It is a pleasure to invite you as a speaker at our conference, Reinventing African Libraries. The conference is organised by the University of Johannesburg Library and will take place in Johannesburg from 20 to 21 September 2016.

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Please find the list of suggested focus areas on page 2. Let us know on which of the areas you would like to present.

**Proposals must be submitted by e-mail and contain the following**

- Title of the paper
- Author(s) of the paper, professional affiliation and e-mail address
- Brief biographical note of the presenter: maximum 150 words
- Paper abstract (150 – 250 words)
- Word format
- Proposed papers must be written in English
- E-mail subject line: please indicate the theme relevant to the proposed paper
- To submit your abstract, please send it via email to ujlibraryconf@uj.ac.za

**Selection Criteria**

- Proposed papers will be evaluated based on relevance to the conference theme, clarity and originality.

**Important dates**

- The deadline to submit abstracts is 30 June 2016.
- Notification of the acceptance of papers is 20 July 2016 by e-mail.
- Final abstract and biographical note for the conference programme is 8 August 2016.
- Final presentations for the conference programme is 10 September 2016.
- For any enquiries regarding the programme, please contact Janina van der Westhuizen janinavdw@uj.ac.za

**Guidelines for presentations**

- All presentations submitted must be original and must not have been presented at any other conference
- Presenters must attend the conference for the paper to be presented
- Presenters will have 20 minutes maximum to present their paper with an additional 10 minutes for discussion
- Please inform us in time should your presentation have special technical requirements

**Please note** - Conference registration fee will be waived for one presenter of an accepted paper. Any additional presenters of the same paper will not be covered. All expenses such as travel, accommodation, etc. will be the responsibility of the presenters.
REINVENTING AFRICAN LIBRARIES

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Theme 1: Information Technology in African Libraries

Subthemes:
- The use of Innovative Interfaces products to enhance library service delivery
- Look what we have done!! How technology has boosted user experience
- Taking the library to the user and promoting seamless access with awesome tools and WEB 3.0 apps
- Effectiveness of cyber tours and online videos in libraries

Keywords
- Innovation
- Service delivery
- Mobile Apps
- 3.0 Web tools
- Web usability

Theme 2: Reinvent and Decolonise African Libraries

Subthemes:
- Rethink and reorganise space in African libraries to accommodate different types of learning in 21st Century
- Building African collections to preserve indigenous knowledge for future generations
- Using Information Technology to preserve African information and knowledge
- African Libraries’ roles in the decolonisation of the curriculum agenda

Keywords
- Library Spaces
- Libraries in the 21st Century
- Digitisation and digital era
- Preservation of knowledge
- Decolonisation of curriculum

Theme 3: Shrinking Academic institutional funds and libraries budget cuts

Subthemes:
- Impact of 0% increase in fees on South African academic libraries
- Impact of budgets and exchange rates on collection subscriptions
- Shared buying and the possibility of collaborative consortiums
- Can Open Access platforms be an answer for shrinking budgets?

Keywords
- Budget cuts
- Shared buying
- Electronic vs Print Material
- Open Access

Theme 4: Next generation Librarianship

Subthemes:
- Using technology to support E-Learning
- Nontraditional uses of versatile platforms to reach users 24/7
- Teaching and learning technologies and library support
- Definition of 21st century librarianship
- The online savvy, social media knowhow librarian
- Developing E-Learning knowledge and skills for library staff

Keywords
- Technology embeddedness
- Realtime librarian
- Relationship building
- Next generation librarians

Theme 5: The Research Support Agenda

Subthemes:
- Research analytics and impact measurement
- Stakeholder Collaboration – Making collaboration impactful
- Librarians as ‘private bankers’ for researchers
- Data management support for researchers
- E-Research centres in African Libraries
- Supporting social savvy researchers
- Measuring value and impact

Keywords
- Bibliometrics
- Collaborations
- Networking
- Research analytics
- Research productivity
- Repositories
- Data management
- Research impact
- Measuring value

Theme 6: Fabulous FabLabs

Subthemes:
- Makerspaces in African Libraries
- Creating makerspaces in libraries

Keywords
- FabLabs
- Makerspaces
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