



NATIONAL 2024 CONFERENCE

Monday 6 to Thursday 9 May 2024
Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, SA

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ALIA's National 2024 Conference theme is Truth and Dare. With this theme, we extend an invitation for First Nations Truth Telling, we showcase the battle against disinformation, and we dare ourselves to push our work forward to continue to bring vibrant, relevant services to library users and communities.

The conference will feature keynote speeches, workshops, presentations, lightning talks, and panel discussions specifically related to the following sub-themes:

- **From Inclusion to Belonging:** Presentations in this stream acknowledge that diversity and inclusion (D&I) initiatives that focus only on quotas often fall short of meeting the intended goal of creating an equitable workplace, cultural safety, or cohesive communities. We sometimes fail to recognise that just because someone is *included* in our library as staff or library users, doesn't mean they feel they *belong*. We are excited to hear about how your library is changing behaviours to create a sense of belonging, and the outcomes of this change for the people you work with and serve. We welcome presentations from historically minoritised groups willing to challenge our thinking and share perspectives towards creating belonging.
- **Raising Voices:** This stream focusses on the role libraries play in elevating the voices of those who have been historically marginalised. We also welcome presentations addressing library advocacy and communications efforts, and our role in moving beyond neutrality to speak about the library's role in supporting the SDGs, strengthening democratic principles of free speech and open access to information, and protecting human rights.
- **Daring Greatly, Striving Valiantly:** Sometimes we take risks, and those risks pay off; other times they blow up in our face. But it is often from the moments of failure or discomfort that we learn the most. In this stream, we are looking for brave and truthful presentations that showcase your daring to try new things, to innovate, to make new partnerships, to fail, and to learn from failure.
- **Forging Future Libraries:** From creating green libraries, to AI, to building sustainability through new partnerships, we continue to look for innovative ways to stay ahead of the curve and create value for the communities we serve. We look forward to receiving presentations that highlight a range of programs, services, partnerships, and operational approaches to ensuring your library meets your communities emerging needs.

We hope these themes inspire you and will lead to powerful sharing and learning from a wealth of knowledge and experience across our membership. ALIA is excited to welcome voices that have previously been underrepresented at our conferences.

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SUBMISSION TYPES

Attending a conference is about more than seeing papers presented. It's about connecting with your peers, participating in discussion, and being exposed to a myriad of ideas from within the sector and beyond. With this in mind, there are a broad variety of submission types for the 2024 conference to encourage submissions that will allow you to actively engage in the conference experience. You are also welcome to submit ideas for a different session type.

You can submit a proposal for any of the following:

- **Presentations** on research studies, case studies, evaluations, or projects. Presentations may also be more exploratory, highlighting a key challenge, opportunity or possibility. Presentations will be 25 minutes in length including question time. Accompanying papers are optional. Papers have a maximum length of 10 pages including references. Peer review of papers is available on request.
- **Lightning talks** that provide a very short overview of a project, showcase a technology or implementation, or highlight a key issue. Lightning talks are an ideal space to float ideas or gain speaking experience. Lightning talks will be 10 minutes in length including question time.
- **Workshops** are intended to be "hands on" learning experiences generally focusing on a specific area or learning outcome. Workshops may be held on the Monday prior to the main conference or during the conference as a concurrent session. Workshops can be 90 minutes, half day or full day.
- **Panels** on hot topics. Panel sessions bring together a variety of speakers on a single topic. Panels will be for no more than 55 minutes (including question time) with a recommended 3-4 panel members speaking to the topic.
- **Posters** on topics of interest to the sector, including research studies, case studies, evaluations, or projects. Posters may also be more exploratory, highlighting a key problem, opportunity, or possibility. Poster presenters will be provided with a board and an allocated set time during the conference where you will be able to display your poster and discuss with delegates. Posters should be A1 size and you may also wish to provide handouts to delegates.
- **Other** – have a great idea for another presentation type? Tell us your idea.

Please keep in mind that all session rooms will be set up in theatre style for the maximum capacity attendees. ALIA will make every effort to work with workshop presenters to adjust seating arrangements, as needed.

WHO CAN SUBMIT?

We invite proposals from anyone working in or connected to the library and information sector - essentially anyone with a passion and commitment to the important role that libraries play in our society.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

Submissions should include:

- an abstract (no more than 500 words)
- a biography for each presenter which should include an outline of relevant speaking experience and their content expertise
- an overview of:
 - what attendees will get out of your session
 - how the session fits the conference theme.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Proposals should be submitted using the submission form.

alianational2024.alia.org.au/speaker-proposal/



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REVIEW

All proposals will be reviewed, and all authors will be notified as to whether their application has been successful or unsuccessful.

Authors may also decide to submit a paper and to have the paper reviewed. Authors of posters, workshops, panel sessions and lightning talks are not required to submit a paper.

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All abstracts submitted must be original work and not previously presented in any form at other conferences (unless agreed to in writing by the conference organisers).

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By submitting your abstract, you acknowledge that all submissions (abstracts, full papers and presentations) may be published on ALIA websites, smartphone application and conference handbook (program and abstract booklet). You also acknowledge and grant permission to have your presentation live web-streamed, video and or audio recorded and for those recordings to be published via the Australian Library and Information Association website.

Please note, accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website as per your original submission. Please ensure that your abstract has been proofread before submitting and does not contain any personal or contact details that you do not wish to be published.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Enquiries regarding proposal submissions can be directed to ALIA at events@alia.org.au

KEY DATES

Call for proposals close	2 Oct 2023
Author notification	30 Oct 2023
Program published	13 Nov 2023
Conference registration opens	26 Sep 2023
Peer review paper submission (if submitting)	11 Dec 2023
Final paper (if submitting) and presentation submission	29 Apr 2024
ALIA National 2024 conference	6 May – 9 May 2024

We are unable to offer financial assistance for all presenters. All presenters must present in person. Presenters requiring financial assistance for travel should indicate if they require assistance to attend. It is anticipated that presenters will attend the conference and we therefore offer reduced registration fees for presenters.



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