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NEXT LIBRARY 2017 SUMMARY

A 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.

The conference grant, sponsored by Global Libraries of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has made it possible to extend the program for Next Library Festival 2017 from 1½ day to 3 whole days. Also, the grant is funding Next Library Scholarships with a focus on supporting participants from developing and transitioning countries with the goal of making connections to support innovations and strengthen the library field.

The Next Library 2017 festival program presented:

- 3 days of conference program
- 4 key note speakers:
 - Princess Laurentien**, Reading & Writing Foundation, Holland
 - Deborah Jacobs**, Director of Global Libraries
 - Peter MacLeod**, Principal, MASS LBP, Toronto
 - Phillip Schmidt**, Director of Learning Innovation at the MIT Media Lab & cofounder of Peer 2 Peer University (P2PU)
- 15 interactive sessions, doubled each day
- 40 Next Library Ignite Talks
- Seven scholarship grantees:
 - Charles Kamdem Poeghela**, director of the Centre for Reading and Cultural Activities (CLAC) in Yaounde, Cameroon
 - Purity Kavuri-Mutuku**, Senior Librarian at Nakuru Public Library in Nakuru, Kenya
 - Bright Ofori**, assistant librarian at Volta Regional Library in Ho, Ghana
 - Bonile Nyoka**, manager of eLearning Programmes in public libraries in Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Petar Lukacic**, head of Services for Adult Users at Public Library Fran Galovic, Croatia
 - Kemberley Constable**, library assistant at Ti Rocher Library in Micoud, Saint Lucia
 - Biljana Kociska**, PI City Library *Braka Miladinovci* Skopje, Marcedonia
- Pop-up shops on design thinking, community engagement, robots, new technologies and surprises
- Networking evening events 11, 12 and 13 June
- Site visits to other libraries, CAVI Centre for Advanced Visualization and Interaction at Aarhus University, LEGO Idea Studio etc.

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The program was co-created by participants and partners.

38 countries were represented at Next Library 2017:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroun, Canada, China, Columbia, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Lithuania, Macedonia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Romania, Saint Lucia, Switzerland, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, UK and USA.

Archive:

www.nextlibrary.net/next-library-2017

All about Next Library 2017: speakers' videos and slides, Next Library Daily, articles about Next Library and much more: **www.nextlibrary.net/all-about-next-library-2017**

Organizers:

Aarhus Public Libraries organize Next Library 2017 in cooperation with partners and sponsors:

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Danish School of Media and Journalism

Alexandre Institute

Berlin Central & Regional Library

Billund Library

Herning Libraries

Silkeborg Libraries

CAVI – Aarhus University

The Nordic Halmstad Conference Group

Systematic

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Wizefloor

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EBLIDA: The European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations

Danish Library Association

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The webpage www.nextlibrary.net presents program, partners, memories from the previous five Next Library conferences as well as the Next Library community of more than 1200 international members from 93 countries.

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