

SILF 2026

Shanghai International Library Forum (October 21 – 23)

Michael Lambert, City Librarian

November 19, 2026
Library Commission

05 Agenda

October 21, 2026 (Wednesday)

09:00~18:00	**Registration**

October 22, 2026 (Thursday)

09:00~09:20	**Opening Ceremony**

Chair: Chao CHEN, Director, Shanghai Library, China

Welcome Address: Chunhua YANG, Chairwoman of Shanghai Library Governing Board, China

Guest Remarks: Te Paea PARINGATAI, President-Elect, IFLA
Ying CHEN, President of the Library Society of China, China

Opening Remarks: Shizhong FANG, Executive Deputy Head, Publicity Department of the CPC Shanghai Committee

09:25~09:30	**Release of Shanghai Library's *15th Five-Year Plan***

Chao CHEN, Director, Shanghai Library, China

09:30~12:10	**Keynote Session**	**Reading Theatre**

Chair: Jun NI, Vice Chairwoman of Shanghai Library Governing Board, China

09:30~10:10 **From Weak Signals to Possible Futures: Ancestral Intelligence, Artificial Intelligence and the Future Library**
Te Paea PARINGATAI, President-elect, IFLA

10:10~10:50 **Libraries and Artificial Intelligence: Navigating the Revolution**
Philippe LONNÉ, Director General, National Library of France, France

10:50~11:30 **Three Renaissances and the Book Industry in Global History: Intertwined with the Rise and Fall of Eras**
Zhaoguang GE, Professor of History at National Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies of Fudan University, China

11:30~12:10 **The Library as a Strategic Resource of the State: New Vision and Role in the Modern Society**
Vadim DUDA, Director General, Russian State Library; President of the Russian Library Association, Russia

13:30~17:00	**Plenary Session**	**Reading Theatre**

Chair: Hairong HU, Director, Zhejiang Library, China

13:30~14:00 **Connection: San Francisco Public Library's North Star**
Michael LAMBERT, Director, San Francisco Public Library, USA

14:00~14:30 **The Changing Role of Libraries in University Data Ecosystem**
Long XIAO, Director, Macau University of Science and Technology Library; Second-level Research Librarian, Peking University, China

14:30~15:00 **BEIC Milano: A New Model for Public Libraries in Italy**
Stefano PARISE, Director General, Public Library System of Milan, Italy

15:30~16:00 **Interactive Smart Books and Their Implementation: Creating Reading Experience of Deep Interaction between Readers and Books**
Xing ZHAO, Tenured Professor, Institute of Big Data and College of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence of Fudan University, China

16:00~16:30 **Nordic Library Innovation: How a Public Library Built Its Own Software**
Mika MIETTUNEN, Senior Library Service Manager, Espoo City Library, Finland
Urho KAIPAINEN, Information Management Specialist, Espoo City Library, Finland

16:30~17:00 **Toward a New Knowledge Ecosystem: Reflections and Explorations on Future Libraries**
Zihui ZHANG, Deputy Director, Zhejiang University Library, China

October 23, 2026 (Friday)

09:00 ~ 12:00	**Concurrent Session I** **Mutual Learning·Sharing·Improving: Building New Platforms for Cross-border Exchange and Cooperation in Library Industry**	**Immersive Studio (Green Room)**

The session aims to build a platform for library professionals from China, Europe, and the Americas to showcase their work and engage in in-depth dialogue. It will highlight the latest trends and practices in international library sector, while promoting mutual learning and two-way exchange between Chinese and overseas libraries.

Chair: Nick BURON, Chief Librarian, Queens Public Library

- **Three Critical Areas in Regeneration of the Management of Library Services in the New Era**
  Oili SIVULA, Senior Specialist, Espoo City Library
- **Hawaii and Asia: Crossing Borders at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa**
  Clem GUTHRO, Director, University of Hawaii Library
- **From Symbolic Friendship to Active Partnership: The National Library of Djibouti and Prospects for Cooperation with China**
  Mohamed Houssein DOUALEH, Director General, Djibouti Cultural Promotion Agency
- **From Dragons to Neurons: Library as a Space for Developing Reading Literacy and Cognitive Vitality Across Generations**
  Michal MAJER, Head of the Reader Services Department, State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica
- **Inheritance and Innovation in the Mission of Libraries of the Republic of Belarus**
  Vadim GIGIN, Director General, National Library of Belarus
- **Inheritance and Innovation of Library Mission**
  Nelly CALEB, Director, National Library of Vanuatu
- **Making Popular Cultural Heritage "Come Alive": Open Sharing and Reuse of Chinese-Language Entertainment Collections in Post-Independence Singapore**
  Chuin Peng SIM, Deputy Librarian, Libraries of National University of Singapore
- **The Rediscovery and Reuse of Carleton-In-China Materials Deposited at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota**
  Hsianghui LIU-SPENCER, Librarian, Laurence McKinley Gould Library, Carleton College
- **Virtual Escape Rooms in Public Libraries: Gamified Approaches to Information Literacy Education**
  Amir Reza ASNAFI, Information Science Department, Shahid Beheshti University
- **Program Promotion of "Window of Shanghai"**

