



# Zimbabwe Library Association Call For Papers

Theme

**Future-Ready Libraries:  
Driving Innovation, Expanding  
Access, and Demonstrating Impact**

**22 - 24  
September, 2026  
Rainbow Hotel  
Bulawayo  
Zimbabwe**

## Sub - themes

### 1. Harnessing Digital Innovation and Emerging Technologies in Libraries

- Artificial intelligence and machine learning applications in libraries
- Digital transformation strategies
- Data management, big data, and analytics
- Smart libraries and automation
- Virtual and augmented reality in information services

### 2. Expanding Access to Information for All

- Inclusive library services for marginalized and underserved communities
- Open access, open data, and open educational resources
- Bridging the digital divide
- Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Multilingual and culturally responsive services

### 3. Libraries as Catalysts for Community Development

- Libraries and lifelong learning
- Community engagement and outreach programs
- Supporting entrepreneurship and innovation hubs
- Partnerships and collaborations for social impact
- Libraries in rural and under served areas

### 4. Sustainable and Resilient Library Systems

- Green libraries and environmental sustainability
- Disaster preparedness and recovery planning
- Financial sustainability and resource mobilization
- Adaptive leadership and change management
- Policy frameworks for resilient library systems

### 5. Measuring Impact and Demonstrating Value

- Assessment and evaluation of library services
- Impact measurement tools and methodologies
- Advocacy and storytelling using data
- Return on investment (ROI) in libraries
- Evidence-based decision making

**You may also submit proposals on the following for consideration:**

- Lightening talks
- Workshop facilitation
- Panel discussions

## Registration Fees

ZimLA Members	<b>\$300</b>
Non ZimLA Members	<b>\$400</b>
Internationals	<b>\$450</b>

## Exhibition costs

Locals	<b>\$450</b>
Internationals	<b>\$500</b>

## Important Dates

- Abstract Submission  
Deadline  
**10 June 2026**
- Notification of  
Acceptance  
**21 June 2026**
- Full Paper  
Submission  
**31 July 2026**

## Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should include author name/s, institutional affiliation, and email address as well as the sub theme. The title of the paper, key words, and purpose/objectives of the paper, methodology, findings, and implications of the study also need to be highlighted. The abstract must be between 250 and 300 words. The abstract should be in Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 spacing. All abstracts should be sent as MS-Word

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