

Invitation Letter

Dear _____,

You are cordially invited to join us at the **Forum on Future of World Academic Libraries (WAL 2026)**, which will be held in Fuzhou, China **from August 5 to August 6, 2026**.

This event represents a significant opportunity to address the evolving needs of academic libraries in the context of innovation and to explore efficient models for knowledge innovation services. China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) has joined hands with esteemed partners, including Tsinghua University Library, the University of Hong Kong Libraries and the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL), to host WAL events from 2020 to 2025 successfully.

The previous WAL sessions convened more than 180 experts and scholars coming from 32 countries and regions, spanning China, the U.S., France, Germany, the U.K., Spain, Italy, Hungary, Russia, Australia, UAE, South Africa, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Thailand, etc. Distinguished librarians from renowned global universities actively participated in these forums, showcasing cutting-edge research and practices that have offered invaluable insights for the progressive development of academic libraries worldwide. The forum also witnessed the enthusiastic participation of a worldwide audience, with tens of thousands of viewers participating online, thereby exerting a substantial and positive influence on the industry.

The 7th WAL will be held in Fuzhou, China. Library of Fujian Fuyao University of Science and Technology will serve as the supporting organization, providing solid support for the success of the forum. The theme of this year's WAL is **“From Transformation to Integration: Libraries as Innovation Engines for Sustainable Development”** with discussions centered around the following topics:

- AI-Enabled Innovation in Sustainable Library Services
- The Role and Practice of Libraries in Open Science
- Construction of Smart Library Spaces and Service Transformation
- Sustainable Development and Integrated Utilization of Library Digital Resources
- Library Strategies for Addressing the Digital Divide and Promoting Digital Inclusion
- The Evolution of Librarians' Roles and Competence Development
- Challenges and Practices of Library Cross-Sector Integration and Regional Balanced Development

We firmly believe that this forum will offer you new perspectives and deep insights, allowing you to fully understand the latest advancements and trends in academic libraries. The Organizing Committee has been inaugurated, and we eagerly await your participation in Fuzhou, the "City of Blessings," for an academic and cultural journey! A city with a rich heritage, it has the elegant Three Lanes and Seven Alleys and the vibrant surging Minjiang River. Let us share this library academic feast and experience the profound Chinese culture amid Fuzhou's charm. Please click [here](#) for more information about the past forums.

Look forward to your participation!



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Appendix: Registration Form

(Click [here](#) to register online)

Personal Information	Name		Gender	
	Country/Region		Institution & Position	
	Email		Tel	
Programme	Please select the activities you want to attend: <input type="checkbox"/> August 5: Plenary Session <input type="checkbox"/> Morning, August 6: Panel Discussions <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon, August 6-August 7: Academic and Cultural Visit (For guests participating in the academic and cultural visit, please provide your full name and number as they appear on your passport or other ID document you will use during your stay in China to book the tickets: _____) Note: There is no registration fee for the forum and the organizers will provide free meals and refreshments on August 5-6. Participants are responsible for covering the expenses related to round-trip transportation, accommodation, and visit.			
Speech	<input type="checkbox"/> Presenting a speech <input type="checkbox"/> Not presenting a speech Speech Title: _____ If you plan to give a speech, please submit an abstract before March 31st (Chinese: 300-500 characters; English: 300-500 words): If you plan to give a speech, please provide a personal introduction for the chair to use during the forum (Chinese: 100 characters; English: 100 words)			
Speech Release	Do you agree to release the relevant materials of your speech on the CNKI website after the forum? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Do you agree to release your speech video on the CNKI website and social media? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Hotel	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room (one double bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room (two single beds, shared with another guest) If you have expected a roommate, please notify us:			
Note	Please tell us if you have any other requirements:			

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