

LV ACURIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
CARIBE HILTON HOTEL | SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
JUNE 7TH TO 11TH, 2026

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM



**Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline:
Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability**



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MESSAGE FROM THE ACURIL PRESIDENT 2025-2026



Dear ACURIL Members, Colleagues, Exhibitors, and Friends,

It is with great joy and deep commitment that I send you a warm greeting in my role as President of the Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries Association (ACURIL) 2025–2026.

It is a true privilege and honor to invite you to reunite in Puerto Rico during our 55th Annual ACURIL Conference, to be held from June 7 to 11, 2026, at the historic and welcoming Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan.

This gathering, which transcends borders, will be a unique opportunity to strengthen connections, share experiences, and collectively envision the future of our libraries, archives, and museums. Under the central theme: “Libraries, Archives, and Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation, and Sustainability,” we will reflect on the transformative role of our institutions as engines of social development, guardians of cultural memory, and champions of equitable access to knowledge.

During our discussions, we will highlight how Caribbean libraries, archives, and museums drive social development and community growth; how, with vision and purpose, they shape the future; how innovation in new services transforms these institutions into vibrant community hubs; and how we move from collections to connections, adapting creatively and sustainably to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Puerto Rico Local Organizing Committee is already working enthusiastically to provide us with an unforgettable ACURIL experience, full of learning, innovation, and opportunities for collaboration.

I invite you to be part of this collective journey, where every voice matters and every experience enriches. It will be an honor to welcome you to San Juan and share moments that will undoubtedly mark the history of our professional community.

With warm regards and hope,

Loyda Nieves Ayala
President, ACURIL 2025–2026



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LV ACURIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**



As Conference Coordinator, and on behalf of the Local Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to extend a warm greeting and heartfelt welcome to the 55th ACURIL Conference, to be held from June 7 to 11, 2026, on our beloved island of Puerto Rico. This edition takes place under the leadership of our esteemed President, professor Loyda Nieves Ayala.

This year, we gather under the inspiring theme, “Libraries, Archives, and Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability”, which highlights the essential and transformative role of our institutions as pillars of social development, cultural preservation, and equitable access to knowledge.

Throughout the conference, we will explore how libraries, archives and museums in the Caribbean can:

1. Drive social and community development through advocacy actions that create real impact in our institutions.
2. Lead with purpose, vision, and commitment toward a more just and sustainable future.
3. Transform their services to become inclusive, dynamic, and community-centered spaces.
4. Innovate with creativity and sustainability, strengthening meaningful connections beyond collections.

From the Local Organizing Committee, we are working with great enthusiasm to make this gathering a space for inspiration, learning, and collaboration. We trust that each participant will find valuable opportunities to exchange experiences, share best practices, and build alliances that reinforce our commitment to education, culture, and sustainable development in the region.

It is a true honor to host this Conference in Puerto Rico. We hope your stay will be as enriching as it is enjoyable, and that this collective experience will leave you with lasting and unforgettable memories.

With enthusiasm and gratitude,

On behalf of all members of the Local Organizing Committee,

Mariangeli Lugo Zayas
President, Local Organizing Committee
ACURIL 2026 Puerto Rico



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DEDICATIONS



**Bibliotecarios Escolares
de Puerto Rico**

School librarians of Puerto Rico

School libraries in Puerto Rico have played a significant role in the education and cultural development of students since their inception in the 19th century. Despite the contemporary challenges they face, school libraries remain a vital resource for the advancement of any nation. Furthermore, libraries would not fulfill their potential without their most essential asset: the librarians.

School librarians in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean are integral to the academic and personal development of students. Their contributions extend beyond mere collection management; they act as agents of change, promoting literacy, inclusivity, and critical thinking in an increasingly complex world. They play a crucial role in the current educational landscape of Puerto Rico, serving as facilitators of learning by fostering the development of essential skills in students. They assist students in cultivating critical research, reading, and analytical skills, which are indispensable in today's educational environment. By collaborating with educators to integrate resources and activities into the curriculum, librarians align library services with the educational needs of each class.

Librarians are key players in facilitating access to resources, encompassing both digital media and traditional formats. They encourage access to a diverse range of literary materials, ensuring that all students can engage with content that aligns with their interests and needs. As advocates for literacy, they establish reading programs and events. They also promote information literacy, equipping students with the skills to discern credible sources of information—an essential competency in an era characterized by information overload. Moreover, they often provide social and emotional support by creating safe spaces for students. They are champions of inclusion and diversity, serving as vital connections to the community.

For these reasons and many others, this year's conference is dedicated to them. Without their invaluable contributions, we would not be here today.



Pura Belpré (1899-1982)

Acuril LV honors Pura Belpré (1899-1982) a librarian, author, and storyteller who wrote and re-interpreted Puerto Rican folk tales. In 1920, Belpré interrupted her studies at the University of Puerto Rico in Río Piedras to attend her sister's wedding in New York City, where she was recruited by a public library effort to hire young women from ethnically diverse backgrounds. This first job led to a remarkable career that had Belpré travel the city, from the Bronx to the Lower East Side, telling stories in both English and Spanish, something that had not been done before. Belpré broke the barriers that led the Spanish speaking community to believe the library was "only English."

In 1925 she began her formal studies in the Library School of the New York Public Library. In 1929, due to the increasing numbers of Puerto Ricans settling in southwest Harlem, Belpré was transferred to a branch of the NYPL at 115th Street. She quickly became an active advocate for the Spanish-speaking community by instituting bilingual story hours, buying Spanish language books, and implementing programs based on traditional holidays. Through Belpré's work, the 115th Street branch became an important cultural center for the Latino residents of New York. Belpré continued these efforts at the 110th street (or Aguilar) branch.

Belpré's library career was tied to her literary career. The first story she wrote and published was "Pérez and Martina", a love story between a cockroach and a mouse. Belpré also collected many other folktales from Puerto Rico, translated them into English and had them published as children's literature.

Belpré wrote, among other books, the first major Juan Bobo story published in the United States, "Juan Bobo and the Queen's Necklace: A Puerto Rican Folk Tale" (1962).

The Pura Belpré Award was established in 1996 as an homage to Pure Belpré. It is a children's book award, presented annually, to Latinx writers and illustrators whose works best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino cultural experience in outstanding works of literature for children and youth. The Pura Belpré Award is co-sponsored by REFORMA: the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking and the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).



[Publication of National Hispanic Cultural Center.](#)

Another sites:

- i. Colección Pura Belpré: <https://centroarchives.hunter.cuny.edu/repositories/2/resources/37>
- ii. Pura Belpré Award: <https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpre>
- iii. Pura Belpré Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pura_Belpr%C3%A9
- iv. NYPL Pura Belpré Library Storyteller:
<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2020/11/12/pura-belpre-library-storyteller>
- v. EBSCO Research Starters Pura Belpré: <https://www.ebsco.com/research-starters/history/pura-belpre>

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS



Anthem of ACURIL

Music: Manuel Rueda

Lyrics: Mariano Morales Lebrón

ACURIL is a light which can brighten
the way to be trod by mankind
For in books resides all the knowledge
And the love and the power he must find

ACURIL is a haven of wisdom
It's a spring feeding rivers of truth
Making barren souls more productive
Spreading comfort and lessening abuse

ACURIL, ACURIL
I sing with passion this opening verse
You are large garden of the Caribbean
Whose rose is the immortal book.
ACURIL, ACURIL



**ACURIL LV Puerto Rico
June 7 - 11, 2026
Caribe Hilton Hotel - San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Conference Theme

The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), under the leadership of President 2025-2026 Loyda E. Nieves Ayala, is excited to announce its 55th Conference to be held from June 7-11, 2026, in Puerto Rico.

The conference theme is *Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability*

Objectives of the Conference

Through dynamic presentations, poster sessions, workshops, and the exhibitors fair, the ACURIL LV 2026 Conference seeks to:

- Provide opportunities for discussion and the development of new knowledge.
- Provide a space to reflect and share best practices.
- Open a discourse amongst Caribbean information professionals about the relevance of innovation in libraries and its future directions in enhancing service delivery.
- Foster collaboration with ACURIL's exhibitors and other stakeholders to develop new platforms to enhance library services.

