CALL FOR PAPERS' SUB-THEMES:

Information Literacy General Topics
- Information literacy and sustainability in libraries
- Information literacy/media literacy and the battle against disinformation (fake news, reliable/unreliable resources)
- Information literacy and emerging technologies trends since COVID-19
- Information literacy and new paradigms: digital literacy, digital competencies, digital skills, and digital thinking

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Library Operations
- How AI will change the job of librarians?
- New approaches to information and AI literacy trainings to library staff
- AI ethics in libraries
- Using artificial intelligence to advance classification systems, content indexing, document matching, citation, content summarization
- Using AI in analyzing digital collections, identifying subjects, and adding metadata with these technologies
- The design of artificial intelligence-powered knowledge discovery tools
- How library management systems have evolved in sync with related technologies
- How computer technologies and AI contributed to convert the library manual systems into computerized ones, giving rise to library automation
- AI-driven chatbots (responding to questions from library users and directing them to specific library resources)
- Creating programs that introduce patrons to new AI tools and teach them how to use the technology appropriately and safely
- The use of virtual reality to bridge the distance barrier for distant or disable persons

Information Literacy and Smart Libraries
- The emergence of smart libraries and how it has changed the paradigms of library
- Skills to be possessed by smart librarians such as: analytical and computational thinking, data literacy, information literacy, social intelligence, etc.
- Emerging technologies used for smart libraries such as cloud computing, big data, 3D printing, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), RFID, drones etc.

Information Literacy and Robotic Process Automation
- How robotic process automation (RPA) are employed to perform routine administrative tasks like data migration, shelf management, forms processing, and email marketing
- The usage of robotics in different tasks such as retrieving books on demand from mass storage facilities

Data Literacy and AI Literacy
- Data literacy and AI literacy are main literacy objectives for libraries and library professionals
- Skills needed for people to confidently participate in and engage with a society that is employing more artificial intelligence tools and processes

SUBMISSION TYPES

- Individual Papers and Posters: Proposals for both papers and posters are welcome. Abstracts of no more than 300 words including references for papers or posters should be submitted on the conference website.
- PechaKucha: These sessions will cover work-in-progress reports, new developments, innovations and good practices. It is a short, very focused, visually appealing and inspiring narrated slide show (20 slides), and a 300-word abstract is required.
- Doctoral Forum: This section covers short papers either on a critical literature review of the research topic or research question(s), research objectives, research methodology and work done so far of ongoing work of PhD students. A 300-word abstract is required.
- Panel Discussions: Panel discussions will also be accommodated. These discussions should address a common theme. Furthermore, they will be scheduled for 90 minutes and may include a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 papers. In addition to individual proposals (of no more than 300 words each including references), please also submit an overview description of no more than 500 words (including references) with the panel’s content and objectives.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Abstracts will be evaluated upon the following criteria:
- Relevance, importance, and appropriateness of topic to the sub-theme
- Purpose, participant outcomes, and session type
- Motivated by theory, practice, and/or research
- Support for practices, conclusions, and/or proposals
- Clarity of proposal as indicator of presentation quality

IMPORTANT DATES:
- First call: 4 December 2023
- Second call: 4 January 2024
- Early Registration starts: 1 March 2024
- Abstract submission deadline: 10 April 2024
- Notification of acceptance for abstracts: 5 June 2024
- Early registration deadline: 14 June 2024
- Full-text submission deadline: 1 August 2024
- Notification of acceptance for full-texts: 15 September 2024
- Regular registration: Between 15 June–30 September 2024
- Late & Onsite registration: After 1 October 2024
- Conference sessions: 14-17 October 2024

SUBMISSION:
- Please submit your abstract to https://bibalex.org/baifa/en/page/ICIL-Africa2024submissions