



CILIP Information Literacy Group

Annual Report 2025/26



Message from the Chairs

Welcome to the Information Literacy Group's annual report for 2025/26. As ever, ILG and all of its sub-groups have had a busy and productive year.

This year has seen the continued development of ILG's work across its committees, subcommittees and partnerships. We were particularly pleased to see the ongoing growth of the Media and Information Literacy Alliance, including its increasing role in advocacy and collaboration across sectors, as well as its contribution to national conversations around media literacy.

Our events programme has remained strong, with a wide range of workshops, webinars and activities delivered throughout the year. We would especially like to thank the LILAC Committee for delivering an absolutely phenomenal LILAC conference in Sheffield. The conference continues to be a cornerstone of the information literacy community, and we are incredibly grateful for the dedication and hard work of everyone involved.

Over the past year, we have also made important structural changes within ILG. We introduced a governance group to support oversight of high-level decisions and to strengthen continuity in leadership. Alongside this, we have made changes to the structure of the group to create a stronger pipeline for new professionals, ensuring space for new ideas, new opportunities and continued community growth. These developments have been designed to support ILG's long-term sustainability and to build on the strength of the community.

As we come to the end of our time as Co-Chairs, we would like to share that we will be stepping down from our roles. It has been an absolute privilege to chair ILG, and we have loved the opportunity to work with such a committed and supportive group of colleagues. We are immensely grateful to the committee for their encouragement, expertise and generosity throughout our tenure.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all committee members, past and present, for their time, energy and dedication. ILG's achievements are truly a collective effort, and we are proud of everything that has been accomplished together this year.

We are very happy to be leaving the group in capable hands and are confident that ILG will continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

Anne-Lise Harding and Laura Woods, Co-Chairs of the CILIP Information Literacy Group.

Changes to the ILG Committee

There have been a number of changes to the ILG Committee and its associated groups during the year. Towards the end of the reporting period, Ami Pendergrass stepped down from the committee in April 2026, and Ella Wharton also left the committee in May 2026.

There have also been changes within the Communications Team. Georgie Broad stepped down from her role as Communications and Engagement Manager to take up a new position within the committee. Clarissa St Yves and Matt Bryan also stepped down from the team, and we were pleased to welcome Josh Rodda as a new member. These changes have resulted in a number of vacancies within the Communications Team.

Within the New Professionals sub-committee, several members completed their terms during the year. We would like to thank Josh Rodda, Bethan Morgan, Ellie Sheppard, Eva Garcia Grau and Lucy Dodge for their contributions. New members were recruited in summer 2025, ensuring continued development and support for this important area of ILG's work.

We would like to thank all those who have stepped down for their time and commitment, and welcome those who have taken on new roles during the year.

Appendix One contains the full membership of the current Committee and a list of our subcommittees and their members.

Media and Information Literacy Alliance (MILA)

[MILA](#) is a charity which serves as ILG's main vehicle for outreach and advocacy beyond the library world. It acts as a cross-sector group of organisations and individuals to promote media and information literacy, contribute to capacity-building, network, and extend the evidence base. It counts two current ILG committee members among its [trustees](#), Stéphane Goldstein and Jane Secker.

A key activity during the year has been the joint development, by MILA and ILG, of a refined and updated version of the [Media and Information Literacy Framework](#), originally set out in 2021, which aims to make MIL 'real' by linking it to people's lifelong aspirations. The new version, which will be published as an interactive resource later in 2026, will include a clearer interface and references to AI.

MILA and ILG have also signed a memorandum of understanding outlining the areas of collaboration between both organisations.

Other selected activities during 2025-26 included:

- April - July 2025: MILA partnered with [First News](#), the well-established weekly newspaper for young people, to provide expert advice on the development of an educational framework to help teachers, in primary and secondary schools, frame their approach to the teaching of MIL.
- June 2025: MILA coordinated the drawing up of a [joint statement](#) in response to the interim report from the government's Curriculum and Assessment Review for schools in England.

