





<u>Inaugural Issue – Journal of Library Insights & Innovations (JLII)</u>

It is with great pride, passion, and anticipation that I present the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Library Insights & Innovations* (JLII), published by DrLibSc. This is not merely the commencement of a journal; rather, it marks the articulation of ideas, the advancement of the Open Access movement, and the affirmation of an enduring commitment to innovation, scholarly engagements, and transformative practices within Library and Information Science (LIS).

Innovation as Our Core: JLII emerges from a conviction that innovation is the lifeline of Libraries & Information Centres in the digital age. As society undergoes rapid technological transformation, libraries and information centres must persistently reinvent themselves not only as custodians of knowledge but as creators of new pathways for learning, discovery, and empowerment. This journal is designed to capture, intensify, and disseminate those innovations, whether they appear as bold experiments, ground-breaking research, or creative best practices that redefine the role of libraries.

Open Knowledge, Open Futures: Our commitment to Open Access (OA) reflects this spirit of innovation. By adopting the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY 4.0) license, JLII ensures that every article is *freely available to all*, removing barriers, expanding accessibility, and enabling global participation in LIS communication. In this way, JLII is not just a publication but a *shared knowledge commons*, where ideas travel freely and inspire new possibilities.

A Collective Endeavour & Shared Scholarly Mission: The inaugural issue showcases a wide spectrum of LIS contributions, namely, original research, case studies, empirical studies, and best practices. After evaluating the papers submitted for this inaugural issue, it is gratifying to observe that the LIS community is not only responsive to change but also actively drives change through imagination and innovation. I extend heartfelt thanks to our contributors for their creativity, to our reviewers for their valuable feedback, and to our editorial and advisory boards for their vision. I hope JLII is the product of their collective effort, and it will continue to thrive only through the collaboration of the wider LIS community.

On behalf of the editorial team, I invite LIS professionals worldwide to join us in shaping the future of LIS literature collectively. You are invited to share your experiments, conventional thinking, and spark dialogue that pushes the boundaries of our discipline. Together, we can make JLII a catalyst for innovation that not only reflects but also inspires the future directions of Library and Information Science. As JLII begins its journey, its mission is to be a beacon of innovation, collaboration, and excellence in LIS scholarship. Last but not least, let us move forward together in building an OA Scholarly Communication Platform for the LIS community, one that remains relevant in the present while serving as a transformative force for the future.

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