

# IFLA WLIC 2023 SATELLITE CONFERENCE

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THE BUILDING JOURNEY :  
The winding road to successful  
library design

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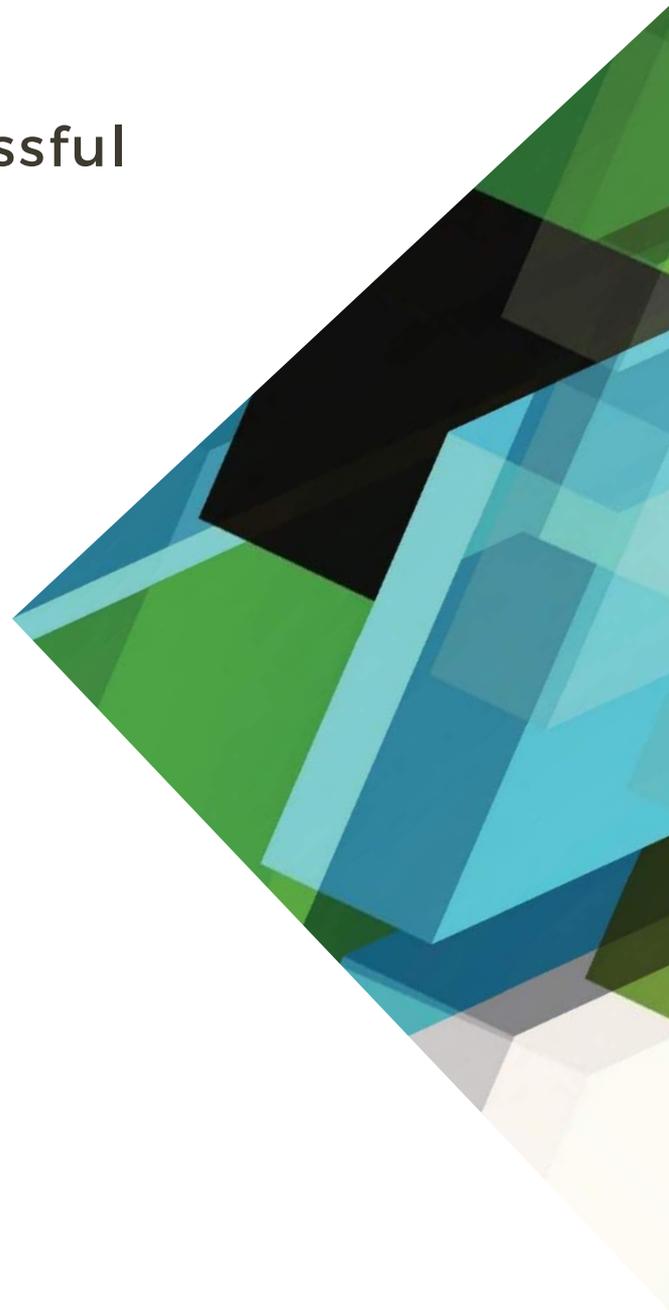
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## The winding road to successful library design

The IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section (LBES), in collaboration with the Bibliotheek De Krook, is excited to host a satellite conference in Ghent, Belgium prior to the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2023 in Rotterdam.

The event features a line-up of distinguished and international speakers, as we map the road taken by libraries when embarking on a library building project. Be it large or small, the steps taken to renovate a space, a floor, or an entire building are similar.

Our conference will guide our attendees through the journey and share ideas from librarians and architect leaders from around the globe. The seminar will inform attendees on the latest trends and advancements in library design and stimulate open thought-provoking discussions throughout the day.



