

Building Trust and Collaboration across the Scholarly Information Ecosystem



ISSN news

A new ISSN National Centre in Mongolia!

The ISSN International Centre and the National Library of Mongolia officially opened the ISSN National Centre of Mongolia on 26 June 2026, marking a significant milestone for the country's publishing and information infrastructure. As a member of the global ISSN Network, Mongolia will assign ISSNs locally, improving the identification, visibility and discoverability of its scholarly, cultural, professional and news publications. The new centre will streamline services for Mongolian publishers, strengthen national bibliographic control, support international metadata exchange, and enhance global access to the country's continuing resources and serial publications.

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ISSN International Centre and DOAJ Renew their Metadata Partnership

The ISSN International Centre and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) have signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen their long-standing collaboration on scholarly metadata. The renewed agreement will enhance metadata exchange, interoperability, and the visibility of open access journals through continued technical cooperation and shared quality standards. Under the partnership, the ISSN International Centre will use DOAJ metadata to enrich ROAD, while DOAJ will continue to benefit from

ISSN Portal services. The collaboration reinforces both organisations' commitment to improving the discoverability, reliability, and accessibility of scholarly information worldwide.

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Digital preservation

Building Stronger Digital Preservation Through Collaboration

A recent CLOCKSS webinar highlighted the Michigan Digital Preservation Network (MDPN) as a successful model for collaborative digital preservation. Rather than focusing solely on technology, the discussion emphasized the importance of community, shared values, and accessible workflows. By bringing together libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies, MDPN enables institutions of all sizes to preserve digital collections through shared infrastructure and expertise. The initiative demonstrates how collaboration, equitable governance, and user-friendly tools can strengthen long-term preservation and inspire similar networks to safeguard cultural and scholarly heritage worldwide.

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Internet Archive Hosts Summit on Preserving Local News

The Internet Archive, in partnership with the Poynter Institute and Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), recently convened the National Summit on Local News Preservation, bringing together journalists, librarians, archivists, and researchers to address the growing loss of local news. With thousands of newspapers having disappeared in recent years, participants explored collaborative strategies to preserve both print and digital news archives. The summit, part of the Today's News for Tomorrow programme, highlighted the importance of partnerships between news organizations and memory institutions to ensure long-term access to local journalism as a vital historical record.

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Cariniana Podcast Explores Contemporary Digital Preservation Challenges

The Cariniana Network has launched a new series of podcast episodes exploring key challenges and emerging trends in digital preservation. Featuring interviews with leading Brazilian researchers and professionals, the series covers topics such as preserving digital photographs, audiovisual and sound collections, archival records, web content, and the impact of artificial intelligence on long-term digital preservation. Available on Spotify, the podcasts provide accessible insights into the technologies, policies, and practices needed to ensure continued access to digital heritage, supporting professionals and anyone interested in safeguarding digital information for future generations.

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Miguilim Documents Six Years of Progress in Brazilian Journal Metadata

The Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (Ibict) has published a new document tracing the evolution of the Miguilim Directory of Brazilian Electronic Scientific Journals from 2020 to 2026. Presented as a timeline, it highlights major milestones, including system development, metadata enhancements, interoperability with the Diadorim directory, new indexing and editorial indicators, and collaboration with journal editors. The publication demonstrates Miguilim's continuous improvement as a national scholarly information infrastructure, reinforcing transparency, metadata quality, interoperability, and the visibility of Brazilian scientific journals within the Open Science ecosystem.

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Open science

UNESCO Launches Open Science Platform

UNESCO has launched the Open Science Platform, a new digital resource that promotes open access to scientific knowledge and supports implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science. Unveiled during UN Open Source Week 2026, the platform provides free access to UNESCO publications, research outputs, and policy papers, while offering interactive dashboards that track progress on Open Science across UNESCO Member States. Developed as open-source software in collaboration with the United Nations International Computing Centre (UNICC), the platform aims to strengthen transparency, collaboration, and evidence-based policymaking worldwide.

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Global Webinar Explores Principles for Open Science Monitoring

The Open Science Monitoring Initiative (OSMI) and the Forum for Open Research in MENA (FORM) recently co-hosted a webinar examining how Open Science can be monitored using a common international framework. Bringing together experts from UNESCO, the African Reproducibility Network, and leading research institutions, the event introduced the Principles of Open Science Monitoring and discussed their application across diverse regional contexts. Participants explored how transparent, adaptable, and evidence-based monitoring can support policymaking, encourage responsible Open Science practices, and strengthen international collaboration while accommodating the needs of different research communities.

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Gates Foundation Strengthens Global Open Science Initiative

The Gates Foundation has joined the Global Research Initiative on Open Science (GRIOS) as a new funding partner, reinforcing international efforts to advance evidence-based Open Science policies and practices. Through a three-year €150,000 grant, the Foundation will support GRIOS in synthesising research, strengthening policy analysis, and expanding its global reach, particularly in North America. The partnership aims to improve understanding of Open Science by providing rigorous evidence to researchers, institutions, and policymakers, helping to shape more effective and informed strategies for promoting openness, collaboration, and transparency in research worldwide.

