocating for the value of libraries in their communities.

The session will conclude with a collaborative discussion where participants can engage with the insights presented and explore strategies for tackling these challenges within their own associations.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

Coordinator: Loida Garcia Febo, American Library Association (ALA), United States

Chair: Loy Jyoon Chin, IFLA MLAS Secretary, Malaysia

Chair: Marwa El Sahn, Centre d'Activités Francophones (CAF) Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt

MLAS Advocacy Impact Evaluation Project

09:00 - 09:00

Building Strong Library Associations: Summary of Regional Needs/ Solutions from MLAS webinar series

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Imad Bachir, The American University of Iraq Baghdad (AUIB), Lebanon

Building Strong Library Associations and Financial Sustainability: the case of the Librarians Association of Malaysia

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Loy Jyoon Chin, IFLA MLAS Secretary, Malaysia

Building Strong Library Associations and Financial Sustainability: the case of the American Library Association

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Michael Dowling, American Library Association (ALA)

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

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

Coordinator & 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

Speaker: Mathilde Koskas, National Library of France (BnF), France

Speaker: Maud Henry, Royal Library of Belgium (KBR), Belgium

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

Leveraging Publisher Metadata for Universal Bibliographic Control
[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Satu Niininen, National Library of Finland, Finland

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

[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Nadya Mentari, National Library of Indonesia, Department of Library and Information Science, 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.

Speaker: Mohammed Nasser Al-Suqri, Sultan Qaboos University, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Oman

Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Yesil/Congress Center

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

Coordinator: Cherie Bush, FamilySearch International, United States

Collaboration and Preservation of Traditional Food in Abu Dhabi

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Michell Hackwelder, Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism, United Arab Emirates

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

09:00 - 09:00

[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 Local Culinary Heritage through Pathfinders: Japanese Public Libraries and the Revitalization of traditional local cuisines

09:00 - 09:00

[Paper in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Yoshiko Tanahashi, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan

Industry Session

09:30 - 17:30

Exhibition Hall

Session:

Exhibition*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 11:45

Astana/Congress Center

Session: 102

Gender equality, civic engagement, and sustainable development: knowledge, action, and resilience

2025 marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Agenda 2030 for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a plan of action and a collective effort for achieving the SDGs from 2015 to 2030. During the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024, the United Nations member states reaffirmed their commitment to the SDGs and effective multilateralism by adopting the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations through consensus. However, as reports and findings show, none of the 17 SDGs will be achieved by 2030, including SDG 5 on gender equality. Including a specific SDG on gender equality was viewed as a strategy to mobilize resources aimed at overcoming persistent barriers that hinder women and girls from fully exercising their rights, thereby supporting the development of inclusive societies. The targets under SDG 5 also included actions such as removing discriminatory laws and social norms, eliminating gender-based violence, ensuring the bodily autonomy of women and girls, valuing their unpaid care work, and closing gender gaps in access to resources and decision-making. Despite improvements in non-discriminatory legislation and women's political representation under SDG 5 as indicators of progress, the effectiveness of policy implementation remains questionable. This submission aims to evaluate effective policy frameworks and measures, identify gaps, and explore ways to promote further progress. In this context, it contributes to the pathways approach, linking gender equality, women's agency, civic partnerships, and sustainable development.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands**Gender equality, civic engagement, and sustainable development: knowledge, action, and resilience**

10:45 - 10:45

Speaker: Bertil Emrah Oder, UNESCO Chairholder on Gender Equality and Sustainable Development, Türkiye*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 Other 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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>*Coordinator & chair:* Viktor Mutev, Saint Petersburg State University of Culture, Russian Federation*Chair:* Andrew Cox, University of Sheffield - Information School, United Kingdom**Information War in the Age of AI**

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 a regional conflict 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.

Speaker: Fandi Rahman Hidayat, National Library of Indonesia, Indonesia

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: David Kuku, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

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 strategical 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 Ballroom/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 Akbaytürk, Koç University, Türkiye

Building a Sustainable Future for Resource Sharing in a Changing World: Findings on international resource sharing payment methods from global surveys

10:45 - 10:45

[Paper and Presentation in English](#)

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.

Speaker: Xuan Pang, University of Florida, United States

Speaker: Mark Paris, Brandeis University, United States

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

Speaker: Silvana Mangiaracina, Dario Nobili Library - CNR, 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.

Speaker: Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator: Pat Riva, Concordia University, Canada

Coordinator: Victoria Owen, University of Toronto, Canada

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?

Speaker: Mathilde Koskas, National Library of France (BnF), France

Speaker: Melanie Roche, National Library of France (BnF), France

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

Expo Pavilion Session

11:00 - 11:45

Organizers: Zeutschel GmbH

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Company and Portfolio presentation

The presentation will include the Zeutschel company profile and how we can support digitising cultural heritage

Company and Portfolio presentation

11:00 - 11:00

Speaker: Christian Hohendorf, Zeutschel GmbH, Germany

Speaker: Alexander Sander, Germany

Expo Pavilion Session

12:00 - 12:45

Organizers: IFLA / De Gruyter Saur

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

DeGruyter/Saur IFLA Publication Series and Launch of New Titles

Come and hear about new publications from the IFLA Publication Series. Recently released titles include New Horizons in Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, Libraries Driving Education for Sustainable Development and Libraries Empowering Society through Digital Literacy.

If you are a budding author, experienced practitioner, educator or researcher, you may like to learn more about the IFLA/De Gruyter publication series.

Do you have an idea for a book or edited work on a hot topic? Come along to express your views, learn about the trials and tribulations of writers, appreciate the pleasures and pitfalls of making your opinions known and help shape future professional publishing. Take this opportunity to talk with the Series Editors.

Hear from the editor and authors of upcoming titles.

DeGruyter/Saur IFLA Publication Series and Launch of New Titles

12:00 - 12:00

Speaker: Debbie Schachter, Associate Vice President Students, Langara College, Canada

Special Sessions

12:00 - 14:00

Organizers: IFLA

Poster Area/Congress Center

Session: 106

Poster Session 1

In the Poster Area you will find approximately 160 unique poster presentations. Posters will be on display throughout the week and will be showcased by the presenters during two two-hour sessions: from 12:00 to 14:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 August.

Posters are an ideas fest and we invite you to look, listen and learn as presenters explain their ideas, services or programmes. Presenters often provide handouts, printed materials, leaflets or pamphlets for distribution.