- November 2025: MILA has been developing its relationship with [Demos](#), the well-established and influential think-tank, and in November, we jointly organised with their [Epistemic Security Network](#) a panel discussion on how the UK can strengthen whole-society media literacy.
- December 2025: MILA coordinated a further [joint response](#), signed by over 35 organisations (including CILIP and ILG), to the report from the Department for Education's Curriculum and Assessment Review. The response, in the form of a statement, emphasised the importance of MIL in the future school curriculum. It served as an opportunity to engage with DfE - something which had been difficult to date - and to influence the shape of the curriculum.
- January 2026: MILA organised a [convening in-person event](#) in London to examine the state of play with media and information literacy in the UK, and to identify possible, practical collaborative activities to make the case for MIL. This successful gathering attracted over 50 participants from around 40 organisations.
- February 2026: MILA and Demos co-hosted a [webinar](#) to consider the media literacy implications of the review on the renewal of the BBC Charter. The meeting, which attracted over 40 participants, included a discussion on the relative opportunities and risks.
- April 2026: in collaboration with the Deep Truth Project, MILA ran a [webinar](#) on 'Deepfakes and AI-generated media: what everyone needs to know'. The webinar described the nature of the deepfake threat and how media literacy can help to address it.

MILA provides fuller accounts of its interactions with a variety of stakeholders in the regular advocacy and outreach updates for ILG committee meetings.

MILA has continued to publish quarterly newsletters, with editions coming out in June, September and December 2025, and in February and March 2026. The number of individuals on MILA's mailing list now stands at over 400, across multiple sectors including academia, policymaking, education and advocacy as well as librarianship.

Our Activities

At time of writing, we have recently run the LILAC conference which was held in Sheffield, 30 March-1 April 2026. ILG's planned activities for 2026-7 will include:

- The Icepops conference on copyright literacy is on hiatus for 2026, but will return in 2027.
- Two upcoming workshops are planned to encourage submissions to the Journal of Information Literacy, particularly from those who are new to writing for publication:
 - You're probably already doing research: Designing and conducting a research project – Friday 12th June 2026
 - Finding your 'academic voice': Writing for research journals – Friday 7th August 2026
- Three online workshops are planned as part of the LILAC Learning Sets series. These will be held in September 2026, November 2026, and February 2027.

LILAC

At time of writing we have just closed the 2026 LILAC conference which was held at the University of Sheffield, 30th March-1st April. We are now planning for the 2027 conference, which will take place at City St George's, University of London (Clerkenwell Campus) on 21st-23rd April 2027.

At LILAC 2026, we hosted an introductory workshop for a new peer-learning programme, LILAC Learning Sets. For this pilot project, we grouped attendees into four action learning sets of 5-6 members each. The learning sets will stay in touch throughout the year to build on their ideas and knowledge gained from LILAC. This will be facilitated by a series of online workshops hosted by ILG. The first took place in May 2026.

Journal of Information Literacy

Two issues were published in 2025. A call for papers was issued in August 2025, inviting contributions to a special issue on Banned Words, Banned Knowledge: Information Literacy in a Censored Society. This special issue is due to be published in December 2026.

In December 2025 we were pleased to appoint four new Associate Editors to JIL. These are:

- Sarah McNicol, Independent researcher (United Kingdom);
- Dr Charlotte Im, UWE Bristol (United Kingdom);
- Dr Yvonne Eadon, University of Glasgow (United Kingdom);
- Yucong Lao, University of Oulu (Finland)

Communications, website and social media

Since last year's AGM there have been some changes to the Communications Team. Georgie Broad, the Communications and Engagement Manager, will be stepping down from this post to step into a new role in the committee. We have also had two members of the team step down; Clarissa St Yves, and Matt Bryan. This leaves us with a vacancy for the Communications and Engagement Manager post, as well as a team member and a website manager. We have, however, been lucky to welcome a new member to the team from the New Professionals, Josh Rodda.

As of January 2025-December 2025, we published 48 blog posts on the infolit.org blog (last year's total was 64). As of the time of writing, and due to limits with the filter function on Google Search Console, over the last 12 months we have had 16.2k total clicks and 1.56mil total impressions. Our [definitions and models page](#) is our most visited page on the site, with 1,814 clicks over the past 12 months.

