



THE GHANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

CALL FOR PAPERS for a Festschrift in honor of

*Emeritus Professor
Anaba Anankyela Alemna*

The Ghana Library Association, in collaboration with the Department of Information Studies, University of Ghana invites scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit papers for a Festschrift in honor of Emeritus Professor Anaba Anankyela Alemna, a distinguished academic, librarian, and mentor whose remarkable contributions have significantly advanced the field of Library and Information Science.

THEME

**EMPOWERING FUTURES: THE ROLE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES IN
DRIVING DIGITAL INNOVATION AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

SUB-THEMES

Innovative Technology Integration in Academic Libraries
Digital Literacy and User Empowerment
Open Access and the Future of Scholarly Communication
Data Management and Digital Preservation
Collaborative Networks and Partnerships for Shared Success
Library Spaces for Hybrid and Virtual Learning Environments
Digital Preservation and Long-Term Access to Information

Library Leadership, Staff Development, and Capacity Building
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Digital Library Services
Evolving User Needs and Customization of Library Services
Digital Transformation in Library Services
Collaborative Partnerships for Community Growth
Innovative Programming and Outreach

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All manuscript submitted should be original. That means it should not have been published, or sent out to any journal publication consideration. Manuscript files should be provided in Microsoft Word format. Either the US or UK spelling style is acceptable so long as it is consistent within the manuscript. Manuscripts must be typed in Times New Roman font with a font size of 12 and set to 1.5 line spacing. Manuscript should be between 3000 and 5000 words in length. This includes the title, the structured abstract, main body of text, references, tables, figures and appendices. Manuscripts in excess of the maximum word count may be considered only if discussed and agreed in advance with the editor. A concisely worded title should be provided. All submissions must include a structured abstract, of 250 words following the format outlined below.

Purpose

Design/methodology/approach

Findings

Originality

Keywords

Headings must be concise, with a clear indication of the required hierarchy. The preferred format is for first level headings to be in bold, and subsequent sub-headings to be in medium italics. Authors are required to use 7th Edition of the APA style exclusively for referencing.

IMPORTANT DATES

Stage 1:

Call for papers: 19th May 2025

Submission of abstracts: 20th May 2025 to 20th September 2025

Notification of acceptance of abstract: 31st September 2025

Stage 2:

Submission of full paper on acceptance of articles: 28th February 2026

Review of full paper submission: 31st March 2026

Response to reviewers' comment by authors: 15th April to 15th May 2026

Submission of final papers after revision: 31st July 2026

Notification to authors on acceptance of final papers: 31st August 2026

Stage 3:

Publication preparation: 31st September 2026

Launching of publication of festschrift: November 2026

SUBMISSION

Abstract should be submitted with the title of manuscript and contributors list in the sample file. Upon acceptance of an abstract (stage 2), contributor(s) should submit two (2) separate files. The first file should contain the full-length manuscript without contributor's details (named manuscript anonymous). The second file should contain the author(s) affiliation and biography (named: Author(s) biography), with the corresponding author clearly indicated. **All submissions and correspondences should be addressed to the Chair of the Festschrift committee-Dr. Monica Mensah Danquah, University of Ghana, via glafestschrift@gmail.com**