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ISSN news

The ISSN International Centre Partners with AI4LAM to Support AI Innovation in the LAM Sector

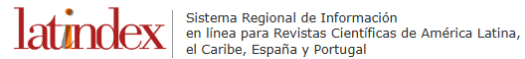
Since 2018, the National Library of Norway and Stanford University Library have collaborated to promote the use of artificial intelligence across libraries, archives, and museums through the AI4LAM initiative. In 2024, they formalized this collaboration by signing an agreement to establish a member-based association. In December 2025, the ISSN International Centre signed a memorandum of understanding with AI4LAM. As a member, the ISSN International Centre will benefit from shared tools and expertise and contribute to working groups aligned with its 2029 action plan.

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The ISSN International Centre and Latindex renew their partnership

The ISSN International Centre and Latindex renew a framework to strengthen cooperation on identifying, describing and disseminating serials information, focusing on linking and exchanging metadata between their databases. They will harmonize records, share indicators, methods and expertise, run joint workshops, and increase mutual visibility. The ISSN International Centre will integrate Latindex metadata into the ISSN Portal, flag titles indexed in Latindex, and reconcile discrepancies. Latindex will supply up-to-date metadata, create links using ISSN Portal's URIs, and encourage editors to register for ISSNs.



Artificial Intelligence Initiatives Supporting Metadata Enhancement in Heritage Institutions

The 2025 Fantastic Futures meeting, held at the British Library, brought together heritage institutions seeking to improve access to digitised collections and the quality of metadata through AI. Several of the projects were relevant to the 2029 action plan of the ISSN International Centre and the broader acculturation of AI. These included France's Comparia platform, which compares the performance and energy use of generative AI; metadata extraction tools, such as Apache Tika, which are used by UK government archives; and automated metadata generation initiatives at the Library of Congress, Harvard and Yale universities, and others. National libraries across Europe are experimenting with using AI for producing large amounts of metadata, including ANNIF for subject indexing, and projects to train AI using anonymised, copyright-free corpora. Some institutions, such as the Dutch National Library, are also setting limits on the commercial use of their digital collections by AI. Overall, these projects demonstrate the potential and challenges of using AI for creating, indexing and preserving metadata, as well as for the responsible reuse of cultural heritage data.

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Digital preservation

Portico Reaches Major Milestone While Strengthening Global Digital Preservation

Portico announced it has surpassed 1,000 participating publishers and 1,000 libraries worldwide, marking broad support for its mission to keep scholarly e-journals, e-books, and digital collections usable, authentic, discoverable, and accessible over the long term. Its archive now encompasses tens of millions of articles and digital items from many countries, strengthening access even when content is no longer available from the original publisher. Portico also supports the Keepers Registry, a global e-journals preservation registry that tracks which archiving agencies, including Portico, safeguard titles long-term.

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Open science

Balancing Openness and Integrity in the Age of AI-Driven Scientific Publishing

This *PLOS Medicine* perspective argues that while open science and data transparency are critical for ethical research and reproducibility, they can also be exploited by bad actors—especially with generative AI tools creating fake data, images, and text—undermining scientific integrity. Open datasets, meant to support transparency, can fuel “fast-churn” low-value publications and be misused by paper mills, distorting research metrics and trust. The authors call for balanced safeguards that protect data and maintain access, such as better disclosure, controlled access mechanisms, and publication checks, to uphold both openness and research quality.

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Open access

Reflecting on a Diamond Year for DOAJ

The December 19, 2025 DOAJ blog reflects on a year focused on Diamond open access, emphasizing global and European collaborations that strengthened community-led, no-fee journals. DOAJ supported major Horizon Europe projects (CRAFT-OA, DIAMAS) and helped launch the European Diamond Capacity Hub and Diamond Discovery Hub to boost standards and visibility. Partnerships with national centres like Germany's SeDOA and the Open Journals Collective advanced sustainable models. DOAJ's global ambassador network aided smaller publishers worldwide, and new collaborations, such as with Latindex, expanded support for equitable open access publishing.

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Libraries

UK universities accept big publisher deals, but affordability concerns remain

UK universities have signalled approval for negotiated “big deal” agreements with four major academic publishers — Wiley, Taylor & Francis, Springer Nature and Elsevier — after Jisc reported they met sector thresholds for acceptance. However, individual institutions must still decide whether to take up the offers, and financial pressures could make some unaffordable, possibly leading to reduced access or cuts in open access publishing. Jisc is preparing alternative access options to support institutions that cannot afford the deals. A separate agreement with SAGE is ongoing.

