



EMBRACING THE LIBRARY REVOLUTION

ALIA National Library & Information
Technicians' Symposium

Call for proposals

The ALIA Library and Information Technicians' 2023 Symposium provides a focused meeting point for all Library Technicians and allied Information professionals, from all GLAMR sectors in Australia and the international community.

The Symposium provides an opportunity to learn, connect and build partnerships with colleagues, peers, industry leaders and corporate partners from across the GLAMR sector.

ALIA Library and Information Technicians' 2023 Symposium will focus on the theme of 'Embracing the Library Revolution'.

Recent global events such as:

- the pandemic,
- renewed focus and commitment on the global climate crisis,
- local effects of climate change,
- mis and disinformation,
- themes of resilience and sustainability
- Black Lives Matter, Own Voices, Rainbow Groups campaigns and movements

have challenged libraries and the broader GLAMR sector and have provoked us to critically examine current and past practices, often asking us to be bolder and do things differently in a less risk adverse way.

The aim of the symposium is to explore how these issues and events are impacting the roles of library technicians, library officers, librarians and allied information professionals to:

Re
vitalise

our professional
practice and
services

Re
view

our commitment
and impact to
the Sustainable
Development
Goals

Re
position

and promote
our value in
the broader
contextual
environment

This is a chance to recognize, share and celebrate the innovative work being done to meet these challenges, understand the blurring of the lines between the professions and roles and to acknowledge the work that still needs to be done to ensure the value in our society is recognized and remains dynamic and relevant in these uncertain times.

We are seeking your contributions to deliver a fresh, engaging and stimulating program around this ambitious theme. Share with us your innovations, aspirations, motivations, achievements, experiments and experiences in **Embracing the Library Revolution** in all its forms. This will be a conference about challenges, experiences, and inspirational possibilities.

This is an opportunity to connect, learn and share our stories, our successes and our challenges to ensure we continue to build sustainable, agile and contemporary collections, services and solutions in our fast paced, complex and challenging environment.

Key dates

Call for proposals close	24 April 2023
Author notification	22 May 2023
Program published	5 June 2023
Symposium registration opens	5 June 2023
Final paper and presentation submission	1 September 2023

We are unable to offer financial assistance to attend and all presenters must register for and attend the conference. Speakers are eligible to receive a discounted registration fee.

Submission guidelines

Submission types

Attending a symposium is about more than seeing and listening to papers presented. It's about connecting with your peers, participating in discussion, and being exposed to ideas from within the sector and beyond. There are a broad variety of submission types for the 2023 symposium to encourage submissions that will allow you to actively engage in the conference experience. You are also welcome to submit ideas for a different session type.

You can submit a proposal for any of the following:

Presentations on research studies, case studies, evaluations, or projects. Presentations may also be more exploratory, highlighting a key challenge, opportunity or possibility. Presentations will be 25 minutes in length including question time. Accompanying papers are optional. Papers have a maximum length of 10 pages including references.

Lightning talks that provide a very short overview of a project, showcase a technology or implementation, or highlight a key issue. Lightning talks are an ideal space to float ideas or gain speaking experience. Lightning talks will be 10 minutes in length including question time.

Short Workshops are intended to be "hands on" learning experiences generally focusing on a specific area or learning outcome. Workshops will be held during the conference as a concurrent session and generally are 1-2 hours in length.

Panels on hot topics. Panel sessions bring together a variety of speakers on a single topic. Panels will be for no more than 55 minutes (including question time) with around three panel members speaking to the topic.

Other – have a great idea for another presentation type? Tell us your idea.

Please keep in mind that all session rooms will be set up in theatre style for the maximum capacity attendees.

WHO

We invite proposals from library and information sector professionals, industry partners, - essentially anyone with a passion and commitment to the important role that libraries and the GLAMR sector play in our society.

WHAT

Submissions should include:

- an abstract (no more than 500 words)
- a biography for each presenter which should include an outline of relevant speaking experience and their content expertise
- a photograph of the presenter(s)
- an overview of:
 - » what attendees will get out of your session
 - » how the session fits the symposium theme.

HOW

Proposals should be submitted using the submission form.

Review

All proposals will be reviewed, and all authors will be notified as to whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful. Authors may also decide to submit a paper if they wish.

Copyright guidelines

All abstracts submitted must be original work and not previously presented in any form at other conferences or event (unless agreed to in writing by the event organisers).

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Please note

Accepted abstracts will be published on the event website as per your original submission. Please ensure that your abstract has been proofread before submitting and does not contain any personal or contact details that you do not wish to be published.

Need more information?

Enquiries regarding proposal submissions can be directed to ALIA at events@alia.org.au
