

Reflections on AI strategies redefining publishing



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AI, Shrinking Budgets and Scientific Integrity: Key Themes from the 2025 Charleston Library Conference

At the 2025 Charleston Library Conference, speakers highlighted the issue of shrinking enrolment and library budgets at US universities. This has led to weaker support for costly transformative agreements, prompting the cancellation of journals and databases, as well as encouraging more cooperation in collection development, as in the Collective Collections Lifecycle Project. Despite expanding their operations in Asia, publishers are experiencing a drop in sales. Meanwhile, AI is intensifying tensions surrounding training data and the detection of AI-generated texts, as well as increasing sector concentration. Other central themes included librarians' programming skills, the misuse of open access content, the declining reliance on browsers, predatory journals, and emerging collaborative, digitisation, and text-analysis tools.

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Digital preservation

Preserving Web Performances, Not Just Pages: An Interview with Rebecca Cremona

Senior software engineer Rebecca Cremona discusses how she thinks about preserving digital information for a century, drawing on her work leading Perma.cc at Harvard's Library Innovation Lab. She argues that unlimited storage is neither realistic nor desirable, so careful human curation is essential. Cremona explains her focus on long-term maintenance, reliability, and library values over slick replay experiences. She defends preserving hacked or controversial sites as evidence for scholars, and describes Perma.cc's multi-format captures as memories of web "performances," not perfect recreations, that future researchers can interrogate, reinterpret, learn from.

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The logo for Perma.cc, featuring the text "Perma.cc" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by an orange infinity symbol.

Open science

HAL : un dépôt facilité grâce au nouveau service de suggestions

HAL simplifie le dépôt en enrichissant son service de suggestions, qui propose désormais automatiquement des références à partir de plusieurs sources de données. L'article explique comment les métadonnées issues d'outils comme ORCID, DOI ou bases bibliographiques sont croisées pour préremplir les champs du dépôt et limiter les ressaisies. Il décrit les bénéfices pour les chercheurs et les gestionnaires d'archives : gain de temps, réduction des erreurs et amélioration de la qualité des notices, ainsi que les prochaines évolutions envisagées pour généraliser ce service dans l'ensemble de l'écosystème HAL et au-delà.

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Open access

Journée francophone OpenAlex 2025 : une base ouverte pour cartographier la science

La Journée francophone OpenAlex, organisée en ligne le mardi 2 décembre 2025, vise à faire connaître cette base de données bibliographiques ouverte auprès des acteurs de la recherche et de l'enseignement supérieur. Lancée en 2021, OpenAlex agrège et enrichit des données issues de sources ouvertes (Crossref, Datacite, PubMed, archives institutionnelles) pour offrir une vision plus large et moins biaisée de la production scientifique mondiale. La matinée sera dédiée aux retours d'expérience d'établissements utilisateurs, l'après-midi aux perspectives, nouveaux usages et enjeux de soutenabilité des infrastructures de recherche ouvertes.

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Libraries

SEENL Meeting in Skopje Focuses on AI Strategy and Regional Cooperation

On 30 September 2025, the South-East European National Libraries (SEENL) network met in Skopje, North Macedonia, hosted by the National and University Library “St. Clement of Ohrid.” Directors and representatives from national libraries in Türkiye, Greece, Bulgaria, Kosovo and others discussed a regional strategy for artificial intelligence in libraries, exploring how AI can improve access, services and innovation. They shared national initiatives, agreed to reactivate SEENL’s website, hold regular virtual meetings, and confirmed that the National Library of Kosovo will host the 2026 meeting, reinforcing long-term regional cooperation and digital transformation.

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South East European National Librarians Conference

Publishing industry

OUP to Acquire Karger: Expanding Its Footprint in Medical and Health Sciences Publishing

Oxford University Press (OUP) has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Swiss-based Karger Publishers, with completion expected in December 2025. The deal will integrate Karger into OUP’s wider organisation, combining their shared focus on quality and scholarly integrity and broadening OUP’s presence in medicine and health sciences. Founded in 1890, Karger publishes nearly 100 journals—82 indexed in the Science Citation Index—as well as a 9,000-title medical and health sciences backlist and various educational products. Leaders

from both organisations highlight strong alignment in mission, values, and long-term commitment to high-quality scholarly publishing.

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Scholarly communications

Comprendre et nuancer la notion de prédation dans l'édition scientifique

Cet article analyse la « prédation » dans la communication scientifique, résultant des modèles d'édition en libre accès et de la pression exercée sur les chercheurs par les organismes de recherche favorisant les publications dans le cadre des évaluations professionnelles. L'auteur retrace l'histoire de la notion, critique la défunte liste de Beall et propose une définition de la prédation fondée sur les comportements plutôt que sur un simple label manichéen. Il distingue prédation par opportunisme, immaturité éditoriale et avidité des grands éditeurs, en examinant le rôle des numéros spéciaux, des métriques et des inégalités Nord-Sud. Il plaide enfin pour des évaluations graduées et collectives des revues pour préserver l'intégrité scientifique globale.

