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The following stories have been submitted from colleagues in national libraries around the world. The Newsletter is prepared by the Royal Library of Belgium (KBR).

Royal Library of Belgium (KBR)

AIFBD Congress 2023 (16-19 August 2023)

The Association Internationale Francophone des Bibliothécaires et Documentalistes (AIFBD) is organising its 5th congress in partnership with KBR between the 16 and 19th August 2023. The theme of this official IFLA satellite meeting, held in collaboration with the [Law Libraries](#) section, is access to information at the heart of development. The conference is aimed at French-speaking information, documentation and archive professionals and presentations will be given in French.

[More information on the programme, themes and registration here.](#)

WLIC 2023 Satellite meeting (18 & 19 August 2023)

This event is organised by the [IFLA Bibliography, Subject Analysis and Access](#), and [Cataloguing Sections](#) and KBR. The conference will take place on 18-19 August 2023.

This unique Satellite Meeting is organized prior to the [IFLA World Library and Information Congress](#) in Rotterdam and will devote its time to this specific topic: Universal Bibliographic Control at the crossroads, the challenges of unifying IFLA bibliographic standards. On the agenda: presentations and round tables, with topics including strategic frameworks for the development of metadata standards, skills for cataloguing and metadata creation, and the role of artificial intelligence in this field and ethical issues.

[More information on the programme, themes and registration here.](#)

British Library

We are thrilled to invite you to **A Celebration of Legal Deposit: The Inspiration of Collecting and Preserving our Nations' Written Heritage** - a one-day symposium on Legal Deposit, co-hosted by the six UK Legal Deposit Libraries: The British Library, Bodleian Libraries, Cambridge University Library, National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales, and Trinity College Dublin. It will be held on 4 September, and there is an option to attend both online and in person.

The year 2023 marks ten years since the introduction of non-print (electronic) legal deposit regulations in the UK and Ireland. The six UK Legal Deposit Libraries are marking this anniversary with a one-day international symposium to celebrate this joint endeavour. The event aims to bring colleagues from across the globe together to be inspired by each other, to learn about legislation in different parts of the world and to start a conversation about a community of practice.

The symposium will provide an opportunity to examine the wider aspects of print and digital legal deposit and acknowledge the on-going collaboration between publishers and the deposit libraries to ensure the long-term preservation of written heritage across the world.

The symposium will explore the following themes:

- The importance of Legal Deposit in preserving our culture
- The implementation and legislation of digital Legal Deposit
- The Future challenges and opportunities for Legal Deposit

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Richard Ovenden** - Bodley's Librarian, University of Oxford
- **Ian Gadd** - Professor in English Literature, Bath Spa University
- **Steve Chibnall** - Director of the Cinema and Television History Centre (CATH) at Be Montfort University
- **Sophie Vandepontseele** - Director Contemporary Collections, Royal Library of Belgium
- **Karen Van Gilder** - Supervisory Librarian, Library of Congress
- **Graeme Hawley** - Head of General Collections at the National Library of Scotland
- **Veruschka Selbach** - Managing Director of Pluto book
- **Vladimir Tybin** - Head of Digital Legal Deposit at Bibliothèque nationale de France
- **Cathy Pilgrim** - Assistant Director General, National Library of Australia
- **Linda Arnold-Stratford** - Head of Liaison and Governance for UK Legal Deposit Libraries
- Along with participation from the Chief Librarians of all six UK Legal Deposit Libraries

If you would like to present a poster on anything related to Legal Deposit at this symposium then please email your interest to LDLTeam@bl.uk by 12th August and the team will provide you with details.

Please book your tickets for [A Celebration of Legal Deposit](#) at the following [link](#). Whilst this event is free we request that if you cannot make the event you release your ticket as spaces are limited and there is high interest. We would also be charged for the expected catering requirements.

An accessibility guide for Stationers' Hall is available [here](#).

National Library of France (BnF)

[2024 Call for Applications for International Professionals](#)

If you are a professional working for a cultural institution across the world and would like to come to France to study a theme, a collection or to work on a project related to the National Library of France's collections or activities, take part in the Ministry of Culture's programmes "Résidence Culture" and "Parcours de collections".

The deadline for submission is 18 September 2023.

[Exhibition « Julien Gracq, la forme d'une œuvre »](#)

The BnF is celebrating Julien Gracq, one of the most influential figures in 20th century literature, by exhibiting for the first time the manuscripts he donated to it on his death in 2007. Around a hundred items allow us to (re)discover a writer who stood apart from fashion, free from the dictates of opinion, who refused the 1951 Goncourt Prize for *Le Rivage des Syrtes* and who never accepted anything but three imperatives for his art: freedom, quality and integrity.

«*Julien Gracq, la forme d'une œuvre* » (the shape of a work): from 11 July to 3 September 2023

National Diet Library , Japan

English version of the [NDL Image Bank](#) is now available!

The NDL Image Bank showcases items from the National Diet Library's substantial collection of visual materials, including ukiyo-e woodblock prints, books, magazines, and other forms of published media.

National Library of Singapore

Children's Season 2023: Discover Southeast Asian Folktales

Discover Southeast Asian Folktales was one of the Children's Season 2023 programmes that introduced children from ages 7 to 12 to the [Asian Children's Literature](#) (ACL) collection at the National Library. Participants discovered collection highlights, explored the values inherent in these stories and the importance of intergenerational storytelling. The programme included a storytelling session about Kusu Island followed by a hands-on activity. Participants were also given a tour of the ACL collection by Senior Librarian Juffri Supaat and Librarian Michelle Heng, where they discovered the diverse range of stories, authors, and illustrators from across Asia and learnt the cultural and historical context of each work.

Children's Season 2023: Point, Shoot & Write: How to be a Junior Photojournalist

In this programme, young families learnt about photojournalism through a combination of interactive activities and a guided tour of [The News Gallery: Beyond Headlines](#) exhibition at the National Library. As part of the programme, participants were encouraged to express their creativity through their own lens via photostories and engaged in a hands-on session on how to take a good photograph with a smartphone and write captions using Padlet.

Library of Congress

[George Saunders to Receive 2023 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction](#)

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden announced that the 2023 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction will be awarded to George Saunders. One of the Library's most prestigious awards, the annual Prize for American Fiction honors an American literary writer whose body of work is distinguished not only for its mastery of the art but also for its originality of thought and imagination. The award seeks to commend strong, unique, enduring voices that – throughout consistently accomplished careers – have told us something essential about the American experience.

[Library to Host Summer 2023 Copyright Public Modernization Committee Meeting](#)

The Library of Congress will host the summer 2023 meeting of the Copyright Public Modernization Committee virtually on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. ET. Participants will hear from Library and Copyright Office staff about the latest developments of the Enterprise Copyright System.

In addition to updates from Library and Copyright Office staff on the development of the Enterprise Copyright System, attendees will participate in a moderated conversation about increasing awareness of new developments. There will be an opportunity for public questions and answers.