

June 2026



David Archer, Chair of the M25 Consortium



When it comes to providing events for professional development, we recognise that it is beneficial to our members to offer a variety of events to suit different needs: online and in person, full-day and half-day, technical and soft skills. This month this approach is being demonstrated by our two flagship events: the upcoming cpd25 LISA Conference in person on 23 June and the M25 Consortium Annual Conference which was held online on 9 June. At the latter, we had an excellent day and would like to express our thanks to our speakers and delegates who contributed to making it such a successful event. We will provide a full report in July's newsletter.

We're pleased to announce that on 15 July there is the opportunity for members to attend a free, in

person, all day event at the University of Surrey: 'Accessible Digitisation for GLAMs: From Low-Cost Cameras to 3D Models for collections'.

The University of Surrey Library was a successful applicant to the M25 Consortium Innovation Fund 2025-2026 and received funding to support M25 Consortium members being offered this training, free of charge, with travel bursaries available. Find out more below.

We are also pleased to feature one of our newest members this month: Guildhall Library. The upcoming visit to the library in August is already full, so for those who missed out this time, Melanie Strong, Senior Librarian, gives a flavour of the library's work.

Finally, we hope that the library leaders among you will be joining us for our second Leadership Briefing on 26 June. We'll be hearing about Shared Services and providing a welcoming and safe space for discussions with other member libraries.

Best wishes, David

Members of the M25 Consortium are invited to join our next in-person Leadership Briefing on Shared Services

We welcome library leaders to the second of this year's M25 Consortium Leadership Briefings to be held on the afternoon of Friday 26th June 2.00-4.00pm, at the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN.



This programme will look at shared services in libraries and will feature an overview of the recent report published by the SCONUL Task and Finish Group on Shared Services as well as two case studies.

Programme:

Shared Services in Academic and Research Libraries: a SCONUL report, David Clover, Director of Library Services and Digital Skills, Middlesex University.

3in1 – A Unified Library Management System for three universities, Dave Puplett, Associate Director – Libraries and Learning Technology, University of Greenwich.

Piloting a Roving Archivist Programme for the University of London Federation – Beth Astridge, University Archivist and Oliver House, Roving Archivist, Senate House Library.

There will be time for questions for the panel and an open discussion between attendees.

[Book Now](#)



Learning for your career

Accessible Digitisation for GLAMs: From Low-Cost Cameras to 3D Models for collections

15 July, 9.30-4.30

University of Surrey Library

Have you ever wanted to use low-cost equipment to create 3D models of objects in your library archive, museum or gallery to boost accessibility and engagement, but you are worried about the technical skills that might be needed?

This *free* one-day workshop is for you!

In the morning, you will be introduced to Raspberry Pi, from the assembly and installation to the use of the camera command-line tools to preview, capture, and record high-quality images and video. The afternoon will be dedicated to transforming captured images into 3D models using open-access photogrammetry software.

By the end of the workshop, you will have practical experience in camera control, image capture, and introductory 3D modelling techniques, alongside a deeper understanding of how everything learned can be applied at your own institution.

No prior technical experience is needed. A sandwich lunch and tea and coffee will be provided.

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Find out

more: www.m25lib.org.uk/events/accessible-digitisation-for-glams-from-low-cost-cameras-to-3d-models-for-collections/

Direct booking link: [Booking Form for: Accessible Digitisation for GLAMs: From Low-Cost Cameras to 3D Models for collections](#)

Office update

M25 Consortium's Support Team

We are three part-time staff, working together to provide all the Consortium's services and activities:

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- Jill Howard
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- Laura Scullion
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Access25

You can top up your supply of Access25 cards by sending a request by email to Laura Scullion:

cpd25@london.ac.uk

For a refresher on how the scheme works, take a look at our website: www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-

[resources-and-activities/access25/](#)

Events

The last few weeks have been very busy with online and in person events and some of you may have seen M25 Consortium Support Team Administrator (Events & Programmes), Laura Scullion, at recent in person events ensuring that everything runs smoothly. The support team has been working with the cpd25 Chair Sally Brock, cpd25 Task Groups, trainers and venues, to create events on our website, undertake delegate booking administration, compiling delegate feedback reports and invoicing.

Finance

After our move to Co-op Bank, some of our members have been in touch to verify our new details. Thank you for doing this - it will hopefully help to ensure a smooth process for membership renewal invoices in August.

Website: member photos

If you have had recent photos taken that feature your library buildings, would you be happy to share? It would be great to have some new ones for our member photo carousel on our Home Page.

We regularly update our website but sometimes miss something that is out of date or includes a typo. Do let us know if you spot anything or your details have changed and we'll correct it.

For photos and typos, send an email to Jill Howard,
M25 Operations Manager:
m25libadmin@london.ac.uk



Report on the cpd25 Planning Day 2026

cpd25 held its annual planning day at the London Mathematical Society on the 21 May, attended by 28 Task Group members. David Archer, M25 Chair, kicked off the day with an update on the M25 Strategy 2026-2029. Considerations for cpd25 included:

- Our membership comprises as many special libraries as HE libraries, so our cpd25 programme needs to reflect this.
- Members tell us they want more opportunity to network with peers and our cpd25 Exchange of Experience events are a great way of enabling this.
- Our member institutions are facing tight financial constraints. Some members have no in-house CPD at all, and staff development budgets are small. cpd25 is considered good quality and good value, so we can help fill the gap by offering more general 'soft skills' training.