The event will reflect four days of full engagement on the theme of innovative developments in the library and information field, and will culminate with an awards ceremony, which rewards and recognizes library and information professionals from across the Caribbean region.

Apart from the anticipated engaging presentations, discussions, and displays, there will be ample opportunities to enjoy the food, culture, and music. The Conference will take place for the ninth time in 55 years in Puerto Rico, and it is an exciting opportunity.

SUBTHEMES ACURIL 2026 Puerto Rico CONFERENCE:

The ACURIL 2026 Puerto Rico Scientific Committee invites proposals for paper, workshop, and poster presentations which explore the following Sub-themes:

SUBTHEME No. 1: ADVOCACY IN ACTION: CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, AND MUSEUMS DRIVING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY GROWTH



Caribbean libraries, archives, and museums (LAM) have long been pillars of learning, culture, and connection, but they are increasingly stepping into the role of advocates for social development and community growth. By addressing the unique challenges faced by the region, such as economic disparity, limited access to education and technology, and climate vulnerabilities, Caribbean LAM are actively transforming lives and fostering sustainable development.

How are Caribbean libraries, archives, and museums addressing the unique challenges of the region to promote social development, community growth, and sustainability? This question allows you to:

1. Identify concrete actions related to advocacy and social transformation.
2. Evaluate their commitment to sustainable development and equity.
3. Explore how LAMs are responding to local needs with innovative solutions.
4. Measure their impact on the lives of the communities they serve.

SUBTHEME NO. 2: CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS: SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH PURPOSE, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, BUILDING RESILIENCE

LAM have always been beacons of knowledge, culture and innovation. However, in today's rapidly evolving world, they are more than just repositories for books - they are dynamic institutions shaping the future with purpose. By embracing technology, fostering community development, and addressing global challenges, LAM are charting a path toward a brighter, more equitable future.

How are the libraries, archives, and museums in your community promoting social development, equity, and civic engagement through their programs, services, and strategic partnerships? This question allows you to:

1. Identify specific initiatives (educational, cultural, technological, etc.).
2. Evaluate the institutions' inclusive and participatory approach.
3. Explore the use of technology and their response to local and global challenges.
4. Measure their impact on the community.

SUBTHEME NO. 3: NEW SERVICES IN LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS: TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY HUBS

LAMs have always been cornerstones of education, discovery and community engagement. In the modern era, they are evolving to meet the dynamic needs of their patrons by introducing innovative new services. These additions not only keep LAMs relevant in the digital age, but also position them as vibrant hubs of creativity, learning, and support.

How are libraries, archives, and museums in your community evolving to meet the changing needs of their users through the implementation of innovative services that promote creativity, learning, and community engagement? This question allows you to:

1. Explore the incorporation of digital technologies and modern services.
2. Identify initiatives that foster creativity and active learning.
3. Evaluate the role of LAM as dynamic community centers.
4. Measure their relevance in today's context and their capacity to adapt.



SUBTHEME No. 4: FROM COLLECTIONS TO CONNECTIONS: CARIBBEAN LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS ADAPTING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Traditionally, libraries have been viewed as spaces for housing books and preserving knowledge. However, in the Caribbean, libraries are undergoing a significant transformation - shifting from being collection-focused to becoming connection-oriented hubs of development and sustainability. By addressing the unique challenges and opportunities within the region, Caribbean libraries are evolving to support lifelong learning, social progress, and environmental resilience.

How are LAMs in your community shifting from a collection-focused model to a connection-oriented approach, supporting lifelong learning, social progress, and environmental resilience? This question allows you to:

1. Identify changes in institutional mission and vision.
2. Evaluate the implementation of programs that promote sustainable development.
3. Explore how libraries are adapting to regional challenges (education, technology, environment).
4. Measure their impact on the community from a holistic perspective.

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Description of Logo



About the logo

The inspiration for the logo was drawn from the flora and the Maga flower, the national flower of Puerto Rico. The vibrant colors represent our island's beauty, aromas, and flavors

Behind the Logo of ACURIL 2026 Puerto Rico

About the designer:

Odalís Gómez Báez, born in 1983 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

She completed middle and high school studies at the Central School of Visual Arts, earned a Bachelor's degree in Painting from the School of Fine Arts and Design in Old San Juan, and a Master's degree in Professional Counseling in Mental Health from Cambridge College.

She has participated in several individual and collective exhibitions both in Puerto Rico and abroad.

Her work reflects diverse emotional and spiritual worlds and the healing processes of the individuals around her. She views art as a method of healing, using elements of nature as tools for cleansing and growth.



Pre- Conference Schedule

Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (AST – Puerto Rico time)	<p>Pre- Conference #1</p> <p>La biblioteca como espacio de bienestar: Implementación de un programa de biblioterapia en una universidad privada de Puerto Rico Presenters: Dinah Rhode Suriano Suárez / Marie L. Medina Cetout, Universidad Ana G. Méndez</p> <p>Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/mxm9e5HDODKRn4T3hwXV7A</p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.</p>
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TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd, 2026

CONTENT AREA ROUNDTABLE	
10:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m. (GMT)	<p>Pre-Conference #2</p> <p>Virtual Health Libraries of the Caribbean</p> <p>Chair: Mrs. Ayaana Alleyne-Roberts, Medical Sciences Library - The University of the West Indies Co- Chair: Ms. Niala Dwarika-Bhagat, University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus</p> <p>The Virtual Health Library and the People Presenters: João Paulo Souza, BIREME / Marcia Barretto, BIREME</p> <p>Registration Link: https://bit.ly/ACURIL2026-VHL</p>



WENDSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 2026

<p>1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m. (EST)</p>	<p>Pre-Conference #3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Research in the Information Field</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Mark Jeffery-Deans, University of the West Indies (The UWI), Mona Campus Co- Chair: Ms. Marsha Gay-Robinson, CARICOM</p> <p>Caribbean Libraries in the Climate Change Era Presenter: Sasekea Harris, University of the West Indies (The UWI), Mona Campus, as Senior Librarian</p> <p>Registration Link: https://11nq.com/rutprmt</p>
<p>2:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m. (AST)</p>	<p>Pre-Conference #4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Reference and Electronic Resources</p> <p>Chair: Dr Jeannette Lebron-Ramos, Universidad de Puerto Rico Co- Chair: Ms. Kumaree Ramtahal, Alma Jordan Library, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Reference Services Without Borders: Digital Innovation and Sustainability in Caribbean Libraries, Archives, and Museums Presenter: Dr. Purisima Centeno, Universidad de Puerto Rico</p> <p>Click, Connect, Support: Sustaining and Strengthening a Virtual Reference Service : A Perspective from Two Academic Libraries Presenters: Kumaree Ramtahal, Alma Jordan Library, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago / Devika Ramsingh, Librarian, Valencia College, Florida, USA</p> <p>Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/nhkx9me2</p>



THURSDAY, JUNE 4th, 2026

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

10:30 a.m. (AST)	<p>Pre-Conference #5</p> <p>Academic, Special Libraries and Information Technologies</p> <p>Chair: Mrs. Adele Merritt-Bernard, The University of the West Indies, Global Campus, Jamaica Co- Chair: Mr Calvet Vincent, Université des Antilles</p> <p>The Influence of Libraries on the Social Sphere: “Placing Libraries on the Agenda” to strengthen universal access to Knowledge and elevate local academic outputs Presenters: Cécile Swiatek Cassafieres, Université Paris Nanterre, France</p> <p>Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/vcthf7dn</p>
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CONTENT AREA ROUNDTABLE

1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m.	<p>Pre-Conference #6</p> <p>Evidence Based Practice and Continuing Professional Development</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Ardis Hanson, Research and Education, University of South Florida Health Libraries Co- Chair: Ms. Jane Smith, Foundation Nationale Database Suriname</p> <p>Peer Review as a Catalyst for Service Innovation Presenter: Ardis Hanson, Research and Education, University of South Florida Health Libraries / Jane Smith, Foundation Nationale Database Suriname</p> <p>Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/4ww4t7m8</p>
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5th, 2026

