



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on Readers are Leaders (Multidisciplinary)

KALA Organising ICRL-2026 in collaboration with Tumkur university, KSCLA and LIS Academy Bengaluru. Supported by Directorate of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka and hosted by SIT Tumkur



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About Conference

Reading is a foundational skill that drives academic success, professional growth, and lifelong learning, yet many find it challenging to cultivate. To address these challenges, the Karnataka State Library Association (R) is organizing an International Conference on Readers are Leaders from 26–28, 2026, in collaboration with the Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, Tumakuru; Karnataka State College Library Association (KSCLA) and LIS Academy Bengaluru. Supported by the Directorate of Public Libraries, Government of Karnataka, Rotary Tumkur and hosted by Sddaganga Institute of Technology. The conference aims to inspire young minds to embrace reading, develop essential skills, and enhance cognitive abilities, while encouraging libraries and academic institutions to innovate in the digital era. Bringing together educators, librarians, researchers, students, and reading enthusiasts, it will serve as a platform to exchange ideas, share research, and highlight success stories, best practices, and emerging trends that support knowledge acquisition and leadership development.

KALA

The Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) is a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of library science, librarianship, and information management in Karnataka. Established with the vision of promoting library services and fostering professional development. Formerly, the name of KALA was 'Mysore State Library Association', founded by the initiative of late Dr. S. R. Ranganathan. KALA plays a crucial role in advocating for libraries, supporting librarians, and enhancing access to information resources across the state. The association conducts workshops, seminars, conferences, and training programs to empower library professionals and facilitate knowledge sharing. It also serves as a platform for addressing the challenges faced by the library community and for fostering collaboration among libraries and information centers. KALA sponsors, undertakes, encourages, and promotes scholarly study and research and consultancy work in the field of library science and services. The Association constantly strives to relate its academic work to research and consultancy and socially relevant themes. The association publishes library and information service-related books, monographs, occasional papers, bulletins, etc., on topics of interest to professionals as well as the general public. KALA has an integrated approach with academia, R&D, and other organizations for the promotion and development of LIS activities, policies, and programmes.

DLIS Tumkur University

The Department of Studies and Research in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, Tumakuru, established in 2005, offers two flagship programs: the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in LIS and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in LIS. The Department is supported by a team of accomplished faculty members who have made significant contributions through research publications in reputed journals, presentations at national and international forums, and active participation in global academic exchanges. Many faculty members have also received prestigious awards for their educational and professional achievements. Over the years, the Department has taken a leading role in organising national and international conferences, seminars, and workshops, creating platforms for academic dialogue, professional networking, and knowledge sharing. These initiatives have provided students, researchers, and professionals with valuable opportunities to engage with emerging trends, technologies, and innovative practices in the discipline.

Siddaganga Institute of Technology (SIT):

Siddaganga Institute of Technology was established in the year 1963 under the able guidance of His Holiness Dr. Sree Sree Sree Shivakumara Swamiji. It is an autonomous Institution approved by VTU, AICTE & UGC. Ranked No.100 in NIRF Ranking among engineering colleges in India (2024); previously in 101–150 band in 2023. Accredited by NBA; also holds an A++ grade from NAAC. SIT is offering 14 undergraduate programmes and 13 postgraduate programmes. More than 4000 students are currently pursuing their studies in the institute. 15 departments of the institute are recognized as Research Centres by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. 187 Research scholars are pursuing Ph.D. programme in these centres. University Grants Commission, New Delhi, Government of Karnataka and Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi have granted autonomous status to the institute from the academic year 2007-08

KSCLA

The Karnataka State College Librarian Association (KSCLA), Bangalore, established in the year 1979, stands as a beacon of excellence in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS). Over the decades, KSCLA has carved a niche as a premier association dedicated to the professional and service-oriented development of practicing librarians across Karnataka. Since its inception, KSCLA has been dedicated to the development of library professionals, empowering them with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities to grow. As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of libraries and information services, our focus remains on fostering collaboration, advocating for best practices, and providing resources that help our members rise to meet new challenges

LIS Academy

The LIS Academy (Library & Information Science Academy) is a professional Public Charitable Trust established to work for the development of the Profession and to assist Libraries with the state-of-the-art technology and Librarians with continuous skill development. The primary focus of the Academy is to provide need-based service to the different types of Libraries in the country and to work for the advancement of the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession at large. The activities of the Academy are: LIS Finishing school, Research Support Services, Technology Support Services, Academic Support Services, Consultancy Services, Publication Programmes, LISA Conferences, Preparation of National Directory of LIS professionals in India, and LIS Wikipedia

Rotary Tumkur

Rotary is a global network of community and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Founded in 1905, Rotary focuses on projects related to promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and growing local economies. Members meet regularly to foster fellowship and organise a variety of projects, both local and international, that address pressing global challenges

Who can Participate?

