ABOUT THE SUMMIT

THE GLOBAL LIBRARY SUMMIT

The Global Library Summit (GLS), a premier international event series, envisages bringing together LIS Professionals, scholars, and policymakers from across the globe to explore the transformative power of libraries. The summit serves as a platform for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration in addressing the challenges and opportunities faced by libraries worldwide. The summit addresses several contemporary aspects of libraries, such as transformations in libraries, leveraging technologies to enhance services, bridging the digital divide by improved access, democratizing knowledge through open access, libraries as hubs of digital inclusion and literacy, sustainable resource management, and so on. The summit also facilitates leadership, networking, and collaboration opportunities for library and information professionals. The summit encourages the showcasing of innovative initiatives, case studies, and success stories of libraries across the world.

FIRST SUMMIT GLS-2025

The first Global Library Summit (GLS-2025) aims to create a platform for international collaboration among libraries, enhancing access to information, advancing education, and preserving cultural heritage globally. The theme of the first summit is "Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations through Library Cooperation," focusing on libraries' role in diplomacy and facilitating stronger ties among nations. The summit will emphasize libraries as neutral spaces for dialogue and international cooperation. Collaborative efforts such as shared digital libraries, interlibrary loans, and staff training will improve the quality and reach of library services, fostering cultural exchange and global development. GLS-2025 will showcase successful projects where libraries have driven global integration and peace-building, especially in less developed regions with limited access to information.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SUMMIT

- ☑ Promoting library diplomacy
- ☑ Exploring library opportunities for cooperation & resource sharing
- ☑ Platform to share ideas, best practices & success stories
- ☑ Collaborative opportunities among nations
- ☑ Encouraging heritage and culture preservation in digital environment
- ☑ Enhancing LIS manpower development activities

SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY [SAU]

South Asian University (SAU), established in 2010 as a joint initiative of the eight SAARC nations (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka), aims to equip young minds of the region with cutting-edge knowledge while fostering regional consciousness. Proposed by India's Prime Minister at the 2005 SAARC Summit, SAU serves as a Centre of Excellence, offering world-class facilities and a professional faculty. Its core objectives include promoting mutual understanding, nurturing leadership, and enhancing capacity in science, technology, and other disciplines vital for improving the quality of life in South Asia. Located in South Delhi, SAU offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Research Programs in Applied and Social Sciences, with a unique multicultural environment. Currently, it has five faculties and plans to expand to 13, accommodating over 5,000 students.

LIS ACADEMY

The LIS Academy (Library & Information Science Academy) is a professional charitable Trust established to develop the profession and assist Libraries with state-of-the-art technology. The primary focus of the Academy is to provide need-based service to the different types of libraries in the country and to work to advance the library and information science (LIS) profession at large. The LIS Academy, having a tagline "Learn Inspire Serve," aims to become the best, most active, and most dynamic professional body by supporting the professionals with the essential knowledge, skills, and values of Librarianship using innovative and cutting-edge technology and by adopting the best and fair practices and innovative ideas. The mission of the LIS Academy is to spread multi-dimensional utility and overall growth of the profession of Librarianship through education, literature, research, publications, outsourcing, training programs, consultation, and collaboration..

LIBRARY DIPLOMACY

UNITING NATIONS
THROUGH LIBRARY COOPERATION

The summit theme on "Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations through Library Cooperation," focuses on fostering international library relations, emphasizing the potential of libraries for cross-cultural knowledge sharing and cooperation across nations. The Global Library Summit highlights the theme by envisioning libraries as entities capable of transcending geopolitical boundaries to create neutral grounds for dialogue and exchange. Globally, libraries can harness their human and material resources, including collections, infrastructure, and expertise, to overcome barriers of language and geopolitical issues, facilitating mutual cross-border understanding and cooperation. The summit will explore Library Diplomacy through initiatives such as the digitization of collections, collaborative projects, and cultural exchange programs, showcasing successful projects where libraries have served as catalysts for regional integration and peacebuilding. By addressing inadequate information and communication infrastructure globally that has historically deprived poorer countries of knowledge and learning opportunities, the summit seeks to enhance the role of global libraries in education, research, and cultural preservation. Through sharing best practices and developing joint strategies, Library Diplomacy at the GLS-2025 aspires to strengthen the bonds between countries, contributing to a more interconnected and peaceful world through the shared pursuit of knowledge. GLS-2025, under the following sub-themes, invites the original research articles, case studies, success stories, and best practices