CONTENT AREA ROUNDTABLE

1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m.	<p>Pre-Conference #7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Law and Social Science</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Marcelo Rodríguez, University of Arizona Co- Chair: Ms. Marisol Florén, Florida International University</p> <p>The U.S. Virgin Islands - Access to Information for Everyone Presenter: Aesha Duval, Courts of the Third Circuit, – US Virgin Islands</p> <p>Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/3upsbjme</p>
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MONDAY, JUNE 1st, 2026 - MEETING

10:00 AM (AST – Puerto Rico time)	<p>Vice President’s Meeting with Chairpersons of Special Interest Groups and Content Area Round Tables</p> <p>Chair: Mr Sylvain Houdebert, University des Antilles, Guadeloupe President 2026-2027,</p>
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Conference Schedule

Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability



Day 1: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Time	Activity
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Set up Exhibitors' Pavilion & Caribbean Research Poster Exhibition</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Resolutions Committee Meeting</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Ardis Hanson, University of South Florida, United States (English) Members: Luis Joel Crespo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico (Spanish), Lianne Leonora, Mongui Maduro Library, Curaçao (Dutch)</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>Rapporteur General's Meeting with Moderators and Rapporteurs</p> <p>Rapporteur General: Jeanmarie Lugo, Universidad de Puerto Rico at Río Piedras Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Orientation of New Members and First-Time Attendees 2026</p> <p>Spanish Coordinator - Jeannette Lebrón Ramos, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico Venue: Auditorium</p> <p>English Coordinator - Niala Dwarika-Bhagat, Medical Sciences Library, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago Venue: San Cristobal B</p> <p>French Coordinator - Sylvain Houdebert, University des Antilles, Guadeloupe Venue: San Cristobal C</p> <p>Dutch Coordinator - Astrid Britten, Aruba National Library, Aruba/ Ronny Alders, Aruba National Library, Aruba Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	<p>Executive Council Meeting I (Closed Meeting) Venue: San Cristobal B</p>






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Day 2: MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

Time	Activity
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer</p>
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<p>Conference Opening - 55th ACURIL 2026</p> <p>Master of Ceremony: Elizabeth Pierre Louis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Puerto Rico National Anthem ● USA National Anthem ● Instrumental version of ACURIL Hymn <p>Greetings, Welcome Message, and Introduction of Local Organizing Committee</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Mariangeli Lugo Chair, Local Organizing Committee ACURIL 2026 Puerto Rico</p> </div> <p>Greetings, Welcome Message of Representative of the Government</p> <p>Greetings, Welcome Message, and Introduction of President of ACURIL</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Loyda E. Nieves Ayala ACURIL President 2025 - 2026, Puerto Rico</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACURIL 2026 Dedications



	 <p>Bibliotecarios Escolares de Puerto Rico</p> <p>School librarians</p>  <p>Pura Belpré (1899-1982)</p> <p>Presenters: Loyda E. Nieves Ayala, Ms. Mariangeli Lugo</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	 <p>Keynote Speaker: Rene Leyva Executive Director, Fossil Ridge Public Library District Braidwood, IL, United States, President-elect, Illinois Library Association</p> <p>Libraries on the Frontline: Advocacy Through Service, Access, and Humanity</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<p>Photoshoot with Presenters, President and Executive Council Members</p> <p>Venue: Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>OPENING of the Exhibitors Pavilion & Caribbean Research Poster Exhibition</p> <p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / San Cristobal Foyer</p> <p>Caribbean Research Poster Exhibition</p> <p>Coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer and San Cristobal E F G</p>
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>Caribbean Research Poster Exhibition</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal San Cristobal E F G</p>



11:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>ACURIL General Assembly I (Open Meeting) Chair: Loyda E. Nieves Ayala, ACURIL President 2025-2026</p> <p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Loyda E. Nieves Ayala, ACURIL President 2025-2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Establishment of Quorum 1.2 Adoption of Agenda 2. Adoption of ACURIL 2025 Curacao General Assembly minutes - Dr. Elizabeth Pierre-Louis, Executive Secretary 3. Reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 President Report: Loyda E. Nieves Ayala 3.2 Executive Secretary: Elizabeth Pierre-Louis 3.3 Treasurer: Luis Joel Crespo 3.4 Vice President: Sylvain Houdebert <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.4.1 Special Interest Groups 3.4.2 Content Area Roundtables 3.4.3 Nominations 3.5 Immediate Past President Report: Lianne Leonora / Nitza Jacobus the ACURIL 2025 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) report 4. Voting Procedures: Ardis Hanson, Parliamentarian 5. Vote on Amendments of Bylaws: Ardis Hanson, Parliamentarian 6. Any Other Business <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<p>Lunch Break</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. La Inteligencia Artificial como herramienta para los servicios de información en bibliotecas Presenters: Jorge Octavio Ruiz Vaca/ César Olguín Camacho, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Coordinación de Humanidades 2. Vanguardia y memoria: La Colección Olga Nolla como motor de sostenibilidad social y empoderamiento académico en el Caribe Presenters: Balbina Rojas Sánchez, Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Recinto de Cupey <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emprendimiento y sostenibilidad desde la Biblioteca: Forjando el futuro y la democracia a través de la educación en propiedad




	<p>intelectual. Presenters: Patricia Verdines, Ohio State University/ Tanisha Orejuela, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bayamón / Gladys E. López-Soto, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez</p> <p>2. Exploring and Proposing the Use of Augmented Reality Storybooks to Improve Reading Skills of Remedial Learners at the University of Guyana Berbice Campus Library's Reading / Literacy Programme Presenters: Rachel Peters / Simmone La Rose / Nalisa Bhagwandin, & Rajkumar Sookraj, University of Guyana</p> <p>3. Practical AI for libraries: From experimentation to sustainable infrastructure Presenter: Brian Pichman, Evolve Project</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 3</p> <p>1. Integración ética de aplicaciones de inteligencia artificial generativa en el apoyo para la enseñanza de destrezas de búsqueda de información Presenter: Alleya Rodríguez-Vázquez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico</p> <p>2. Innovación en servicios de apoyo a la investigación: Un estudio exploratorio en las bibliotecas de la Universidad de Puerto Rico Presenters: Carlos A. Suárez Balseiro/ Cláudia De Souza, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras / Jaquelina E. Alvarez/ José J. Morales Benítez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez</p> <p>3. El uso ético de la IA a partir de la formación ALFIN de la biblioteca de la UNPHU. Presenters: Eloisa Marrero-Sera/ Yeritza González-Durán, Universidad Nacional Pedro Henriquez Ureña</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 4</p> <p>1. From Homegrown to Future-Ready: Evolving a Digital Library System for Sustainable Access Presenters: Ben Walker/ Todd Digby/ Laura Perry, University of Florida</p> <p>2. Reactivación de la memoria documental en un (Co)Laboratorio multidisciplinario: Desafíos, experiencias y hoja de rutas Presenters: Nelissa E. Caraballo-Ramos/ Javier Jared Álvarez-Ginés,</p>



	<p>Mariana Isabel Cabiya de León/ Mila Aponte-González, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>3. De lo Tradicional a lo Transformativo: Estrategias Innovadoras para Visibilizar y Reimaginar la Biblioteca Académica Presenter: Jay Omar Soto Vélez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Ponce</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 1</p> <p>Construyendo tu portafolio profesional: identidad digital, organización de datos y proyección en entornos virtuales Presenter: Jeannette Lebrón Ramos, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 2</p> <p>Island libraries, shared futures: Purpose-driven programming in the Caribbean Presenter: Jakeema Hernandez, Bonaire Library / Ghislaine Monte, The Netherlands</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 3</p> <p>Mutations numériques, attentes sociales et évolution des bibliothèques Presenters: Agnès Faure/ Monique Anne, BU Campus de Fort-de-France, Université des Antilles, Martinique</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 4</p> <p>Diagnóstico de la colección: El primer paso para un plan de preservación Presenter: Sofia L. Feliciano Centeno/ Miriam Centeno Marrero, CENCOR PR</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / San Cristobal Foyer Caribbean Research Poster Exhibition</p> <p>Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p>



