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INTRODUCTION

Empowering Health Knowledge: The Future Role of Medical Libraries in Asia

AMLiS 2026 is a regional platform that brings together medical librarians, health information professionals, and researchers from across Asia to share knowledge, exchange perspectives, and explore emerging developments in medical library services. As healthcare and information landscapes continue to evolve through digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and new approaches to evidence-based practice, medical libraries are increasingly taking on a vital role in supporting research, education, innovation, and informed healthcare decision-making.

The seminar provides an opportunity for participants to engage in relevant conversations, learn from practical experiences and best practices, and discover innovative technologies that can shape the future of medical library services.

More importantly, AMLiS 2026 seeks to strengthen professional networks and foster meaningful regional collaboration among institutions and professionals across Asia, creating opportunities to learn from one another and develop future partnerships.

Held in Kuching, Sarawak, AMLiS 2026 also offers a meaningful setting for participants to experience the rich cultural heritage of Borneo while connecting with colleagues from across the region. Through knowledge sharing, collaboration, and innovation, AMLiS 2026 aims to empower medical libraries to remain relevant, responsive, and future-ready in supporting the evolving needs of healthcare and research.

AMLiS 2026 is more than a seminar—it is a platform to connect, learn, innovate, and strengthen the future of medical librarianship across Asia.

THE OBJECTIVES



Exchange Views

Share and discuss current trends, challenges, and opportunities in medical library services across Asia with fellow professionals and experts.



Regional Collaboration

Develop partnerships across Asia to standardize and improve access to medical information and resources through cross-border cooperation.



Technology & Innovation

Explore the latest technologies and digital tools to enhance medical library services and user engagement in the modern healthcare landscape.

WELCOMING REMARKS



Norazlina Abdul Rahman
Chairperson
Asia Medical Library Seminar 2026

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome all distinguished speakers, delegates, colleagues, and participants to the Asia Medical Library Seminar (AMLiS) 2026, held under the theme “Empowering Health Knowledge: The Future Role of Medical Libraries in Asia.”

In an era where healthcare information continues to evolve rapidly, medical libraries play an increasingly important role in supporting evidence-based practice, research, education, and lifelong learning. Beyond providing access to information, medical libraries are becoming dynamic partners in knowledge creation, digital transformation, information literacy, and the advancement of healthcare services.

AMLiS 2026 provides an important regional platform for advancing dialogue, sharing expertise, and strengthening collaboration in medical librarianship and health information services across Asia. It brings together medical librarians, information professionals, academics, researchers, healthcare practitioners, and other stakeholders to exchange knowledge, share experiences, and explore emerging opportunities that can contribute to the continued development of the profession.

As we navigate rapid developments in artificial intelligence, digital scholarship, open knowledge, and evolving healthcare information needs, collaboration and knowledge sharing will remain essential in ensuring that

medical libraries continue to be relevant, responsive, and forward-looking. Through stronger regional partnerships and the exchange of ideas and expertise, medical libraries can continue to play a meaningful role in supporting research, education, healthcare practice, and access to reliable health information.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our distinguished speakers, supporting organisations, partners, sponsors, committee members, and participants whose commitment and contributions have made AMLiS 2026 possible. The success of this seminar reflects the shared dedication of the medical library and health information community towards advancing professional practice and strengthening collaboration across the region.

Thank you, and welcome to AMLiS 2026.

As we gather here in the beautiful city of Kuching, I hope you will not only enjoy the enriching knowledge-sharing and professional exchanges throughout AMLiS 2026, but also take the opportunity to experience the warmth, hospitality, and unique cultural richness of Borneo. May your time here be filled with meaningful learning, valuable connections, and memorable experiences.

I warmly welcome you to Kuching and AMLiS 2026, and wish everyone a fruitful, engaging, and memorable seminar.

Thank you, and welcome to AMLiS 2026.

FOREWORD



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Welcome, Delegates, to Cat City!

We are delighted to welcome you to the **Asia Medical Library Seminar (AMLiS) 2026**, organised by the **Malaysian Medical Library Group (MLG)**, and especially pleased that AMLiS is being held in Kuching for the first time.

This year's theme is Empowering Health Knowledge: The Future Role of Medical Libraries in Asia.

As digital medical literature and health data continue to grow rapidly, our profession remains central to advancing evidence-based healthcare.