We now have over 500 newsletter subscribers with consistently excellent open rates and click rates.

We have continued to support the events team by uploading event recordings to YouTube (176 subscribers), and have continued to use Bluesky to promote our posts, events, as well as LILAC and JIL news. We now have 1,195 followers (up 119 from the previous report), and have created an "Info Lit starter pack" whereby users can request to join or mass-subscribe to our curated list of Info Literacy-based accounts.

New Professionals committee

The ILG new professionals sub-committee, launched in 2021, has had another very active year, marked by a successful transition to new committee members, continuing with their activities and developing some new initiatives to support their community.

Several members finished their terms on the committee. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Josh Rodda, Bethan Morgan, Ellie Sheppard, Eva Garcia Grau and Lucy Dodge for their significant contributions and commitment to supporting new professionals. We are pleased that some outgoing members have continued their involvement with ILG in new roles, ensuring valuable continuity and expertise within the wider group. Work has also been undertaken this year to improve handover processes and explore staggered recruitment to support smoother transitions in future.

Following a successful round of recruitment, the committee welcomed four new members in summer 2025: Niamh Kelly, Yasmine Mulholland, Kerriane Orris and Madeleine Williams. Further recruitment will take place in the next few months as Lucy Dodge finished her term early due to work commitments.

The group has continued to run its established activities. The Randomised Coffee Trial (RCT) remains a key initiative, enabling new professionals to connect across sectors. 41 participants were successfully matched. While engagement was slightly lower than in previous years, the committee is planning improvements, including clearer promotion and a potential relaunch in Autumn 2026.

The 'Chatting Info Lit' podcast has continued to develop, with several new episodes released, including interviews with experts and discussions of current topics such as dissertation research and sector developments. The podcast team has focused on developing a publishing schedule and expanding the range of contributors, with plans to include more international perspectives in the future.

The New Professionals newsletter continues to provide updates on activities and opportunities, with editions circulated over the winter period and further issues planned. The LinkedIn group has grown steadily, now reaching over 60 members, and is increasingly used to share news, events, and opportunities. The committee has also begun exploring expanding its social media presence to platforms such as Bluesky and Instagram to reach wider audiences.

The group had a strong presence at LILAC 2026, thanks to the kind sponsorship by ILG, which allowed Léa Watson, Madeleine Williams and Yasmine Mulholland to attend. Emma Brown attended as the New Professionals rep on the LILAC committee, and Kerriane Orris was sponsored by her institution. Léa, Madeleine and Kerriane also gave excellent presentations during the conference.

They were also in charge of the New Professionals and New to LILAC stand, hosting an "information literacy challenge and solution" activity which proved very popular.

Events

Events run by the group in 2025-6 included:

- 21 May 2025: ILG AGM, held online and featuring presentations from Lucy Dodge and Jessica Waite, reprising their presentations from LILAC 2025.
- 4 Sep 2025 - Top tips in health teaching: a knowledge sharing online workshop
- 16 Sep - IL and AI online discussion session
- 3 Oct 2025 - Submitting a LILAC abstract: Online workshop
- 9-10 Sep 2025 - Icepops conference, held at the John Rylands Library, Manchester
- 26 Feb 2026 - Information Literacy, data and evidence removal in the US (webinar)
- 2 Mar 2026 - AI Literacy Across Library Sectors: Webinar held as part of CILIP Member Fest.

Information Literacy Awards

The winners of the Information Literacy Award are Siobhan Corrin and Katie Roper from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust & Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation.