	Venue: San Cristobal Foyer and San Cristobal E F G
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">WORKSHOP 5</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Ready. Set. Advocate: Building Advocacy Across Communities Keynote Speaker: Rene Leyva, Executive Director, Fossil Ridge Public Library District - Braidwood, IL, United States, President-elect, Illinois Library Association</p> <p>Venue: Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - CONCURRENT MEETINGS
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic, Special Libraries and Information Technologies Chair: Adele Merritt-Bernard, The University of the West Indies, Global Campus, Jamaica Co-Chair: Nancy Abreu-Baez Nancy, University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras / Calvet Vincent, Université des Antilles</p> <p>Healing with the drum: An experience of Afro-descendant identity, bomba, and books Presenter: Pablo Luis Rivera, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Archives, Museums and Records Management Chair: Lorraine Nero, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago Co-Chair: Tanya Sitaram, University of Suriname</p> <p>Cultural heritage institutions in Guyana: Emerging trends and community engagement Presenters: Donette Washington/ Rosemond Carroll, University of Guyana</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">National, Public and School Libraries Chairs: Astrid Britten, Biblioteca Nacional, Aruba/ Dorcas Bowler, National Library and Information Services, Bahamas</p>



	<p>Growing Readers Across the Sea: Collaborative Literacy Programmes in the Dutch Caribbean and The Netherlands Presenter: Valerie Heil, Rijnbrink</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome Cocktail</p> <p>Chair: Mariangeli Lugo, Local Organizing Committee, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Venue: Vistabella Garden Dress code: BOHO Chic, without (stiletto) heels. (Outdoor)</p>

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PROGRAM



Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability

Day 3: TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

Time	Activity
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer</p>
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Exhibitors Pavilion & Caribbean Research Posters Exhibition - Open all Day</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer, San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<div data-bbox="842 812 1086 1142" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Keynote Speaker: Ana Flavia Magalhaes Professor of History History Department and the Postgraduate Programs in History and Human Rights, University of Brasilia</p> <p>Agentes de reparación: los archivos comunitarios como impulsores de la justicia epistémica</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<p>Membership Subscription/Renewals/New Members Luis Joel Crespo, ACURIL Treasurer, will be at the table from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>You will be able to pay or renew your membership using a credit card at any time during the conference using the QR codes that will be displayed at the Secretariat table. Cash and check payments will be accepted in US currency. Please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@acuril.org.</p> <p>Venue: ACURIL Table Prefunction San Cristobal Foyer</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<p>Submission for the Executive Council Nominations STARTS AT 9:45 AM</p>



	<p>The nomination of candidates can only be for the same category. The nominees must be in good financial standing/order, i.e., have paid their dues (Institution, Association, or Personal) to ACURIL before their nominations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Institutional members may nominate candidates from the same category in good standing. If elected, they will serve a 3-year term on the Executive Council, unless they are completing the term of a vacant seat, in which case they will serve the remaining period. ● Association members may nominate candidates from association members in good standing. If elected, they will serve a 2-year term on the Executive Council. ● Personal members may nominate individual candidates in good standing. If elected, they will serve a 2-year term on the Executive Council. ● Nominations from the floor must be submitted during the designated hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tuesday, June 9, 2026 – 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. ● Voting will take place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. <p>Co-coordinators: Luis Joel Crespo, Treasurer, Executive Council Members, ACURIL Venue: ACURIL Table Prefunction San Cristobal Foyer</p>
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / Royal Ballroom Garden View</p> <p>CARIBBEAN RESEARCH POSTER EXHIBITION Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amplifying voices, driving progress: advocacy initiatives in caribbean libraries Presenters: Adrian Kellman, The University of the West Indies Global Campus 2. Responding, rebuilding, and reimagining: Library services after the storm Presenters: Sandra Stubbs/ Beverly Burte, University of the West



	<p>Indies (UWI), Mona</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
<p>10:30 a.m - 11:30:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PANEL SESSION 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><p>1. Del archivo a la acción: Museo histórico virtual e interactivo de puerto rico como plataforma LAM para equidad, resiliencia y sostenibilidad Presenters: Carlos Hernández/ Ivan Hernández, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayaguez</p><p>2. Mirada crítica al estado de las bibliotecas del archipiélago de Puerto Rico Presenters: Félix Meléndez, Andrés Claudio, Libraries Without Borders</p><p>3. La difusión y promoción de las expresiones culturales tradicionales en museos, bibliotecas y archivos: Recomendaciones de OMPI para una gestión eficaz. Presenter: Flavia Galarza, Escuela Latinoamericana de Propiedad Intelectual (ELAPI)</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
<p>10:30 a.m - 11:30:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PANEL SESSION 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><p>1. Beyond bookshelves: Academic libraries as sustainable community hubs Presenter: Acacia Nobrega, University of Guyana</p><p>2. Midiendo la alfabetización en IA: Adaptación y validación de un instrumento para bibliotecarios académicos Presenters: Ana I. Medina Hernández, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Cayey / José R. Ubieta Santiago, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Ciencias Médicas</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
<p>10:30 a.m - 11:30:00 a.m.</p>	<p>PANEL SESSION 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><p>1. Explorando los microorganismos responsables del deterioro de documentos históricos en la Biblioteca Jesús T. Piñero Presenter: Cristina Maldonado Caro, Universidad Ana G. Méndez-Recinto de Carolina</p>



	<p>2. La ciencia abierta como puente para la sostenibilidad museal: un estudio mixto en tres museos de Puerto Rico Presenter: Edmy Angélica Ayala Rosado, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>3. Informe de tendencias de innovación en bibliotecas académicas de América Latina y el Caribe Presenters: Luis Joel Crespo González, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras/ Claudia Virginia Becerra Marquez, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Colombia</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 6</p> <p>The role of the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT) in advancing Caribbean librarianship - a case study Presenters: Leann George/ Jenna Sandiford-Maundy, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 7</p> <p>Hacia una biblioteca escolar activa: iniciativas con propósito en la biblioteca de la Escuela Elemental de la Universidad de Puerto Rico Presenter: Mariely Serrano Figueroa, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 8</p> <p>BiblioLabs: Modelo de colaboración multisectorial que potencia el desarrollo bibliotecario Presenters: Bairá Soto Toledo/ Nathalie M. Meléndez Vega, The Jane Stern Dorado Community Library</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 9</p> <p>Mobile digital scanning for cultural heritage: Tools, workflows, and storytelling Presenters: Bryan Carter, University of Arizona / Lianne Leonora, Mongui Maduro Library</p>



	Venue: San Cristobal D
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m.	<p>CONTENT AREA ROUNDTABLE - CONCURRENT MEETINGS</p> <p>Agriculture, Environment, and Green Libraries</p> <p>Chair: Mrs. Astrid Britten, Biblioteca Nacional, Aruba Co- Chair: Mr. Ronny Alders, Biblioteca Nacional, Aruba</p> <p>Science and outreach: Tramil revives botanical health traditions Presenter: Jannette Gavillan Suarez</p> <p>Biblioteca Nacional Aruba, rooted in knowledge: a living legacy of 40 years of status aparte Presenters: Astrid Britten/ Ronny Alders, Biblioteca Nacional de Aruba</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Evidence-Based Practice and Continuing Professional Development Content Area Roundtable</p> <p>Chairs: Ardis Hanson, University of South Florida Health Libraries, USA, Co- Chairs: Jane W. F. Smith, Suriname</p> <p>Boost your academic impact: Strategies for visibility, metrics, and professional presence Presenters: Ardis Hanson, University of South Florida Health Libraries/ Jane W. F. Smith, Suriname</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
1:30 p.m - 2:30 p.m.	<p>Cultural, Documentary and Digital Heritage Content Area Roundtable</p> <p>Chair: Magalie Dumoulin, Médiathèque Caraïbe (Laméca), Guadeloupe</p> <p>Co-chairs: Yiannitza-Sharimar Jacobus, National Library of Curacao, Curaçao/ Peter Scholing, Biblioteca Nacional Aruba</p> <p>The Canon on the Menu: Literary Cannibalism and the Postcolonial Writer Presenter: Felisa Vergara Reynolds, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>