The Seminar provides an important platform for medical librarians, information specialists, and knowledge managers to connect, collaborate, and examine the expanding role of medical libraries in digital health, clinical research, and policy support.

Our goal is to equip you with practical skills and meaningful insights to better support clinicians, researchers, and students in an increasingly digital information landscape.

In an era of rapid data growth and evolving health technologies, the challenge is no longer simply gaining access to information, but ensuring access to accurate, authoritative, and actionable evidence.

Medical libraries now serve as engines of clinical decision-making, scholarship, and health equity. As trusted knowledge navigators, synthesisers, and educators, medical librarians help connect complex biomedical evidence with patient care.

From assessing AI-driven search tools to supporting systematic reviews and point-of-care answers, your work continues to strengthen health outcomes. As we explore the future of medical librarianship, we honour your expertise, critical inquiry, and commitment to the highest professional standards.

An event of this scale is only possible through the dedication of MLG's committee members.

We thank our programme committee and abstract reviewers for curating an excellent lineup of presentations, panels, and workshops, and we also extend our appreciation to our sponsors and exhibitors for their steadfast support.

We hope this programme inspires new strategies, meaningful dialogue, and lasting professional connections.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1



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Prior to joining NUS Libraries, Miss Chin gained valuable experience with Singapore's Ministry of Health, where she developed expertise in evidence-based information searching to support policy and research. She also contributes actively to researcher development by delivering instruction on systematic review search methodologies and evidence-based practice.

Miss Chin holds a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Microbiology and Biochemistry from the National University of Singapore and a Master of Science (MSc) in Information & Library Studies from the University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom.

At AMLiS 2026, she will deliver the keynote presentation entitled “**Scaling Capabilities and Capacities in Health Sciences: The NUS Libraries Playbook.**”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2



MADAM NOR HASYIMAH MUSTAPA

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Madam Nor Hasyimah Mustapa is the Chief Librarian of Dar al-Hikmah Library at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Having joined IIUM in 1997, she has contributed significantly to the development of the university's library services, including the planning and establishment of its campus libraries in Kuantan and Gambang.

She is a strong advocate for library leadership, staff development, and empowerment. From 2018 to 2020, she served as Chairperson of Malaysia's Medical Librarians Group (MLG), during which she was involved in organising the IFLA 2018 Satellite Meeting on Evidence for Global and Disaster Health. She also coordinated the development of the Guidelines on Managing Library Operations Post Movement Control Order (MCO), which served as a key reference for libraries across Malaysia during the reopening phase following the pandemic.

Madam Nor Hasyimah holds a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and a Master's degree in the same field from the International Islamic University Malaysia. Her contributions to the profession and institution have also been recognised through the KhAIR Administrative Award at IIUM's Takrim Day 2024.

At AMLIS 2026, she will deliver the keynote presentation entitled **"From Custodians to Catalysts: Accelerating Research and Health Information Across Asia."**

INVITED SPEAKERS

01 REDEFINING MEDICAL LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL HEALTH ECOSYSTEM



Professor Dr. Jamalludin
Ab. Rahman
(Malaysia)



Mrs. Peangkobfah
Punyaphet
(Thailand)



Ms. Najin Kim
(Republic of Korea)



Dr. Pappu Ram Meena
(India)

02 MEDICAL LIBRARIANS AS PARTNERS IN CLINICAL RESEARCH, AND POLICY SUPPORT



Dr. Tang Wing Chung
(Hong Kong)



Dr. Prashant Shrivastava
(India)



Dr. Steve McDonald
(Australia)



Professor Tzu-heng
Chiu
(Taiwan)

INVITED SPEAKERS

03 BRIDGING HEALTH INFORMATION GAPS IN DIVERSE AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES



Professor Dr. Cheong
Sok Ching
(Malaysia)



Ms. ChingJu Hsiao
(Taiwan)



Professor Dato' Dr.
Abdul Rashid Khan
Md. Jagar Din
(Malaysia)



Associate Professor Dr.
Rekaya Anak
Vincent Balang
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04 BUILDING RESILIENT, COLLABORATIVE, AND FUTURE-READY MEDICAL LIBRARIES



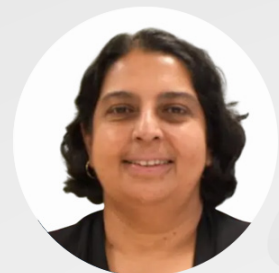
Mr. Aziz Alfariy
(Indonesia)