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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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08:45 - 09:15 **Registration**

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09:15 - 09:40 **Welcome**

Marian Morgan-Bindon  
Chair, Library Buildings & Equipment

Krist Biebaw  
Director De Krook Library, Ghent

Alderman Sami Souguir  
Alderman for Culture, Urban Development &  
Spatial Planning, Ghent

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09:45 - 10:20 **Moderator**

Marian Morgan-Bindon

**Keynote Speaker**

Krist Biebaw  
Bibliotheek De Krook

**The Journey**

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10:20 - 10:45 **Speaker**

Martha Kyrillidou  
Quality Metrics

**For whom the library exists?**

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10:45 - 11:10 **Morning Tea**

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11:15 - 11:45 **Moderator**

Philip Kent

**Lightning talks**

Joseph Hafner and Diane Koen  
McGill University

**A Data Drive Road to new library storage  
solution at McGill University**

Johanna Vesterinen  
National Repository Library of Finland (NRL)

**Well begun is half done: Building a Library  
as a turnkey project**

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11:45 - 12:15 **Speaker**

Alan Carbery, Head of Academic Services  
Grace McGlynn, Head of Business Operations  
& Projects, University College Cork

**Blueprint for the future: Creating a space  
master plan for visionary library spaces**

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12:15 - 12:40	<b>Speaker</b>	Nadia Perigaud Bibliothèque Nationale de France  <b>BnF takes shape in Amiens</b>
12:40 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Networking with speakers and colleagues
13:30 - 13:35	<b>Key Messages</b>	
13:35 - 14:00	<b>Moderator</b>	Margie Kirkness
	<b>Speaker</b>	Roel Van Den Bril Cultural Coordinator, Mechelen  <b>Het Predikheren : a hub for meaningful stories</b>
14:00 - 14:25	<b>Speaker</b>	Dr Klaus Werner  <b>The iconic long table: a global trend in library furniture</b>
14:30 - 15:45	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Public Library of the Year Award winners The Journey</b>
	<b>Moderator</b>	Karen Latimer
	<b>Panelists</b>	Evelien Van Veen Woonwerk Architects School 7 Library, The Netherlands  Traci Lesneski MSR Design Missoula Public Library, United States  Reinert Mithassel Head of Toyen Libraries Deichman Library
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Wrap up</b>	Janine Schmidt Mukurta Solutions
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Seminar close</b>	Marian Morgan-Bindon and Philip Kent IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section
16:15 - 17:15	<b>Library Tour</b>	Bibliotheek De Krook
17:15 - 18:45	<b>Networking</b>	Krookcafé

*Program may be subject to change and updates will be advised as soon as possible*

# SPEAKERS

## KRIST BIEBAUW

LIBRARY DIRECTOR, DE KROOK, BELGIUM



Krist Biebauw studied history at Ghent University, where he also completed an additional course in literary studies. He worked for Antwerp93, the organisation that coordinated the year in which Antwerp was Cultural Capital of Europe, and then spent ten years as director of cultural centres. For the Flemish support centre for local cultural policy, he advised local governments and their cultural institutions. Since October 2011, he is director of De Krook Library in Ghent, where he supervised the construction process of the new main library and was responsible for the transition to a renewed library.

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## MARTHA KYRILLIDOU

FOUNDER QUALITY METRICS



A woman-owned library consulting firm with a focus on helping libraries achieve success, Martha consults in all types of libraries and has worked with architects in facilities renovations and new buildings. Martha worked for the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) where she established what is currently known as Research and Analytics, developing library assessment tools like LibQUAL+. Martha has library credentials from the iSchools of Ohio and Illinois. She has served as the PI and co-PI as well as external evaluator on more than a dozen grants from IMLS, NSF, NCES, and the Department of Education.

## JOSEPH HAFNER

ASSOCIATE DEAN, COLLECTION SERVICES  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY CANADA



Joseph has worked at McGill for almost 20 years. In IFLA he is the chair of LIDATEC, a liaison on Advisory Committee on Standards, a member of the LGBTQ+ Users SIG and has recently been chosen as the Editor of the IFLA book series published by DeGruyter. He is a member of the Canadian shared print group North/Nord. He has been involved with HathiTrust and the International Association of Music Libraries (IAML) for many years.

## DIANE KOEN

Senior Director, Planning and Resources at McGill University Library in Quebec, Canada until 2023. Diane joined McGill in 2003 as Associate Director, IT Services following a global career in the delivery of library technology solutions, retrieval software and scholarly publishing. Committed to physical and virtual transformative change in libraries, Diane is an active member of IFLA, past-Chair of the IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section 2015-2019 and incoming Chair of the IFLA North American Regional Division.