1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p align="center">Law and Social Science Content Area Roundtable Chairs: Marcelo Rodríguez, University of Arizona Co- Chair: Marisol Floren, Florida International University</p> <p>Storytelling in us territorial libraries: Access to information for everyone Presenters: Ana Isabel Delgado Valentin, Chief Librarian, Supreme Court Library for Puerto Rico/ Marcelo Rodríguez, University of Arizona College of Law/ Marisol Floren, Florida International University College of Law</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">PANEL SESSION 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digital collections management in galleries, libraries, archives and museums in Puerto Rico, the Hispanic Caribbean and Latin America: a needs assessment Presenters: Dinah M. Wilson Fraites/ Jeanmary Lugo González, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Plan De Curaduría Digital: Repositorio Digital Temático Sobre Francisco Oller (1817-1833) Su Vida Y Obra Presenter: Angélica C. Garayalde Pérez, Commonwealth-Parkville School University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras campus <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">PANEL SESSION 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reimaginando la referencia: el mini lab como servicio transformador Presenters: Tanisha M. Orejuela Acosta/ Myrna Lee Torres Pérez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bayamón Information literacy in the visual and performing arts: A Jamaican case study Presenters: Cherry-Ann Smart/ Wendy-Ann Brissett, Edna Manley College of the Visual and Performing Arts <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p align="center">PANEL SESSION 11</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Los cambios en los servicios de gestión documental y flexibilidad en los servicios públicos: el caso del Centro de Documentación



	<p>de las Humanidades José Emilio González Presenter: José Robledo González, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>2. Visibilidad de la comunidad académica con datos enlazados Presenter: Edwar Delgado, OCLC</p> <p>3. Brecha Digital en Adultos Mayores: Hacia una Inclusión Tecnológica Integral Presenter: Florivette Colón Rosario, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 12</p> <p>1. Transitioning for Sustainability: Global Leadership in Tomorrow's Libraries, Archives and Museums Presenter: Eric Kokke, GO School for Information</p> <p>2. De las colecciones a las conexiones: innovación, abogacía y desarrollo comunitario en las bibliotecas del Caribe Presenter: Rosángela Rodríguez Pedró, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>3. Multiplicar oportunidades creando comunidad: el voluntariado como recurso estratégico en bibliotecas. Presenter: Waleska Vargas Muñiz, Mayagüez Children's Library</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / Royal Ballroom Garden View</p> <p>CARIBBEAN RESEARCH POSTER EXHIBITION Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>CONTENT AREA ROUNDTABLE</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Exhibitors - Content Area Roundtable Chair: Luis Joel Crespo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - CONCURRENT MEETINGS</p>




<p>4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m</p>	<p>Academic, Special Libraries and Information Technologies</p> <p>Chair: Adele Merritt-Bernard, The University of the West Indies, Global Campus, Jamaica</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Nancy Abreu-Baez Nancy, University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras/ Calvet Vincent, Université des Antilles</p> <p>1. Book launch and publications workshop Presenter: Jessica Lewis Marshall, Emerald Publishing</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
	<p>Archives, Museums and Records Management</p> <p>Chair: Lorraine Nero, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Co-Chair: Tanya Sitaram, University of Suriname</p> <p>Between Letters and Remittances. Familial contact at a distance in the migration history of Hindustani indentured workers, 1873-1921 Presenter: Tanya S.V. Sitaram</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
<p>5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 10</p> <p>Marketing in action: Promote libraries, archives and museums with a purpose to connect with your communities Presenter: Eric Kokke, GO School for Information</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
<p>FREE EVENING</p>	



Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability

Day 4: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

Time	Activity
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer</p>
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m	<p>Exhibitors Pavilion & Caribbean Research Posters Exhibition - Open all day</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer, San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
9.00 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Keynote Speaker: Dra. Snejanka Penkova Bibliotecaria docente del Sistema de Bibliotecas, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>La investigación en el hacer y en el quehacer del profesional de la información: innovación y sostenibilidad</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p> </div>
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<p>Photoshoot with Day 4 Presenters, President, and Executive Council Members</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<p>Membership Subscription/Renewals/New Members Luis Joel Crespo, ACURIL Treasurer, will be at the table from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>You will be able to pay or renew your membership using a credit card at any time during the conference using the QR codes that will be displayed at the Secretariat table. Cash and check payments will be accepted in US currency. Please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@acFmarguril.org.</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer, San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m	<p>Voting for the Executive council nominees DEADLINE: Voting closes at 10:45 a.m. TODAY (June 10, 2026)</p>



	<p>Members in good financial standing with their ACURIL membership can only vote for nominated members within their category i.e., Institution members vote for Institutional nominee/s; Association members vote for Association nominee/s, and Personal members vote for Personal nominee/s.</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer, San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / Royal Ballroom Garden View</p> <p>CARIBBEAN RESEARCH POSTER EXHIBITION Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When disclosure fails: Legal barriers, community impact, and library advocacy Presenter: Mariangelí Lugo Zayas, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras 2. Transformaciones desde la biblioteca académica: el Sistema de Bibliotecas de la Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, como un espacio de cultura, bienestar, emprendimiento y conciencia en tiempos de crisis Presenter: Nancy Abreu Báez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras 3. Right to exist: Advocacy as Daily Practice in the Public Library of Bonaire Presenter: Jennifer Pocornie-Martis, Public Library of Bonaire <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 14</p> <p>Servicios integrales de competencias de información y tecnología a través del Centro de Servicios Integrales para Personas Sin Hogar (SIPSH) en la región este de Puerto Rico Presenters: Liz M. Pagán Santana, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Humacao / Noraida Dominguez Flores /Alexander Rosado Serrano, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. De custodios a gestores del conocimiento: un nuevo perfil Bibliotecario desde Puerto Rico para la divulgación académica



	<p>en el Caribe Presenters: Mercy Delgado-Cordero, Rosa Lozada-Robles, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Bayamón</p> <p>2. Estudio sobre el grado de acceso abierto de las revistas electrónicas de Puerto Rico Presenter: Purísima Centeno Alayón, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 15</p> <p>1. Unlocking Colonial Heritage by Connecting People, Stewardship and Technology. A New Level of Access to Dutch and Danish Archival Sources Presenters: Johny Van Eerden / Andy Stauder / Asbjorn Hellum Archivo Nacional Aruba</p> <p>2. Incorporación de temas de inteligencia artificial generativa en la instrucción brindada por bibliotecas académicas de Puerto Rico Presenter: José J. Morales Benítez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez</p> <p>3. Strengthening Biomedical Research by Developing AI Skills through Library Instruction and Open Educational Resources Presenter: José Raúl Ubieta Santiago, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Ciencias Médicas/ Melissa Mercado Caraballo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras / José J. Morales Benítez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 16</p> <p>1. The Alianza Cultural para Emergencias de Puerto Rico: Building connections and resilience for the sustainability of cultural institutions through education and technology Presenter: Hilda Teresa Ayala González, Haser-ACEPR</p> <p>2. Digitization of cultural and performance objects using photogrammetry techniques for their preservation and access for galleries, libraries, archives, and museums (GLAM) Presenters: Javier Jared Álvarez-Ginés / Nelissa Caraballo Ramos / Yesenia L. Rosa González / José A. Robledo González, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p>