Dr. Jazlan Jamaluddin
(Malaysia)



Mrs. Ambar Pratiwi
(Indonesia)



Ms. Namita Santra
(Malaysia)

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

DAY 1 : 8 SEPTEMBER 2026 (TUESDAY)

TIME	PROGRAMME
8.00 am - 9.00 am	Registration and Networking Breakfast
9.00 am - 9.45 am	Keynote Address 1 Madam Annelissa Chin Senior Librarian (Research Librarian – STEM), Medicine and Science Library, National University of Singapore Title : Scaling Capabilities and Capacities in Health Sciences
9.45 am - 10.00 am	Product Highlight 1
10.00 am - 10.45 am	Keynote Address 2 Madam Nor Hasyimah binti Mustapa Chief Librarian, International Islamic University Malaysia Title : From Custodians to Catalysts: Accelerating Research and Health Information Across Asia
10.45 am - 11.00 am	Product Highlight 2
11.00 am - 12.00 pm	Opening Ceremony of AMLiS 2026 • National and State Anthems • Welcoming Performance • Doa Recital • Montaj Video Presentation • Welcoming Remarks by Ms. Norazlina Abdul Rahman, Chairperson of AMLiS 2026 • Opening Address by YB Datuk Amar Professor Dr. Sim Kui Hian, Deputy Premier of Sarawak and Minister of Public Health, Housing and Local Government Sarawak • Official Opening of AMLiS2026 & Launch of MediCore 3rd ed. • Presentation of Mementos • Group Photo
12.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Sub-theme 1: Redefining Medical Libraries in the Digital Health Ecosystem
4.00 pm - 4.15 pm	Product Highlight 3
4.15 pm	End of Day 1

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

DAY 2 : 9 SEPTEMBER 2026 (WEDNESDAY)

TIME	PROGRAMME
8.00 am - 9.00 am	Networking Breakfast
9.00 am - 10.30 am	Sub-theme 2: Medical Librarians as Partners in Clinical Research, and Policy Support
10.30 am - 12.00 pm	Sub-theme 3: Bridging Health Information Gaps in Diverse and Underserved Communities
12.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm - 2.15 pm	Product Highlight 4
2.15 pm - 4.15 pm	Sub-theme 4: Building Resilient, Collaborative, and Future-Ready Medical Libraries
4.15 om - 4.45 pm	Closing Ceremony by Datu Dr. Rashidah Bolhassan, Advisor of AMLiS 2026
4.45 pm	End of Day 2

Sub-Theme 1: Redefining Medical Libraries in the Digital Health Ecosystem

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Levas Anak Mejus
Perpustakaan Tun Abdul Rahman Ya'kub,
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MEDICAL LIBRARIES IN DIGITAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION: TOWARDS A KNOWLEDGE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

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Medical libraries were built to solve one problem: giving people access to medical knowledge they could not find on their own. That problem has largely been solved. Open-access publishing, preprint servers, and artificial intelligence (AI) tools now make biomedical information available to almost anyone. Yet healthcare professionals are still making poor decisions based on false or low-quality information. Access was never enough. What is needed is governance: institutions that take responsibility for the quality, accuracy, and ethical use of medical knowledge. This paper proposes a Knowledge Governance Framework (KGF) for medical libraries built around four areas: Evidence Integrity, AI Stewardship, Digital Scholarship Infrastructure, and Health Information Equity. The framework is grounded in an ethical principle that knowledge carries obligations and must be managed in service of those who depend on it. Medical libraries that adopt this framework will not simply help people find information. They will help ensure that the information found is worth trusting.

NAVIGATING GENERATIVE AI POLICIES IN CLINICAL MEDICAL JOURNALS: IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCHERS AND MEDICAL LIBRARIANS

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This study examined policies governing the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in manuscript preparation among clinical medical journals and identified current guidance for its application in scholarly writing. Policies were reviewed from 5,307 clinical medicine journals indexed in the Web of Science database across 68 categories. The findings revealed that 4,512 journals (85.1%) referenced recommendations from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). A total of 1,047 journals (20.8%) explicitly permitted the use of generative AI for literature searching, while 4,176 journals (82.9%) allowed AI-assisted manuscript development, including research question formulation, content organisation, data synthesis, interpretation, and identification of gaps in the literature. In addition, 3,080 journals (61.2%) permitted the use of generative AI for language editing, such as grammar checking and manuscript organisation, whereas 1,605 journals (31.8%) allowed its use for image enhancement or generation. The results indicate that policies concerning generative AI in clinical medical journals are rapidly evolving and increasingly integrated into editorial guidance. These findings underscore the need for evidence-based best-practice recommendations to support the responsible, transparent, and ethical use of generative AI in scholarly manuscript preparation.