# SPEAKERS



**JOHANNA VESTERINEN**

DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL REPOSITORY LIBRARY FINLAND

Johanna Vesterinen has had long career in Finnish libraries. Since 2017 she has been the Library Director at the National Repository Library. Vesterinen has been involved in other library building projects, but describes the new National Repository Library building as a "Unique and once in a lifetime" project.



**ALAN CARBERY**

HEAD OF ACADEMIC SERVICES IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK LIBRARY IRELAND

Alan oversees the development of new technology-rich learning spaces and services within the Library. Previously, Alan spent over 5 years as the Associate Director of Champlain College Library in Vermont, USA, leading an award-winning programme of course-embedded information literacy instruction that reached every single undergraduate student at multiple points along their curriculum. Prior to his time in America, Alan has worked in a number of academic and specialist libraries in Ireland.



**GRACE McGLYNN**

HEAD OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS & PROJECTS IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK LIBRARY IRELAND

Grace oversees the business operations of the library acting as the liaison for broader central services support to the library encompassing finance, human resource, health & safety and facilities maintenance. Grace has over 30 years' management and leadership experience working across a range of private industry, not for profit and public sector settings.



**NADIA PERIGAUD**

BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE FRANCE

Nadia Perigaud is currently responsible for the architectural, administrative and functional aspects of the Amiens Project for the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

As an architect, Nadia Perigaud has been working on issues of collection growth in relation to the building at the Bibliothèque nationale de France since 1993, first for the opening of the François Mitterrand Library, then for the Richelieu project, and now within the Amiens Project team.

# SPEAKERS



## ROEL VAN DEN BRIL

CULTURAL COORDINATOR, MECHELEN BELGIUM

Roel Van den Bril studied Criminological Sciences at KU Leuven and graduated in 2007. He has been working for the city of Mechelen since 2010 and started at the end of 2017 as Cultural Coordinator within the Department of Art and Culture. In this position he is, among other things, responsible for the organization of the public library.



## DR KLAUS ULRICH WERNER

Starting his career as an editor in a publishing house, Klaus served as academic librarian at several university libraries, since 1991 at Freie Universität Berlin as well as project manager for the “Philologische Bibliothek” called The Berlin Brain designed by Lord Norman Foster, head librarian until 2021. He is member of the commission for library and archive building.



## KAREN LATIMER

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Recently retired from a career in library management and library space planning, Karen Latimer is Chief Adviser to UK Designing Libraries, a past Chair of the IFLA Library Buildings & Equipment Standing Committee and a former Secretary of the LIBER Architecture Group. She continues to work as a library building design consultant. She has also worked for many years in architectural heritage and is a Trustee of the UK Architectural Heritage Fund, The Irish Architectural Archive and two Historic Buildings Trusts.

Karen is the author of over 50 publications and frequently presents at national and international conferences and has served on judging panels for the UK RIBA architectural awards, the Australian Library Design Awards, and library building design.

# SPEAKERS

## EVELIEN VAN VEEN

PARTNER WOONWERK ARCHITECTEN



Evelien With more than 30 years of design experience, Evelien balances the interests of stakeholders to produce buildings with a strong identity. Buildings that surprise and intrigue through layered meaning and interact on more than one level with the environment and users. Woonwerk Architecten is noted for a high degree of user engagement creating social, affordable and architecturally high-quality buildings including School 7, the library in Den Helder, and winner 2018 IFLA/Systematic Public Library of the Year. Van Veen has chaired spatial quality committees, been a competition and selection jury member, a lecturer and board member of the Bureau Architecten Register Nederland since 2018.

## TRACI LESNESKI

CEO AND PRINCIPAL, MSR DESIGN



Traci uses design as a tool for change for her clients and their communities. Traci has led projects including the Missoula Public Library and Culture House—the first project in North America to be named IFLA/Systematic Public Library of the Year. Traci regularly contributes articles to publications and lectures internationally about the built environment's role in fostering well-being, promoting learning, and creating inclusive and cohesive communities. Recent presentations include a workshop at Next Library in Aarhus about the built environment's role in supporting the Sustainable Development Goals, and a webinar about community engagement best practices.