  When Physical Books Cross the Borders: Reading with 'Window of Shanghai', An International Exchange Program of Shanghai Library
  Ni TANG, Staff responsible for Foreign Resources, Acquisition and Cataloging Dept. , Shanghai Library

  A Digital Window Connecting Readers Worldwide: Collaboration and Innovation via the Tech-Empowered "Window of Shanghai" E-Book Donation Platform
  Wei LU, Senior Deputy General Manager, ChineseAll (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.

Connection: SFPL’s North Star



Te Paea Paringatai - IFLA President-Elect

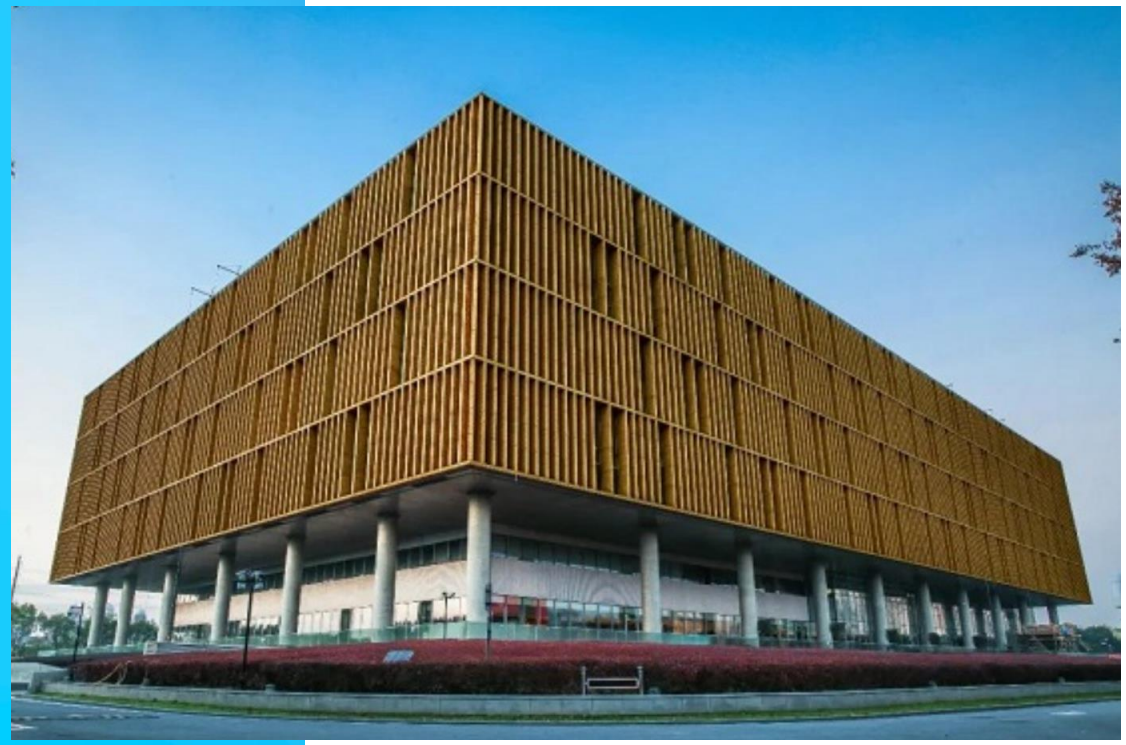


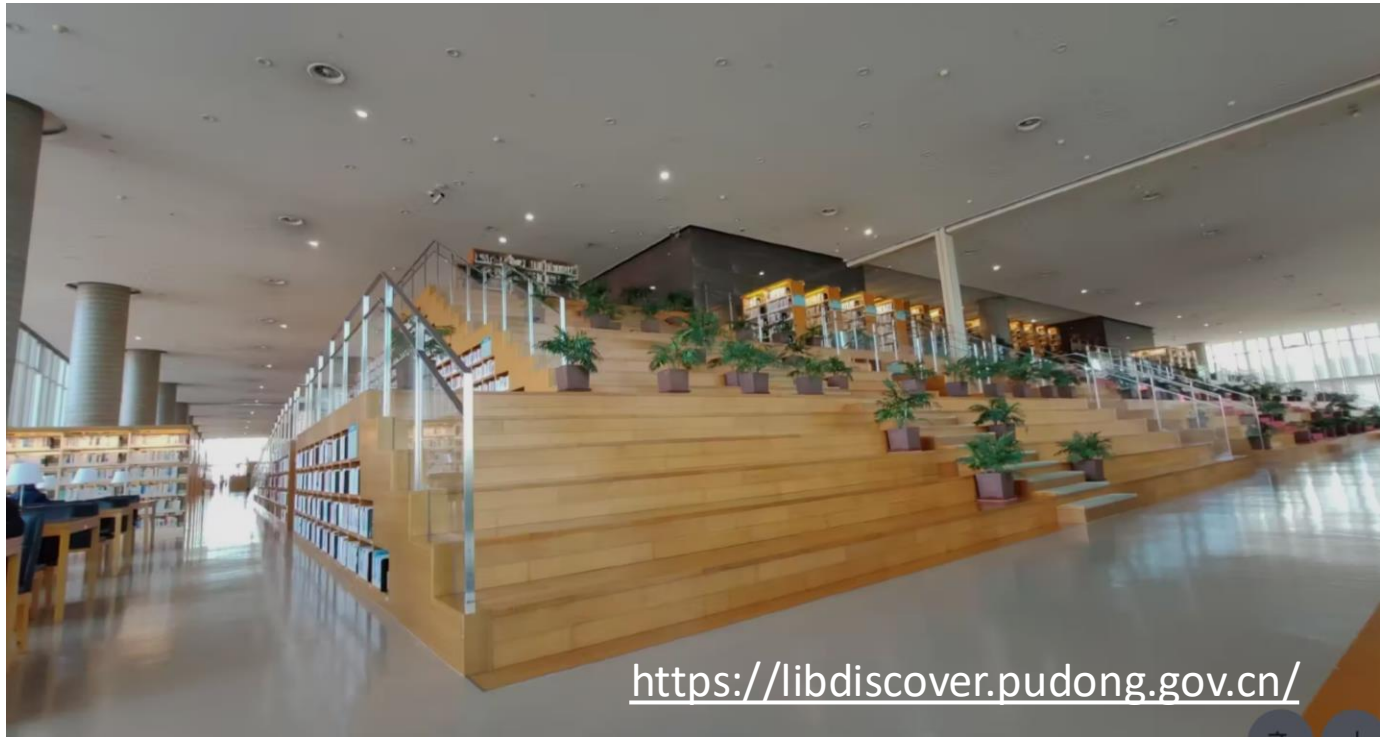


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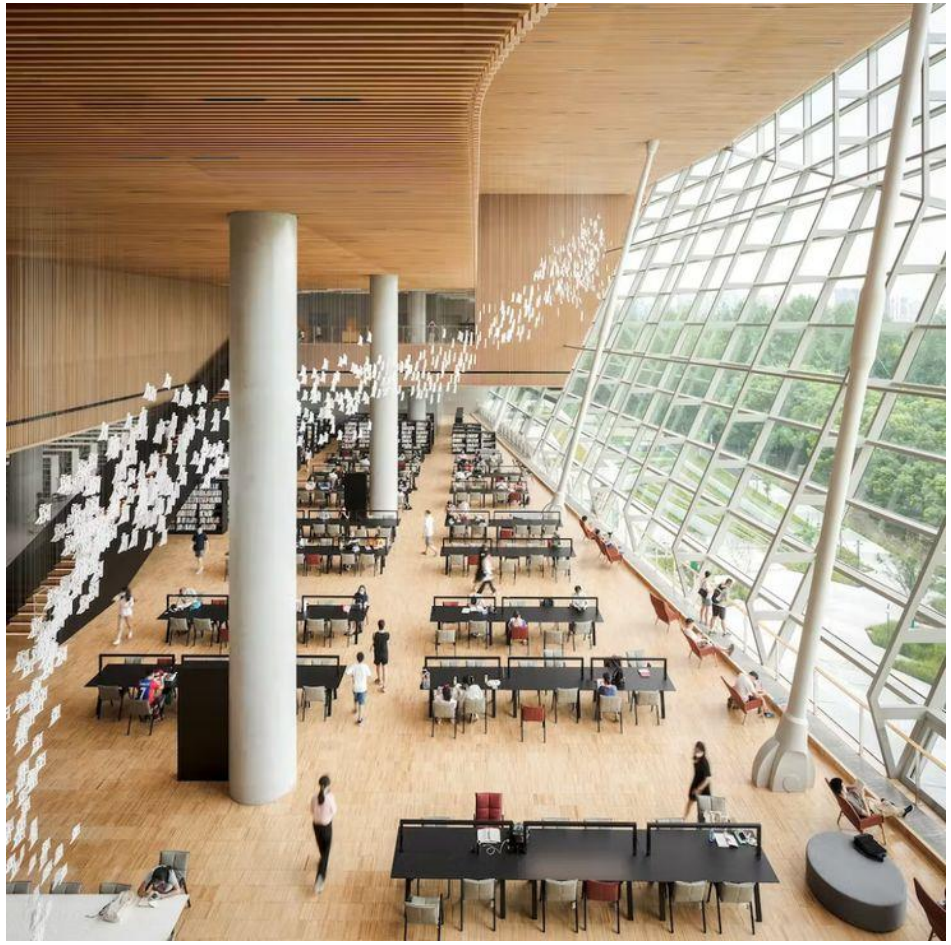