	Venue: San Cristobal D
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP 11 From Collections to Connections: A practical workshop to tell your library's value story Presenter: Ryan Rodríguez, BMJ Group Venue: San Cristobal A
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP 12 ¿Cómo crear un podcast exitoso? Conectar, inspirar y educar a la Gen Z Presenter: Evy Marie Garcés Vázquez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Venue: San Cristobal B
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP 13 Estrategias transformadoras para la colaboración multicultural en teleproyectos y la integración de los Objetivos de desarrollo Sostenible desde Mi museo, Nuestros Museos Presenter: Gladys E. López-Soto, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Venue: San Cristobal C
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	WORKSHOP 14 Persistent Links, Lasting Impact - Integrating PIDs to enhance connecting research to the evolving World Presenter: Ana Cardoso /Maria Gould / Paula Saavedra, ORCID Venue: San Cristobal D
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	PANEL SESSION 17 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bibliotecas públicas y comunitarias como agentes de cambio: Inclusión digital y educativa para jóvenes en Puerto Rico Presenter: Noraida Domínguez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras 2. Libraries as agents of transformation, development, and opportunities for communities: The case of the Universidad de



	<p>Puerto Rico Law School Library Presenters: Amarilis Ortiz-Munoz/ Mariangeli Lugo, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>3. Centros 2 Generaciones: Una mirada holística hacia el servicio comunitario camino a la sustentabilidad Presenter: Marisel Figueroa, ACUDEN</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 18</p> <p>1. Una Conexión Colaborativa: El Modelo de Alianza Público-Privada para la Preservación y Publicación Digital de Periódicos Históricos Puertorriqueños Presenter: Julio Yamil Mercado-Avila, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>2. Bibliotecas que crean: innovación y extensión de servicios en el Sistema de Bibliotecas Utadeo. Presenters: a Claudia Virginia Becerra, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano</p> <p>3. Biblioteca académica y emprendimiento: Creación de un archivo digital comunitario Presenters: Yanira del Toro/ Loyda E. Nieves, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 19</p> <p>1. Reframing the National Library: Community-oriented collaboration and post-colonial heritage at the KB Presenter: Monique Alberts/ Louise Rahardjo, National Library of the Netherlands</p> <p>2. ORCID LAC Regional Consortia - Building connections to foster global participation Presenter: Paula Saavedra, Consortia SAS</p> <p>3. Adapting, digitizing, discovering: Caribbean collections in motion Presenters: Veronica González/ Ximena Valdivia, Florida International University</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>



1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 20</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Librarians as co educators in doctoral evidence synthesis: a community hub approach to a dnp systematic review and meta analysis Presenters: Ardis Hanson/ Janet Chan/ Andrea Efre, Karen Laing, Katrina Begazo, Angela Mineo, Ken Wofford, University of South Florida 2. Reimagining the University of Guyana Berbice Campus Library Readers' Services Division: Transforming the spaces to meet patrons evolving needs Presenter: Rachel Peters, University of Guyana <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 15</p> <p>Chicano riqueno tablescapes: Celebrating the taste of memories Presenters: Richard Chabran, University of Arizona / Rafael Chabran, Whittier College. Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 16</p> <p>Conectando bibliotecas, archivos y museos con Wikidata: una herramienta para visibilizar el Caribe en el ecosistema global de los datos abiertos enlazados Presentes: Cláudia De Souza/ Dinah M. Wilson Fraites, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 17</p> <p>From collections to connections: Finding our stories in the archives. participatory discovery in digital collections. Presenter: Natalia Rodríguez/Johny Van Eerden, Archivo Nacional Aruba Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 18</p> <p>Conversation with librarians predatory publishing: A practical guide for graduate students and early-career researchers</p>



	<p>Presenters: Niala Dwarika-Bhaga, The University of the West Indies / Beverley Wood, The University Of The West Indies, Cave Hill Campus/ Audrey Saddler, The University Of The West Indies, Mona Campus / Faith McKoy-Johnson, The University Of The West Indies, Mona Campus</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / Royal Ballroom Garden View</p> <p>CARIBBEAN RESEARCH POSTER EXHIBITION Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>Book presentation: <i>Continuing change, constant engagement</i> Presenter: David Drysdale, University of Technology, Jamaica</p> <p>Venue: Auditorium</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT PRESENTATIONS</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 21</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> From quiet spaces to creative hubs: New library services supporting active learning in the Caribbean and Latin America Presenters: Kamau Osborne/ Debbie Brathwaite, University of the West Indies & Erdiston Teachers' Training College Opening up Caribbean British literary archives and collections for teachers, students and wider users Presenter: Katie Adams, The British Library, United Kingdom / Nicole-Rachelle Moore, British Library From collection to connection: The Mongui Maduro Library's vision for a digital humanities hub in the Caribbean Presenters: Lianne Leonora, Mongui Maduro Library/ Bryan Carter, University of Arizona <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 22</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> An investigation into the digital capacity of school libraries in Guyana: a review of five senior secondary schools: Queen's College, Bishops High, St Stanislaus College, St Rose's High and



	<p>St Joseph High Presenter: Neil Hopkinson / Tammy Hopkinson, University of Guyana</p> <p>2. Sanctuary, service, and smart tech: Decoding the student experience in an academic library Presenters: Katie Adams/ Sandra Stubbs/ Ana Peralta Almira, University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona</p> <p>3. Innovating library instruction with AhaSlides: Librarians' experiences fostering creativity and active learning Presenter: Stacyann Quintero /Anastasia Mulraine-Campbell , University of the Southern Caribbean</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<p>PANEL SESSION 23</p> <p>1. Living in the tropics: a sustainable preservation perspective for heritage collections in the Caribbean Presenters: Hilda Teresa Ayala González/ Soraya Serra / Miriam Centeno/ Jeremy Linden, Haser-ACEPR</p> <p>2. Digitization for Sustainable Access: The Case of the University of Guyana Library Presenters: Yashwant Ramroop / Simone Bernard, University of Guyana</p> <p>3. Going Green in Belize Presenter: Felene M. Cayetano, Belize National Library Service and Information System, Belize</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<p>CULTURAL EVENT</p> <p>Venue: Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña</p> <p>Gather at the lobby of your hotel by 6:00 p.m. - Caribe Hilton Hotel</p> <p>The bus leaves the Caribe Hilton Hotel at 6:00 pm Our hosts will be awaiting you at the lobby of the Caribe Hilton Hotel</p> <p>Dress Code: Colorful Streetwear & sneakers/flats</p>



Libraries, Archives & Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability

Day 5: THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

Time	Activity
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<p>Conference Registration</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m	<p>Exhibitors Pavilion & Caribbean Research Posters Boulevard (Until noon)</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<p>ACURIL General Assembly II</p> <p>Chair: Loyda E. Nieves Ayala, ACURIL President 2025-2026</p> <p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks from the President 2. Reports of Special Interest Groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Academic, Special Libraries and Information Technologies (Adele Merritt-Bernard, Nancy Abreu-Baez Nancy & Calvet Vincent) 2.2 Archives, Museums and Records Management (Lorraine Nero & Tanya Sitaram) 2.3 National, Public, and School Libraries (Astrid Britten & Dorcas Bowler) 3. Report of Content Areas Roundtables <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Agriculture, Environment, and Green Libraries (Astrid Britten & Ronny Alders) 3.2 Evidence-Based Practice and Continuing Professional Development (Ardis Hanson & Jane Smith) 3.3. Virtual Reference and Electronic Resources (Jeannette Lebrón-Ramos, Kumaree Ramtahal,) 3.4. Virtual Health Libraries (Ayaana Alleyne Cumberbatch & Niala Dwarika Bhagat) 3.5. Exhibitors Roundtable (Luis Joel Crespo) 3.6 Law & Social Sciences (Marcelo Rodríguez, Marisol Florén-Romero) 4. Report of Elections by Chair, Scrutiny Committee (Sylvain Houdebert) 5. Resolutions (Ardis Hanson) 6. ACURIL 2027 7. ACURIL 2028 8. Any other Business



	<p>9. Change of Gavel. Installation of the New Executive Council 2026-2027</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>Coffee Break</p> <p>Venue: Exhibitors Pavilion / Royal Ballroom Garden View</p> <p>CARIBBEAN RESEARCH POSTER EXHIBITION Co-coordinator: Dr. Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretary, ACURIL</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal Foyer & San Cristobal E, F, G</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOP</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 19</p> <p>Enhancing the Impact of Libraries in the Caribbean with AI: Strategies and Best Practices Presenter: Melita Pérez, Elsevier</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 20</p> <p>Lights, cameras, data! Turn your research into compelling stories. Presenter: Sarah Figueroa, Learning Untangled</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal B</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 21</p> <p>From Digital Preservation to Community Impact: Transforming Libraries and Archives into Resilient Community Hubs in Puerto Rico Presenter: Carlos Crespo, COBIMET INC.</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal C</p>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p>WORKSHOP 22</p> <p>Caribbean digital heritage roundtable: Open islands, open access Presenter: Peter Scholing, Biblioteca Nacional de Aruba</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>



12:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<p>Photoshoot with Day 5 Presenters, President, and Executive Council Members</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal A</p>
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m	<p>Executive Council Meeting II (Closed Meeting)</p> <p>Venue: San Cristobal D</p>
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Unmounting of Exhibits & Caribbean Research Poster Presentations</p>
1:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.	<p>EXCURSIONS</p> <p>Logistics Notice Participants will be grouped into classrooms at the Caribe Hilton Hotel based on their selected route:</p> <p>Route A: San Cristobal A Route B: San Cristobal B Route C: San Cristobal C Route D: San Cristobal D</p> <p>Punctuality is required. Buses will depart promptly at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Dress Code: Casual; sneakers, hat & sunscreen</p>
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY - ACURILEANS Banquet</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies: Elizabeth Pierre Louis</p> <p>Message from the Local Organizing Committee 2025-2026 Ms. Mariangeli Lugo</p> <p>Message of Outgoing ACURIL President 2025-2026 Loyda E. Nieves Ayala</p> <p>Message of Incoming ACURIL President 2026- 2027 Sylvain Houdebert</p> <p>Vote of Thanks Niala Dwarika</p>



Installation of New Executive Council Members 2026-2027

Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretariat

ACURILEANS Evening of Awards

Elizabeth Pierre Louis, Executive Secretariat

Group Photo with all Delegates

ACURILEANS Banquet

Venue: San Cristobal

Dress Code: Formal/ Elegant (Indoor, air conditioned)

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Caribbean Research Posters 2026

- **Virtual tour and interoperability between museums and libraries in Puerto Rico.**
Presenter: Angélica C. Garayalde Pérez, Commonwealth-Parkville School | University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras campus. Puerto Rico.
- **Beyond the Stack: The Sidney Martin Library as a Catalyst for "Code Club Caribbean".**
Presenter: Ann-Marie White. The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Sidney Martin Library. Barbados.
- **Informal Advocacy and Sustainability in a Government Ministry Library: A Case Observation.**
Presenter: Brigid Winter Susan. National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) Special Library Services Department.
- **Digital Initiative for Community Enrichment in Bank Village, Trinidad.**
Presenter: Davi Ramkallawan. The National Library and Information System Authority. Trinidad & Tobago.
- **A Collaborative Connection: The Public-Private Partnership Model for the Preservation and Digital Publication of Puerto Rican Historical Newspapers.**
Presenter: Julio Yamil Mercado-Avila. University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras. Biblioteca Digital Puertorriqueña. Puerto Rico.
- **Conservación preventiva y memoria cultural en el Caribe: una experiencia desde Puerto Rico.**
Presenter: Katherine Irizarry Rivera. University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, General Library. Puerto Rico.
- **La biblioteca universitaria como espacio de conexión entre academia, ciencia abierta y comunidad.**
Presenters: María Jimena Gómez / Cláudia De Souza. Universidad de Puerto Rico-Recinto de Río Piedras. Puerto Rico.
- **SciStarter: Capacitando a la Biblioteca Académica en la Ciencia Ciudadana.**
Presenters: Melissa Mercado Caraballo / Dra. Cláudia de Souza. Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras. Puerto Rico.
- **Reflexiones y experiencias de aprendizaje: humanidades digitales, empatía y ética en el OHL.** **Presenter:** Natalia Hernández Mejías. Universidad de Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Biblioteca General. Puerto Rico.
- **Transformando la Revista URBE: digitalización, metadatos y acceso abierto en el Repositorio de Revistas UPR**
Presenter: Nathalie González Torres. Universidad de Puerto Rico Biblioteca Santiago Iglesias, hijo. Puerto Rico.



- **Strengthening Research Integrity with ORCID Trust Markers - digital foundation for institutional trust.**
Presenter: Ana Cardoso. ORCID
- **Navigating Predatory Publishing: Evaluation Tools for Research Integrity**
Presenter: Niala Dwarika-Bhaga, The University of the West Indies
- **ORCID LAC Regional Consortia—Building Connections to foster global participation.**
Presenter: Paula Saavedra. Consortia SAS. Colombia.
- **La preservación de las colecciones en soporte de papel en las bibliotecas académicas en el Caribe.**
Presenter: Ruth M. Carrión-Meléndez. Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Santiago Iglesias, hijo. Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. Puerto Rico.
- **From collection to Connections: Caribbean LAMs as community- centred ecosystems for development and resilience.**
Presenter: Shivana Lall- Jahoor/ Stacy Ann Jaglal. National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS). Trinidad & Tobago.
- **The University of Guyana Berbice Campus Library as an Agent for Social Change.**
Presenter:Presenters: Simone La Rose / Rachel Peters / Debra Lowe, University of Guyana
- **Handing Students the Remote Control: The TV Guide to Library Research.**
Presenter: Sol Cátala-Valentín. Burling Library, USA.
- **Heritage in Motion: Evolving Legacies of Jamaican Libraries, Archives, and Museums as Community Anchors.**
Presenter: Tracey-Ann Ricketts/ Garfield Harris. University of the West Indies Mona Main Library. Jamaica.
- **Essential Practices for Sustainable Library and Archive Management.**
Presenter: Ximena Valdivia. Florida International University. USA.
- **La vinculación de las Competencias de Información al currículo de Educación General: Estrategias, experiencias y aprendizajes en la Universidad del Sagrado Corazón.**
Presenter: Alejandro Escobar Nieves. Universidad del Sagrado Corazón. Puerto Rico.



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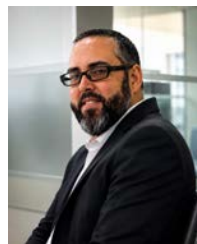
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ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND PRESIDENTS 1969-2026

Conference	Date	Theme	Country	Président
1	June 14-17, 1969	Creation of the Association	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Conference Coordinators: <i>Albertina Pérez de Rosa</i> [RIP], <i>Alma Theodora Jordan</i> [RIP] & <i>Luisa Vigo-Cepeda</i> [RIP]
2	Nov. 22-27, 1970	Official Publication of Caribbean Governments	Bridgetown, Barbados	<i>Alma Theodora Jordan</i> (Trinidad & Tobago)
3	Nov.7-12, 1971	Librarian resources of the Caribbean	Caracas, Venezuela	<i>Albertina Pérez de Rosa</i> (Puerto Rico) [RIP]
4	Nov. 18-27, 1972	Staff Management	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Michael Gill (Barbados)
5	Oct. 21-27, 1973	Libraries in a country's development	Miami, Fla., USA	<i>Cecilia Gaviria de Mendoza</i> (Venezuela)
6	Oct. 20-26, 1974	Centralization and Decentralization in Academic Libraries	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the US	<i>Archie McNeal</i> (Miami, Fla., USA) [RIP]
7	Nov. 6-12, 1975	Education for librarians of the Caribbean	Willemstad, Curaçao	<i>María Elena Argüello de Cardona</i> (Nicaragua/Puerto Rico)
8	Oct. 24-30, 1976	Planning of Libraries and networks in the Caribbean	Kingston, Jamaica	<i>Ana Olivia Marín Gómez</i> (Venezuela)
9	Nov. 6-12, 1977	Resources of the Caribbean: sharing, collaboration and photoduplication	Willemstad, Curaçao	<i>Kenneth Ingram</i> (Jamaica) [RIP]
10	Nov. 5-11, 1978	Media in non paper supports in the Caribbean	Bridgetown, Barbados	<i>Gustave Harrer</i> (Gainesville, Fla. USA) [RIP]
	1979	No CONFERENCE. Rescheduled due to hurricanes		
11	May 25-31, 1980	Role of the librarian in a developing society in the Caribbean	República Dominicana	<i>Maritza Eustatia</i> (Curaçao) [RIP]
12	May 3-9, 1981	Communication and libraries: myths and reality	Miami, Fla. USA	<i>Mariano Morales-Lebrón</i> (PuertoRico) [RIP]
13	April 25-May 1, 1982	Information and development in the Caribbean	Caracas, Venezuela	<i>Ermila Elies de Pérez-Perazzo</i> (Venezuela) [RIP]
14	April 17-23, 1983	Libraires of the Caribbean and Research	Oranjestad, Aruba	<i>Yvonne Stephenson</i> (Guyana)



