Metropolitan Libraries Conference Call for session proposals

Buenos Aires, Argentina
October 2-4, 2023

The Metropolitan Libraries section (MetLib) invites you to submit your projects, programs, and best practices on how libraries can employ strategies for participatory, inclusive, and sustainable services for their communities. The submissions will be showcased at the MetLib conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 2-4, 2023.

The theme of the conference focuses on how metropolitan libraries can play an important role in addressing issues of participation, inclusivity, and sustainability (social, economic, environmental) for their communities. Potential topics, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), may include:

1. **Participatory strategies for libraries**: Community participation in library planning and operations, community empowerment in library planning and programming, and amplifying diverse voices and cultures. (SDG 16, SDG 10, SDG 11)

2. **Inclusive strategies for libraries**: Promoting human rights and equality through access to knowledge and culture, supporting employment for marginalized communities, user-centered design for inclusive and sustainable libraries, and accessibility and inclusivity through technology and tools. (SDG 4, SDG 16, SDG 8, SDG 9, SDG 10)

3. **Sustainable strategies for libraries**: Best practices for creating sustainable and environmentally friendly libraries, collaborating with community organizations for participation and sustainability, the future of library services and how they can adapt to changing needs and demographics, and case studies of successful participatory, inclusive, and sustainable libraries. (SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 17, SDG 9, SDG 11)

Submissions may be written in either Spanish or English or both. They should be limited to one page and include the following information:
- Title of proposed presentation
- Outline of the proposed presentation (no more than 250 words)
- Name(s) of presenter(s), position or title, employer or affiliated institution, email address, and telephone number
- Details on the length and format of the presentation (presentations should generally be

between 20-30 minutes, however we can consider other formats and lengths on a case by case basis)

Please email your abstracts by March 31, 2023 to denisemedina@nypl.org.

All submissions will be evaluated by a team of referees from the Standing Committee of the MetLib section. To strengthen your proposal and presentation, consider the following:

- Clearly demonstrate how your proposal aligns with the conference theme and current industry trends.
- Use a variety of presentation formats, such as panel discussions, interactive sessions, and hands-on workshops, to engage the audience and make the presentation more dynamic.
- Create opportunities for audience interaction and participation through the use of questions, discussions, and other interactive elements.
- Provide opportunities for attendees to network and connect with each other.
- Ensure that the session is focused and that the key takeaways are clear and applicable to the attendees.
- Include real-world examples and case studies to help the audience understand the practical applications of the information being presented.

Important Deadlines:
- March 31, 2023: Deadline for Submission of Abstracts
- May 12, 2023: Notification of Acceptance of Papers
- June 30, 2023: Full Text of Presentation Due to MetLib

Please Note:
- At least one of the paper's authors must be present to deliver the presentation.
- Abstracts should only be submitted with the understanding that the expenses of attending the conference will be the responsibility of the author(s)/presenter(s) of accepted papers.
- All papers presented at the MetLib 2023 will be made available online via the IFLA Library under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license.