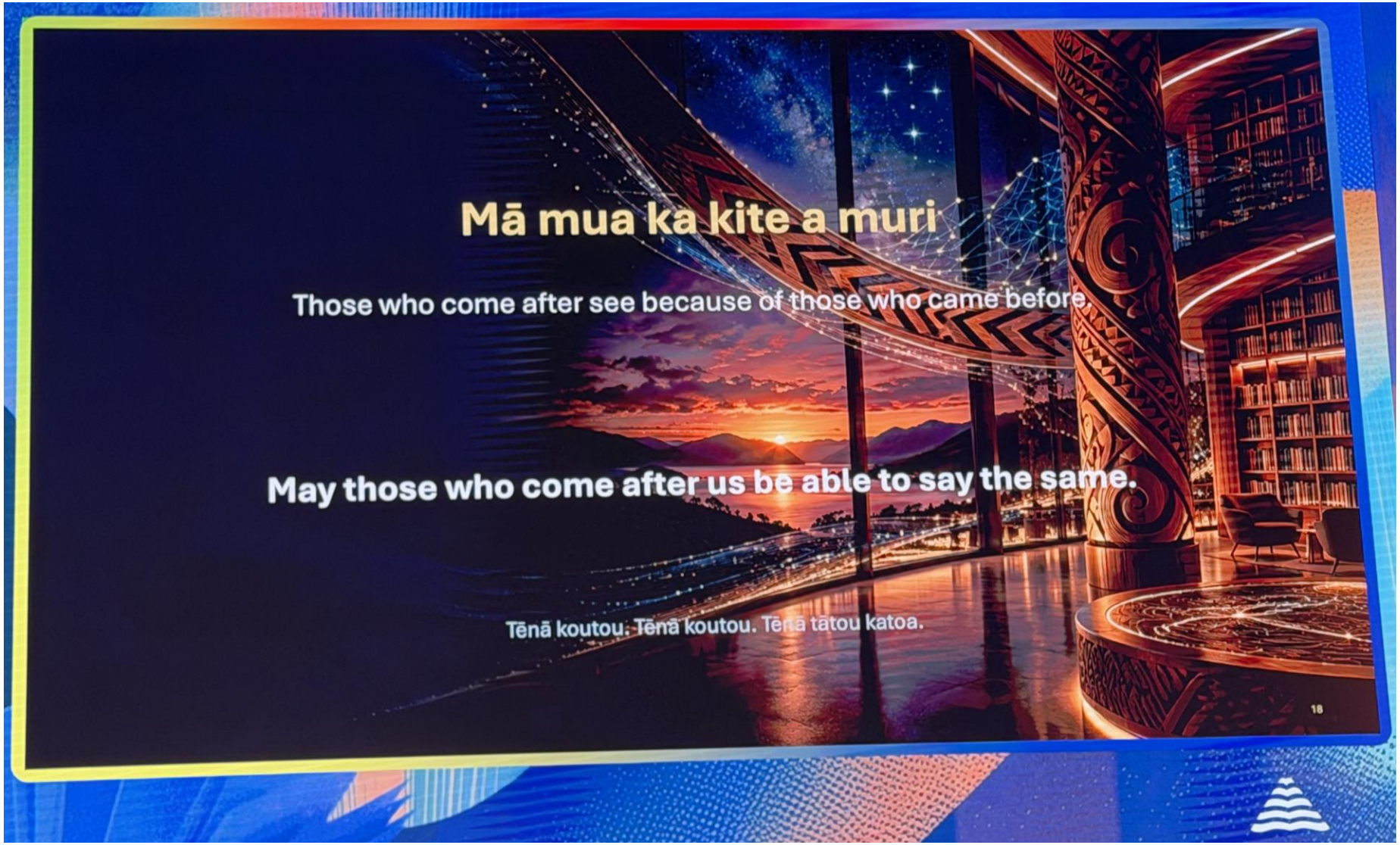
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谢谢！(thank you)


Mā mua ka kite a muri
Those who come after see because of those who came before.
May those who come after us be able to say the same.
Tēnā koutou. Tēnā koutou. Tēnā tātou katoa.