

Programme at a Glance

The venue for the LIBER Annual Conference 2026 is the Natural Sciences Building (Realfagbygget) on the "Gløshaugen" campus, NTNU (Street address: [Høgskoleringen 5](#), 7034 Trondheim, Norway)

All rooms for the conference will be held mainly on ground floor U1, and U2.

Pre-Conference Programme

Sunday, 28 June 2026

Emerging Leaders Programme Seminar* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - NTNU

*By invitation only

Monday, 29 June 2026

Emerging Leaders Programme Seminar* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - NTNU

LIBER Executive Board Meeting* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) D1-185

*By invitation only.

Tuesday, 30 June 2026

Emerging Leaders Programme Seminar* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - NTNU

LIBER Executive Board Meeting* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) D1-185

Side Meetings* - Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - NTNU

Leadership Programmes Alumni Drinks*

(Participants from the Emerging Leaders Programme, Middle Management Training, and Journées)

*By invitation only. See the full programme online for details.

Conference Programme

Wednesday, 1 July 2026

08:00 – 18:00

Registration

Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - Main Entrance U1

09:00 – 09:30

Opening Ceremony - Location: R1

09:30 – 10:30

Opening Keynote Speech – Location: R1

Kenneth Ruud, Director General, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI)

10:30 – 10:40

Conference Picture - Location: R1

10:30 – 18:00

Professional & Poster Exhibition - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area

10:40 – 11:00

Coffee Break - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area

11:00 – 12:30

Parallel Sessions

Session 1: Practising Openness I – R2

- 1.1) Implementing Rights Retention: A Shared Model for Finnish Universities and Its Broader Potential - Susanna Nykyri, Tampere University, Finland; Tua Hindersson-Söderholm, Aalto University, Finland
- 1.2) Rights Retention and Secondary Publication Rights in Germany: Status Quo, Challenges, and Perspectives - Marc Lange, Helmholtz Association, Germany
- 1.3) Negotiating Openness of Publication Metadata - A Joint Task Force - Bianca Kramer, Barcelona Declaration on Open Research Information, The Netherlands

Session 2: AI and Library Service Development I – R7

- 2.1) Providing Visual Cultural Heritage Material for AI in Research - Joonas Manner, National Library of Finland, Finland
- 2.2) A Library Led Pilot on Custom GPT Driven Discovery: Strengthening Student Engagement with AI and Information Literacy - Cristina Huidiu, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands; Alicia Gómez, IE University, Spain
- 2.3) Building AI Literacy in the Library World - Dagfinn Dybvig, NTNU - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Session 3: Advances in Information Systems – R8

- 3.1) From Service Innovation to Sustainable Leadership: CRM for Tracking and Analyzing Research Consultations at the National Library of Technology, Prague - Naděžda Firsová and Alexey Ryzhkov, National Library of Technology, Czech Republic
- 3.2) NumaHOP: A Complete Digitization Chain to Promote Open Science - Olesea Dubois, Sciences Po, France; Vincent Tardif, École Normale Supérieure, France
- 3.3) DSpace Reimagined: AI-Powered Search and Accessibility - Piotr Masalski, PCG Academia, Poland

Session 4: Trustworthy Automation – R5

- 4.1) Supporting Dataset Curation through Automation at KU Leuven - Dieuwertje Bloemen, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 4.2) Building Applications Without Code: How AI Enables Library Professionals to Develop Tools - Piotr Krajewski, Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland
- 4.3) Advancing Digital Preservation of Research Data with EOSC EDEN's Integrated Framework, Services, Guidelines, and Network - Roxanne Wyns, KU Leuven, Belgium

Session 5: Research Libraries in Challenging Landscapes – R9

- 5.1) Understanding How Academic Libraries in the United States Navigate Uncertain Times: Results from Ithaka S+R's 2025 US Library Deans and Directors Survey - Tracy Bergstrom and Ellen Carroll, Ithaka S+R, United States of America
- 5.2) Structured Collaboration for Uncertain Times: The Role of Libraries in European Alliances - Christopher Landes, Hertie School gGmbH, Germany; Sophie Forcadell, Sciences Po, France
- 5.3) Libraries United: Sumy State University and the University of Liverpool - Matthew Greenhall, University of Liverpool, United Kingdom; Olha Krytska, and Yana Fandikovia, Sumy State University, Ukraine

