

Call for applications UXLibs Conference 2026

We're delighted to welcome applicants to our programme travelling to York for the UXLibs Conference — an ideal opportunity not just for professional growth, but to experience a city of rich heritage and vibrant atmosphere.

1. What is UX and UXLibs?

User experience (UX) explores how people interact with spaces, services, and systems—and how those interactions can be made more meaningful. For libraries, UX provides a crucial lens for understanding user needs and designing offerings that are intuitive, inclusive, and engaging. As libraries continue to transform into vibrant centers for learning and community, UX is fast becoming a key competence in shaping the future of library work.

The international conference on user experience in libraries, UXLibs, has established itself as the premier gathering for library professionals interested in UX. It offers a rich programme of case studies, hands-on workshops, and peer-sharing sessions. The next edition, UXLibs10, will be held in the historic city of York from **Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 June 2026**.

2. What is organized by the International Commission?

Joining **UXLibs** through our funded program is a unique opportunity to experience the conference with other participants from Switzerland. The group, accompanied by a commission member, will stay at the same hotel and visit the conference together. This will make it easy to connect, share impressions, and discuss what inspired you during the sessions. Along the way, you'll build a network of colleagues that will last well beyond the conference.

3. Why should you go?

York is a city made for curious minds — historic, welcoming, and full of ideas. The city centre is compact and walkable, surrounded by cobbled lanes, historic architecture, cafés and independent shops — conducive both to informal networking and quiet reflection. Home to a thriving library and academic community, it's the perfect place to share, learn, and be inspired.

Grow your skills: Get hands-on with cutting-edge UX tools and approaches transforming library services.

Connect globally: Meet peers from around the world and spark new ideas and collaborations.

Make an impact: Bring back fresh insights to inspire change and innovation in your own library.

Boost your profile: Share your experience nationally and raise your visibility within the library community

4. Funding and requirements

All hotel and conference fees are covered and arranged directly by the International Commission. Participants are responsible for organizing their own travel to York; travel expenses will be reimbursed after the completion of the programme. Similarly, participants must apply for their own [Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\)](#) to enter the UK, and the ETA fee (16£) will be reimbursed together with travel costs.

Upon returning to Switzerland, participants will be expected to contribute to a collective conference report for Bibliosuisse INFO (in French, German, or English), highlighting key insights and takeaways from UXLibs. In addition, participants will share their experience through a knowledge-sharing BibliosuisseConnect webinar, ensuring that the learning benefits the wider library community.

5. Eligibility

- Employed in a public or an academic library
- Minimum level of employment: 50%*
- At least 2 years of professional experience
- Must be a personal member of Bibliosuisse
- Good understanding and expression in English

*Applications based on dossier are possible.

6. Application

Interested colleagues are requested to send a short formal expression of interest (see form) to heike.ehrlicher@bibliosuisse.ch **by February 1st 2026 at the latest.**

After the application deadline, the International Commission will discuss the applications received. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of February.