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Open access

Cambridge University Press Reaches Major Open Access Milestone

Cambridge University Press has reached a major milestone in its transition to open access, announcing that 75% of its research articles will be published open access in 2026. In addition, half of the Press's journal portfolio now operates under fully open access models, reflecting its continued commitment to making research more widely available. The achievement has been driven by a combination of transformative agreements and journal transitions, demonstrating growing momentum towards sustainable open publishing and expanding access to high-quality scholarly research for readers, authors, and institutions worldwide.

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China's Gold Open Access Boosts Global Research Impact

A new Springer Nature white paper highlights the rapid growth of gold open access publishing in China and its increasing influence on global research. The report shows that open access has significantly expanded the visibility, citation, and international reach of Chinese research, with nearly 40% of citations to China's 2022 gold open access articles coming from outside the country. It also underscores the benefits for researchers in the Global South through greater access to scientific knowledge and stronger international collaboration, reinforcing open access as a driver of global innovation and research equity.

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Libraries

The French Shared Management Programme for Print Serials (PGP) goes live!

France's Plans de Gestion des Périodiques (PGP), launched in 2026, establish a coordinated national programme for preserving print serials while reducing duplication across libraries. The framework, managed by Abes, CTLe, the BnF and the ministries in charge of higher education and culture, combines discipline-based PGPs with regional shared preservation plans (PCPs). Participating libraries share responsibility for preserving and documenting collections, supported by improved cataloguing and coordination with digitisation. The programme aims to safeguard long-term access, optimise storage and costs, and build a distributed national reference collection despite challenges involving specialised, multidisciplinary and non-academic serials.

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Spain's National Bibliography Goes Online

The National Library of Spain (BNE) has launched the Spanish Bibliography Online, making the country's national bibliography freely accessible through a dedicated online portal. The new service provides immediate access to bibliographic records for publications received under Spain's legal deposit system from 2007 onwards, including books, serials, cartographic materials, music scores, sound recordings, and audiovisual documents. Users can also search across bibliographies and download annual compilations by material type. The portal

complements, but does not replace, the BNE catalogue, as it does not include holdings or availability information.

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DNB Unites ISSN and GND Expertise in a Single Metadata Team

The German National Library (DNB) has brought its ISSN National Centre and GND agency together within a single metadata team, creating opportunities for closer collaboration while maintaining their distinct roles. Both agencies manage persistent identifiers (PIDs) that support reliable identification, metadata interoperability and international knowledge networks. The article highlights their shared commitment to standards, governance and trusted data, while stressing that neither ISSN nor GND records certify content quality. As AI-generated content increases the risk of misuse, stronger cooperation between the two agencies will help protect the integrity and reliability of bibliographic metadata.

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New European Report Highlights the Vital Role of Public Libraries

A new report from the European Union highlights the essential contribution of public libraries to education, culture, democracy, and social inclusion across Europe. Drawing on the work of experts from 33 countries, the publication showcases how libraries support literacy, digital skills, media literacy, artificial intelligence awareness, sustainability, health, and community resilience. The report calls for stronger recognition of libraries as essential public services and recommends sustained investment, supportive policies, and digital innovation to maximise their impact. It offers practical guidance for policymakers seeking to strengthen and future-proof Europe's public libraries.

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ALA Adopts New Guidance on AI Use in Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) Council has adopted Guidance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Libraries, a new framework to help libraries develop ethical, human-centred AI policies and practices. Prepared by ALA's Artificial Intelligence Policy Working Group, the guidance addresses the practical, ethical, and operational implications of AI while reinforcing core library values, including intellectual freedom, privacy, equity, and transparency. Designed as a living document, it will evolve alongside technological and legal developments, providing libraries with practical support for responsible AI adoption, governance, staff training, and community engagement.

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Publishing industry

MDPI Reports Strong 2026 Citation Metrics

MDPI reports strong performance in the 2026 citation metrics, with 330 journals included in Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports, including 29 receiving their first Journal Impact Factor and 254 improving their scores. Across the portfolio, 231 journals rank in the top 50% of their subject categories, with 78 in the top quartile. The publisher also highlights gains in Scopus CiteScores, where 363 journals are indexed and 178 hold Q1 status. MDPI attributes these results to continued investment in editorial quality, peer review, research integrity and open access publishing.

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Journal Transfers Reveal Growing Concentration in Scholarly Publishing

A new study examines more than 2,000 journal transfers recorded by the Transfer Alerting Service operated by the ISSN International Centre under the NISO Transfer Code of Practice between 2013 and 2024, shedding light on increasing concentration in scholarly publishing. The authors found that five major publishers account for most journal acquisitions, significantly expanding their portfolios. While many transferred journals are highly ranked in the sciences and social sciences, the analysis also highlights a growing number of lower-impact titles, suggesting a strategic broadening of publisher portfolios. The findings underscore the importance of transparent transfer practices to ensure continued access for libraries and researchers.

