



# NEXT LIBRARY® CONFERENCE Berlin 2018 SUMMARY

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Berlin, 12–15 September 2018

NEXT LIBRARY® event is an international gathering of forward-thinking library professionals, innovators and decision-makers who are pushing boundaries and making changes that support learning in the 21st century. Created by Denmark's Aarhus Public Libraries and first presented in 2009, the purpose of a NEXT LIBRARY® event is to look ahead and explore the continuously evolving nature of the public library in the 21st century.

Next Library® Berlin 2018 was the second satellite conference, after Chicago hosted the event in 2014.

The Next Library® Conference Berlin 2018 program presented:

- 3 days of conference program
- 4 key note speakers:
  - Richard David Lankes, USA
  - Nina Simon, USA
  - Stefan Kaduk, Germany
  - Sandi Hilal, Palestine/Sweden
- 33 individual interactive sessions implemented over two days
- 46 Next Library® Ignite Talks
- Showrooms were implemented by the following partners and Berlin libraries:
  - Ekz
  - Goethe-Institut
  - Reinickendorf
  - Pankow
  - Steglitz-Zehlendorf
  - Shared Studios/Golden Container
- Pop-up shops on design thinking, new ideas, VR projects
- Networking evening events 12 and 14 September
- Site visits to 9 Berlin libraries and an Inspiration Tour implemented by Julka Almqvist

The program was co-created by participants and partners.



**Travel grants** were given to and from:

Six **US-Embassy** travel grant beneficiaries (young library professionals from the USA):

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First Name	Last Name	Title	Library	State
Katrina	Ortega	Senior Librarian	New York Public Library: Hamilton Grange Library	NY
Gabbie	Barnes	YOUmedia Manager	Hartford Public Library	CT
David	Lopez	Senior Librarian	Santa Ana Public Library	CA
Erin	Hollingsworth*	Public Services Librarian	Tuzzy Consortium Library	AK
Ray	Lockman	Librarian (Hennepin County Library), and Associate Lecturer (University of Wisconsin-Madison Information School)	Hennepin County Library-Minneapolis Central	MN
Christopher	Kyauk	Information Systems Specialist	Alameda County Library	CA

(\*Erin Hollingsworth was unfortunately not able to make it to Berlin due to unfavorable weather conditions in her hometown Barrow, Alaska.)

The US-Embassy grant furthermore supported the travel of keynote speaker Nina Simon and Inspiration Tour manager & guide Julka Almquist.

**Bii** (Bibliothek & Information International – a standing committee of Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (BID) for international cooperation and exchange) has supported the following Next Library® Berlin participants with travel grants:

Rashidah Bolhassan, Malaysia  
 Jenn Carson, Canada  
 Jan Konrad, Czech Republik  
 Marjan Marinkovic, Serbia  
 Elisabeth Mwangi, Kenia  
 Mirjana Nestic, Serba  
 Mihaela Radu, Romania  
 Stephen R. Warren, Canada

Goethe Institute travel support beneficiaries were: coming soon.

**Campus:**

Inspired by the experimental spirit and workshop nature of Next Library®, the organizers decided to give the conference a creative and different venue. To this end, Berlin collective raumlabor was tasked with creating a highly unique library campus in the form of a temporary building in front of the *Amerika-Gedenkbibliothek* in Berlin.

Founded in 1999, raumlaborberlin sees itself as a working group and a community of individuals who share several common interests. The team currently comprises nine architects and artists, each of whom works in an interdisciplinary manner on project-related teams that link experimental architecture, urban planning and performance art. For raumlabor, the quality of the city is embodied in its diversity, which emerges in the negotiation processes of everyday urban life.



In both its structure and application of upcycling principles, the Next Library® Berlin 2018 “campus” served to strengthen the workshop character of the conference. The result is an entirely unique creative space. This extraordinary conference architecture also took into account the immediate urban environment of the *Amerika-Gedenkbibliothek*, which is now a listed historical monument. It also addressed various conference themes in an aesthetic-artistic manner and gave tangible expression to the creative potential found in the city of Berlin.

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**39 countries were represented at Next Library® Berlin 2018:**

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Catar, Columbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine and USA.

**Archive:**

<http://www.nextlibrary.net/page/next-library-2018-memories>

All about Next Library 2018: speakers’ videos and slides, Next Library Studio, articles about Next Library® Conference Berlin 2018 and much more

**Organizers and Partners:**

The Central and Regional Library Berlin organized Next Library® Berlin 2018 in cooperation with partners and sponsors:

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Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH  
Aarhus Public Libraries

BID  
Stiftung Mercator  
US Embassy in Berlin  
ZEIT-Stiftung  
Bibliotheca  
Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung  
Ekz  
Goethe-Institut  
Lyngsoe Systems  
OCLC Germany  
Rat für Kulturelle Bildung  
Schlesische 27  
Unifor

American Library Association  
dbv  
Visit Berlin  
Wikimedia

Kulturpolitische Gesellschaft  
Netzpiloten



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The webpage [www.nextlibrary.net](http://www.nextlibrary.net) presents program, partners, memories from the previous six Next Library® conferences as well as the Next Library community of more than 1,500 international members from over 90 countries.

### **Conferenze Organizers**

Next Library® Conference Berlin 2018 – The Future of Public Libraries

An event of the Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin (ZLB)\* and the KulturStiftung des Bundes\*\* in cooperation with Kulturprojekte Berlin GmbH and Aarhus Public Libraries. Next Library Berlin is a Satellite Conference of Next Library® Aarhus.

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