



Foreword

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In 2024, the Department of Information Studies at the University of Ghana organized a landmark international conference under the theme “Fostering Research on Information Behaviour and Digital Literacy in Africa.” The conference provided a unique platform for scholars, practitioners, and policy experts to engage critically with emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in the evolving information landscape of the continent.

Following the success of the conference, the Department formally proposed that selected papers from the event be considered for publication as a special issue of the Ghana Library Journal (GLJ). Upon receiving approval from the Council of the Ghana Library Association, which serves as the publisher of the journal, the editorial process was set in motion.

The publication of this issue was spearheaded by Prof. Philip Kankam and Prof. Emmanuel Adjei, who served as Guest Editors. Together with the journal’s editorial management team, they commenced work in December 2024, overseeing a rigorous selection and review process. All submissions underwent double-blind peer review to ensure academic integrity, originality, and relevance to the journal’s mission.

The articles in this issue span critical areas of inquiry—from digital literacy initiatives and open science scholarship, to ethical dimensions of AI in archives and the protection of digital data. These contributions do not merely reflect the academic richness of the conference, but also highlight the diverse and evolving roles of information professionals across Africa.

As Editor-in-Chief, I am proud to present this special issue as part of our continuous commitment to nurturing research excellence, advancing LIS scholarship, and amplifying African perspectives in global conversations. I extend heartfelt appreciation to the Guest Editors, reviewers, editorial team, and all contributors whose dedication made this publication possible.

We trust that this volume will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, educators, and practitioners seeking to understand and shape the future of information access and management in Africa and beyond.