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6th NACML – 2025

National Conference on Management of Modern Libraries (NACML)

Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries:
Trends and Prospects

February 21-22, 2025

Organized by

SEARCH - The KMC Health Sciences Library
&
Department of Library and Information Science
Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)
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Venue

Dr. TMA Pai Hall
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The National Conference on Management of Modern Libraries (NACML) organized by SEARCH - The KMC Health Sciences Library and the Department of Library and Information Science at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, has made significant strides since its inception in 2014. With five successful NACML already held, the upcoming 6th NACML-2025 is another enriching event.

The NACML has become a cornerstone event for the LIS community, fostering professional development and a deepening passion for the field. The dedication and effort put forth by everyone involved in organizing and participating in these conferences are commendable.

Looking ahead to the 6th NACML-2025, it's clear that there's a shared commitment to advancing the future of academic libraries. The theme "Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries: Trends and Prospects" reflects a forward-thinking approach to addressing the evolving landscape of academic libraries. By focusing on current trends and future prospects, the conference aims to provide valuable insights and strategies for professionals in the field.

Scheduled for February 21-22, 2025, the 6th NACML-2025 offers a platform for discussions, presentations, and networking opportunities among library science professionals, administrators, researchers, users, and educators. It's evident that NACML has become a vital forum for advancing knowledge and collaboration within the LIS community, and the 6th edition looks poised to continue this tradition of excellence. By coming together to exchange ideas, insights, and experiences, there's an excellent opportunity to propel academic libraries forward and meet the evolving needs of students, scholars, and society.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- To emphasize the importance of academic libraries as dynamic and adaptive entities that actively contribute to the changing educational and societal landscape
- To inspire and motivate library professionals to take an active role in shaping future academic libraries
- To discuss the role of technological innovations in shaping the future of academic libraries
- To support academic libraries' continued transformation to meet user needs and expectations

KEY FOCUS AREA

- New Library Spaces
- Technology-Driven Solutions
- Collaboration/Partnership and Inclusivity
- User-Centered Library Resources

MAIN THEME

Shaping the Future of Academic Libraries: Trends and Prospects

CALL FOR PAPERS

Track I: Re-Thinking Library Spaces

- Flexible Layouts and Outdoor Spaces
- Digital Spaces, Renaissance and Curation
- Flexible Community Spaces
- Maker Spaces, Creative Labs and Innovation Labs
- Virtual and Augmented Reality Integration/Experiences
- Flexible Social and Co-working Spaces
- Space for Concentration and Conversation
- Collaborative Spaces and Virtual Meetings

Track II: Promoting Community Engagement and Collaboration

- International Collaboration
- Engagement and Sustainability Initiatives/Practices
- Advocacy/Outreach Programs/Community Led Programming
- Data Management and Digital Literacy
- Digital Skills for Library Professionals
- Promoting Digital Literacy and Lifelong Learning
- Data Literacy and Information Literacy Programmes
- Information Retrieval Skills

Track III: Enriching Academic Library Resources

- Evolving Needs and Expectations of Users
- Infrastructure Investment
- Library Standards
- Smart Budgeting
- Collection Development, Weeding Out Policies
- Acquisition Model – Physical and Digital Collection
- Read and Publish/Transformative Agreements to Open Access Publishing
- Access and Effective Use of Print and Electronic Resources
- Website Creation and Resource Management
- Feedback Mechanisms
- Digital library Policies/Collaborative Policy Making
- Sustainability Policies

Track IV: Technological Innovation, Adaptability, and User-Centered Service Delivery

- Knowledge Creation, Curation, and Preservation
- Access, Discovery, and Dissemination
- Emerging Technologies/Accessibility Technologies
- Library Security Systems
- Cyber Security and Libraries
- Innovative Service Models
- User Interfaces and Digital Tools
- Mobile Apps and Chatbots
- Research Support Tools and Services
- Authentication, Access Control, and Remote Access
- Social Media Presence/Engagement
- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Analytics
- AI Tools and AI-Powered Services
- Personalized Learning and AI Integration
- Analytics and Usage Statistics
- Data Mining and Analysis
- Digital Rights Management (DRM)

Paper Submission Guidelines

- Submissions of papers should be based on research or practical experience
- Authors can submit their full papers through an e-mail attachment to lisconference@manipal.edu
- The paper should not exceed 3000 words and contain an abstract of 100-200 words.
- The main title should be followed by the name, affiliation, and address of the author(s) with e-mail.
- The paper should be in MS Word format, with a Times New Roman font size of 12, space of 1.5 lines, A4, keyword of 2-5 words, and paper length of 3-8 pages.
- All references should be presented according to the APA Style
- The paper should be sent with the declaration letter stating that the work is original and not presented/published anywhere else.
- Papers approved by the conference review committee will be accepted for the oral presentation.

PROCEEDINGS

After the 6th NACML-2025, the Organizing Committee proposes to bring out proceedings in e-book format with ISBN, which will include only the selected papers presented in the conference after plagiarism check using Turnitin similarity index software.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Professionals from Academic, Special and Public Libraries
- Academicians, Research Scholars, and Students in the field of Library and Information Science
- Library Administrators and Policy Makers
- Information Technology Professionals

REGISTRATION FEE

- Delegates : ₹ 1,250.00
- Students and Retired Professionals : ₹ 750.00
- MAHE LIS Professionals and Alumni : ₹ 750.00

Registration fee includes 18% GST, conference kit, working lunch/dinner, and refreshments.

- **Online Registration and Payment Link** - <https://tinyurl.com/mtb588nh>

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for submission of full papers: 01.02.2025
- Last date for registration : 17.02.2025

BEST PAPER AWARD

The 6th NACML-2025 Organizing Committee is delighted to announce FOUR Best Paper Awards (Student category – I&II and Professional category – I&II) to recognize academic librarianship and research excellence. These awards honor the best papers presented at the conference and are open to all authors who present papers during the event. Each Best Paper Award recipient will receive a certificate of recognition from the 6th NACML-2025 Organizing Committee and a cash reward for their outstanding achievement. The adjudication process will be conducted by experts in academic librarianship and related fields.

ACCOMMODATION

As per availability, accommodation will be provided upon request on payment in MAHE Hostels. Plenty of good hotels are available in Manipal and the nearest town, Udupi (5 km from Manipal). Visit <https://www.yatra.com/hotels/hotels-near-manipal-university-in-udupi> for more information. Participants are requested to make reservations and pay for the same directly.

HOW TO REACH MANIPAL?

Manipal is well connected by road, rail, and air. There are two main cities close to Manipal that serve as entry points - Udupi and Mangalore. Udupi is 5 km from Manipal, and Mangalore is 65 km away. Nearest Railway Station: Udupi railway station is just about 4 kilometers from Manipal city and is well connected with all major cities of India.

Nearest Airport: Mangalore airport is about 60 kilometers by road from Manipal, and it is an international airport that is well connected to Mumbai and Bengaluru. Nearest Bus station: Manipal TC / Udupi KSRTC Bus stand

PLACES FOR VISIT

Udupi Sri Krishna Mutt; Malpe, Kaup and Maravanthe Beach; St. Mary's Island; Anegudde Siddi Vinayaka Temple; Kolluru Mookambike Temple; Dharmasthala; Sringeri; Horanadu; Kudremukh; Agumbe; Murdeshwara, etc.

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