SUB THEMES

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LIBRARY AND
CULTURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION

- ✅ Cultural Heritage Archiving and Preservation
- ✅ Digitization of Cultural Heritage
- ✅ Protection of Cultural Heritage and Intellectual Property
- ✅ Digital Repositories for Cultural Content
- ✅ Taxonomy and Ontologies for Cultural Content Organization
- ✅ Traditional Knowledge System
- ✅ Culture and International Relations
- ✅ Special Collections and Archives
- ✅ Multilingual resources and services

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LIBRARY
RESOURCE SHARING

- ✅ International initiatives in library resource sharing
- ✅ E-Resources Consortium Models
- ✅ Resource Sharing Models for Regional Library co-operations
- ✅ E-Resources Subscription Models
- ✅ E-resources for Education & Research
- ✅ E-Resources: Usage analytics & Models, RoI, VoI

3 GLOBAL, NATIONAL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

- ☑ National Public Library System
- ☑ Innovative Services in Public Libraries
- ☑ Public Library Infrastructure
- ☑ Children and Youth Services
- ☑ Funding and Resource Mobilization
- ☑ Community Engagement and Outreach
- ☑ Rural/Village Knowledge centres
- ☑ Makers Space / Experience centers
- ☑ Public Libraries as social and Cultural hubs
- ☑ Expert Groups

4 TECHNOLOGIES FOR LIBRARIES

- ☑ Library Automation Technologies
- ☑ ERM Tools and Technologies
- ☑ Information Discovery Platforms
- ☑ Digital Libraries & Digitization, OCR Technologies
- ☑ Artificial Intelligence in Libraries
- ☑ Block Chain Technologies for Libraries
- ☑ Tools for Immersive and Interactive content creation
- ☑ Metaverse / Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality
- ☑ Collaborative 3D Content Creation
- ☑ RFID Technology

5 CAPACITY BUILDING AND USER ENGAGEMENT

- ☑ MOOCs for LIS Professionals
- ☑ Information/Digital literacy
- ☑ Exchange programs for library professionals among Global
- ☑ User Engagement and Community Services
- ☑ User studies
- ☑ Libraries' role in promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- ☑ Formulating regional library policies and standards

6 CASE STUDIES AND BEST PRACTICES

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Summit invites submissions from LIS professionals, stakeholders, and technology experts supporting the library profession for our upcoming summit. This event will feature participation from LIS professionals and External Affairs Ministries across all Global countries. We welcome original papers that contribute to the advancement of the library and information science field.

FOR SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
Please visit summit website: https://gls25.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper submissions	: 1st December 2024, 23:59 PT
Supplementary material	: December 15th, 2024, 23:59 PT
Reviews and Decisions to authors	: December 30th, 2024
Rebuttal and Revision submission	: January 4th, 2025, 23:59 PT
Final Decisions released to authors	: January 10th, 2025

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Vice Chancellors, University Administrators, Heads/ Directors of the Institutions/ Academicians, LIS Professionals, Information Scientists, LIS Faculty Members, Research Scholars, and LIS Students across the Globe are invited to register for participation in the Summit. The following types of participation are available:

REGISTRATION FEES

Participation Type	Early Bird Registration	Regular Registration
LIS Professionals (SAARC Countries)	$ 40 / 4000 INR	$ 50 / 5000 INR
Students / Research Scholars / Retired Professionals (SAARC Countries)	$ 30 /3000 INR	$ 40 / 4000 INR
LIS Professionals (Foreign Nationals)	$ 200	$ 250
International Students / Research Scholars / Retired Professionals	$ 150	$ 200
LIS Professionals (Indian Nationals)	Rs. 4000	Rs. 5000
Students / Research Scholars / Retired Professionals (Indian Nationals)	Rs. 3000	Rs.4000
Delegates Accompanying Persons	Indians Rs. 3000 Foreign $ 75 SAARC $ 30	Indians Rs. 4000 Foreign $ 100 SAARC $ 40

Early Bird Registration Closes on 31th December 2024

Accommodation: Accommodation for the pre registered participants will be provided on first come – First Serve Basis at the International Hostels of South Asian University with a minimal fees (Visit Summit Website)

Mode of Payments

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