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 108

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands**A typology for library association development**

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, United States*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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>*Coordinator:* Gemma Burke**Bridging Intelligence: Practical library applications of AI and Linked Data at OCLC**

13:30 - 13:30

Speaker: Mary Sauer-Games, United States*Speaker:* Axel Kaschte, Germany

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

Coordinator & chair: Priscilla Pun, University of Macao Library, and Secretary of Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section, Macao SAR, China

Chair: Rosario Toril Moreno, National Center of Environmental Education, Spain

Chair: Merve Yavuzdemir, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate of Libraries and Publications, Türkiye

The Growth Library: Reading Without Borders, Growth With Sustainability

13:30 - 13:30

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 CO₂ 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.

Speaker: Shuang Liu, Shenzhen Yantian Library, China

James Baldwin Library: SDGs Inside a Sustainable Project

13:30 - 13:30

As part of the Parisian library network, James Baldwin Library shares the 2.800 m² building and vegetated property of 6.000 m² 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.

Speaker: Sophie Bobet, James Baldwin Library, France

Retro Roots, Green Future: A Midcentury Marvel in Sustainability

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Kate Wingate, United States

Green Festival - Karlovac Green Story

13:30 - 13:30

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

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Morgane Gibily, Maison de l'Environnement, France

Our Common Home, heart of the Little Naturalists of Querença

13:30 - 13:30

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

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Anyanitha Distanont, Thammasat University Library, Thailand

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

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

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Evviva Weinraub Lajoie, University Libraries University at Buffalo, United States

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

13:30 - 13:30

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.

Speaker: Piotr Lapo, Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University, Kazakhstan

Beyond the Shelves: How Librarian Productivity Fuels National Progress

13:30 - 13:30

Research-intensive institutions such as Nazarbayev University place a strong emphasis on producing impactful research that drives innovation, economic development, and strengthened nationalism. Librarians have a critical role in the research process and their expertise in information retrieval is a valuable asset in evidence and knowledge synthesis projects that provides researchers with an unbiased and objective synthesis of research evidence that can help inform policymakers in making decisions on pressing issues.

This talk will focus on the need to empower librarians through diverse research-related initiatives while highlighting their contribution to societal development.

Speaker: April Manabat, Kazakhstan

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Yesil/Congress Center

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

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

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 reimaged 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.

A Comparative Analysis of Cataloguing and Indexing Records for Artistic Works by Librarians and Artificial Intelligence Based on End-Users' Perspectives

13:30 - 13:30

This study explores the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) tools to enhance subject cataloging and indexing of Islamic-Iranian artworks, which are often complex and rich in visual symbolism. Comparing metadata generated by AI systems—ChatGPT, Copilot, DeepSeek, and Gemini—with that created by professional catalogers, the research assesses accuracy, thematic relevance, and user satisfaction. Preliminary findings suggest that while human cataloguing remains interpretively strong, AI tools offer broader thematic coverage and valuable assistance in metadata generation. The study highlights AI's potential to support cataloguing workflows, reduce manual effort, and improve access to artistic resources, particularly when aligned with domain-specific standards.

Speaker: Fatemeh Pazooki, National Library and Archives of I.R. Iran, Iran

Speaker: Mohsen Haji Zeinolabedini, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran

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

Business Meetings

13:30 - 14:45

Meeting Room 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.

Business Meetings

13:30 - 14:45

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 112

Bibliographic Conceptual Models (BCM) Review Group

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Meeting Room 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 Woman's University, United States

AI Tools for Marketing

13:30 - 13:30

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

Speaker: Paria Aria, Texas Woman's University, United States

AI Tools for Literature Reviews

13:30 - 13:30

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

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

Expo Pavilion Session

14:00 - 14:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field**About the Activities of the National Association of Kazakhstan: Strategic Goals and Their Implementation**

14:00 - 14:00

Organizers: The Kazakhstani Library Union

The presentation briefly describes the main areas of activity of the only national association of Kazakhstan, its projects and achievements over almost 30 years of its activity

Speaker: Gaziza Nurgalieva, Kazakhstan

The ULARK Association: Joining Forces for the Future of University Libraries in Kazakhstan

14:00 - 14:00

Organizers: The Association of University Libraries of Kazakhstan

The Association of University Libraries is an important factor in the successful transformation of university libraries in the contemporary digital environment and the achievement of a consolidated position of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the leadership of the university and the library community represented by the Association of University Libraries of the Republic of Kazakhstan with the aim of reforming higher education

Speaker: Gulzhan Irzhanova, Kazakhstan

Our Path with IFLA: Experience of the East Kazakhstan Librarians Association

14:00 - 14:00

Organizers: East Kazakhstan Regional Association of Librarians

The presentation describes the cooperation of East Kazakhstan libraries with IFLA since 1995: the use of IFLA manifestos and standards to develop their own documents; inspiration from the participation of regional librarians in IFLA Congresses to implement innovative projects in library practice; international recognition (winning a poster presentation at the Congress in the USA (2016), etc.

Speaker: Khabiba Akzhigitov, Kazakhstan

Congress Programme

15:00 - 16:15

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

Session:

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. Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Business Meetings

15:00 - 16:30

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session:

PAC Network Open Business Meeting

IFLA Preservation and Conservation (PAC) Network are hubs of knowledge on regional and international issues in cultural heritage conservation and preservation. Their work has one major goal: to ensure that library and archival materials, published and unpublished, in all formats, will be preserved and be accessible form for as long as possible. This Meeting will bring several PAC Centres together to exchange updates on their work with one another and the wider IFLA community.

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

Business Meetings

15:00 - 16:15

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 120

International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD) Review Group

Expo Pavilion Session

15:00 - 15:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field

The National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan as a Center for Integration and Development of the National Library Field
Organizers: The National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

15:00 - 15:00

The presentation is devoted to the areas of work of the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan aimed at developing the integration of the country's library community: collection of statistical and analytical information at the national level, development of regulatory documentation, support for corporate cataloging, etc.

Speaker: Gaziza Nurgalieva, Kazakhstan

Project Activities of the National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the International, National and Local Levels
Organizers: The National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

15:00 - 15:00

The presentation briefly mentions the main projects implemented by the library at the international, national and city levels.

Speaker: Kumis Seitova, Kazakhstan

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.

Keywords: Peer review training, Academic publishing, Scholarly communication

Presenters:

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

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

Congress Programme

15:15 - 16:15

Astana Hall/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and Marketing

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator & chair: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Coaching session

15:15 - 15:15

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.

