



XVII TRANSBORDER LIBRARY FORUM

Connecting and transcending borders:
Collaborating in a new era

Calls

Share Your Expertise at the XVII Transborder Library Forum

Join us for the XVII Transborder Library Forum, where professionals from across the region will come together to exchange knowledge, ideas, and innovative practices.

This year's theme, ***"Getting Back on Track and Crossing Borders: Collaborating in a New Era,"*** highlights the evolving challenges libraries face, and the creative solutions being implemented. The forum provides a dedicated space for professionals to share their experiences, strategies, and forward-thinking approaches to library services in a rapidly changing landscape.

For centuries, border regions have been defined by the convergence of cultures, geographies, and perspectives. This forum seeks to foster meaningful discussions on the paths we are forging, the challenges ahead, and the opportunities to build responsible, sustainable partnerships.

We welcome participants from all types of libraries and professional backgrounds, including librarians, faculty, administrative staff, and others involved in library-related initiatives.

With a variety of session formats available, you can choose the presentation style that best fits your expertise and engagement preferences.

Topics

The forum invites presentations on the following themes:

- Border Libraries: Past, Present, and Future
- Challenges Facing Border Libraries
- Current Issues in Border Libraries
- New Technologies and Data in Border Libraries
- Innovative Initiatives in Border Libraries



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If your presentation falls outside these topics or explores a different perspective, we encourage you to submit your proposal. The committee welcomes diverse ideas and is open to addressing the evolving needs and concerns of our region.

Selection Criteria

The Academic Committee of the Forum will evaluate the content of the proposals according to the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Pertinence
- Innovation/Creativity
- Clarity
- Concordance with the selected format

Accepted presenters must:

- Register and attend the conference, which will be in-person only.
- Accepted presenters will be exempt from paying the registration fee for the event.
- Participate in the online orientation for presenters.
- Assign the rights to safeguard the presentations and materials so that they become part of a digital collection that will aim to create a memory of the forum. Presenters of papers must meet this requirement before the submission deadline.

Presentation options

The forum will have different participation options, all in person.

Academic presentation

Presentation time: 30 minutes

Presenters may share completed research, ongoing projects, or initiatives within their libraries. Presentations should be delivered in an engaging manner without reading directly from their papers. A maximum of two people may present.

The time available for the presentation will be 20 minutes. To this time, 10 minutes will be added for questions and answers.



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Participation in discussion panels

Presentation time: 10 minutes

Panels will consist of two to three speakers, grouped by the committee based on proposals received. Participants will critically reflect on a current issue in border libraries.

To participate, speakers must select or propose a topic and submit a discussion question to be addressed in the session. Session time will be 50 minutes, including questions and answers.

Academic Poster Presentation

Presentation time: 10 minutes

An opportunity for informal discussions on innovative projects, best practices, or research findings. Posters should be visually engaging, using graphs, tables, charts, text, and/or images.

Proposals should include a brief abstract, highlight the unique value of the work and summarize the contributions or results presented. A maximum of two presenters per poster will be accepted.

Accepted presenters must provide a PDF to be included in the forum's digital collection. Dimensions: 48" (height) × 36" (width).

Video presentation in MP4

Presentation time: 10 minutes

Video presentations allow participants to showcase creative and innovative projects using audiovisual materials. Videos should be original and be in use or planned to be used by any area of the library. A maximum of two presenters per video will be accepted.

Videos must not be webinar recordings or previous presentation recordings. The final version must be submitted in MP4 format and will be included in the forum's digital collection.

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To submit proposals, please fill out the [Registration Form](#).