By the end of a very lively day the walls were covered with an array of colourful post-it notes with ideas for possible events for next year. These included budgeting, motivating staff, data to prove the value of libraries, wellbeing and resilience, AI, supporting students and staff with neurodiversity, contracts and licensing, and writing funding bids. Now each Task Group has to get to work turning these ideas into events, so watch this space!

New member focus: Guildhall Library

Guildhall Library is a public reference library focusing on the history of London. Our collections include over 250,000 items and span over 800 years from manuscript books to the latest digital resources which are added to weekly. While focusing in on London's history, we also have a wide range of early printed books and cover a range of topics such as literature, law, religion and economics.

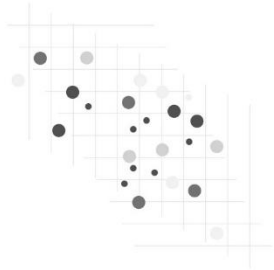


As a public library we offer visitors a quiet place to study or read within the busy City. We have free public computers and Wi-Fi. We also have a thriving events programme with weekly hybrid talks taking place at the library and online. We have two exhibitions a year, our current exhibition, *Broadsides: Speaking to the People* explores the history of broadsides and how they were used to speak to the public, high and low alike.

We are used by students and academics alike, as well as people from our local community. We are happy to host university visits showcasing items from our collections, teaching sessions and are always looking for new ways to collaborate with other libraries and institutions. Do please get in touch with us if you think we can be of any help.

Melanie Strong
Senior Librarian
Guildhall Library

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Member Library Staff Vacancies

House of Commons: Research Librarian

Closing date: 22 June

Are you a curious and service-focused professional looking to make a real impact at the heart of UK Parliament? The House of Commons is seeking a Research Librarian to join the Research and Information team, where you'll play a vital role in supporting MPs and their staff by ensuring they have access to accurate, reliable and timely information.

This is a varied and outward-facing role where you'll build strong relationships with stakeholders, advocate for user needs, and stay at the forefront of developments in the information and library sector. This role is offered on a hybrid working basis, with an expectation of you spending 40% of your time in the office.

Get the full details and apply online on the [recruitment portal](#).

Queen Mary, University of London: Senior

Academic Skills Advisor

Closing date: 28 June

Working within the Library Learning Support and Engagement (LLSE) team, you will coordinate and deliver a dynamic programme of academic and study skills support for undergraduate and postgraduate students across disciplines.

This includes designing and facilitating workshops,

group tutorials and one-to-one sessions, alongside developing high-quality online resources. You will lead on planning the annual schedule of provision, working closely with academic schools to embed skills support within curricula and respond to evolving student needs.

[Get the full details and apply online](#)

Queen Mary: Academic Skills and Engagement Officer

Deadline: 29 June

Working within the Library Learning Support and Engagement (LLSE) team, you will play an important role in enhancing how students engage with Library Services and the Academic Skills Centre. The role combines communications and engagement work with operational support, offering the opportunity to contribute to a wide range of student-facing activities and projects.

You will help promote library spaces, services and initiatives through digital content, marketing materials, events and social media, while also supporting the Academic Skills Centre through enquiry management, online learning resources and reporting activities.

[Get the full details and apply online](#)

Recruiting?

If you have a vacancy in your library that you would like to include in our monthly newsletter (and in the News area of our website) send the details to Jill

Howard, Operations Manager:
m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

SpeedMeet Profile: Amelia Andrews

June's SpeedMeet profile is Amelia Andrews, Graduate Trainee Library Assistant at the Hellenic and Roman Library in the University of London's Institute of Classical Studies. Find out more about Amelia and her role here: www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/m25-speedmeet/



Be our next M25 SpeedMeet or Spotlight person

What Member Library do you work at and what's your role? What M25 Group are you involved with and how does it benefit your career? Send an email to m25libadmin@london.ac.uk and we will feature you and your library.

Upcoming events



26 June

[Leadership Briefing on Shared Services](#)

Royal College of Nursing, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

1 July

[Supervising and managing taster](#)

Online, 10.30am -12.30pm

9 July

[Visit to Central St Martins Library](#)

1 Granary Square, 2.30 - 4.30pm

15 July

[Accessible Digitisation for GLAMs: From Low-Cost Cameras to 3D Models for collections](#)

University of Surrey Library, 9.30am - 4.30pm

7 September

[Thriving with resilience in times of uncertainty](#)

Online, 2.00 - 3.30pm

Browse all our upcoming events, including visits, here: www.m25lib.org.uk/events/

Peer organisations:

SCONUL: <https://www.sconul.ac.uk/>

Mercian Collaboration: <https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/>

White Rose Libraries: <https://whiterose.ac.uk/projects/white-rose-libraries/>

Academic Libraries North: <https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk>

SCURL: <https://www.scurl.ac.uk/about>

WHELP: <https://whelf.ac.uk/>

[M25 Consortium website](#)

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