



## Editorial

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### Embracing Transformation, Technology, and Tradition in African Librarianship

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the November 2025 issue of the Ghana Library Journal (GLJ), a publication that continues to serve as a dynamic platform for disseminating scholarly research, professional insights, and innovations shaping library and information practice in Africa and beyond. This issue, Volume 30 Issue 3, captures the evolving intersections between technology, knowledge systems, and human experience in librarianship, offering both theoretical and practical contributions that speak to the diverse realities of our profession across the continent.

The papers featured in this edition collectively underscore a key theme: transformation through adaptation. Omigie and Ebinuwele explore the benefits of mobile device library services in Nigerian universities, drawing on the Technology Acceptance Model to highlight how mobile technologies are redefining library engagement among students. Owoeye and Issa contribute an equally important perspective on indigenous knowledge documentation by examining demographic factors among traditional health practitioners in Southwest Nigeria, a timely reminder of the urgent need to safeguard Africa's intellectual heritage.

Maturu's paper on policies governing electronic records management systems (ERMS) in Tanzania offers valuable insights into how governance frameworks can strengthen institutional efficiency, while Essel and colleagues' investigation of information literacy self-efficacy among visual arts students in Ghana reinforces the role of critical information skills in creative education. Afrane et al. explore the onboarding and integration of newly employed librarians in Ghana's academic libraries, bringing to light human and organisational dimensions often overlooked in professional transitions.

Afolayan's study on change management in the use of disruptive technologies situates leadership and adaptability as central to sustainable innovation in academic libraries, while Urhefe-Okotie's empirical work on librarians' awareness and perception of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Nigerian libraries provides an insightful snapshot of professional attitudes toward emerging technologies optimism tempered with caution.

Together, these papers reveal an African LIS community that is resilient, reflective, and forward-looking, one that values both tradition and innovation. They remind us that progress in the sector will depend not only on technological investments but also on people, policies, and inclusive approaches that anchor learning within local contexts.

As we celebrate the publication of this issue, I am delighted to announce that the Ghana Library Journal will release a Special Issue in January 2026, featuring selected papers presented at the 4th CARLIGH International Conference held in Accra, Ghana. This upcoming issue will further amplify regional scholarship and collaborative research across higher education and information science networks in Africa.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I extend my deepest appreciation to all authors, reviewers, and readers whose contributions continue to sustain the journal's mission of advancing library and information science research in Ghana and across the continent. May this issue inspire continued dialogue, innovation, and partnership as we collectively build a future where libraries remain catalysts for knowledge, equity, and transformation.