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Altmetric Now Counts Podcasts in Research Impact Scores

Digital Science's Altmetric now tracks podcasts as a new attention source in its research impact metrics. Podcast mentions will appear as a purple segment in Altmetric Badges and contribute to Altmetric Attention Scores, with detail visible in Altmetric Explorer. This recognises podcasts as key spaces where research is discussed and interpreted for wider audiences. Altmetric says podcast tracking will help academics, publishers, industry, and funders better understand how research influences public discourse, supports evidence of real-world impact, and surfaces emerging voices and topic trends.

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Standards

Actualisation de la documentation française UNIMARC

La documentation française des formats UNIMARC Autorités (A) et Bibliographique (B) a été entièrement mise à jour pour intégrer les nombreuses évolutions introduites par le Permanent UNIMARC Committee afin de permettre un catalogage entités-relations conforme au modèle IFLA-LRM. Elle s'aligne désormais sur la dernière version du Manuel UNIMARC publiée en 2024. Pour chaque zone, une documentation à jour est proposée en français ou, à défaut, en anglais ; les anciennes traductions françaises restent accessibles mais sont signalées comme « obsolètes ». L'introduction et les annexes ont également été révisées, en attendant un futur chantier de traduction complet.

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Artificial intelligence

Framing AI Literacy: Competencies for Academic Library Workers

ACRL's "AI Competencies for Academic Library Workers" outlines a framework to help librarians engage critically and ethically with artificial intelligence in higher education. Approved in 2025, it builds on AI literacy work to define guiding mindsets—curiosity, skepticism, judgment, responsibility, collaboration—and four competency areas: ethical considerations, knowledge and understanding, analysis and evaluation, and use and application. The document emphasizes equitable access, bias and privacy awareness, accountability, and environmental impacts, and is intended as an adaptable basis for training programs and local frameworks across diverse academic library roles in institutional contexts worldwide.

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Pulse of the Library 2025: How AI and Open Science Are Reshaping Libraries Worldwide

Clarivate's "Pulse of the Library" report presents the 2025 global survey of more than 2,000 librarians in 109 countries on how AI, open science and shifting missions are reshaping academic, public and national libraries. It highlights rising AI adoption (67% exploring or implementing tools), strong links between AI literacy, training and confidence, and perception gaps between senior leaders and frontline librarians. Regional differences, especially faster implementation in parts of Asia, and ongoing concerns around budgets, skills, ethics, privacy and integrity frame recommendations for thoughtful, community-centred change for libraries worldwide today.

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AI in Library Metadata: Harnessing Potential While Managing the Risks

This OCLC Research blog post synthesizes findings from the RLP "Managing AI in Metadata Workflows" working group, highlighting how libraries can adopt AI responsibly in cataloging and metadata. It underscores that metadata quality remains paramount, noting risks such as hallucinations, inconsistent outputs and weak entity recognition. Participants see AI as enhancing—not replacing—professional roles, freeing staff for complex tasks while requiring new skills and oversight. The post stresses ethical transparency, provenance tracking for AI-generated data, attention to environmental impacts, and the need for specialized, library-contextual AI tools grounded in WorldCat data.

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Events

AI4LAM's annual conference (British Library, London, UK, 3 – 5 December, 2025)

The annual AI4LAM conference, scheduled for 3-5 December 2025 at the British Library, focuses on the theme “AI Everywhere, All at Once”, exploring how AI/ML technologies intersect with libraries, archives, museums and heritage collections worldwide. Free remote attendance via livestream is available, and the event emphasises interdisciplinary collaboration, global representation and the urgent role of AI in GLAM sectors.

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Libraries without Borders: 2025 African Public and Community Libraries Virtual Summit (Online, 3 – 4 December, 2025)

The African Library and Information Association and Institutions (AfLIA) announces that registration is open for the 2025 African Public and Community Libraries Virtual Summit, to be held online on 3–4 December 2025. Under the theme “Libraries Without Borders: Connecting the Dots,” the free event targets public and community librarians, educators, policymakers, and partners across Africa and beyond. Participants will explore sub-themes including digital transformation, inclusive services, cultural heritage, green libraries, networking, civic engagement, education and lifelong learning, and play-based, interactive library services, highlighting libraries’ role in empowering and connecting communities.

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WACREN organise un webinaire en français sur l'ISSN et les services associés (27 novembre 2025, en ligne)

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