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LIBRARIES AS EXPERIENCE CENTERS

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ABOUT LISACON

LISACON is the flagship biennial international conference series of LIS Academy, recognized as a premier global platform for the exchange of ideas, research, and innovations in Library and Information Science (LIS). Since its inception, LISACON has consistently brought together thought leaders, academicians, practitioners, policymakers, and technology experts to deliberate on emerging trends shaping the future of libraries.

The **6th edition – LISACON 2026** – builds upon this rich legacy and aims to redefine the role of libraries in the evolving digital and experiential knowledge ecosystem. The flagship biennial international conference of LIS Academy on "Libraries as Experience Centers" with tag line "Explore | Engage | Evolve", is jointly organized by LIS Academy, Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, Department of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, and The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK). The event is being held from 12–14 November 2026 at 'Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University (MSBCU), and Bengaluru'.

ABOUT ORGANISING PARTNERS

DR. MANMOHAN SINGH BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY (MSBCU)

Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University (DMSBCU), Bengaluru is a leading state university in Karnataka committed to academic excellence and innovation in higher education. It offers diverse undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs across disciplines, fostering interdisciplinary learning. The University emphasizes quality education, skill development, and industry-academia collaboration. DMSBCU actively promotes research, digital learning, and modern pedagogical practices. It also engages with the community to support inclusive and sustainable development. Through its initiatives, DMSBCU continues to nurture future-ready graduates for a global knowledge society.

LIS ACADEMY

LIS Academy (Library & Information Science Academy) is a professional charitable trust committed to the advancement of the LIS profession. Guided by its motto **"Learn, Inspire, Serve"**, the Academy focuses on:

- Promoting innovative and sustainable library practices
- Enhancing professional competencies through training and capacity building
- Supporting research, consultancy, and academic initiatives
- Providing technology-driven solutions for libraries
- Organizing national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops

The Academy serves as a catalyst for empowering LIS professionals with cutting-edge knowledge and skills.







THE FORUM OF FORMER VICE-CHANCELLORS OF KARNATAKA (FVCK)

The Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka (FVCK) is a distinguished body of eminent former university leaders in the state. It serves as a think tank offering expert guidance on higher education policy and governance. The Forum contributes to academic reforms, quality enhancement, and institutional development. It promotes dialogue between academia, government, and key stakeholders. Through seminars, consultations, and policy inputs, it addresses emerging challenges in higher education. FVCK plays a vital role in strengthening and shaping the future of universities in Karnataka.

SPONSORING ORGANISATIONS

THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR)

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), an autonomous body under the Government of India, promotes social science research by providing grants, fellowships, and institutional support. ICSSR supports interdisciplinary and policy-oriented studies and shares knowledge through publications, seminars, and academic collaborations.

THE RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY LIBRARY FOUNDATION (RRRLF)

The Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata, is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It promotes public libraries nationwide by providing financial and technical support for infrastructure development and modernization. The Foundation focuses on strengthening library services in rural and underserved areas, and advancing reading culture, digital access, and capacity building within the library sector.

THE DEFENSE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION & DOCUMENTATION CENTRE (DESIDOC)

The Defense Scientific Information & Documentation Centre (DESIDOC), part of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), provides scientific and technical information to defense researchers and scientists. DESIDOC delivers documentation, library, and digital information services, as well as publications and databases. It plays a vital role in advancing knowledge management within India's defense research ecosystem.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- To reimagine libraries as experience-driven knowledge spaces
- To explore the role of emerging technologies in enhancing user engagement
- To promote innovative models of library design, services, and governance
- To provide a platform for sharing research, case studies, and best practices
- To strengthen collaboration among academia, industry, and policymakers
- To contribute to policy frameworks for future-ready libraries

CONFERENCE THEME: LIBRARIES AS EXPERIENCE CENTERS

In the 21st century, libraries are evolving from repositories of books into dynamic "Experience Centers" that foster active, immersive, and collaborative learning. As digital access to information expands, libraries must redefine themselves through Human-Centered Design, Makerspaces, Media Labs, AI-driven personalization, and immersive technologies such as AR and VR.

Building on the legacy of previous conventions, the 6th LISACON (12th–14th November 2026) invites researchers, practitioners, architects, and policymakers to explore the "Architecture of Engagement" and reimagine libraries as vibrant hubs of creativity, innovation, and interdisciplinary dialogue. The conference will deliberate on experiential learning, UX-driven spaces, sensory design, and policy frameworks needed to transform traditional "Silent Zones" into "Active Zones" of discovery and societal impact. This conference aims to redefine libraries as **active knowledge ecosystems** that foster creativity, collaboration, and lifelong learning in the post-AI era.

