



**XXIII. year of the specialised seminar
for librarians and information specialists**



**TREASURES OF SLOVAK CULTURE
AND THEIR PRESENTATION AT HOME AND ABROAD**

**State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica
May 21-22, 2024**

Dear colleagues

We invite you to the 23rd year of the professional seminar for librarians and information specialists TLib – Trends in Libr@ries 2024, which will be dedicated to the presentation and promotion of Slovak culture and Slovaks at home and abroad.

Culture and its creative activities have always shaped countries and the world thanks to its transformative capacity, its ability to make the collective emotion visible, to find innovative and unexpected connections and solutions. Its various fields have become an important part of life and our society, intertwining history and the present, creating a rich cultural heritage of Slovakia.

Libraries are an important part of national culture, not only as institutions belonging to its sphere. By their very nature, they preserve and make accessible cultural expressions and thus contribute to the development of culture, and they also have considerable prerequisites for its adequate presentation and promotion at home and abroad.

A prerequisite for libraries to fulfil this role is the adequate development of their library collections and information databases containing valuable and reliable information. Libraries, as custodians of this information, transform it into knowledge useful for the development of science, culture and education through various types of activities, thus becoming an important prerequisite for the development of society as a whole.

The aim of the seminar is to model the theoretical possibilities and practical experience of libraries in activities aimed at presenting diverse areas of Slovak culture with the intention of its visibility in the global environment.

The seminar will also discuss the current mission of libraries in the positive presentation of Slovak culture, as well as the culture of foreign Slovaks, and how libraries can contribute to its development through their activities, or formulate demands for a more creative and better approach to it.

We will be glad if you will come and actively share your experience, which will enrich the upcoming event and help to achieve the proclaimed goal.

We would be happy to hear about your experiences in the following seminar topics:

- Objects of presentation (significant works, collections, personalities, creators of culture).
- Projects aimed at the presentation of culture organised by libraries (events, editorial activities, courses, library services, other innovative activities).
- Cooperation and partnership (between institutions and countries, insights from study tours applicable back home).
- The contribution of libraries in the promotion of culture (e.g. regional principle vs. national principle).
- Theoretical knowledge of academia as a form of education and a source of inspiration.
- New forms of presentation in the online environment (e.g. podcasts), the use of digital tools and information digital curation.
- Building library collections and information databases taking into account different areas of national culture.

The event will also include

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8th year of the forum of young librarians and information specialists focusing on the topic:

A view on Slovak culture as an opportunity for young professionals

Young professionals can contribute to the preservation and presentation of the rich Slovak culture, which offers them many opportunities in several fields and institutions (libraries, museums, archives, heritage conservation, education, creative industries, cultural entrepreneurship...). In addition to the many achievements of young cultural professionals, there are also a number of problems that require complex solutions. It is necessary to create favourable conditions for the self-realisation, creativity and career development of young professionals in the cultural sector. What are the starting points and opportunities that young colleagues see after 5-10 years of work, so that the professional does not burn out?

We are keen to hear the views of young colleagues on the following topics:

- Portrait of a young librarian - a new generation, a new perspective, a new presentation.
- Personnel policy and management of young people in culture - open communication and support, problems and finding solutions.
- Personal and career realisation - ambition, self-development, self-presentation and gaining experience as young professionals.
- Young professionals' perspective on modern science and research in culture (completed projects, research results).
- Building a network of contacts that can contribute to professional growth - study stays and exchange internships, gaining experience from abroad.
- Public relations and advertising of the library at minimum cost - ideas, innovations of young colleagues.

Submissions for the seminar should be sent via the web form, which can be found on the following link: <https://svkbb.eu/podujatia/tlib-2024-poklady-slovenskej-kultury/> by **29th of February 2024**. The organizers of the seminar reserve the right to select from the submitted papers. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent to you by **8th of March 2024**. Submissions should be sent no later than **15th of April 2024** to the following email address: tlib@svkbb.eu. Selected submissions will be published in a peer-reviewed collection.

Expenses associated with participation in the specialised seminar are paid by the participant, or sending organization.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

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