- Teachers of Secondary and Higher Education
- Library Professionals / Scientists
- Library and Information Science Teachers
- Research Scholars and Students
- Educationists and Policy Makers
- Knowledge Management Professionals
- Professional Associations,
- Archivists,
- Publishers, Information providers and exhibitors



General Guidelines

Prospective authors are encouraged to contribute and help shape the conference by submitting their research papers and posters. The contributors can include any other topic falling under the broad gamut of the main theme of the conference. Also, high-quality research contributions describing original and unpublished results of conceptual, constructive, empirical, experimental, or theoretical work in the areas are invited for presentation at the conference. Selected high-quality papers will be published in reputed Journals, and the remaining papers will be considered for Edited Book with an ISBN. Please note that the similarity of the content should be as per UGC guidelines

Guidelines for Submission of Paper

- Authors can submit their full papers through an email attachment to: icrlconf.2024@gmail.com
- The main title should be followed by name, affiliation, and address of the author(s) with e-mail
- The paper should be in MS Word format, font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, space: 1.5 lines, paper size: A4, Keyword: 2-5 words, Paper length: 3-8 pages
- All references should be presented according to the APA Style
- The paper should be sent along with the declaration letter stating that the work is the original and not presented/published anywhere else.
- The paper should contain the names of the authors, Email ID, and Contact numbers

Sub Themes

The majority of the sub-themes are Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary in nature. Original research papers, research surveys, case studies or action plans on any sub-theme related to the conference's core theme, but not limited to, may be submitted.



Theme 1. Reading Culture

- Role of a teacher in cultivating reading habits at the secondary and higher education levels
- Reading Styles, Strategies in the digital age, Reading goals
- Techniques of reading and self-correction
- Reading supports life skills
- Tools, Insights, and Skills to Teach Reading Well
- Effects of Values, Culture, and tradition on reading
- Implications of the first law of Ranganathan on reading theory
- Reading in the Ancient Gurukul System and the present Digital System
- Voice and Choice in Book Clubs and Reading Groups
- Tips for developing good reading habits among students
- Poverty, Power, and Partnership on Reading
- Education and Geopolitical Change in Reading
- Case Studies

Theme 2. Learners are Earners

- Integrating Life Skills for Students in the Curriculum
- Developing Educators for the Future
- Designing Learning for Online Spaces
- Learning and Teaching with Blended Learning
- Flipped Learning: Effective tools and approaches
- Learning Analytics and Student Feedback Systems
- Immersive Learning with Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality/ Mixed Reality
- Motivating Engagement with Micro-Credentials and Digital Badges
- Revolutionising Higher Education with Artificial Intelligence
- Redesigning Learning Spaces for Tomorrow's Learners
- Role of books in skill building and employability
- Learning- Types, preparedness, and mechanisms in the secondary and higher education levels
- Formal Learning v/s E-Learning
- Teacher as learning partner
- Impact of Social media on learners
- Traditional v/s Open Education Learning Platforms
- Case Studies



Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow
has not yet come. We have
only today. Let us begin.

Theme 3. All Leaders are Readers

- Extremely Successful Leaders are good Readers
- Reading empowers leaders
- Women in Leadership: Breaking Barriers, Inspiring Change
- Importance of reading for a leader
- TED Talks and leadership development
- Qualities of an outstanding leader
- Great leaders are great decision makers
- Contemporary Leadership and Management
- Developing strategic leadership capabilities
- Entrepreneurial Leadership
- Political/Public Leadership
- Gender and Leadership
- Leader's role in innovation
- Leadership challenges and barriers
- Global Leadership
- Sustainable Leadership
- Management in Leadership
- Leadership: preparing for the Golden hour of crises
- Learning organisations
- Case Studies



Theme 4. Innovative Library Technologies

- Integrated Library Services Platform
- Smart Technologies for Green Library
- e-Reader for Libraries
- Digitization & Digital Preservation
- Digital Archiving Framework to Enhance Accessibility
- Open Education & Data Repositories
- New Paradigms in Open Access Publishing
- Emerging Trends & Technologies in Scholarly Publishing
- Artificial Intelligence and Libraries
- Blockchain Technology Applications in Libraries
- Technologies to Transform Libraries into experience centres – Metaverse/AR/VR/3D printing
- Digital Collaboration tools for Open Science, Open Research, Open Innovation
- Electronic Resource Management (ERM) System
- Research Data Management (RDM) - Data Repositories and Archives
- Researcher IDs and Research Visibility
- Case Studies and Best Practices



Important Dates

- Full Paper submission deadline: 15th January 2026
- Acceptance of the full Paper: 20th January 2026
- Last date for Author Registration: 31st January 2026
- Conference Date: 26th - 28th February 2026

Registration:

- Demand Draft / Digital Payments through any UPI Apps in India.
- **Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/3H6RJKDC2GU5d5Lc8>
- The Registration fee includes the food and conference kit (including the edited book).
- **For more details:** icrlconf.2024@gmail.com

Registration Fee : (Excluding Accommodation)

- Indian Participants: Library Professionals / Academicians, ₹3000/-
- KALA, KSCLA, LISA Members: ₹2000/-
- Research Scholars / Retired Professionals ₹1500/-
- Students/ Unemployed professionals ₹800/-
- International Participants: \$ 70.

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- Invites sponsors to join the International Conference on Readers are Leaders (ICRL-2026) to be held on 26th - 28th February 2026, at Birla Auditorium, SIT, BH Road, Tumakuru-572103, Karnataka, India.
- The sponsors will have an opportunity to showcase their products and connect with key decision-makers from the Education, library, and information fields
- For More details, contact the organisers: +91 9380371629 / 9449070311
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Sree Channakeshava Temple



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ISKCON Temple



Bengaluru Palace



Mysore Palace

Places to Visit in and around Tumkur



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