CALL FOR PAPERS

LISACON 2026 invites original and unpublished contributions in the form of, Research Papers, Case Studies, and Best Practice Reports

SUB THEME

SUB THEME -1

CONCEPTUAL & THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES

- Reimagining libraries as experience ecosystems
- Libraries in the Era of Human-Computer Interaction
- Application of User Experience Design in Libraries
- Experience economy and its relevance to LIS
- Libraries as participatory and co-creation spaces
- Libraries as lifelong learning and innovation ecosystems

SUB THEME - 2

SPACE DESIGN & INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION

- Designing flexible, interactive, and collaborative library spaces
- Aesthetics & Ergonomics for experience centres
- Learning commons and experience zones
- Computing & Networking infrastructure
- Open Source Tools and Technologies for the Experience centres
- Metaverse, virtual libraries, and hybrid experience spaces
- Inclusive and accessible infrastructure for diverse users
- Sustainable and green library design practices

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SUB THEME - 3

TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION

- Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing user experience
- Use of AR/VR and immersive technologies in libraries
- Smart and automated library environments (IoT-based systems)
- Chatbots, recommender systems, and personalization tools
- Libraries as hubs for experiential and lifelong learning
- Integration of STEAM Education models in libraries
- Makerspaces, tinkering labs, and innovation hubs
- Supporting research, creativity, and entrepreneurship

SUB THEME - 5

USER ENGAGEMENT, BEHAVIOUR & ANALYTICS

- Understanding user behaviour through analytics and studies
- User Interface Design and Functionalities
- User Experience (UX) & Experiential Pedagogy
- Gamification and engagement strategies in libraries
- Feedback systems and user satisfaction measurement
- KPIs and benchmarking for experience centres
- Return on investment (ROI) in library innovation
- Evidence-based practices in library transformation

SUB THEME - 4

ONTENT FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

- Digital Storytelling for Local Heritage and Collaborative Content Creation
- AR/VR/MR and Metaverse content
- Generative AI as a content creating agents
- Gamified Discovery Content and Project-Based Learning
- AI tools for Scholarly Publishing
- Open Educational Resources (OER) for Skill-Building
- Open Content for Immersive Tech
- Interoperability & Metadata Standards

SUB THEME - 6

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS SOCIAL HUBS

- Libraries as community experience and cultural hubs
- Integrated village knowledge complex
- Outreach programs, exhibitions, and public engagement
- Libraries supporting digital inclusion and literacy
- Role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SUB THEME - 7

CASE STUDIES & BEST PRACTICES

- National and international models of experience-centered libraries
- Academic, public, and special library innovations
- Success stories and lessons learned
- Comparative studies across regions and institutions

Note:

1. Papers on related and emerging areas beyond the conference theme are also considered
2. Selected Papers will be published in Scopus / Google Scholar Journals. However the version of the proceedings will be published on the LIS Academy website

IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Date
Abstract Submission Deadline	: 20 July 2026
Abstract Acceptance	: 30 July 2026
Full Paper Submission	: 31 August 2026
Early Bird Registration ends	: 15 September 2026
Conference Dates	: 12–14 November 2026
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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Keynote Addresses by eminent national and international experts
- ✓ Technical Sessions and Paper Presentations
- ✓ Panel Discussions and Roundtables
- ✓ Workshops and Training Programs
- ✓ Networking Opportunities
- ✓ Exhibition of Library Technologies and Solutions
- ✓ Best Paper Awards

MANUSCRIPT GUIDELINES (BRIEF)

- ✓ **Format:** MS Word (.docx)
- ✓ **Font:** Times New Roman (12 pt)
- ✓ **Plagiarism Limit:** Below 15% (14 word exclusion)
- ✓ **AI Usage:** Declaration mandatory (limited use permitted)
- ✓ **Citation Style:** APA 7th edition

"For more details please visit Conference website **https://lisacon.org**"

Submit your Papers to: papers.lisacon26@gmail.com

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Category	Early Bird Registration	Regular Registration
Foreign Delegates other than SAARC Countries	$ 100	$ 150
SAARC Country Delegates	$ 50	$ 75
Academia / Professionals	₹ 2,500	₹ 3,500
LIS Academy Members / Research Scholars	₹ 2000	₹ 2500
Students*	₹ 1,000	₹ 1,250

* Free registration and complimentary accommodation will be provided to MLISc students as first author and presentor, whose papers are accepted based on the recommendation of the designated mentors.

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