



Call for Interactive Sessions

Next Library 2019

Dokk1/Aarhus/Denmark

What are we looking for?

We are looking for interactive sessions for Next Library 2019 that can bring together library innovators, practitioners, researchers, designers and researcher from different parts of the world to discuss and explore the future of libraries. We are looking for new formats that push the limits of an interactive session and new explorative ways to do an interactive session. If you have an idea that need feedback don't hesitate to use our [Facebook page](#) to get some feedback from the community.

We encourage proposals that:

- experiment with new formats
- aim at diversity by bringing together for example technologists, educators, artists and policy makers and library people
- are co-created by people from different parts of the world
- use new technologies and artifacts that haven't been seen at Next Library before
- have an international focus: sessions must aim at involving participants representing a diversity in terms of geography, gender, professional experience, size, type and location of library, for example, small / large; public/community; urban/rural; capital city/region

The sessions must be interactive and hands-on: we are looking for sessions that involve the participants in new ways!



A Next Library event is an international gathering of forward-thinking library professionals, innovators and decision-makers who are pushing boundaries and making changes that support learning in the 21st century.

Conference language is English, and there will not be any interpretation services available.

In 2019 the event will take place 2-4 June in [Dokk1](#), Aarhus, Denmark.

The format of Next Library 2019 will be a further development of the Next Library concept, meaning a patchwork of co-learning, co-creative, participatory, engaging, pluralistic and interactive meetings, great keynote speakers, wildcard sessions, break-out sessions, demos/exhibitions, gaming, Networking Dinner Party, Get2Gether, alternative events and surprises.

The Next Library 2019 themes

The overall themes have been selected for the Next Library 2019. The Interactive sessions should inspire, explore and share ideas related to these themes www.nextlibrary.net/themes-2019

What are we not looking for?

We are NOT looking for:

- Sessions of long one-way presentation and only short time for Q&A
- Sessions that focus on only one single project
- Sessions that only have relevance to a limited group of specialists or region

Timeline

12. November 2018: Submission deadline for proposals

Review by Next Library Committee and Next Library Advisory Board: <http://www.nextlibrary.net/advisory-board>.

7. January 2019: Final decision and announcement of Interactive Sessions on www.nextlibrary.net, Facebook, Twitter and other social media.

Any alterations of the timeline will be available at <http://www.nextlibrary.net/timeline-2019>

How to send a proposal?

Proposals must be written in this template: <https://bit.ly/2yriT64>

Write in English and send it in MS Word or PDF to interactive@nextlibrary.net

You may enclose or link to photos or short videos to explain the format or idea of the session. Maximum size is 10 MB.

The review and final decision will be made by The Next Library Committee and The Next Library Advisory Board:

<http://www.nextlibrary.net/advisory-board>

Participation

Organizers of Interactive Sessions are expected to engage and take part in Next Library 2019 – before, under and after the event to share news about their session, to network and to follow up on insights and learnings. It means that you as an co-organizer also have to take part in the rest of the Next Library program to network and continue discussions.

Registration and more information about that will be available at: www.nextlibrary.net/registration-2019

Next Library badge

To attend Next Library® 2017 requires a Next Library® Badge. This will give access to the whole festival and all social events. We will offer 1 free badge for each session. That means: if you are 2 co-organizers one of you will get the badge for free – and the other one will have to register and pay for a badge yourself.

There is no extra funding provided from Next Library. You will have to cover your own travel and accommodation.

There might be additional fees for site visits and other social events.

See the prices for early bird fee, ordinary fee and reduced fee for co-organizers of sessions here: www.nextlibrary.net/registration-2019

Looking for partners for your Interactive Session?

If you have an idea for a session and are looking for someone to propose a session with then use our Facebook to find someone: <https://www.facebook.com/nextlibrary>

We already started a conversation about interactive sessions – but you could also simply just write on our wall!

Template for proposals

Use this template to submit a proposal: <https://bit.ly/2yriT64>

Send it to: interactive@nextlibrary.net

See also: Ignite Next Library Talks

Maybe your idea is not to do an Interactive Session but instead to Ignite Next Library? Then check out our call for shorter presentations that can inspire the Next Library community: www.nextlibrary.net/ignite-2019

Next Library is co-created!

Next Library 2019 is organized by Aarhus Public Libraries in co-operation with the Next Library Community, our conference [partners and sponsors](#):

Next Library Advisory Board, EIFL - Electronic Information for Libraries, The Danish Library Association, Danish School of Media and Journalism, Progress Foundation and Aarhus City Lab.

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