Speaker: Jorun Systad, Norway

Speaker: Joan Weeks, Library of Congress, United States

Speaker: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Speaker: Julie Gelfand, University of California, Irvine Libraries, United States

Speaker: Luisa Marquardt, Roma Tre University, Rome, and IFLA School Libraries Section Chair (2023-2025)

Speaker: Anna Cascone, Lasallian Library and convenor of SIG RELINDIAL, Italy

Speaker: April Manabat, Kazakhstan

Speaker: Anya Feltreuter, Mjölby Public Library, Sweden

Speaker: Josephine Siegrist, Switzerland

Speaker: Carmen Ka Man Lei, Macao University of Tourism, Macao SAR, China

Speaker: Tao Yang, Hong Kong SAR, China

Speaker: Hans-Petter Storemyr, Norsk Bibliotekforening, Norway

Expo Pavilion Session

16:00 - 17:30

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Organizers: CNKI

Session:

AI Across Borders: CNKI AI Kazakhstan Launch

CNKI, in collaboration with the Kazakhstan University Library Consortium, will launch the "China AI-powered Scholarly Knowledge Access" initiative and host a special release event during the 2025 WLIC, focusing on topics such as the digital and intelligent transformation of libraries.

The Practice and Application of AI in Chinese Academic Libraries

16:00 - 16:00

Speaker: Dou Tianfang, Tsinghua University, China

The Development of Libraries in Kazakhstan in the Era of AI

16:00 - 16:00

AI Across Borders: China AI-powered Scholarly Knowledge Access Initiative (CASKAI)

16:00 - 16:00

Congress Programme

16:30 - 17:45

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

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

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**Worldy Translation:** <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>*Chair:* Susmita Chakraborty, University of Calcutta, India**Ethical AI in LIS: an introduction**

16:30 - 16:30

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**Developing a Responsive and Ethical AI Culture in Higher Education**

16:30 - 16:30

[Paper in English](#)*Speaker:* Debbie Schachter, Associate Vice President Students, Langara College, Canada**Teaching (ethical) AI to LIS students: discussion**

16:30 - 16:30

Strategic planning to adopt (ethical) AI in libraries and information centers

16:30 - 16:30

Strategic planning of inclusion and use of AI in libraries and information centres is essential, and these require a systematic approach. Systematic planning entails formulating aims, assessing infrastructure, and choosing AI applications that will improve cataloging, user interaction, and data processing services. Successful integration also demands staff training, policies, and budgeting frameworks. This paper discusses the emerging trends in libraries in Bangladesh concerning the adoption of AI, highlights academic and professional viewpoints and identifies strategic areas and challenges for effective integration

Speaker: Dilara Begum, Department of Information Studies, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 122

Mainstreaming Futures Thinking**Worldy Translation:** <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Congress Programme

16:30 - 17:45

Grand Ballroom/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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>*Coordinator:* Jane Cowell, Public Library Section, Australia*Coordinator:* Carolyn A. Anthony, Metropolitan Libraries Section, United States*Chair:* Martin Memet Könick, Public Library Section, Sweden**Public Libraries and the role they play in strengthening democracies.**

16:30 - 16:30

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.

Speaker: Martin Memet Könick, Public Library Section, Sweden*Speaker:* Elin Golten, Norway*Speaker:* Neeza Singh, Metropolitan Libraries Section, India*Speaker:* Mariann Schjeide, FAIFE, Norway*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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands*Congress Programme*

16:30 - 17:45

Yesil/Congress Center

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>*Chair:* Fabien Vandermarcq, Port Royal Library, France*Coordinator:* Anna Cascone, Lasallian Library and convenor of SIG RELINDIAL, Italy**Digital Preservation: Overview of Current Research and Practice in**

16:30 - 16:30

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

16:30 - 16:30

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

Information literacy for sustainable development.

16:30 - 16:30

Sostenibilità, sviluppo, pace, tecnologia, energie rinnovabili, giustizia, condivisione, professionalità, green libraries.

Speaker: Rosario Toril Moreno, National Center of Environmental Education, Spain

Sharing experiences through professional networks.

16:30 - 16:30

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

Speaker: Chiara De Vecchis, Italian Senate Library, Italy

Special Sessions

17:45 - 23:00

Astana/Congress Center

Session:

Cultural Evening

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09:00 - 10:30

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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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Ertuğrul Çimen, MEF University, Türkiye

Coordinator & chair: Diane Koen, IFLA North America Regional Division, Canada

Panel Discussion with the RDC Chairs

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Alejandro Lorenzo César Santa, Biblioteca del Congreso de la Nación, Argentina

Speaker: Danquah Mensah Monica, University of Ghana, Ghana

Speaker: Diane Koen, IFLA North America Regional Division, Canada

Speaker: Saif Aljabri, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Speaker: Ertuğrul Çimen, MEF University, Türkiye

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.

Speaker: Kirsten Wurman, Manitoba Law Library and the Manitoba Library Association, Canada

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, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, 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.

Speaker: Mojca Rupar Korosec, National and University Library Slovenia, Slovenia

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: Inês M. Ferreira, EBLIDA, Netherlands

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.

Speaker: Catarina Lei Hoi Kei, University of Saint Joseph, Macao SAR, China

Speaker: Emily Chan On, University of Saint Joseph, Macao SAR, China

Libraries and Information Services in Latin America, The Caribbean and Brazil

09:00 - 09:00

This presentation explores the current landscape of libraries and information services in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Brazil. It addresses the challenges posed by limited public policies and social inequalities, while also highlighting positive developments in countries such as Brazil, Argentina, and Colombia. Special focus is given to national infrastructure efforts in Brazil, particularly in science and technology information. The role of institutions actively engaged with IFLA and their contributions to international cooperation and professional development are also discussed.

Speaker: Ricardo Crisafulli Rodrigues, IBICT, Brazil

Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 131

Regional Engagement, Global Impact: Connecting with UNESCO Regional Office in Almaty

Strengthening regional-level cooperation can be a powerful goal for library associations and institutions. UNESCO's Field Offices play a critical role in implementing UNESCO's global strategies at the regional and national levels. They achieve this through developing programs and activities and engage with national governments, UN agencies, civil society, and other partners to achieve UNESCO's goals in education, science and culture.

The UNESCO Regional Office in Almaty oversees regional engagement in Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Their work focusses on education for all, gender equality, life-long-learning, promoting access to scientific knowledge, preserving cultural and natural heritage, strengthening diversity of cultural expressions, freedom of expression, and intercultural dialogue, and more.

This session will be a conversation with UNESCO Almaty, helping WLIC participants get to know how UNESCO works at the regional level. It will introduce the Field Office's projects in the fields of climate change, culture, and communication and information, and share ideas for how the library field might strengthen links to UNESCO at the regional level.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

Coordinator & chair: Claire Maguire

IFLA and UNESCO: working together at the national and regional levels

09:00 - 09:00

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.