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Publishing industry

L'Académie des sciences et le CNRS s'unissent pour renforcer la publication scientifique en libre accès diamant

Le 3 décembre 2025, l'Académie des sciences et le CNRS ont signé un accord de coédition pour soutenir un modèle de publication scientifique en libre accès diamant, sans frais pour les auteurs ni pour les lecteurs, via la revue *Comptes rendus* de l'Académie des sciences. Cette initiative répond à la crise des modèles économiques dominés par des éditeurs commerciaux, renforce la science ouverte et l'accès équitable à la recherche, et contribue à l'indépendance éditoriale et à la diffusion du savoir scientifique.

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Scholarly communications

Scientific Integrity as a Pillar of Democracy in Fragile Political Systems

Dr Jorge Huete-Pérez argues that in fragile democracies, scientific integrity and democratic resilience are deeply linked, using Nicaragua's experience as an example. When political authorities suppress or manipulate scientific information for political ends, public trust in science and evidence-based governance erodes. During COVID-19, denialism and restricted data access undermined confidence. Independent scientific bodies then became essential defenders of ethics and transparency. The author stresses that preserving autonomy, accountability and moral courage in science is vital for public trust and democratic stability.

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Standards

National and State Libraries Australasia Share Progress on Official RDA Transition

The RDA Steering Committee (RSC) published a recording of a presentation by Aimee Hay from National and State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) on the NSLA Official RDA Project, shared

during the November 2025 RSC public session. The session highlighted NSLA's federal, nationwide approach to transitioning the Australian library sector to Official RDA, including meaningful First Nations representation in the work. The recording is now available on the RDA Toolkit YouTube channel and linked from the Toolkit's Implementing Official RDA page, underscoring ongoing international collaboration in RDA implementation.

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Artificial intelligence

Connaissez-vous ComparIA ?

compar:IA est une « arène » gratuite du gouvernement français qui vous permet de discuter avec deux modèles conversationnels d'IA anonymisés, puis de voter pour la réponse la plus utile ou la plus pertinente. Ces votes et échanges sont anonymisés et publiés en jeux de données ouverts afin d'améliorer les modèles en français (et autres langues européennes) et de sensibiliser aux biais, à la fiabilité et à l'empreinte environnementale de l'IA générative. Le site présente aussi les caractéristiques et licences des modèles, et publie un classement de préférence issu des votes. Porté par le ministère de la Culture, ce site est aussi disponible pour la Lituanie, la Suède et le Danemark.

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Managing the Rise of AI-Generated Content in Library Collections

Generative AI is producing a surge of AI-generated books and AI-narrated audiobooks that are increasingly entering library collections, sometimes through pre-curated digital platforms, raising quality and policy concerns for librarians. AI content can flood collections with low-quality titles, strain budgets, and reduce discoverability of high-value materials. Libraries are prompted to evaluate whether to develop new policies—or adapt existing collection development policies—to manage AI-generated works, considering goals like quality control, transparency of AI authorship, and enforceability. Examples from library policies illustrate a range of stances from prohibition to labelling and selective inclusion.

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Events

Upcoming OCLC webinars

The OCLC Events page lists upcoming meetings, webinars and conferences for library professionals, both online and in person, offered by the global library cooperative OCLC. Events cover AI in collections, metadata quality, cataloguing, user engagement, library technology (e.g., CloudLibrary, WorldShare Management Services) and community stories on transformation and inclusion. There are also office-hour support sessions and international gatherings like the Bibliotheksleitungstag and participation at the IPON education and ICT trade fair. These free or registered events help library staff stay informed, learn new skills, and connect with peers worldwide.

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Generative AI and collection development policies: A proactive approach

The WebJunction webinar “Generative AI and Collection Development Policies: A Proactive Approach” (8 January 2026) guides library professionals in preparing for the growing presence of AI-generated content in collections. Presenters from Salt Lake County Library share how they revised their collection development policy and selection guidelines to include materials created wholly or partly by generative AI, helping participants understand key issues and considerations. Attendees will gain practical insights and feel empowered to create or update their own library policies and procedures for handling AI-generated materials.

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