## REINERT MITHASSEL

HEAD OF TOYEN LIBRARIES



Reinert was the coordinator of the functional layout of the new main library of Oslo, closely following the dialogue with the architects and interior architects from the beginning in 2009. He has also established the youth only library 'Biblo Tøyen', which was nominated for the IFLA Public Library of the Year in Kuala Lumpur in 2018. Having a background directing theatre, Reinert was the head of events and ceremonies for the opening of the Deichman Bjørvika in 2020.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Welcome to Ghent. You'll visit a dynamic city and have meetings at three architectural masterpieces!**

Ghent is less than one hour from the Belgian capital Brussels. Within the historic city centre everything is within easy walking distance. The city - the biggest student town of the country - offers a fascinating cultural cocktail brimming with trendy, modern urban life.

Tip: don't miss the chance to admire the world-famous masterpiece - the Mystic Lamb by the Van Eyck brothers - during your trip. You may also like to go to the GUM - another interesting museum.

It goes without saying that The Building Journey will mostly take place at the building of De Krook. Since 2017, De Krook is one of the most striking modern architectural landmarks in Ghent. Among other things, the multi-award-winning building on a bend or crook in the Scheldt River houses the public city library, Ghent University labs and offices and the nanoelectronics and digital technology research centre imec. There is also a café with a terrace overlooking the Scheldt curve and the city centre.

During our library tour on Day Two, we will also visit the famous Boekentoren, a striking modernistic building where the University Library is housed.

## TRAVELLING TO GHENT

### **From Brussels Airport to Ghent**

Ghent is approximately 45 minutes away from Brussels Airport, Belgium's national airport in Zaventem. The airport has its own railway station, Brussels-Airport-Zaventem, which offers a direct connection to Ghent.

The railway station is situated beneath the airport and can be reached via the lifts and escalators in the arrivals hall. From Brussels Airport you can take the train to the railway station Gent-Sint-Pieters

### **From Brussels Charleroi South airport to Ghent**

Brussels South Charleroi airport is a 70 minutes' drive from Ghent. A shuttle bus drives from the airport of Charleroi to Bruges via Ghent nine times a day. The bus will take you to the railway station Gent-Sint-Pieters.

## IN GHENT

### From train station to city centre

There are two train stations in Ghent: Gent-Sint-Pieters (where the trains from Brussels and the airport arrive) and Gent-Dampoort (where the trains from Antwerp arrive).

By foot you walk a maximum of 25 minutes from both stations to De Krook and most of the hotels in this document. You can also take a tram or bus: public transport in the city is well-organised, with an extensive network of tram and bus lines. From early in the morning to late at night, buses and trams take you to every possible destination in and around Ghent.

Tram Line 1 departs from the main station Gent-Sint-Pieters to the city centre every 10 minutes.

The city centre can also easily be reached from the station Gent-Dampoort. The following buses frequently drive into the city: 3, 17, 18, 38, 39 (stop 'Korenmarkt').

## HOTELS

There is a wide range of B&B's and hotels available in Ghent. Here are some hotels close to De Krook. The indicated minimum prices may change and are for one person for 1 night.

### ibis Hotel Gent Opera

8 minutes from De Krook - 134 euro

### B&B HOTEL in Ghent Centre

10 minutes from De Krook - 138 euro

### Parkhotel Gent

8 minutes from De Krook - 114 euro

### ibis Gent Centrum St Baafs Kathedraal

10 minutes from De Krook - 115 euro

### Novotel Gent Centrum

12 minutes from De Krook - 113 euro

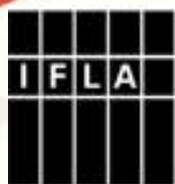
### Yalo: Urban Boutique Hotel Gent

5 minutes from De Krook – 148.50 euro

### 1898 The Post

13 minutes from De Krook – 229.50 euro

Surf the web for more travel info and accommodation and the hotel brochure.



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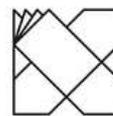
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