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

Welcome speech

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Amir Piric, UNESCO Regional Office in Almaty, Kazakhstan

UNESCO's practical materials/activities on Media and Information Literacy and Countering Hate Speech

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Majer Massanov, National Programme Officer for Communication and Information, Kazakhstan

**Online platforms as knowledge management tool in the UNESCO's
GEF-UNDP and GLOFCA projects**

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Altyntomiris Baltabayeva, Kazakhstan

Main outcomes of the UNESCO-EU Silk Roads project

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Majer Massanov, National Programme Officer for Communication and Information, Kazakhstan

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

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

Chair: Justine Wheeler, Statistics and Evaluation Section - University of Calgary, Canada

Aligning Assessment with Strategic Priorities

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Christine Brown, University of Alberta Library, Canada

**Confronting Bias and Connecting with Stakeholders: Applying a
Credibility Lens in Planning, Conducting, and Communicating
Library Evaluations**

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Lisa Hinchliffe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States

Demonstrating Value of a Research Library

09:00 - 09:00

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

Speaker: Justine Wheeler, Statistics and Evaluation Section - University of Calgary, Canada

AI in web accessibility evaluation and improvement

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Jingjing Wu, Texas Tech University, United States

AI in Assessment and Communication Research Library Value

09:00 - 09:00

Speaker: Mary-Jo Romaniuk, University of Calgary, Canada

Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ballroom/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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

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

Knowledge Café - 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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>*Coordinator:* Carolyne Ménard, Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée nationale du Québec, Canada*Business Meetings*

09:00 - 10:30

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 137

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

09:00 - 10:30

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Organizers: IFLA, Advisory Committee on Open science and Scholarship

Session: 138

IFLA Open Science & Publishers Meeting*Business Meetings*

09:00 - 10:30

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session: 136

IFLA Metatec Business Meeting*Industry Session*

09:30 - 17:30

Exhibition Hall

Session:

Exhibition*Expo Pavilion Session*

10:00 - 10:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field

IFLA/PAK Regional Centre for Central Asia of the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan: Development Prospects
Organizers: The National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

10:00 - 10:00

The report is devoted to the activities of the IFLA/PAC Regional Centre for Central Asia, which has been operating at the National Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan since 2008. The stages of the centre's formation and development, key initiatives in the field of preservation and restoration of documents, including the creation of the UNESCO School,

international cooperation, personnel training, holding seminars and master classes are presented. Success in obtaining international expert status and involvement in the implementation of the UN SDGs are noted. The role of the library as a catalyst for cultural and professional growth in the Central Asian region is emphasized

Speaker: Tolkyin Zamzaeva, Kazakhstan

The Kazakhstan National Electronic Library as an Important Resource of Cultural and Scientific Heritage of Kazakhstan

10:00 - 10:00

Organizers: The National Academic Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan
The presentation describes the main characteristics of KazNEB, the first state library portal with the content of Kazakhstani publications; the results of the modernization of the KazNEB system and the prospects for its use as a Unified Cloud Automated Library and Information System for the entire library network of Kazakhstan.

Speaker: Nurzhan Zholdybalinov, Kazakhstan

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 139

Towards Culturally Anchored Futures: The Role of Libraries in Building a Common Knowledge Base for Plural Futures

Today marked by accelerating disruption, contested narratives, and widening epistemic divides, the capacity to imagine and design inclusive, resilient futures has become a cultural imperative. Libraries, long seen as repositories of knowledge and custodians of memory, now stand at the threshold of a transformative shift: from institutions that preserve the past to institutions that co-create the futures.

In his keynote, Dr. Kais Hammami, Director of the Centre for Strategic Foresight and Artificial Intelligence at the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), will present a compelling vision of **libraries as cultural foresight infrastructures**, spaces where communities, knowledge systems, and futures thinking converge to foster long-term societal resilience. Anchored in ICESCO's mandate to advance science, education, and culture across its 53 Member States, the address will explore how libraries can serve as foundational platforms for generating **a shared, culturally grounded knowledge base** that informs anticipatory governance and public imagination.

Dr. Hammami will share concrete experiences from ICESCO's foresight initiatives, including multilingual knowledge dissemination, the development of future literacy toolkits, and culturally responsive capacity-building programs, that demonstrate how foresight is not merely a technical exercise, but a deeply normative and cultural process. Through these efforts, ICESCO has positioned itself as a leading convener of futures thinking across the Islamic world, promoting **contextual foresight methodologies** that align with the linguistic, epistemological, and civilizational diversity of its regions.

At the heart of this vision lies the belief that **libraries can and must become foresight accelerators**, institutions that not only provide access to knowledge, but also empower communities to engage critically with the future, and that through institutionalizing foresight via hosting foresight and monitoring units. This means equipping libraries to host participatory futures dialogues, curate foresight resources in local languages, and bridge intergenerational knowledge through storytelling, archives, and digital transformation. By connecting the memory of what has been with the imagination of what could be, libraries become vital agents in preserving cultural identity while navigating future complexity.

The keynote will also address the urgent need to counter epistemic centralization by cultivating plural futures rooted in diverse traditions of knowledge. In doing so, it calls upon the international library community to see itself not only as a sector of information professionals, but as a strategic partner in the co-design of inclusive futures. futures where culture, agency, and solidarity are not sidelined but foregrounded.

Ultimately, this address will present **a roadmap for repositioning libraries at the heart of foresight ecosystems**, supported by ICESCO's commitment to building capacity, enhancing regional foresight infrastructures, and embedding cultural intelligence into long-term decision-making. In times of transformation, libraries are not simply places of reading, they are places of reckoning, of remembering, and of reimagining. As such, they hold the latent power to shape the futures we dare to build.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Towards Culturally Anchored Futures: The Role of Libraries in Building a Common Knowledge Base for Plural Futures

10:45 - 10:45

Speaker: Kais Hammami, Centre for Strategic Foresight and Artificial Intelligence, ICESCO, Morocco

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

Chair: Lisa Hinchliffe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States

Navigating Copyright Considerations: Contemporary Developments and Implications for Libraries

10:45 - 10:45

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.

Speaker: Sara Benson, University of Illinois Library, United States

Speaker: Amanda Wakaruk, University of Alberta, Canada

Speaker: Jamal Al Salmi, University of Nizwa, Oman

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 members in order to connect with each other. The Knowledge Café is a popular IFLA program with the goal of connecting 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 session will focus on connecting libraries and enabling meaningful change. Its emphasis on global collaboration, exchanging ideas, and addressing critical challenges such as AI, leadership, and professional development is both timely and impactful. The Café draws upon the changes identified in the recent IFLA Trends Report. The interactive Knowledge Café format fosters meaningful discussions and actionable takeaways. With facilitators from diverse regions and collaboration across IFLA sections, the session offers a global, interdisciplinary approach to addressing key library issues.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Chair: Maggie Farrell, University of Nevada Las Vegas, United States

Chair: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Chair: Albina Krymskaya, Section on Education and Training (SET), Russian Federation

Chair: Susmita Chakraborty, University of Calcutta, India

Introduction

10:45 - 10:45

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

Session overview

10:45 - 10:45

Facilitator leading and managing Knowledge Café table discussions on current issues.

