



LIANZA

2025 CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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| Monday 22 September 2025 | | | | | |
| 1730 - 1930 | Pre-Conference Welcome Reception at Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library Of New Zealand | | | |  |

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| Tuesday 23 September 2025 | | | | | |
| 0800 - 1830 | Registration support open | | | | |
| | Tāwhirimātea B | | | | |
| 0900 - 0930 | Mihi whakatau | | | | |
| 0930 - 0945 | LIANZA President Opening Remarks Mark Crookston | | | | |
| | NZMS / Recollect Platinum Partner Address Andy Fenton | | | | |
| 0945 - 1030 | KEYNOTE 1 Māori AI & data sovereignty: embedding values in tech Dr Karaitiana Tāiuru (Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Toa) | | | | |
| 1030 - 1100 | MORNING TEA - PARAMANAWA | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 1 Tāwhirimātea B | BREAKOUT 2 Tāwhirimātea A | BREAKOUT 3 Tāwhirimātea C | BREAKOUT 4 Tāwhirimātea E | BREAKOUT 5 Whātaimai |
| 1100 - 1200 | PANEL 1 Books Behind Bars: Stories and experiences of prison librarians. <i>Ariana Blowers (Facilitator), Jeff Evans, Gwynneth Porter, Anderina McLean, Zoe Cornelius, Ara Poutama Aotearoa / Department Of Corrections</i> | PAPER 1 He kupenga horopounamu: Library services for whānau Māori <i>Judith Waaka, Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland City Council</i> PAPER 2 Building sustainable collections: Environmental responsibility and inclusion in collection decision-making <i>Anne Goulding, Te Herenga Waka / Victoria University of Wellington</i> | PAPER 3 Transforming access: The journey to our new virtual reading room <i>Amy Watling, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa / National Library Of New Zealand</i> PAPER 4 Censorship on the rise: Report to the library challenges register <i>Marlies Zyp-van der Laan, LIANZA Standing Committee on Freedom of Information</i> | LIGHTNING TALK 1 Reading for... trees? Connecting family, community and the natural environment <i>Samantha Tibbs, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō / Libraries Horowhenua</i> LIGHTNING TALK 2 Mobile Libraries & social housing: Meeting communities where they live <i>Alola Robertson, Ngā Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland Council Libraries</i> LIGHTNING TALK 3 Feelix Library: Adventures in braille and tactile content <i>Kyleigh Langrick, Melbourne Cricket Club</i> PAPER 5 Beyond the Book: Activating indigenous knowledge and practice <i>Martin Lewis, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa</i> | WORKSHOP 1 “The Moana”: Navigating the vaka for Pasifika in GLAMR sector <i>Sana Saleem, Te Whare Wānanga o Wairaka / Unitec PIMN</i> |
| 1200 - 1230 | PAPER 6 Learning to love algorithms: Introducing automated collection management tools <i>Eliza Richards, Ngā Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland Council Libraries</i> | LIGHTNING TALK 4 The Library of 2025 and climate awareness <i>Sokunthea Nhien, Te Ara Ātea / Selwyn Libraries</i> LIGHTNING TALK 5 Kākano Seed Library: Growing community outreach through māra kai <i>Tess Mehonoshen, Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui / Wellington City Libraries</i> LIGHTNING TALK 6 Finding stories that connect for people with memory loss <i>Jackie McMillan, Kā Kete Wānaka O Ōtepoti / Dunedin Public Libraries</i> | LIGHTNING TALK 7 Banned, challenged, contested: Book challenges in our secondary school libraries <i>Relda Matthews, Te Herenga Waka / Victoria University of Wellington</i> LIGHTNING TALK 8 LIANZA 101 <i>Laura Marshall, Te Rau Herenga o Aotearoa LIANZA</i> LIGHTNING TALK 9 Kēmu: building a board game collection <i>Grisham Langston, Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui / Wellington City Libraries</i> | LIGHTNING TALK 10 LIANZA Standing Committee on AI <i>Erin Cairney, LIANZA AI Committee Chair</i> LIGHTNING TALK 11 It’s all connected: Lessons learned from NLNZ’s impact assessment framework <i>Michael Lascarides, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa / National Library of New Zealand</i> LIGHTNING TALK 12 Generative AI: Transformative effects on tertiary library services <i>Eric Boamah, Kuratini Tuwhera / The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand</i> | KŌRERO 1 Kia piri tata mai – all the people come together <i>Alissa Hackett & Donna Coventry</i> <i>Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau / Auckland University of Technology</i> |