The nominees for the LILAC 2026 Information Literacy were:

- Dr Vicky Grant, University of Sheffield
- LibFest: Lib Fest, Library, The University of Sheffield
- Siobhan Corrin and Katie Roper, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust
- The Lancashire Health Hub: a collaborative approach to reliable health information: Lancashire Health Hub, Health Information Lancashire
- Paula Funnell, Queen Mary University of London
- Developing an AI literacy approach at Queen Mary University of London: AI resource activity slides, Google Slides
- Marie Cechova, Northampton Academy
- Engaging secondary school pupils with information literacy
- Kay Grieves on behalf of Learning, Teaching and Research Team, Student and Library Services, Teesside University
- Reimagining and reasserting information literacy leadership for the AI age
- Academic Engagement Team: Simon French, Shân Saunders
- AI literacy course, Aberystwyth University: AI Literacy Course, Rise 360

The award was judged by:

- Dr Konstantina Martzoukou, Associate Professor at Robert Gordon University
- Elizabeth Newell, Senior Sector Specialist (digital transformation) at JISC
- Emma Brown, Digital Education Developer, University of Birmingham (ILG Committee New Professionals Representative)

Appendix One: Main ILG Committee Membership

Officers:

- Co-Chairs: Anne-Lise Harding and Laura Woods
- Deputy Chair: Jane Secker
- Treasurer: Jonas Herriot
- Secretary: Louise Minta

Members:

Georgie Broad, Elizabeth Brookbank, Andrew Feeney, Eva Garcia Grau, Stephane Goldstein, Padma Inala, Rosie Jones, Pam McKinney, Joy McLean, Bethan Morgan, Claire Packham, Sarah Pavey, Ami Pendergrass (left April 2026), Katie Smith, Ella Wharton (left May 2026).

Co-opted member: Alison Hicks (JIL Editor).

LILAC Committee: Claire Packham (Chair), Sam Aston, Martina Xenia Baldi, Elizabeth Brookbank, Mark Burgess, Emma Cawley, Emma Etteridge, Beth Tapster, Jonas Herriot, Heather Lincoln, Chris Thorpe, Emma Brown.

Communications team: Georgie Broad, Matt Bryan, Sam Gill, Maria Preshaw, Josh Rodda, Clarissa St Yves.

ILG New Professionals sub-committee:

Emma Brown, Niamh Kelly, Yasmine Mulholland, Kerriane Orris, Léa Watson, Ana Williams, Madeleine Williams.

Appendix Two: Financial report

Overall income for 2025 up to the 31st of December was £87,848.99 which was a decrease of £8,236.12 on 2024's figure of £96,085.11. This income can be broken down into the following areas:

Income area	Income
Training	£157.89
Icepops 2024	£1,596.54
Icepops 2025	£1,961.63
Icepops 2025 sponsorship	£1,000
LILAC 2025 ticket sales	£56,058.67
LILAC2026 ticket sales	£1,118.49
LILAC 2025 sponsorship	£6,200
LILAC 2026 sponsorship	£1,700
JIL Royalties received	£1,038.04
Wrong payment received	£3,118
VAT received as part of payment	£13,899.73

Overall expenditure for 2025 up to 31st of December was £86,386.86 which is an increase of £23,637.36 on 2024's figure of £62,749.50. This can be broken down into the following areas:

Expenditure area	Expenditure
VAT paid to CILIP	£8,030.63
Icepops 2025	£3,789.13
ILG expenses	£1,380.62

Government meeting	£1,000
LILAC 2025	£57,361.4
JIL	£2,179.66
Wrong payment returned	£2,608.80
VAT spent as part of payment	£10,036.62

As we can see overall profit for 2025 is £1,462.13 which is an decrease on 2024's figure of £33,336.61. This profit does include VAT of £13,899.73 (against which we can reclaim up to 90% of the VAT raised of £10,036.62) leaving us with a total loss of £3,404.64.

Looking at the income and expenditure on last year we can see that while income has decreased, this has also been matched by a increase of expenditure meaning that compared to 2025 we have made a loss. As VAT isn't paid until the following year though (as we can see form the previous years being paid in this year). this means that we did end the year with £1,010.70 more in the account than we started it.

Overall, the three previous years showed a steady growth in the bank account and a strengthening of our financial position, and it was never the intent to continue making increasing profits every year. What we see instead is a settling of the accounts as we try and pursue a steady equilibrium where spending and income are stable, and the money is used to support our community as stated in last years report.

Jonas Herriot – Treasurer

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