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Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Yesil/Congress Center

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

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

Coordinator: Elizabeth Kettermann, East Carolina University, United States

Chair: Blessing Mawire, Research4Life, South Africa

Panel Facilitator 10:45 - 10:45
Panel discussion will include practical examples of library support for localities experiencing disasters.

Speaker: Blessing Mawire, Research4Life, South Africa

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Speaker: Cindy Pierard, Rice University, United States

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Speaker: Maggie Tarpley, Vanderbilt University, United States

Panelist 10:45 - 10:45
Panel discussion will include practical examples of library support for localities experiencing disasters.

Speaker: Caroline DeBrun, UK Health Security Agency, United Kingdom

Keynote 10:45 - 10:45
The keynote will establish the need for and value of librarians providing support in times of disaster.

Speaker: Feili Tu Keefner, University of South Carolina, United States

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Speaker: Denise Lyons, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, United States

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Speaker: April Hobbs, Network of the National Library of Medicine, Region 2, United States

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:15

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and Marketing

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 SAR, China

Chair: Jorun Systad, Norway

Coaching session

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Speaker: Jorun Systad, Norway

Speaker: Heba Mohamed Ismail, Arab Federation of Libraries and Information, Egypt

Speaker: Josephine Siegrist, Switzerland

Speaker: Chiara De Vecchis, Italian Senate Library, Italy

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:15

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

Organizers: Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning Section, Management and Marketing

Session: 190

Coaching session

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Coordinator: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Chair: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Coaching session

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Speaker: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Speaker: Anna Cascone, Lasallian Library and convenor of SIG RELINDIAL, Italy

Speaker: April Manabat, Kazakhstan

Speaker: Carmen Ka Man Lei, Macao University of Tourism, Macao SAR, China

Expo Pavilion Session

11:00 - 11:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field**The Library: Where People Meet and Ideas Grow**

11:00 - 11:00

Organizers: N.V. Gogol Karaganda Regional Universal Scientific Library

In the evolving landscape of knowledge and cultural exchange, modern libraries are transforming into dynamic community hubs. This presentation shows the experience of the library in redefining its role as not only a repository of information, but also a platform for communication, lifelong learning, digital inclusion, and cultural dialogue. Key initiatives include the creation of co-working zones, hosting inclusive and youth-oriented events, implementing digital services, and developing project-based activities that foster local community engagement. The library functions as a point of growth—supporting social innovation, personal development, and intersectoral cooperation.

Speaker: Ainur Shaimukhanbetova, Kazakhstan

Community Library Centers as a Tool for Developing Relationships with Locals

11:00 - 11:00

Organizers: Pavlodar Regional Universal Scientific Library named after S.Toraighyrov

The presentation gives a brief description of the regional public library as

- a Community Center, presented in the form of:
 - a center for providing library services;
 - a socio-center and a site for providing public services;
 - a meeting place for the Council of Veterans of the rural district;
 - a dialogue platform for local authorities;
 - a co-working center.

Speaker: Sholpan Shakhmetova, Kazakhstan

Expo Pavilion Session

12:00 - 12:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Organizers: ISSN

Session:

A decade of innovation and influence for the ISSN International Centre

Over the past decade, the ISSN International Centre (ISSN IC) has grown significantly. It has strengthened its role as a bibliographic authority by creating a metadata portal and related services that are used worldwide. This demonstrates the organisation's commitment to technological innovation and collaborative governance. Since 2014, the Centre has expanded its activities and cooperation considerably, particularly by extending its ISSN network into new regions. By developing new tools and services, the Centre has reaffirmed its position at the heart of the global bibliographic infrastructure. This presentation provides a detailed overview of the ISSN IC activities and transformations from 2014 to 2024 as the organisation prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2025. It also outlines its main strategic priorities for 2030.

A decade of innovation and influence for the ISSN International Centre

12:00 - 12:00

Speaker: Gaëlle Bequet, ISSN, France

Special Sessions

12:00 - 14:00

Poster Area/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 143

Poster Session 2

In the Poster Area you will find approximately 160 unique poster presentations. Posters will be on display throughout the week and will be showcased by the presenters during two two-hour sessions: from 12:00 to 14:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19 and 20 August.

Posters are an ideas fest and we invite you to look, listen and learn as presenters explain their ideas, services or programmes. Presenters often provide handouts, printed materials, leaflets or pamphlets for distribution.

Expo Pavilion Session

13:00 - 13:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field

Astana Libraries: From Silent Shelves to Dynamic Spaces

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: Children's Library No. 6 of the Centralized Library System of Astana

Astana libraries are transforming from traditional book repositories to living cultural and public spaces to be places of encounter, dialogue, inclusion, development and creativity. An important strategic direction of their activities is partnership: cooperation with NGOs, schools, embassies and cultural organizations. New formats of work are being introduced (clubs, lectures, art therapy, master classes, events for children with special needs) and digital tools are actively used (Instagram, Reels, visual and media formats to attract the audience)

Speaker: Zhazira Yedigenova, Kazakhstan

Libraries of Almaty: Successful Projects and Achievements

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: The Centralized library system of Almaty city

The presentation talks about the achievements of city libraries, new service formats and the introduction of innovative technologies

Speaker: Meiram Bektembayev, Kazakhstan

How to Attract a Modern User to a Library

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: The Centralized library system named after Oralkhan Bokey of the Akimat of the city of Ust-Kamenogorsk

The presentation tells about such innovative projects of the city library named after O. Bokey as projects on teaching programming, 3D modeling and 3D printing: "VR-yurt", "IT-arular mektebi", "TechnoSHEBER", inclusive animation studio "BalaDARYN", and also presents the first electronic resource in the region www.bokey.kz, dedicated to the life and work of the writer, whose name the library bears.

Speaker: Ruslan Babirov, Kazakhstan

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Nick Boxem, Dutch National Government, Netherlands

PressReader segment

13:30 - 13:30

Presented by Josine de Wolde, Senior Territory Manager at PressReader.

Speaker: Josine de Wolde, PressReader, Italy

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

Getting Published with IFLA - Insights from the Editors offers practical guidance for authors interested in publishing with *IFLA Journal* and the *IFLA Publications Series*. The session features Steve Witt, Editor of *IFLA Journal*; Debbie Schachter, Editor of the *IFLA Publications Series* (published by De Gruyter); and a representative from SAGE, the publisher of *IFLA Journal*. Together, they will share insights on developing strong article and book proposals, navigating the peer review and editorial processes, and aligning your work with IFLA's mission to advance libraries and librarianship globally. Participants will come away with tips on preparing journal articles and book proposals and also a clearer understanding of the publishing lifecycle—from manuscript preparation to reviewer feedback and final publication—across both journals and books. This session is ideal for early-career researchers, seasoned professionals, and anyone seeking to contribute to global LIS scholarship.