| 1230 - 1330 | LUNCH - TINA | | | | |

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| 1415 - 1415 | KEYNOTE 2 Connecting with communities through fiction and non-fiction writing Monty Soutar (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Awa, Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, Ngāti Kahungunu) | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 6 Tāwhirimātea B | BREAKOUT 7 Tāwhirimātea A | BREAKOUT 8 Tāwhirimātea C | BREAKOUT 9 Tāwhirimātea E | BREAKOUT 10 Whātaimai |
| 1525 - 1525 | PANEL 2 Growing a nation of readers-libraries as literacy partners Elizabeth Jones & Kate De Goldi, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa / National Library of New Zealand & Catherine Leonard | LIGHTNING TALK 13 Ōmāhu School Library rebuild project Mya Robertson, Ngā Whare Pukapuka o te rohe o Heretaunga / Hastings District Libraries PAPER 7 Te Matapihi – Te Taiao, community, and connection Nick Mouat, Athfield Architects PAPER 8 Te Aka- Co-design from the ground up Darran Gillies, Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri Napier City Council | LIGHTNING TALK 14 Extending library access after-hours for upskilling and community connection Camille Le Lievre, Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Tamatea / Central Hawke’s Bay District Council PAPER 9 You’ve Got Mail: Exchanging letters from Delaware & Palestine Simon Christiansen, Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Wellington City Libraries PAPER 10 Transforming communities by generating wellbeing Dawn McMillan, Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi Christchurch City Libraries | LIGHTNING TALK 15 Parliamentary Library: What we do in the shadows Hannah Fotheringham, Pāremata Aotearoa / Parliamentary Services PAPER 11 Strength & Balance: Transforming communities through movement Saniya Thompson, Te Haeata / Invercargill City Libraries PAPER 12 He Wai e Mana: Language and knowledge sovereignty for Hawai’i Shavonn Matsuda, University of Hawaii Maui College | WORKSHOP 2 Navigating legal information in Aotearoa: A guide for library professionals Louise Bailey, New Zealand Law Librarians Association |
| 1600 - 1600 | AFTERNOON TEA - PARAMANAWA | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 11 Tāwhirimātea B | BREAKOUT 12 Tāwhirimātea A | BREAKOUT 13 Tāwhirimātea C | BREAKOUT 14 Tāwhirimātea E | BREAKOUT 15 Whātaimai |
| 1630 - 1630 | PAPER 13 Libraries leading the AI future: Empowering learning and AI literacy Sadia Afroze, Te Herenga Waka / Victoria University of Wellington | PAPER 14 He pūnaha ora: Digital collections as living ecosystems Aleisha Amohia, Catalyst IT | PAPER 15 Beyond barriers - Making information accessible through community radio Krissy Wright, Wāhitau Īmēra / CCS Disability Action Library and Information Service | PAPER 16 Be the change: The role of non-Māori librarians as allies Kathryn Oxborrow Vambe, Te Wānanga O Aotearoa | KŌRERO 2 SLANZA: Empowering school librarians to grow lifelong readers Kristy Wilson & Trena Lile, Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura / School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa |
| | Tāwhirimātea B | | | | |
| 1715 - 1715 | KEYNOTE 3 Stronger together: Connected national libraries Rachel Esson, National Librarian, New Zealand & Dr Marie-Louise Ayres, Director-General of National Library of Australia | | | | |
| 1730 - 1730 | CLOSING REMARKS | | | | |
| 1845 - 1845 | WELCOME FUNCTION - LAUNCH OF LIANZA DIGITAL CPD | | | | |

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| Wednesday 24 September 2025 | | | | | |
| 0800 - 1730 | Registration support open | | | | |
| | Tāwhirimātea B | | | | |
| 0900 - 0915 | Welcome | | | | |