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Scholarly communications

The Case for Slowing Down Scholarly Publishing

Robert Harington, Chief Publishing Officer at the American Mathematical Society, argues that scholarly publishing should resist the growing pressure to prioritise speed over quality. Drawing inspiration from the slow food movement, he advocates a more deliberate approach that values careful editing, thoughtful peer review, and lasting scholarly contributions. While acknowledging the transformative role of artificial intelligence and digital technologies,

Harington contends that publishers should focus on preserving trust, context, and quality rather than simply being first. His reflection encourages the scholarly community to embrace sustainability and long-term impact over rapid production.

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Standards

RDA Launches Free Webinar Series for African Cataloguers

The RDA Steering Committee has introduced a new two-part webinar series to support African cataloguers in learning the fundamentals of Resource Description and Access (RDA). Designed specifically for professionals working across the continent, the free online programme provides an introduction to RDA terminology, core concepts, and the IFLA Library Reference Model, with practical guidance on using the RDA Toolkit. Hosted by Getaneh Alemu and presented by Elisa Sze, the initiative aims to strengthen cataloguing expertise, promote international standards, and foster collaboration among African library and metadata professionals.

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Crossref Calls for a Holistic Approach to PID Strategies

Crossref has published its first position paper, urging policymakers and research organisations to take a broader view of persistent identifier (PID) strategies. Rather than focusing solely on identifiers such as DOIs, the paper argues that effective research infrastructure depends equally on rich, open metadata, interoperable services, and sustainable governance. Aimed at supporting national research and Open Science policies, the publication encourages decision-makers to evaluate the entire infrastructure behind PIDs to ensure long-term persistence, transparency, and interoperability, strengthening the global scholarly record for researchers, institutions, funders, and publishers alike.

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Artificial intelligence

Court Approves Landmark Anthropic Copyright Settlement

A U.S. federal court has granted final approval to a landmark US\$1.5 billion settlement in the copyright case against AI company Anthropic, marking the largest copyright recovery in U.S. history. The agreement resolves claims that the company unlawfully downloaded hundreds of thousands of copyrighted books from pirate websites to build its AI systems. While an earlier ruling found that training AI models on lawfully acquired books could qualify as fair use, the court held Anthropic liable for its acquisition methods. The decision sets an important precedent for ongoing AI copyright litigation worldwide.

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OpenAI Expands Free Access to Advanced AI for Researchers

OpenAI has launched a new programme providing 100,000 academic researchers with free access to its most advanced ChatGPT models through 2027. Selected scientists, mathematicians and engineers will receive a year of access equivalent to a ChatGPT Pro subscription and can invite up to four collaborators from their institution. The initiative forms part of OpenAI's broader commitment to invest more than \$250 million in external scientific research. By expanding access to advanced AI tools, OpenAI aims to accelerate scientific discovery while allowing researchers to pursue independently chosen research priorities.

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Academic Identity Theft and AI: A Threat to Scientific Knowledge (NBC News, May 2026)

An investigation by NBC News reporter Jared Perlo uncovered a network of fake academic journals that published more than 100 likely AI-generated articles, some falsely attributed to real professors at leading universities without their knowledge or consent. The case highlights growing concerns about the vulnerability of scholarly publishing to generative AI, fraudulent journals, and identity misuse. Researchers warn that such practices could undermine trust in scientific literature and emphasize the need for stronger author verification and research integrity safeguards across the academic publishing ecosystem.

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Events

Fantastic Futures 2026 (16-17 September 2026, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., USA)

Registration is now open for Fantastic Futures 2026: Trust in the Loop, AI4LAM's annual conference dedicated to the responsible use of artificial intelligence in libraries, archives, and museums. Taking place in Washington, DC, from 15–17 September 2026, the event will bring together professionals from around the world to explore how AI can be developed and implemented in ways that are trustworthy, transparent, and aligned with the values of cultural heritage institutions. The programme includes workshops, keynote sessions, and community discussions hosted at the Library of Congress and other leading institutions.

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Metadata and semantics research conference (16-20 November, 2026, Bucharest, Romania)

The 20th International Conference on Metadata and Semantics Research (MTSR 2026) will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 16 to 20 November 2026, bringing together researchers, librarians, information professionals, and practitioners working in metadata and semantic technologies. The conference will explore topics including metadata standards, linked data, digital libraries, open repositories, research infrastructures, digital humanities, and information retrieval. With dedicated tracks on digital libraries and metadata interoperability, MTSR offers an important forum for exchanging ideas and advancing innovative approaches to knowledge organization, discovery, and access across diverse information environments.

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