Keywords: Scholarly communication, Academic publishing, LIS research and authorship

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

Coordinator: Debbie Schachter, Associate Vice President Students, Langara College, Canada

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

13:30 - 13:30

Speaker: Debbie Schachter, Associate Vice President Students, Langara College, Canada

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

13:30 - 13:30

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

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

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

Session: 147

Workshop Information Integrity for a Healthy Information Environment**Worldly Translation:** <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>*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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>*Coordinator:* Philip Kent, University of Sydney and Chair of Library Buildings and Equipment Section, Australia*Coordinator:* Sonia Casquico, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's Art Library and Secretary of Preservation and Conservation Section, Portugal*Coordinator:* Priscilla Pun, University of Macao Library, and Secretary of Environment, Sustainability and Libraries Section, Macao SAR, China*Chair:* Ornella Foglieni, Associazione Italiana Biblioteche and Chair of Preservation and Conservation Section, Italy**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)

Speaker: Mark Ormsby, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), United States**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: Zhuldyz Orazymbetova, Nazarbayev University Library, Kazakhstan*Speaker:* Yelizaveta 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**Air 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 climate 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 Vávrová, National Library of Czech republic, Czech Republic

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Yesil/Congress Center

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Presenting the Knowledge Rights 21 Programme

13:30 - 13:30

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

Speaker: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Business Meetings

13:30 - 15:00

Meeting Room 1/Hilton

Session: 149

IFLA UNIMARC Business Meeting

Expo Pavilion Session

15:00 - 15:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field

The Role of the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University Library in the Digital Age: Preserving Traditions and Introducing Innovations
Organizers: Al-Farabi Kazakh National University Library

15:00 - 15:00

The presentation is dedicated to the activities of the Al-Farabi Library, its innovative initiatives, digital transformation, automation of library processes, as well as electronic information resources.

Speaker: Zhadyra Arekenova, Kazakhstan

Library and Benefits for Community: Partner Initiatives

15:00 - 15:00

Organizers: Scientific Library of the Eurasian National University named after L.N.Gumilyov

The presentation briefly describes the projects, events, and trainings that the university library conducts for city residents or in which they participate.

Speaker: Askhat Aubakirov, Kazakhstan

AlmaU Open Library - a place for dialogue and self-development for everyone!

15:00 - 15:00

Organizers: Almaty Management University Library

The presentation introduces the main indicators reflecting the activities of the AlmaU Open Library, provides examples of its various events and feedback from citizens using services of the Library:

Speaker: Yuliya Kolchina Makpal Aussadykova, Kazakhstan

The Journey of the University Library Towards Excellence: Challenges and Resources

15:00 - 15:00

Organizers: The Scientific Library named after Seraly Kaniyev of the Kazakh National Women's Teacher Training University

The presentation explores the transformative journey of the university library as it strives for excellence in meeting the strategic goals of its university

Speaker: Asem Otegen, Kazakhstan

Special Sessions

15:30 - 17:30

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 151

IFLA General Assembly**Worldly Translation:** <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

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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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

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

Chair: Lilly Hoi Sze Ho, Acquisition and Collection Development, Australia

Chair: Madiareni Sulaiman, BRIN Indonesia and UCL UK, United Kingdom

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

09:00 - 09:10

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

Speaker: Fiona Bradley, AI SIG, UNSW Sydney, Australia

Introduction of the Session: Perspectives on Open Science

09:10 - 09:20

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

Speaker: Lilly Hoi Sze Ho, Acquisition and Collection Development, Australia

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

09:20 - 09:30

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

09:30 - 09:40

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
[Paper in English](#)

09:40 - 09:50

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 SAR, China

Bridging Mountains and Minds: The Role of Libraries in Advancing Equitable and Multilingual Open Science in Nepal and Beyond
[Paper in English](#)

09:50 - 10:00

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.

Speaker: Pushparaj Subedi, Nepal Library Association, Nepal

Q&A

10:00 - 10:15

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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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWRS-7675>

Coordinator: Liisa Savolainen, University of Helsinki, Finland

Collecting with, not from communities in the digital age

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Marie-Louise Ayres, National Library of Australia, Australia

Culture Memory in the Digital Age

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Hannah Sommers, Library of Congress, United States

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

09:00 - 09:00

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

09:00 - 09:00

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 Abdulrahman, Qatar National Library, Qatar

Safeguarding National Digital Knowledge and Cultural Heritage for a Sustainable Future: Strategic Roles and Challenges of the National Library of Korea

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Heesop Kim, Korea, Republic of

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

09:00 - 09:00

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 minority communities 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

Altay + Burabay/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 075

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>*Coordinator:* Maria De Brasdefer, IFLA, Netherlands**Why MILSR and where does it come from?**

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Louise Hisayasu, The Tactical Technology Collective, Brazil**MLCE and MILSR 'Supercharged by AI' successes, challenges and reflections**

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: Maria De Brasdefer, IFLA, Netherlands**A couple of reflections on MILSR implementation at a local level**

09:00 - 09:00

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

Speaker: Dorja Mučnjak, National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia*Speaker:* Michaela Mrázová, National Library of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic*Congress Programme*

09:00 - 10:15

Grand Ballroom/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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>*Coordinator:* Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands**IFLA100 - on the agenda**

09:00 - 09:00

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.

Speaker: 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:

A wide awareness of responsible uses of generative AI for library work

Insights into how to manage the ethical issues, such as inaccuracy, bias, and privacy, that ensure uses are responsible

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator: Paria Aria, Texas Woman's University, United States

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

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

09:00 - 09:00

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

Speaker: Paria Aria, Texas Woman's University, United States

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

Business Meetings

09:00 - 10:00

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

Organizers: Equitable and Accessible Library Services Section

Session:

Designing for Everyone: Practical Steps to Accessible Documents

Chair: Karin Larsson, Malmö Public Libraries, Sweden

Designing for Everyone: Practical Steps to Accessible Documents

09:00 - 09:00

Join Karin Larsson from the IFLA Equitable & Accessibly Library Services Section for a practical, accessibility-focused session on creating inclusive documents for both web and print. Whether you're drafting reports, flyers, or online content, this session will walk you through essential practices to ensure your materials are accessible to all audiences. Karin will cover the must-know principles of accessible document design that highlights common mistakes and showcases best practices. Through real-world examples—both good and bad—you'll learn how to make your documents user-friendly for people with disabilities. This practical session will also point you to reliable online resources, guidelines, and tools that support ongoing accessible content creation. Perfect for anyone involved in communication, publishing, or content design, this event is designed to be informative, actionable, and empowering. Bring your questions and walk away with skills you can apply immediately.

