ASIS&T

INFORMATION SCIENCE SUMMIT

& SPECIAL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

June 6–9, 2026 • Albuquerque, NM

Exploring the Frontiers in Information Science and Librarianship

2026 Topical Tracks

- Career Skills & Management
- Outreach & Impact
- Market Research & Competitive Intelligence
- Knowledge & Records Management
- AI & Emerging Technologies
- Research & Data Science

Session Types

- Panels and Lectern Sessions
- Poster Sessions
- Skills building sessions
- Roundtable Discussions

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- December 17, 2025 – Submissions Close
- February 6, 2026 – Proposal Statuses Announced
- February 13, 2026 – Proposals invited to the Program must RSVP by this date. No exceptions

Submission Policies

Membership is not required to submit a proposal. The Conference Planning Committee reviews and selects the proposals to be included in the program. Individuals may submit more than one proposal (any combination of sessions and posters).

Each submission must include a proposed presenter list. If the session intends to have a single speaker/presenter only, include that individual's name in the presenter list.

Submitters are asked to let proposed presenters know that while their names are on the proposed presenter list, the group is not guaranteed a slot on the program until conference organizers make an official invitation.

Once a session proposal is accepted, session developers are responsible for ensuring that their speakers and moderators can fund their costs for registration, travel, and lodging, and attend in person. Virtual attendance will not be possible.

All speakers must register for the conference. Up to three speakers per session who are ASIS&T members may receive a 25% speaker discount if they register by the Early Bird deadline. All speakers are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. Invited speakers who do not wish to attend the full conference may be granted "Talk & Walk" registration status on a case-by-case basis.

Step One: Main Point of Contact
Provide the name and contact information of the person the conference organizers will reach out to with any questions and/or updates about your proposal. This person does not need to be one of the presenters.

Step Two: Select the session type:
- *Panel and Lectern Presentation*
  One or more presenters address a relevant topic in a largely one-way presentation allowing time for Q&A
- *Poster*
  Information is conveyed on a poster and authors present the poster to attendees during the poster session
- *Skills building workshop*
  An interactive learning experience for attendees where they will walk away with a new skill or technique
- *Roundtable Discussions*
  An interactive discussion between attendees on a relevant topic

Step Three: Select the preferred length of your session*
- 30-Minute Session | 60-Minute Session | 5-Minute Lightning Talk

  Keep in mind that all 30- or 60- minute sessions should include:
  - A 2-minute introduction to the session topic and its importance and relevance to the library environment today
  - 5 to 10 minutes at the end for audience questions
  - 2 – 3 minutes for a closing statement(s)
  If you can fit your content in the remaining time, 30 minutes is a good fit. If not, please opt for 60 minutes.

If your submission is for a Lightning Talk, please check your content to ensure that you can speak through your topic highlights within 5 minutes. Introductions and closing statements in Lightning Talks will be made by session moderators.

*If your proposal is selected for the program, the conference committee will make every effort to assign your session to a slot of your preferred session length. However, they may also request that you shift to a longer or shorter time slot if they feel it is more appropriate.

Step Four: Craft Your Title
Enter a concise and descriptive title – as it should appear in promotional materials if your session is selected (20 words maximum).

Session titles should be engaging, interesting, and motivating. The title should be designed to attract attention, promise a benefit, and encourage action.

Focus on key elements: -

- Intrigue – Spark curiosity with a title that hints at something new or exciting.

- Benefits – Clearly convey the value or benefits that your session offers.

- Action-Oriented Language – Use strong, active verbs that encourage participation.

- Relevance – Ensure the title resonates with the intended audience and their interests or needs.

- Brevity – Keep it concise and impactful, making it easy to remember and share.

Step Five: Presenters Add your presenters, including yourself if you plan to speak, present, or moderate. If your proposed session includes more than one speaker or presenter, submit them all in this step.

*Important: Remember to inform your potential co-presenters that while their names are included in the proposal, they are not officially a part of the program at this stage.

Proposals are first reviewed, and proposals that are selected for the program will be invited. Official status notices to all proposal submissions will be sent after the selection process.

Step Six: Session Information

- Session Title

- Tracks – Select the two (2) tracks you believe are most relevant to your proposal.

- Session Description/Proposal (Max 500 words) – Provide a description of the session for the reviewers' consideration. Explain why this topic is important today; provide a brief description of the approach the session will take (ex., through presentations, or an open discussion among experts, etc.), and the expertise or perspectives the proposed speaker(s) will provide. Proposals with insufficient information receive lower scores during the review process, which diminishes its potential for being selected for the program.

- Session Description for Promotional Materials (if the proposal is selected for program inclusion) (Max 125 words) – Provide a description of your session as it would appear in promotional materials if selected for the program. This description should effectively engage potential attendees and highlight the value of your session.

- Is the session proposed by an ASIS&T Chapter or SIG, and if so, which?

Step Seven: Learning Objectives

Submit up to 3 learning objectives of your proposed session. Learning objectives should be clear, measurable, and achievable. They should complete the sentence "Upon completion, the participant will be able to…"

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