MEDICAL LIBRARIANS IN THE EVIDENCE ECOSYSTEM: SYSTEMATIC SEARCH COLLABORATION, RESEARCH EDUCATION, AND AI LITERACY IN KOREA

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Recently, the medical research environment has been changing fast. This is due to the growth of evidence-based decisions, systematic reviews (SR), meta-analyses, and the rise of generative AI. Because of these changes, medical librarians are no longer just traditional information providers. Instead, they have become key research partners in the evidence ecosystem. Based on real cases from a medical library in Korea, this study looks at the professional roles and practical work of medical librarians. Specifically, it focuses on three areas: first, systematic search collaboration by structuring research questions through PICO and making reproducible search strategies; second, user-centered and customized research education practices to help graduate students and clinical researchers; and third, a new role as AI literacy educators who guide researchers to use generative AI tools safely and effectively. By sharing these real experiences, this case study shows the high expertise and future vision of medical librarians, which remain essential in a changing technological world.

REFINING MEDICAL LIBRARIES IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARIES ECOSYSTEM: A SCOPING REVIEW OF TRANSFORMATIONS, CHALLENGES, AND EMERGING PARADIGMS

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The intersection of digital technologies and health sciences librarianship has catalyzed a need for a new definition for medical libraries. No longer only physical institutions with printed materials, medical libraries have evolved into digital entities where users expect electronic resource management, open access, clinical decision support, and evidence-based practice tools. However, there is a dearth of systematic synthesis on what is known in the role that medical libraries serve in the ecosystem of digital libraries. Thus, the aim of this review is to explore the published literature on the role that medical libraries play in the ecosystem of digital libraries, identify the themes, gaps, and future trends in this area, and provide a foundation for research, policy, and practice. A systematic search in PubMed, LISTA, Embase, Web of Science, and Scopus databases was conducted using an approach developed by Arksey and O'Malley (2005) and revised and updated by Levac, Colquhoun, and O'Brien (2010) based on a preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analysis extension for scoping reviews (PRISMA-ScR). Peer-reviewed articles, grey literature, and professional organization publications between 2005 and 2024 were screened and charted thematically using criteria established based on the objectives of the study. The synthesis identified six major thematic areas: digital collection development and management; clinical integration and embedded librarianship; health information literacy and user education; open access, institutional repositories, and research data management; artificial intelligence and emerging technologies; and equity, access, and the global digital divide. The included studies demonstrated considerable heterogeneity in methodology, study setting, and how "digital medical library" was defined. Digital medical libraries are experiencing fundamental structural and functional transformations within the broader digital library landscape. Priority should be given to continued investment in interoperable technological infrastructure, personnel development, and access policies that promote equity, as well as governance frameworks for the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI). Findings can be utilized to facilitate evidence-based strategic planning across all health sciences library settings globally.

Sub-Theme 2: Medical Librarians as Partners in Clinical Research, and Policy Support

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BEYOND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL: MEDICAL LIBRARIANS AS CLINICAL RESEARCH PARTNERS IN THE AGE OF AI

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Systematic reviews and other forms of evidence synthesis are increasingly used across disciplines, creating growing demand for advanced librarian support beyond one-off search consultations. This paper examines how HKU Libraries transformed its systematic review support from a mainly consultation and training-based service into a tiered model that includes general research consultation, advisory support, and embedded research partnership. Drawing on service experience, consultation patterns, user feedback, and selected collaboration cases, the paper discusses how the model responds to increasingly complex research needs while clarifying service boundaries and librarian roles. The model supports researchers at different stages of the review process, including research question refinement, database selection, search strategy development, search documentation, deduplication, screening support, data extraction, and risk-of-bias assessment. It also incorporates human-supervised artificial intelligence (AI) workflows for selected screening and extraction tasks, with AI outputs treated as provisional and subject to librarian and researcher verification. User feedback indicates strong appreciation for librarian responsiveness, subject knowledge, tailored guidance, and practical support in improving search strategies and research techniques. The experience highlights the value of tiered service design in making librarian labour more visible, supporting appropriate recognition, and promoting sustainable evidence synthesis services. This work contributes a practical model for medical and academic libraries seeking to expand research partnership roles in the age of AI.