Speaker: Karin Larsson, Malmö Public Libraries, Sweden

Business Meetings

09:00 - 10:30

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Organizers: Subject Access and Analysis Section, Cataloguing Section,

Session: 157

RELINDIAL Special Interest Group Business Meeting

Congress Programme

09:00 - 10:15

Meeting Room 5&6/Hilton

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

Session: 158

Climate Change and Public Health: Library Partnerships Supporting Resilient Communities

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, Research4Life, 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:* Bethany McGowan, Purdue University, United States*Speaker:* Blessing Mawire, Research4Life, South Africa*Industry Session*

09:30 - 16:30

Exhibition Hall

Session:

Exhibition*Expo Pavilion Session*

10:00 - 10:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Organizers: West Kazakhstan Regional Library for Children and Youth named after Khamza Yesenzhanov

Session:

Children's library as a center of intellectual and creative development

The presentation introduces the main areas of activity of the regional children's library, important projects to form the reader's interest in reading books, public events, forums, seminars, and the activities of various clubs at the library.

Children's library as a center of intellectual and creative development

10:00 - 10:00

Speaker: Elvira Amangalieva, Kazakhstan

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Session: 195

Developing governance and driving innovation across the Turkic World

There is strong cooperation in place across Turkic countries, from Türkiye in the west to Kazakhstan in the East, not least when it comes to libraries. This provides a structure for the exchange of insights into how libraries can fulfil their diverse missions and meet the needs of citizens most effectively.

In this session, hear from Taner Beyoğlu, General Director of Libraries and Publications of Türkiye and host of upcoming events for libraries in the context of the Organisation of Turkic States about the plans for this meeting, as well as the wider shape of cooperation in the region.

Mr Beyoğlu will also share insights into how to develop integrated and inclusive library services at scale, ensuring effective services even in the most remote regions, and drawing on the potential of technology to realise the potential of our institutions and profession.

Chair: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Chair: Sharon Memis, IFLA Secretary General, Netherlands

Developing governance and driving innovation across the Turkic World

10:45 - 10:45

Speaker: Taner Beyoğlu, Türkiye

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Grand Ballroom/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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

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

How do we define documentary heritage?

10:45 - 10:45

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.

Speaker: Helen Vincent, The British Library, United Kingdom

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

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator: Leili Seifi

Updating the Multicultural Communities Guidelines

10:45 - 10:45

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

Speaker: Leili Seifi

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:00

Yesil/Congress Center

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.

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

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

Implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty at the National Library Service

10:45 - 10:45

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.

Speaker: Alice O'Reilly, Library of Congress, United States

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

10:45 - 10:45

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.

Speaker: Dipendra Manocha, DAISY Consortium, India

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

10:45 - 10:45

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

10:45 - 10:45

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.

Speaker: Hiroshi Kawamura, Assistive Technology Development Organization, Japan

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:15

Meeting Room 2/Hilton

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

Session: 191

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.

Chair: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Coaching session

10:45 - 10:45

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Speaker: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Speaker: Anya Feltreuter, Mjölby Public Library, Sweden

Speaker: Josephine Siegrist, Switzerland

Speaker: Jorun Systad, Norway

Congress Programme

10:45 - 12:15

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

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

Session: 192

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Coordinator: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China*Chair:* Joan Weeks, Library of Congress, United States**Coaching session**

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Speaker: Joan Weeks, Library of Congress, United States*Speaker:* Julie Gelfand, University of California, Irvine Libraries, United States*Speaker:* Carmen Ka Man Lei, Macao University of Tourism, Macao SAR, China*Congress Programme*

10:45 - 11:45

Meeting Room 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*Chair:* Victoria Owen, University of Toronto, Canada**IFLA Advisory Committee on Standards**

10:45 - 10:45

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

Speaker: Pat Riva, Concordia University, Canada**IFLA Bibliography Section**

10:45 - 10:45

Rehab Ouf is the Chair of the IFLA Bibliography Section

Speaker: Rehab Ouf, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt**IFLA Cataloguing Section**

10:45 - 10:45

Mélanie Roche is the Chair of the IFLA Cataloguing Section

Speaker: Melanie Roche, National Library of France (BnF), France**IFLA Subject Analysis and Access Section**

10:45 - 10:45

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**

10:45 - 10:45

Satu Niininen is a member of the IFLA Accessibility Metadata Network

Speaker: Satu Niininen, National Library of Finland, Finland**IFLA BCM Review Group**

10:45 - 10:45

Jenny Wright is the Chair of the IFLA BCM Review Group

Speaker: Jenny Wright, Bibliographic Data Services Limited, United Kingdom**IFLA ISBD Review Group**

10:45 - 10:45

Mikael Wetterstrom is the Chair of the ISBD Review Group

Speaker: Mikael Wetterström, National Library of Sweden, Sweden

METATEC Review Group

10:45 - 10:45

Joseph Hafner is the Chair of the METATEC Review Group

Speaker: Joseph Hafner, York university, Canada

UNIMARC Review Group

10:45 - 10:45

Speaker: Florence Tfibel, Bibliothèque nationale de France, France

Congress Programme

11:00 - 12:00

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!

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Presenting the AFLI Study

11:00 - 11:00

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

Speaker: Heba Mohamed Ismail, Arab Federation of Libraries and Information, Egypt

Speaker: Emad Saleh, Egypt

Speaker: Rasha Essmat, Egypt

Expo Pavilion Session

12:00 - 12:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Industry Debriefing

The Industry Debrief for IFLA WLIC 2025 is open to all exhibitors and sponsors.

Speakers: IFLA / K.I.T. Group

Congress Programme

12:30 - 13:30

Saryarqa+ Zheitsu/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

Session: 159

Making development sustainable in Kazakhstan: the UN Perspective

We are honoured to be joined by the United Nations' Resident Coordinator for Kazakhstan, Ms Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa. In her job, Ms Radnaaragchaa oversees the UN's overall engagement in Kazakhstan, as well as coordinating the efforts of different UN agencies represented there.

In the UN's 80th year, and with five years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN's 2030 Agenda, there is a renewed focus on how both to realise the potential of multilateralism, as well as to mobilise all relevant actors at national and local levels. Libraries are already powerful contributors to goals around research and education, but what more is possible?

