



David Archer, Chair of the M25 Consortium



Autumn is upon us and that means our cpd25 programme for 2026-2027 is up and running with lots of events planned in the coming months. Do take a look on our website and (if you haven't already) sign up for the weekly cpd25 newsletter so you can be amongst the first to find out about our events.

It's also Green Libraries Week this month, which is a great opportunity to remind you about the M25 Sustainability Toolkit, developed by the M25 Sustainability Working Group and launched at our Annual Conference earlier this year. Details can be found below.

Each year we put together a cpd25 Event Attendance Report and you can read the latest one covering September 2025-July 2026 on our website. It is always pleasing to see just how much

you value our cpd25 events and visits, and your feedback is invaluable in helping us to shape future events. The next time you attend one of our events do consider sharing your thoughts afterwards - find out more below.

For colleagues involved in processing payments, a reminder that we moved banks to Co-op some months ago and our bank details have changed. Despite previous notifications some payments are still being sent to our old Barclays account. We would be very grateful if you could check that you have our up-to-date bank details and that your finance teams have been notified. If you have any queries on this please email Jill Howard, our Operations Manager, m25libadmin@london.ac.uk

Behind the scenes we've been updating some of the resources in the Members' Area of our website. If your library service is reviewing library systems or business continuity policies, you'll find helpful information and resources there. Do take a look.

Finally, we enjoy meeting staff from our member libraries face-to-face and so are pleased to announce that this year our annual in-person Networking Event will take place on Wednesday 2 December 5-7pm. The venue and further details will be announced soon but for now, save the date in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes, David

Attended one of our events? Share your experience

We know that staff in our member libraries value the events we put on. If you have attended a recent event, what did you find valuable, particularly relevant and/or what resonated with you? What aspects are you taking back for your service to consider or to embed in your own professional practice?



We very much welcome any attendees at our online and/or in-person events to write reflections, reports, and blog posts. For in-person events, these can also include photos or short video clips. We'd love to feature these on our website, social media channels and monthly newsletters.

Send your pieces to cpd25@london.ac.uk and we'll share your experiences.

If you're sharing thoughts on our events on your own institution's platforms do let us know - we'd be delighted to link to them if possible.

Photos and videos guidance

We are mindful that some attendees may not wish their photo to be taken, or to be filmed at our events. We have therefore produced guidance that sets out how we will respect the wishes of those individuals.

The guidance is for event organisers, speakers, facilitators and attendees at all events organised by the M25 Consortium, including cpd25.

You can read the guidance on our website [M25 Consortium and cpd25 events & visits: guidance for taking photos, filming and writing blog posts](#)



cpd25 Event Attendance Report 2025-2026

Each year we provide a summary of cpd25 activities attendance figures and feedback from our attendees. This year we're pleased to report that our cpd25 Task Groups held 15 events and 16 visits and 96% of attendees giving feedback rated our events as excellent or good.

Thank you for attending cpd25 programmes, both online and in-person, and for giving us your feedback. We appreciate all your comments. You can read our latest report [here](#).

You can also suggest future topics for events, not just on our feedback forms, but whenever you think of them. Send your ideas using our [online suggestion form](#).

What Library Systems do you use?

At the M25 Consortium Steering Group Planning Day in January 2026, members said that it would be useful to capture more data about member library systems beyond Library Management Systems such as discovery tools, digital asset management solutions and institutional repositories.



In response, a small group comprising Steering Group members Louise Ashton (Royal Central School of Speech and Drama) and Camilla Churchill (BMA) and Consortium Chair, David Archer (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), pulled together a list of systems of interest and compiled a survey of members to capture these. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. 66% of members responded (38 out of 57) and the headline findings are:

- The most used Library Management System is Alma (39.5%, 15 out of 38 respondents)
- The top four LMS used are: Alma (15), Koha (7), Symphony (5) and Eos (3)
- The most used Discovery Tool of respondent members is Primo
- 71% of respondent members do not use a Digital Asset Management Solution but of those that do the most used is Asset Bank
- 58% of respondents use Reading List Software and the most used Reading List Software is Leganto (26%)
- The most used institutional repository used is Eprints (38.5%)
- 42% of respondent members do not have an archive as part of their service but of those that do, Calm is the most used AMS (16%).