MEDICAL LIBRARIAN AS A STRATEGIC PARTNER IN CLINICAL RESEARCH AND HEALTH POLICY: A NARRATIVE REVIEW FROM AN EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH DATA EXCELLENCE PERSPECTIVE

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The role of the medical library has undergone significant changes over the past 20 years, evolving from custodians of print collections to indispensable strategic partners in clinical research ecosystems and health policy formulation. This narrative review synthesises published evidence and conceptual frameworks from 2005 to 2024 to examine the empirical and theoretical basis for this role expansion. A narrative review methodology was employed, drawing on purposive and snowball sampling of peer-reviewed literature, grey literature, professional reports, and policy documents. Databases consulted included MEDLINE, LISTA, Embase, Scopus and Cochrane library. Thematic synthesis guided the organisation of findings into key domains of librarian practice. Published evidence consistently demonstrates that embedded medical librarians improve systematic review quality, accelerate clinical trial initiation by reducing literature review time and contribute measurably to health technology assessments. Librarian-led data management training programs have been associated with improvement in research data quality scores across participating institutions. Medical librarians, when strategically integrated into multidisciplinary research and policy teams, deliver quantifiable improvements in evidence quality, research efficiency, and health information governance. Institutional investment in librarian expertise represents a high-value, low-cost intervention for health research excellence.

LIVING EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS AND AI-ENABLED EVIDENCE SURVEILLANCE

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Continual evidence surveillance is a key feature of living evidence, enabling reviews and guidelines to be continually updated as new evidence is identified. This paper will contrast living and conventional approaches to evidence synthesis and discuss how the broader research environment (e.g. burgeoning research output, research integrity, political context) and rise of AI are impacting the way evidence syntheses are being conducted – challenging fundamental principles of rigour and transparency and prompting changes to the role of librarians. Will information specialists be supplanted in a world of autonomous literature synthesis or will human-in-the-loop approaches prevail (and for how long)? While the rapid evolution and uptake of AI-enabled synthesis threaten to undermine the traditional role and agency of information specialists, empirical research casts doubt on the reliability and reproducibility of fully autonomous systems, particularly for searching. These and other issues affecting librarians who support evidence synthesis will be explored using recent evaluation studies as well as examples from syntheses conducted by Cochrane Australia and clinical guidelines led by the Australian Living Evidence Collaboration. Our challenge in this new AI era is to be curious and sceptical, and to hone our own research skills to remain essential players in the evidence synthesis process.

AN EXPLORATORY STUDY OF THE ROLE OF MEDICAL LIBRARIANS IN SYSTEMATIC REVIEW RESEARCH: EXPERIENCES FROM SEVERAL MAJOR HOSPITAL LIBRARIES IN TAIWAN

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The primary mission of hospital libraries is to provide healthcare professionals within their parent institutions with the information and services needed for clinical practice, teaching, and research. In recent years, the role of professional medical librarians has shifted from traditional reader services to author services that support research, with increasing involvement in systematic review (SR) related services and collaboration with healthcare professionals in producing SR articles. Using a qualitative research design with semi-structured interviews, the researcher interviewed library directors and librarians from six medical centers in northern, central, and southern Taiwan to explore the origins of SR services in these benchmark hospital libraries, their relationship with institutional EBM centers, their main user groups, and their service delivery methods. The study also examined librarians' continuing education, their roles in SR publications, and the impact of providing SR services on librarians' status within their institutions. The findings present the experiences of these medical librarians as research partners for healthcare professionals and may serve as a reference for other libraries interested in developing similar services.

Sub-Theme 3: Bridging Health Information Gaps in Diverse and Underserved Communities

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BRIDGING HEALTH INFORMATION GAPS THROUGH COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT: LESSONS FROM NORA® AND MEMOSA® IN MALAYSIA