15	May 1-12, 1984	Automatization et information in the Caribbean	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	<i>Próspero Mella-Chavier</i> (Dominican Republic) [RIP]
16	May 12-17, 1985	Information of users in the Caribbean	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<i>Prof. Daphne Douglas</i> (Jamaica)
17	May 4-10, 1986	Continuing education of librarians in the Caribbean	St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the US	<i>Marie-Françoise Bernabé</i> (Martinique)
18	May 10-15, 1987	Caribbean Collections: crisis management – Strategies for libraries	Miami, Fla., USA	<i>Alice Van Romondt</i> (Aruba)
19	May 15-20, 1988	Information Technologies: Computer and communication in the Caribbean	Fort-de-France, Martinique	<i>Albertina Jefferson</i> (Jamaica)
20	Apr. 23-29, 1989	Universal Access to information: a Caribbean perspective: trends and questions	Kingston, Jamaica	<i>Neida Pagán- Jiménez</i> (Puerto Rico)
	1990	NO CONFERENCE		
21	May 19-25, 1991	The book in the Caribbean Production and distribution	Caracas, Venezuela	<i>Wilfrid Bertrand</i> (Haiti)
22	May 17-23, 1992	Resources management in libraries and research centers of the Caribbean	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	<i>Blanca Hodge</i> (St. Maarten)
23	May 23-29, 1993	Information Perspectives for Systems and Services of the Caribbean	Bridgetown, Barbados	<i>Esahack Mohammed</i> (Trinidad & Tobago)
24	Apr. 24-30, 1994	Diversity and Information in the Caribbean: Systems and services	Oranjestad, Aruba	<i>Arturo Fernández-Ortiz</i> (Puerto Rico)
25	June 4-10, 1995	Challenges to information access in the Caribbean: Visibility, resources and services	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<i>Shirley Yearwood</i> (Barbados)
26	May 19-25, 1996	Partnerships in information delivery, linking the past, the present and the future.	St. Maarten	<i>Willamae Johnson</i> (Bahamas)
27	May 17-24, 1997	Information Systems for a sustainable development	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	<i>Odille Broussillon</i> (Guadeloupe)



28	May 16-24, 1998	Resource sharing: Commons goals, cooperation strategies for a new era	Miami, Fla., USA	<i>Sam Boldrick</i> (Miami, Fl, USA)
29	June 7-12, 1999	Information Services within and outside the library. Meeting in the cyberspace	Oranjestad, Aruba	<i>Jorge Encarnación</i> (PuertoRico)
30	June 4-10, 2000	The Caribbean Library at the start of the new millennium	Bahamas	<i>Stephney Ferguson</i> (Jamaica)
31	May 27-June 2, 2001	Information Science with the new millennium paradigm: revolution and knowledge of information technologies	La Habana, Cuba	<i>Lucero Arboledade Roa</i> (DominicanRepublic)
32	May 27-June 2, 2002	The new libraries.com Develop skills, issues of community development	Ocho Rios, Jamaica	<i>Elizabeth Watson</i> (Barbados)
33	June 1-7, 2003	Developing training and knowledge communities in the Caribbean: an experience without borders	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<i>Luisa Vigo-Cepeda</i> (PuertoRico) [RIP]
34	May 23-29, 2004	Electronic Information in the Caribbean: trends and issues	Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	<i>Shamin Renwick</i> (Trinidad & Tobago)
35	June 5-10, 2005	Identifying needs in information to provide a public access to knowledge	Fort-de-France, Martinique	<i>Anique Sylvestre</i> (Martinique)
36	May 28-June 2, 2006	Information and human rights: Cultural and social aspect in an information society	Oranjestad, Aruba	<i>Astrid Britten</i> (Aruba)
37	June 2-9, 2007	Access to information for all: an inalienable right for all	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<i>Pedro Padilla-Rosa</i> (Puerto Rico) [RIP]
38	June 1-6, 2008	E-librarian: Ideas, Innovation, and Inspiration	Montego Bay, Jamaica	<i>Adele Merritt Bernard</i> (Jamaica)
39	June 1-5, 2009	The future of libraries in the framework of sustainable development	Gosier, Guadeloupe	<i>Bea Bazile</i> (Guadeloupe)
40	June 6-12, 2010	Innovation and Impact of information in the Caribbean: Evidence Based practice for information specialists	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	<i>Carmen Margarita Santos-Corrada</i> (Puerto Rico)



41	May 30-June 3, 2011	The role of libraries and archives in risk and disaster and preparedness	Tampa, Fla., USA	<i>Ardis Hanson</i> (USA)
42	June 4-8, 2012	365 doors open on new technologies: Economic, cultural, social and political impacts	Pétion-ville, Haïti	<i>Francoise Beaulieu Thybulle</i> (Haïti)
43	June 9-14, 2013	Knowledge territories: Exploring Commons Environments for Learning, Research, Creativity and Productivity in Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Caribbean	San Juan Puerto Rico	<i>Cindy Jimenez Vera</i> (Puerto Rico)
44	June 8-12, 2014	Libraries, archives, and museums: gateways to information literacy and cultural heritage	Nassau, Bahamas	<i>Dorcas Bowler</i> (Bahamas)
45	June 7-11, 2015	Collaborative continuing education: Learn, Act and Inspire. Professional and Personal Development Opportunities For Lifelong Learning in Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Caribbean	Paramaribo, Suriname	<i>Jane W. Smith</i> (Suriname)
46	June 5- 9, 2016	Leadership: a bridge between tradition and innovation in Libraries, museums and archives of the Caribbean	Petion-Ville, Haiti	<i>Elizabeth Pierre-Louis Augustin</i> (Haiti)
47	June 4- 8 2017	Multidisciplinary Research in the Caribbean: A Collaborative Approach	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<i>Héctor Rubén Sánchez-Fernández</i> (Puerto Rico)
48	June 3-7, 2018	Open Access in Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic	<i>Kumaree Ramtahal</i> (Trinidad and Tobago)
49	June 2-6, 2019	Access and Opportunity for All: Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums Supporting the United Nations Sustainable Goals	Oranjestad, Aruba	<i>Monique Alberts</i> (Curaçao)



50	November 18-19, 2020	Design Thinking in Libraries, Archives and Museums: Revolutionizing the Way We Do Business	Online	<i>Dr. Berthamae Walker</i> (Bahamas)
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51	June 5-9, 2022	Change Management and Resilience: Proactive Action in Libraries, Museum and Archive of the Caribbean	Willemstad, Curaçao	<i>Dr. Jeannette Lebrón Ramos</i> (Puerto Rico)
52	June 4-8, 2023	Innovation: Opportunities and Challenges in Libraries, Museums and Archives of the Caribbean	Kingston, Jamaica	<i>Mr. David Drysdale</i> (Jamaica)
53	May 12-16, 2024	From metadata to Big Data: Trends and Hidden Treasures in Libraries, Museums and Archives in the Caribbean	Georgetown, Guyana	Mr. Erick Toussaint (Haiti)
54	June 8-12, 2025	Digital Humanities: Connecting the Caribbean (communities) through Archives, Museums, and Libraries	Willemstad, Curaçao	<i>Ms. Lianne Leonora</i> (Curaçao)
5	June 7-11 2026	Libraries, Archives, and Museums on the Frontline: Advocacy, Innovation and Sustainability	Willemstad, Curaçao	<i>Ms. Loyda E. Nieves Ayala</i> (Puerto Rico)