Österreichischer Bibliothekskongress 2027

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Resonanzräume der Zukunft

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Call for Papers

Dear Sir or Madam, dear colleagues,

The 3rd Austrian Library Congress will take place from 20 to 23 April 2027 at the Salzburg Congress. The congress is organised by the Association of Austrian Librarians (VÖB) and the Austrian Library Association (BVÖ), the University of Salzburg and the Mozarteum University Salzburg. We look forward to welcoming numerous guests from Austria and abroad on this occasion.

Sound of Libraries: Resonance Spaces of the Future
Drawing on the musical tradition of Mozart's city, the theme is to be understood in the broadest sense and, above all, in a figurative sense; together, we wish to discuss and reflect on the characteristics, tasks, areas of responsibility and aspirational visions of libraries in times of technological and political upheaval.
Although recent developments might suggest that libraries have become obsolete, a tradition of information acquisition, dissemination and preservation stretching back several millennia suggests quite the opposite. Clearly, libraries must develop in a selfcritical manner in line with current circumstances, and this is precisely what this library congress aims to facilitate. The following thematic areas will provide a framework for the discussions:

- Areas of expertise & further training
- Development prospects – building bridges to new worlds
- Ethical guiding principles & responsibility
- Geographical hubs
- Practical cooperation & participation
- Research & technology infrastructures

The Programme Committee invites experts from academic and public libraries, school libraries and information services, as well as subject-specific associations from Germany and abroad, to submit presentations, workshops and 5-minute pitches on the aforementioned topics in German or English. When evaluating submissions, we will give particular consideration to the practical relevance and topicality of the subject.

Companies have the opportunity to present their services and products through lectures and presentations. The programme committee reserves the right to classify the submitted contribution as a specialist lecture or a paid corporate presentation.

Submissions must be made online via Oxford Abstracts.

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General information
The deadline for submitting papers to the Library Congress has been extended to **October 16, 2026**

- A total of 30 minutes is allocated for **presentations**. Speaking time should not exceed 20 minutes to allow time for discussion. Suggestions for moderators are most welcome.
- **Workshops** are events for smaller groups that deal intensively with a topic and wish to get actively involved themselves. 90 minutes are allocated for workshops. Workshops for which prior registration by participants is required must be marked accordingly at the submission. Registrations are made via the online registration form.
- **5-minute pitches:** Innovative projects or initiatives can be presented as part of a pitch. Each pitch is allocated 5 minutes.

Speakers and workshop leaders (but not moderators and presenters of 5-minute pitches) receive free admission to the conference. Only one person per event format receives free admission; if there are several speakers, it is the first-named person (First Author).

Submission of contributions
Please submit an **abstract** of your proposed paper of no more than 2,000 characters (including spaces) and provide a short **biography** of no more than 300 characters (including spaces). Abstracts must be written in German or English.
Submissions must be made **online**; no other methods of submission are accepted.

Conference Proceedings
The conference proceedings of the Library Congress will be published as an openaccess publication in the 'Schriften der VÖB' series by Graz University Library Publishing. You are warmly invited to submit your paper for the conference proceedings. The text, which may be written in German or English, should reflect the content of the presentation in the form of a full-length paper. Further details will follow if you have indicated your interest in publication at the time of submission.

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We look forward to receiving your conference contributions and would like to thank you in advance for your involvement.

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Kind regards,
the Programme Committee

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