

## Invitation Letter

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

You are cordially invited to join us at the **Forum on Future of World Academic Libraries (WAL 2025)**, which will be held in Nanjing, China **from July 8 to July 9, 2025**.

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 2024 successfully.

The previous WAL sessions convened more than 130 experts and scholars coming from 29 countries and regions, spanning China, the U.S., Germany, the U.K., Spain, Hungary, Russia, Australia, UAE, South Africa, Singapore, Japan, 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 6th WAL will be held in Nanjing, China. Nanjing University Library and Southeast University Library will serve as the supporting organizations, providing solid support for the success of the forum. The theme of this year's WAL is “**A Pioneering and Leading Role of Libraries in the Digital and Intelligent Transformation of Universities**” with discussions centered around the following topics:

- Applications and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Libraries
- The Role and Practice of Libraries in Open Science
- Smart Space Building and Service Transformation of Libraries
- Practices for Library Research Data Management Services
- Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age: Challenges and Strategies
- New Skills and Capacity Development in Academic Libraries
- Library Leadership in a Global Context
- International Partnerships and Collaborations Between Libraries

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 anticipate your esteemed presence and cordially invite you to join us for an enriching academic and cultural experience in the historic city of Nanjing. During your stay, you will enjoy a rich academic discourse in the field of libraries and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Chinese culture.

Please click [here](#) for more information about the past forums.

Look forward to your participation!

## Appendix: Registration Form

Personal Information	Name		Gender	
	Country/Region		Institution & Position	
	Email		Tel	
Programme	<p>Please select the activities you want to attend:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>July 8:</b> Plenary Session</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Morning, July 9:</b> Panel Discussions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Afternoon, July 9:</b> Academic Visit in Libraries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>July 10-11:</b> Cultural Visit</p> <p>(For guests participating in the 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:_____)</p> <p>Note: There is <b>no registration fee</b> for the forum and the organizers will provide free meals and refreshments on July 8-9. Participants are responsible for covering the expenses related to round-trip transportation, accommodation, and cultural visit.</p>			
Speech	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Presenting a speech      <input type="checkbox"/> Not presenting a speech</p> <p>Speech Title: _____</p> <p>If you plan to give a speech, please submit an abstract before <b>March 31st</b> (Chinese: 300-500 characters; English: 300-500 words):</p> <p>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):</p>			
Speech Release	<p>Do you agree to release the relevant materials of your speech on the CNKI website after the forum?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Do you agree to release your speech video on the CNKI website and social media?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
Hotel	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room (one double bed)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard Room (two single beds, shared with another guest)</p> <p>If you have expected a roommate, please notify us:</p>			
Note	Please tell us if you have any other requirements:			

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