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch - Location: Cafeteria 1 st floor
13:00 – 13:30	Newcomer Session - Location: R2
13:30 – 15:00	LIBER Strategy Development - Location: R2
15:00 – 15:30	Poster Session - Location: R2
15:30 – 16:00	Posters & Coffee Break - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
16:00 – 17:00	Panel Session I - Who Leads Next? A European Conversation on Succession Planning in Academic Libraries Location: R2
16:00 – 18:00	<p><u>Workshops I</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop 1.1 Resilient Libraries: Safety, Ethics and Service Provision in an Uncertain World - R23 • Workshop 1.2 Integrating Citizen Science in your Library in Times of Democratic Challenges - R93 • Workshop 1.3 FAIR and Secure: Data Management under EU Sovereignty and Security Rules - R22 • Workshop 1.4 LIBERating Metadata Flows to Improve Findability of European Open Textbooks and Exploring Tools to Improve Advocacy and Adoption - R91 • Workshop 1.5 Taking Agency in an Uncertain World: Developing a Cyber-Resilience Toolkit for Research Libraries - R92 • Workshop 1.6 Alternative Paths Towards the Future of Open Access - Developments for and by Libraries - R90
17:00 – 18:00	Networking Power Session I - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
18:50 – 21:30	<p>Organ Concert & Conference Reception*</p> <p>Location: Nidaros Cathedral (Nidarosdomen) & Student Society (Studentersamfundet)</p> <p>*See "Social Events" for details</p>

Thursday, 2 July 2026

07:00 – 07:30

Social Activity: How to Run Libraries - 5K Morning Social Run

Location: *See the full programme online for details.*

08:00 – 18:00

Registration

Location: Natural Sciences Building ([Realfagbygget](#)) - Main Entrance U1

08:00 – 18:00

Professional & Poster Exhibition - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area

09:00 – 10:30

Parallel Sessions

Session 6: Practising Openness II – R2

- 6.1) From Library Collection to College Curriculum - Rene Tanner, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, United States of America
- 6.2) Leaving Read & Publish Agreements to Preserve Academic Freedom and Access to Knowledge - Aurélie Terrier, Cantonal and University Library of Lausanne, Switzerland
- 6.3) Shaping Sustainable Scholarly Publishing through the European Diamond Capacity Hub and National Capacity Centres - Pierre Mounier, European Diamond Capacity Hub (EDCH)

Session 7: Responsible Research Data Management I – R5

- 7.1) Developing Preservation Services for Sensitive Research Data - Mari Elisa Kuusniemi, Helsinki University Library, Finland
- 7.2) Research Data @NTNU: Enabling One Stop Research Support - Ane Møller Gabrielsen, NTNU - Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
- 7.3) “Driving the Machine”: Libraries and their Partnerships as Key Actors in Strategies for Trustworthy AI in Universities - Sébastien Perrin, Couperin, France

Session 8: AI and Collection Development – R8

- 8.1) SubjectSeeker AI: No-Code AI for Subject Matching Rare Books at KU Leuven Libraries Special Collections - An Smets, KU Leuven Libraries, Belgium
- 8.2) What is the Impact of AI on Digital Collections? Lessons Learned from a Research Project in Oxford - Megan Gooch, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 8.3) AI and Archives: Utilizing AI to Make Retroactive Finding Aid Conversion Simpler - Alyssa Hyduk, University of Regina, Canada

Session 9: Leadership for Sustainability – R9

- 9.1) Small Conscious Steps Towards a Sustainable Future: The Case of Malmö University Library - Sara Kjellberg, Malmö University Library, Sweden
- 9.2) Sustainable Empowerment of the Library Landscape in Slovenia - Mojca Rupar Korošec, National and University Library, Slovenia
- 9.3) Develop to Sustain: Collaboration, Projects and Fundraising in Libraries as Means to Encounter a World in Change - Päivi Maria Pihlaja, National Library of Finland, Finland

	<p>Session 10: AI and Library Service Development II – R7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.1) Navigating Change: Academic Libraries and AI - Mauritz Jadefrid, Linnaeus University, Sweden • 10.2) Remodeling Library Services through Artificial Intelligence - Adeyemi Adewale Akinola, Mountain Top University, Nigeria • 10.3) Using LLMs to Design an Indicator for Clinical Relevance -Silvia Fattori, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
11:00 – 11:30	LIBER Spotlight Session - Location: R1
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Keynote Speech – Location: R1</p> <p><u>Patrick Weil</u>, Historian, Founder and Chairman of Libraries Without Borders/Bibliothèques Sans Frontières</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch - Location: Cafeteria 1 st floor
12:30 – 13:30	<p>CPC Meeting* - Location: D1-185</p> <p>*By invitation only</p>
13:00 – 13:30	Sponsor Update: EBSCO - Location: R5
13:30 – 14:30	Meeting of Participants (Annual General Meeting of LIBER) - Location: R1
14:30 – 15:00	<p>LIBER Awards Session - Location: R1</p> <p>LIBER Award for Library Innovation & Poster Award - supported by OCLC</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Sponsor Update: Frontiers - Location: R1
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Panel Session II - Giving Knowledge and Truth Visibility and a Place in Society: Case Studies in Civic Engagement Leadership</p> <p>Location: R5</p>
16:00 – 18:00	<p>Workshops II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop 2.1 Using the OpenAlex API to Explore Metadata for 250M+ Research Publications – R93 • Workshop 2.2 Imagining and Co-creating LIBER’s AI Futures: A World Café for Futures Thinking and Strategic Priorities – R22 • Workshop 2.3 Sustainable Leadership in an Uncertain World – R91 • Workshop 2.4 Generative Humans: Mediating Automation & AI Through Impactful Engagement and Experience with Cultural Collections – R92 • Workshop 2.5 Libraries Leading Equitable Scholarly Publishing: Implementing the Diamond Open Access Standard – R23 • Workshop 2.6 The Editor in the Age of Generative AI: Past, Present, and Possible Futures – R90
17:00 – 18:00	Networking Power Session II - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Conference Dinner* - Location: Rockheim</p> <p>*See “Social Events” for details</p>

