



25th annual professional seminar for librarians and information specialists



A century of our library – a quarter century of cooperation: PARTNERSHIPS, PROJECTS, AND COMMON CHALLENGES

State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica
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Dear colleagues,

The year 2026 is exceptional for the State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica due to several important anniversaries. We are celebrating 100 years since the founding of our institution, a quarter of a century since the merger with the Literary and Music Museum, and at the same time, we are preparing the 25th anniversary edition of the nationwide professional seminar for librarians and information specialists, TLib – Trends in Libr@ries, with international participation. We believe that this year's seminar will once again be a place for inspiring encounters, enriching our communities, broadening horizons, and contributing to mutual growth and meaningful cooperation between institutions, professionals, and countries.

Libraries are active elements of the information ecosystem, without which the continuity of knowledge would collapse. They have become bridges connecting people, institutions, and ideas, which is also reflected in this year's seminar theme, *Partnerships, Projects, and Common Challenges*. Libraries collaborate in a much broader sense than people usually realize. Cooperation is now a natural part of how we operate, whether it takes the form of professional forums, cultural events, exchanges, or joint projects in the fields of education, research, or inclusion. Only as an interconnected system can we ensure access to knowledge, its protection, and its long-term sustainability. This cooperation is particularly important in areas where no library can function effectively on its own. At the same time, in today's dynamic world, where physical and digital boundaries are blurring, cross-sectoral, inter-institutional, and international cooperation gives culture and education a new dimension.

The TLib seminar is created thanks to partnerships and continues to build on them. It is a space for creating new connections and sharing experiences with the aim of bringing new ideas and inspiration.

We would be happy to receive your contributions on the following topics:

- **Cultural symbiosis:** Collaboration with museums, galleries, theaters, and other cultural institutions. We are transforming libraries into vibrant cultural centers.
- **Inclusive networks:** Cooperation with public institutions, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, volunteers, and local initiatives. We strengthen social cohesion, support minorities and vulnerable groups, and build open communities.
- **Business alliances:** Collaboration with companies, startups, and entrepreneurs. We gain new resources, innovations, and audiences.
- **Libraries in the academic world:** Alliances with schools, universities, and research institutions. We collaborate on education and support for open science.
- **Partnerships in the era of sustainability:** Interlibrary resource sharing, green projects, and digital innovation. We reduce costs and innovate sustainably.
- **Foreign inspiration:** Different working models and cultural approaches from abroad. We adapt inspiration from abroad to local conditions.

The event will also include

LIBRARY INCUBATOR - 10th annual forum for young library and information specialists

The incubator invites young librarians to share their experiences on topics such as:

- **Growing together:** Internships, mobility, and career growth outside our "comfort library".
- **Zero budget projects:** Collaboration and implementation of projects with limited budgets. Original solutions, sharing contacts, know-how, and mutual enthusiasm.
- **Cultural differences with a smile:** Intercultural cooperation as an adventure. Fun and rewarding moments caused by cultural differences or language barriers.

Please submit your seminar paper applications via the online form at <https://svkbb.eu/tlib2026/> by **February 20, 2026**. The seminar organizers reserve the right to select from among the submitted papers. We will send you confirmation of your application acceptance by February 28, 2026. Papers in accordance with the information and instructions for authors, which will be published on the website, should be sent by **March 30, 2026**, at the latest, to the following email address: tlib@svkbb.eu. Papers will be published in a peer-reviewed collection.

Expenses related to participation in the professional seminar shall be covered by the participant or the sending organization.

The registration form for passive participants will be open after the program is published.

We look forward to seeing you

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