We have now added the results to the Members' Area of our website. You can browse two tables that give information on Library Management Systems, Discovery Tools, Digital Asset Management Solutions, Reading List Software,

Institutional Repositories and Archive Management Systems.

If you are considering reviewing your systems or would like to reach out to other members, visit the website to browse the tables.

Register or sign in to view

The tables are in the [Members' Area](#) and you have to be logged in to view them.

If you are not already registered on our website, complete this form: www.m25lib.org.uk/register/. It will trigger a message to the Support Team and we will then confirm your registration. You can then access our member only pages including resources, Conference Presentation recordings and more.

Green Libraries Week takes place 21-28 October.

Find out what's happening on the [CILIP website](#) and visit the Sustainability Toolkit on our website:



www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/sustainability-toolkit/

"Climate Facts" for a greener future

Navigating mis – and disinformation in libraries



M25 Sustainability Toolkit



The [M25 Sustainability Toolkit](#) is a collaborative, evolving resource that helps libraries across the M25 Consortium embed sustainability into their services, spaces, and strategies.

Best practice

Collection management

Community engagement

CPD

Digital sustainability

Practical tools

Procurement

Suppliers

Further reading & online resources



Green
Libraries
Week



The library
and information
professionals' association



Make it happen with an Innovation Fund Award

A reminder that applications are now open for our [Innovation Fund](#). Successful applicants will receive funding to deliver a project, resource, research or other activity that works towards one or more themes in our [Strategic Plan](#) 2026-2029.

This year the funding pot has increased to £2,000. The deadline for applications is 3 November 2026.

[Quick guide to the Innovation Fund](#)

You can read about past successful recipients on our website including the University of Surrey. They received funding to offer free places, with travel bursaries, for their event [Accessible Digitisation for GLAMs: From Low-Cost Cameras to 3D Models for collections workshop](#).

Member Library Vacancies

Subscriptions & Licensing Advisor, London South Bank University

London South Bank University is recruiting a Subscriptions and Licensing Advisor. They are looking for an experienced individual who will join the small Subscriptions & Licensing team supporting the Library and Student Services (LSS)



department's delivery of an effective e-resources service to staff and students.

Hours: Full time, 35 hours, permanent

Salary: Grade 5: £33,179 – £36,384 per annum, inclusive of £5,148 London Weighting

Location: The department has a hybrid working scheme where the postholder can work 80% on campus and 20% working from home

Closing date: 18 October 2026, 11:59 PM

[Further details and apply online](#)

Library Assistant at Lambeth Palace Library

Lambeth Palace Library has a vacancy for a full-time Library Assistant. Working as part of the Printed Books team, the Library Assistant plays an important role in helping researchers and visitors access the Library's collections.

The role combines Reading Room and enquiry services with collections management, cataloguing, and public engagement activities. It is well suited to someone who enjoys working with people, has an interest in collections, history and cultural heritage, and takes pride in providing an excellent service.

Hours: Full time, 35 hours, permanent

Salary: £31,586

Location: Lambeth Palace, London, Greater London, SE1 7JU

Closing date: 29 October 2026, 23:55

[Further details and apply online](#)



SpeedMeet Profile October: Sarah Maule

Sarah Maule, Head of Library Learning, Innovation and Engagement at Queen Mary University of London, is our October's SpeedMeet person. Find out more about Sarah's role and her favourite type of architecture at www.m25lib.org.uk/m25-resources-and-activities/m25-speedmeet/

We'd like to hear about you!

What Member Library do you work at and what's your role? Or what cpd25 Task Group or 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

21 October

[Open Educational Resources – Moving Towards Sustainable Collections?](#)

Online, 2.00-4.15pm



4 November

[Visit to London Transport Museum Library](#)

FULL - join the waiting list

2-4pm, Acton

12 November

[Managing Student Behaviour](#)

FULL - join the waiting list

Online, 10am-1pm

2 December

Save the Date: **M25 Consortium Annual**

Networking Event

5-7pm, venue & details to be announced soon

3 December

[Visit to Senate House Library](#)

FULL - join the waiting list

2-4pm, Bloomsbury

10 December

[Visit to The Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library](#)

2-3.30pm, Wimbledon

Browse all our upcoming events, including fully booked visits where you can join the waiting

list: 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/>

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