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Health information gaps remain a major contributor to inequities in cancer outcomes, particularly among rural, underserved, and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. While access to reliable health information is essential, information alone rarely changes behaviour or improves outcomes. The challenge is ensuring that knowledge is translated into action through trusted relationships, local ownership, and sustained community engagement. This paper shares lessons from Cancer Research Malaysia's NORA® (Navigation, Outreach and Resource Access) programme and the MeMoSA® (Mobile Mouth Screening Anywhere) initiative, demonstrating how knowledge transfer and capacity building can extend the reach of healthcare services far beyond traditional clinical settings. Through NORA®, local "Agents of Change" are trained in breast cancer awareness and breast self-examination (BSE), enabling them to teach and support women within their own communities. Through MeMoSA, community health volunteers use a mobile health platform to facilitate oral cancer screening and connect individuals in remote and underserved areas to specialist care. Although addressing different cancers, both programmes are built on a common principle: sustainable change occurs when communities are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and tools to become part of the solution themselves. This paper will share lessons learned from implementing these initiatives across diverse Malaysian communities and highlight the role of trust, local ownership, and knowledge transfer in overcoming barriers to early detection of cancer. It will reflect on how community members, when equipped with relevant knowledge, practical skills, and a clear sense of purpose, can become powerful partners in improving health outcomes. Ultimately, bridging health information gaps is not simply about providing information, but about enabling communities to use that information to take action.

WIN WIN WIN: THE BARGAIN EXPERIENCE OF VHCNET (VETERANS HOSPITAL COOPERATION NETWORK) IN TAIWAN

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To bridge the medical information gap, the Veterans Hospital Cooperation Network (VHCNet) in Taiwan established a collaborative procurement model integrating resources across general hospitals and their branch hospitals. This paper highlights VHCNet's highly successful "Win-Win-Win" bargain experience, addressing budget constraints through strategic consortium negotiation. This collaborative model creates three major winners. First, for the vendors, extending resource access to multiple branch hospitals significantly boosts platform usage rates and user dependency. This robust engagement maximises the platform's value, effectively preventing subscription cancellations during hospital budget reviews. Second, for the Main Libraries (General Hospitals), the consortium approach allows them to share subscription expenses with branches and leverage collective bargaining power. This substantially reduces their financial burden, resolving the crisis of stagnant budgets following organisational restructuring. Third, for the Branch Hospitals, contributing only a minimal shared cost unlocks premium medical center-level resources. Ultimately, VHCNet's innovative integration maximises resource efficiency, ensuring that all stakeholders thrive while fulfilling the ultimate goal of translating high-quality medical information into improved patient safety.

TRUST, TECH, AND TRANSLATION: CLOSING THE HEALTH LITERACY GAP IN INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

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Health information gaps in diverse and underserved communities significantly drive health disparities and poor medical outcomes. Structural inequalities, cultural-linguistic barriers, and limited health literacy collectively impede marginalised populations from accessing vital healthcare services and information. Academic and public libraries serve as trusted, vital hubs for disseminating accessible health assets and executing tailored literacy programs. Effective health communication relies heavily on audience segmentation, tailored messaging, and cultural competence. While digital health innovations like telemedicine and mobile health (mHealth) offer powerful tools to bypass geographic barriers, their efficacy is constrained by infrastructure deficits and demographic variations in eHealth literacy. To counter this, community-driven outreach including narrative storytelling and workshops are essential for building trust among indigenous communities. Although localised digital tools, targeted communication, and institutional partnerships are critical components of success, they cannot solve health disparities in isolation. Achieving long-term health information equity requires comprehensive policy reforms that directly dismantle the underlying structural inequalities and systemic discrimination within healthcare systems. The presenter will synthesise contemporary research to examine a multifaceted approach to bridging these information gaps, focusing on the intersection of cultural competence, digital technology, community engagement, and institutional support. He will share his experience engaging the indigenous communities.

BEYOND THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: DELIVERING TRUSTED HEALTH INFORMATION TO REMOTE AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN BORNEO

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Access to reliable health information is fundamental to health equity, yet remote and indigenous communities in Borneo, continue to experience significant barriers to timely, relevant and trustworthy health information. Geographical isolation, limited digital connectivity, language diversity, cultural differences, health literacy challenges and unequal access to digital technologies can widen the information divide and contribute to disparities in health outcomes. Medical libraries and health information professionals have an important role in addressing these challenges by moving beyond conventional models of information delivery and developing approaches that are community-centred, culturally responsive and locally sustainable. Practical strategies for delivering trusted health information through blended approaches, including mobile and offline resources, community health workers, local partnerships, multilingual and culturally appropriate materials, and digital health literacy initiative are in dire need. Particular attention is given to the importance of understanding indigenous knowledge systems and community information-seeking behaviours while maintaining the principles of evidence-based health information. The medical libraries have to become active partners in health equity rather than merely repositories of information. Health information services can become more accessible, trusted and meaningful via strengthening collaboration among libraries, healthcare providers, indigenous communities, educational institutions and policymakers. Bridging the digital divide is not simply about providing connectivity, ensuring that every community, regardless of geography or socioeconomic circumstances, can access health information that is trusted, understandable, culturally relevant and actionable.