| 0915 - 1000 | KEYNOTE 4 Turning chaos into opportunity <i>Melissa Clark-Reynolds</i> | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 16 <i>Tāwhirimātea B</i> | BREAKOUT 17 <i>Tāwhirimātea A</i> | BREAKOUT 18 <i>Tāwhirimātea C</i> | BREAKOUT 19 <i>Tāwhirimātea E</i> | BREAKOUT 20 <i>Whātaïtai</i> |
| 1000 - 1030 | PAPER 17 He kete mātauranga: School library services and the path forward <i>Trena Lile, Te Puna Whare Mātauranga a Kura School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa & Miriam Tuohy, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand</i> | PAPER 18 Reimagining readers’ advisory: Best practices for engaging fiction readers <i>Eamonn Redmond, Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi Christchurch City Libraries</i> | LIGHTNING TALK 16 Verifying sources: Were whales keeping Wellingtonians awake in the 1800s? <i>Kim McClintock, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa</i> LIGHTNING TALK 17 Nurturing the vine: Rebranding a special library for diverse audiences <i>Gay Richards, Vine - Violence Information Aotearoa</i> LIGHTNING TALK 18 Lonely no more- Building relationships for special libraries <i>Steven Lulich, Parliamentary Library Te Pātaka Rangahau</i> | PAPER 19 Mō mātou, mā mātou: Māori communities shaping their library <i>Simon Hart, Ōtākou Whakaihū Waka University of Otago</i> | KŌRERO 3 It’s not easy being green: Climate action in our libraries <i>Alexis Mccullough, Kay Stodart, Sana Saleem, LIANZA Standing Committee on Climate Action</i> |
| 1030 - 1100 | MORNING TEA - PARAMANAWA | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 21 <i>Tāwhirimātea B</i> | BREAKOUT 22 <i>Tāwhirimātea A</i> | BREAKOUT 23 <i>Tāwhirimātea C</i> | BREAKOUT 24 <i>Tāwhirimātea E</i> | BREAKOUT 25 <i>Whātaïtai</i> |
| 1100 - 1200 | PANEL 3 A trinity of freedoms at risk <i>Marlies Zyp-van der Laan, Louise LaHatte & Nicky Hager, LIANZA Standing Committee on Freedom of Information</i> | PAPER 20 Whakawhanaungatanga: Building relationships with youth <i>Monika Prasad, Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland City Council</i> PAPER 21 Libraries and literacy for ākonga in Aotearoa <i>Claudine Crabtree, Baradene College</i> | PAPER 22 We just want to be somebody to someone: An immigrant librarian’s perspective... <i>Marion Kroukam, Kaunihera o te Rohe o Hauraki Hauraki District Council</i> LIGHTNING TALK 19 Library Friends: When community loyalty to a building outweighs reality <i>Chloe Fryer, Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland City Council</i> LIGHTNING TALK 20 The library after dark: The Night Library and Cafe <i>LJ Jennens, Wānanga Whakatupu Mātauranga Whangarei District Libraries</i> LIGHTNING TALK 21 Beamafilm- Libraries seniors social isolation buster! <i>Janine Taylor, Queenstown Lakes Libraries</i> | PAPER 23 Indigenous voices in Aotearoa picturebooks <i>Nicola Daly, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato University of Waikato</i> PAPER 24 Whakarangāni: Developing a classification system for kohikohinga Māori <i>Bridget Jennings, Te Matapihi ki te Ao Nui Wellington City Libraries</i> | WORKSHOP 3 AI for ākonga: Bringing creative writing to life <i>Amy Chiles, Ngā Kete Wānanga o Ōtautahi Christchurch City Libraries</i> |
| 1200 - 1230 | PAPER 25 Te Pātaka Kōrero o Moerā- On borrowed land and time <i>Joann Ransom, Te Awa Kairangi Hutt City Council</i> | PAPER 26 Countering Mis & Dis Information <i>Mandy Henk, Dark Times Academy</i> | PAPER 27 Prison Librarians: The nitty-gritty of working inside Aotearoa's largest prison <i>Zoe Cornelius & Ariana Blowers, Ara Poutama Aotearoa Department of Corrections</i> | PAPER 28 “Reading Allowed” and aloud: Cultivating community in a city library <i>Jackie McMillan, Kā Kete Wānaka O Ōtepoti Dunedin Public Library</i> | KŌRERO 4 Bad eggs?: Research integrity in academic literature <i>Aubrey Kirkpatrick, Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington</i> |

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| 1230 - 1330 | LUNCH - TINA | | | | |
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| 1330 - 1415 | LIANZA Awards | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 26 Tāwhirimātea B | BREAKOUT 27 Tāwhirimātea A | BREAKOUT 28 Tāwhirimātea C | BREAKOUT 29 Tāwhirimātea E | BREAKOUT 30 Whāitaitai |