Friday, 3 July 2026

08:00 – 13:00	Registration Location: Natural Sciences Building (Realfagbygget) - Main Entrance U1
08:00 – 14:30	Professional & Poster Exhibition - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
08:30 – 08:45	Social Activity: Standing Yoga Flow Location: <i>See the full programme online for details.</i>
08:30 – 10:30	LIBER Executive Board Meeting* - Location: D1-185 *By invitation only
09:00 – 10:30	Parallel Sessions Session 11: Leadership for the Future – R8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11.1) Building a Future-Ready Library: Lessons and Challenges from the BCUL 2024 User Survey - Adrian Baumann, Cantonal and University Library of Lausanne, Switzerland• 11.2) From Structure to Strategy: Building Future-Ready Library Teams at UAB - Núria Casaldàliga Rojas and Anna Florensa Farré, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain• 11.3) Beyond Hierarchy, Not Beyond Responsibility: Ethical Leadership in a Role-Based Academic Library - Gabriela Lüthi-Esposito, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland Session 12: Responsible Research Data Management II – R5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12.1) AI 4 RDM: Exploring AI for Research Data Management Support at KU Leuven Libraries - Miara Fraikin, KU Leuven Libraries, Belgium• 12.2) Human-Centred AI for Data Management Plan Assessment and Support - Anne-Marie Tuikka, University of Turku, Finland• 12.3) Librarians in the Loop: Hybrid AI for Reliable Data Extraction from Historical Loan Registers - Christopher Kermorvant, TEKLIA, France Session 13: Opening Research Information – R2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13.1) Monitoring Strategic Technologies Using Open Research Information - Matthijs de Zwaan, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands• 13.2) Trajectory Modelling of OA Publishing Costs Using Open Research Information - Cameron Neylon, Independent, Sweden• 13.3) Beyond Licences and APIs: A Human-Centred Decision Framework for Finance Data in Research Libraries - Tsvetanka Slavcheva, Sofia University, Bulgaria Session 14: Shifts in Research Assessment – R7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14.1) Reshaping Research Assessment: Monitoring and Rewarding Openness - Evgenios Vlachos, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark• 14.2) Let's not Recreate Rankings: The Principles of Open Science Monitoring - Laetitia Bracco, University of Lorraine, France• 14.3) HAL as an Open Infrastructure for Automated Open-Science Monitoring: Insights from Université Paris-Saclay's BiSO - Hélène Bégnis, CCSD/CNRS, France; Delphine Le Piolet and Henri Bretel, University of Paris-Saclay, France

	<p>Session 15: Human Interfaces with Technology – R9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15.1) Hackathons as Methodology: Advancing Collections as Data Through International Participation - Ayla Karaman, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Roman Kuhn, Berlin State Library, Germany • 15.2) Mapping Stakeholder Tension in Automatic Text Recognition (ATR) Practice - Joseph Nockels, University of Sheffield, Digital Humanities Institute, United Kingdom • 15.3) From Local Memory to Research-Ready Knowledge: Community-Driven Urban History in a Research Library Repository - Agnes Koreny, Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library, Budapest
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break - Location: Professional & Poster Exhibition Area
11:00 – 12:00	National Insights: Norway - Location: R1
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Keynote Speech – Location: R1</p> <p><u>Jemimah Steinfeld</u>, CEO, Index on Censorship</p>
13:00 – 13:30	Conference Closing Ceremony - Location: R1
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch - Location: Cafeteria 1 st floor
15:00	<p>Social Programme: Guided Library visits (Optional)*</p> <p>*See “Social Events” for details</p>

Saturday, 4 July 2026

10:00 – 13:30	<p>Social Programme: Sverresborg Folk Museum (Optional)*</p> <p>*See “Social Events” for details</p>
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