Sub-Theme 4: Building Resilient, Collaborative, and Future-Ready Medical Libraries

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THE ROLE OF KARIADI HOSPITAL LIBRARY IN BUILDING A RESILIENT AND COLLABORATIVE MEDICAL LIBRARY

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Hospital libraries have a strategic role in supporting healthcare services by providing scientific information resources, supporting the education of healthcare professionals, facilitating research and scientific publications, and offering library services to patients. In the face of developments in information technology, the transformation of healthcare services, and the increasing need for evidence-based information, hospital libraries are required to evolve into resilient, adaptive, innovative, and collaborative medical libraries. Kariadi Hospital Library strives to fulfill this role through the development of information services, patient literacy services, and collaboration with various parties. This study aims to describe the role of the Kariadi Hospital Library in realising a resilient and collaborative medical library, particularly in supporting education, research, patient literacy services, and strengthening institutional collaboration networks. This paper employs a descriptive review method to describe the various services and roles of the Kariadi Hospital Library. The Kariadi Hospital Library functions not only as a repository and provider of collections but also serves as a center for medical information resources, an educational partner for healthcare personnel, a research hub, a provider of literacy services for patients and their families, and a network for collaboration with various institutions. These roles are reinforced by the achievements of the Kariadi Hospital Library, which has received an A accreditation, demonstrating a commitment to service quality and the sustainability of the hospital library's role. In supporting education, the Library provides e-resource services, circulation, reference, and literature search services. In supporting research and scientific publications, the Library plays a role through similarity check services, ISBN applications, publication of scientific articles in Medica Hospitalia, and intellectual property rights applications. In supporting patient care, the library has developed POCADI (PojoK Baca Digital), the Garuda Book Corner, Titik Baca, Gerobag Buku, and storytelling sessions for pediatric cancer patients. Collaborative efforts are realised through partnerships with the National Library of Indonesia, the UNDIP Bachelor's Programme in Library Science, the UNDIP Diploma IV Programme in Information and Public Relations, the Semarang Public Health Polytechnic and the Yogyakarta Public Health Polytechnic. The Kariadi Hospital Library plays a strategic role in establishing a resilient and collaborative medical library. The Library's resilience is reflected in its ability to adapt to information needs, service innovations, the achievement of an A accreditation, and its sustained support for education, research, and patient care. The collaborative aspect is evident in the library's engagement with the National Library of Indonesia, universities, polytechnics, healthcare workers, researchers, hospital management, patient care units, and library networks. Thus, hospital libraries can become an important part of a healthcare ecosystem that is evidence-based, responsive, humanistic, collaborative, and ready to face future challenges.

COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE FOR BETTER CARE: MEDICAL LIBRARIES AS PARTNERS IN EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE

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In an increasingly complex healthcare environment, evidence-based medicine (EBM) depends not only on access to high-quality information, but also on the strength of collaborative systems that connect clinicians, researchers, educators, and information professionals. Medical libraries are evolving beyond their traditional role as repositories of knowledge to become active strategic partners in advancing evidence-based practice, clinical decision-making, and healthcare innovation. This paper explores how medical libraries can strengthen patient care by embedding themselves within the EBM ecosystem through interdisciplinary collaboration, digital innovation, and responsive knowledge services. It highlights the expanding role of librarians as expert searchers, evidence synthesisers, research partners, trainers in information literacy, and facilitators of knowledge translation at the point of care. Through examples of collaborative initiatives, clinical partnerships, and future-oriented service models, the paper demonstrates how medical libraries contribute to improved healthcare outcomes, organisational resilience, and lifelong learning. It will also examine the competencies, technologies, and leadership strategies needed to position medical libraries as essential contributors to healthcare transformation in an era of rapid scientific growth, misinformation challenges, and resource constraints. By fostering collaborative knowledge infrastructures, medical libraries can help ensure that evidence is not merely available, but actionable, accessible, and impactful.