| 1415 - 1515 | <p>PAPER 29</p> <p>Big hairy audacious goal: Engagement on a new central library</p> <p>Joanna Thomas, Te Kaunihera o Tauranga Moana Tauranga City Council</p> | <p>PAPER 31</p> <p>Repairing our nets: Keeping work moving during a budget crisis</p> <p>Kyleigh Langrick, Melbourne Cricket Club</p> | <p>PAPER 33</p> <p>Escape rooms: Unlocking community engagement, changing the role of libraries!</p> <p>Amy Bustard & Shori Allan, Thames-Coromandel District Libraries</p> | <p>PAPER 34</p> <p>The Shelf podcast: Community engagement and information creation through a podcast</p> <p>LJ Jennens, Wānanga Whakatupu Mātauranga Whangarei District Libraries</p> | <p>WORKSHOP 4</p> <p>Using AI to develop library research skills: An interactive workshop</p> <p>Steph Cook, Te Kunenga Ki Pūrehuroa Massey University</p> |
| | <p>PAPER 30</p> <p>Horizons, futures and collaboration: NSLA, Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand</p> <p>Simon Polson, National and State Libraries Australasia</p> | <p>PAPER 32</p> <p>Legal deposit in the digital age: Looking back and forwards</p> <p>Rhonda Grantham, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand</p> | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 22</p> <p>Sustainability in collection policies</p> <p>Melanie Johnston, Te Ara Ātea Selwyn Libraries</p> | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 25</p> <p>Did we beat a C+? Library workers' digital literacy level</p> <p>Vickie Ward, Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora</p> | |
| | | | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 23</p> <p>For the environment: Environmental education in New Zealand libraries</p> <p>Matthew Evans, Ngā Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Council Libraries</p> | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 26</p> <p>Utaina: Connecting Aotearoa through digitised sounds and stories</p> <p>Cynthia Wu, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand</p> | |
| | | | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 24</p> <p>Green is the new gold! Climate action in the library</p> <p>Donna Coventry, Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau Auckland University of Technology</p> | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 27</p> <p>The Wikisource—public library pipeline: from scans to lendable eBooks</p> <p>Mike Dickison, Rove</p> | |
| 1515 - 1545 | AFTERNOON TEA - PARAMANAWA | | | | |
| | BREAKOUT 31 Tāwhirimātea B | BREAKOUT 32 Tāwhirimātea A | BREAKOUT 33 Tāwhirimātea C | BREAKOUT 34 Tāwhirimātea E | BREAKOUT 35 |
| 1545 - 1615 | <p>PAPER 35</p> <p>We are connectors: Binding communities, collections, measina and knowledge</p> <p>Taputukura Raea & Ulu Afaese, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa National Library of New Zealand</p> | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 28</p> <p>Make openness trusted: A case of integrating ORCID with journals @ Lincoln</p> <p>Yanan Zhao, Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University</p> | <p>PAPER 36</p> <p>Filling the gaps: The publishing programme at Auckland Council Libraries</p> <p>Kate Innes-Monsalve, Ngā Pātaka Kōrero o Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Council Libraries</p> | <p>PAPER 37</p> <p>Summer reading magic: User-focused design for engaging young readers</p> <p>Rida Malik, Te Whare Pukapuka o Kirikiriroa Hamilton City Libraries</p> | |
| | | | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 29</p> <p>Designing AI for learning: Lessons from building a conversational search</p> <p>Anders Rapp, Keenious</p> | | |
| | | <p>LIGHTNING TALK 30</p> <p>Strengthening access and integrity in an age of misinformation</p> <p>Timothy Tillack, Elsevier</p> | | | |
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| 1615 - 1700 | <p>KEYNOTE 5</p> <p>Whiringa ki Tawhiti: Libraries leading a future of collective stewardship</p> <p>Te Paea Paringatai (Waikato, Ngāti Porou)</p> | | | | |
| 1700 - 1715 | CLOSING REMARKS | | | | |
| Thursday 25 September 2025 | | | | | |
| 0900 - 1630 | Tales and Tours | | | | |