Come along to find out about how, from the UN perspective, libraries can fully realise their potential, as well as to understand more about how the sustainable development agenda is playing out in Kazakhstan.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Making development sustainable in Kazakhstan: the UN Perspective

12:30 - 12:30

Speaker: Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, UN Resident Coordinator in Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan

Expo Pavilion Session

13:00 - 13:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field

On the activities of the Republican Scientific and Pedagogical Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: The Republican Scientific and Pedagogical Library of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The presentation briefly describes the main directions of activity and projects of the Republican Scientific and Pedagogical Library, the coordinating and methodological center of the network of state school libraries of the country

Speaker: Aliya Saidembaeva, Kazakhstan

Innovative Approaches to Developing Functional and Reading Literacy: the Experience of the Libraries of Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools

The presentation reveals the main areas of work of the libraries of Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools, innovative projects that combine traditional values and modern approaches to the development of reading literacy

Speaker: Aida Agadil, Vice Director of Department of Pastoral Care of AEO "Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools, Kazakhstan

Speaker: Olga Salamakhina, Senior Teacher-librarian, Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools in Kokshetau, Kazakhstan

The School Library as a Hub for Learning, Collaboration, and Community Engagement

13:00 - 13:00

Organizers: Haileybury Astana School

The school library serves as a dynamic and vital center within the educational environment, going far beyond its traditional role of housing books. It acts as a hub for learning by providing students and educators with access to diverse resources, technology, and research support that cater to various learning styles and needs. The library fosters collaboration by offering spaces that encourage group work, discussions, and interactive projects, helping students develop teamwork and communication skills essential for academic and personal growth. Moreover, the school library is a key facilitator of community engagement, hosting events, workshops, and programs that connect students, teachers, families, and local organizations. Through these multifaceted roles, the school library contributes significantly to creating an inclusive, resource-rich, and supportive community where lifelong learning and connection thrive

Speaker: Marina Poyarkova, Kazakhstan

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

Worldly Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/ZVNG-6550>

Coordinator: Cory Lampert, University of Nevada, United States

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: Gihan 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

Books for All: Holistic Strategies for Inclusive Digital and Physical Access in Türkiye's Public Libraries

13:30 - 13:30

Türkiye's network of 1,301 public libraries is advancing an inclusive information ecosystem under the "generative libraries" approach by integrating both digital innovations and accessible physical infrastructures. This paper presents a comprehensive range of free services designed to ensure equitable access for diverse user groups. This study also shares technical implementation strategies such as API-based system architecture, cloud scaling, and CDN integration; interface design principles for accessibility; and staff training and field workshop development. Evaluation indicators include measurable increases in usage of accessible formats, a 95% accessibility satisfaction score, and significant growth in rural e-service applications. The paper concludes with policy guidelines for scalability and sustainability, while highlighting the alignment with IFLA's digital inclusion standards under the theme "Technology for All."

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

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Organizers: IFLA

Grand Ballroom/Hilton

Session: 166

President-elect's Session: Be Bold!

Stronger together, libraries need to be radical in moving forward to take their place as leaders and influencers in this tumultuous world. Libraries are not only relevant but must be recognized as critical to the success of their communities and society.

Inspired by the IFLA Trend Report and working to move the IFLA Strategy forward over the next two years, join Leslie Weir, IFLA President-Elect, to hear from radical thinkers on how each and every one of us can do things differently.

Let's come together to challenge ourselves, to envision what emboldened libraries could look like. Let's BE BOLD together!

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/MWPM-6253>

Coordinator: Stephen Wyber, IFLA, Netherlands

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

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

Astana Hall/Hilton

Session: 193

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/XXAF-3059>

Coordinator: Helen Chan, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Chair: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Coaching session

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13:30 - 13:30

Speaker: Camilla Notarbartolo, Milan City Libraries, Italy

Speaker: April Manabat, Kazakhstan

Speaker: Josephine Siegrist, Switzerland

Speaker: Anya Feltreuter, Mjölby Public Library, Sweden

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:45

Yesil/Congress Center

Organizers: Library History Special Interest Group, *Preservation and Conservation (PRESCONS)*, *Information Technology, Parliamentary Libraries, Library Theory and Research*, *Kazakhstan Library Union*

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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/JUFE-9778>

Coordinator: Patrick Urru, Italian Provincial Library "Claudia Augusta", Italy

Coordinator: Ioulani (Lila) Theodosi, Hellenic Parliament Library, Directorate of Parliament Library, Greece

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

Speaker: Ellie Valentine, IFLAPARL, United States

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.

Speaker: Parisa Pasyar, National Library and Archives of Iran, Iran

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.

Speaker: Patrick Agwu, Kenneth Dike Library University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Congress Programme

13:30 - 14:30

Meeting Room 3/Hilton

Session:

UDC session

This session is exclusively for UDC guests.

Expo Pavilion Session

14:00 - 14:45

Expo Pavilion/Congress Center

Session:

Constructing Kazakhstani Library Field**Library Management System (LMS): A Universal Solution for Library Automation**

14:00 - 14:00

Organizers: Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools

Before 2020, the school libraries of Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools operated in isolation: there was no centralized database, no remote access, and no automated record-keeping. All information about collections and readers was entered manually, which was time-consuming and often led to errors.

The Center for Information Technologies of NIS developed the Library Management System (LMS) — a modern web-based platform that automates all key processes, from cataloging and lending to inventory control and analytical reporting. The LMS integrates with external educational platforms, supports multilingual functionality, provides secure remote access, and enables seamless, lossless data migration.

Results:

- A unified library network for all NIS schools
- Significant reduction in time spent on routine operations
- Improved accuracy of record-keeping and quality of reader services
- Access to library resources from anywhere in the world

After the successful implementation of the LMS in NIS schools, the Center for Information Technologies enhanced the system into a universal, scalable solution adaptable for libraries of any type and level worldwide. It is a ready-to-use model for automating library operations and an important contribution to the advancement of global library technologies.

Speaker: Aiyim Zhekebayeva, Kazakhstan*Speaker:* Aknur Abilkassym, Kazakhstan*Speaker:* Nurzhakhan Galymova, Kazakhstan**Senu Book Club: Its Concept**

14:00 - 14:00

Organizers: Senu Reading Club in Astana

The presentation briefly describes the activities of the city reading club, the peculiarity of the concept of which is the study of Kazakh literature through the prism of other types of art

Speaker: Amina Belgibaeva, Kazakhstan*Special Sessions*

15:00 - 17:00

Astana/Congress Center

Organizers: IFLA

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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.

Worldy Translation: <https://attend.wordly.ai/join/RNZR-1021>*Coordinator:* Helen Mandl, IFLA, Netherlands

Friday, August 22, 2025

Business Meetings

08:30 - 10:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

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Professional Council Meeting

Business Meetings

10:30 - 12:00

Meeting Room 4/Hilton

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Meeting Room 4/Hilton

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Governing Board Meeting