FROM PRACTICE TO INNOVATION: ADVANCING RESILIENT AND VISIONARY MEDICAL LIBRARIES TARUMANAGARA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

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Medical libraries occupy a strategic position in the dissemination of knowledge, serving as a bridge between traditional practices and innovative approaches to meet the dynamic needs of healthcare and education. The objective of this study is to examine how resilient medical libraries can adapt to rapid technological transformation while sustaining their mission of accessibility, reliability, and service excellence through the implementation of the Medical Learning Commons (MeLCom). Employing a practice-based approach grounded in more than two decades of professional experience (2005–2026), combined with naturalistic observation and thematic analysis, the analysis highlights collaborative resource management, digital integration, and leadership strategies as effective methods for maintaining relevance in complex environments. Findings reveal that even within spatial constraints (15 m²), resilience is achieved through the proactive adoption of innovation that inspires academic communities and strengthens medical education. The novelty of this work lies in its integration of long-term professional practice with strategic innovation frameworks, offering a distinctive perspective on how medical libraries can simultaneously preserve stability and pioneer new paradigms. The discussion underscores the necessity of visionary leadership in shaping future directions of medical librarianship, ensuring that libraries evolve as active agents of change rather than passive repositories of information. Ultimately, this contribution demonstrates that medical libraries are uniquely positioned to advance innovation in healthcare education, contributing to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and providing both continuity and forward-looking vision to support academic and professional growth.

BUILDING FUTURE-READINESS: A COLLABORATIVE MODEL AT MONASH MALAYSIA LIBRARY

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Medical librarians often develop their expertise through working in medical libraries or institutions that support medical education and research. Their specialist knowledge is strengthened over time through continuous professional development, discipline-specific learning, and the resilience required to adapt to rapidly evolving trends in information services and healthcare education. At Monash Malaysia, liaison librarians actively pursued opportunities to build their capabilities by attending workshops, learning from subject experts, observing teaching sessions, participating in specialist programmes, seeking mentorship, and adopting a train-the-trainer approach. These ongoing efforts reflect a commitment to remaining agile and future-ready in an increasingly complex information landscape. Significant shifts in information access and retrieval, driven by digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and changing user expectations, present both challenges and opportunities for medical librarians. These developments require librarians to deepen their understanding of how information is discovered, evaluated, and applied in research, teaching, and clinical contexts. By continuously enhancing their expertise, embracing innovation, and responding proactively to emerging trends, future-focused medical librarians can continue to play a vital role in supporting education, research, and evidence-based healthcare in the digital age.

VENUE: KUCHING, SARAWAK

Kuching, the capital of Sarawak and the largest city on the island of Borneo, is a bustling yet charming city known for its cultural diversity, history, and modern-day attractions. Often referred to as the "City of Cats," Kuching is a mix of old and new, offering visitors a rich tapestry of colonial architecture, local markets, and contemporary cafes and restaurants. As the "Gateway to Borneo," Kuching provides easy access to some of Sarawak's most famous national parks, such as Bako and Gunung Gading. The city itself is a melting pot of ethnic groups including Iban, Bidayuh, Malay, Chinese, and Melanau communities, creating a vibrant cultural scene filled with festivals, art, and culinary delights.

Major Attractions in Kuching



Darul Hana Bridge



Kuching Waterfront



Bako National Park



Semenggoh Wildlife Centre



Sarawak Cultural Village

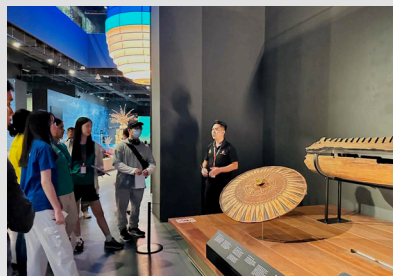


Wind Cave Nature Reserve

VENUE: BORNEO CULTURES MUSEUM

The Asia Medical Library Seminar (AMLiS) 2026 will be held at the **Borneo Cultures Museum**, one of Kuching's most iconic cultural landmarks. Located in the heart of Kuching, the museum offers a unique and inspiring setting that reflects the rich heritage, diversity and cultural identity of Sarawak and Borneo. As the largest museum in Malaysia, it showcases the region's history, traditions and communities through modern exhibitions and immersive experiences. More than just a venue, the Borneo Cultures Museum provides an opportunity for delegates to experience the unique character of Kuching while connecting, sharing knowledge and exploring the future of medical libraries in Asia. We look forward to welcoming you to this remarkable venue for AMLiS 2026.

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