Introduction
Digital libraries are emerging information and document retrieval cum delivery mechanisms, dissemination and accessibility portals using promising technologies and subsequently attempting to evolve them for user-friendly avenues. A number of initiatives all over the globe have emerged to showcase and share educational, cultural and heritage, economic, social and political assets in digital mode. Various standards and guidelines have surfaced to make common pooling platforms with collaborative efforts for such endeavours. These responses to opportunities and challenges of the present ICT environment are becoming increasingly important to address the needs of the growing users across space and time. Digital libraries have not only mushroomed the pace but fueled sharing digital information instantly in textual, audio and video formats. So, there is an urgent need to explore the field more and more to give the best to patrons whose prime priority is speedier, right and precise information.

Aim
The aim of the conference is to explore different perspectives of digital libraries for playing an increasingly active role in learning and sharing in an open environment to empower stakeholders to make an understanding of different opportunities cum challenges and making an advocacy and promotion of different prospects which are likely to become highly available in the world of scholarship.

Theme
The organizing committee welcomes research papers from researchers and scholars associated with different problems and facets of digital publishing, digital communication, digital technologies, and digital information services. We also welcome empirical papers and case studies dealing with various aspects of the sub-themes of the conference. Papers can be submitted to Dr. Sumeer Gul (Conference Coordinator) at efdl.dlis@gmail.com.
Main topics and subtopics (but not limited to) are:

**Digital Libraries: Knowledge Advocacy**
- Global Level Activities
- Regional Level Activities
- Digital Literacy
- Digital Libraries: Social, Technical and Economic Perspectives
- Digital Libraries: Educational programmes and Policies
- Organizational and Psychological Issues

**Digital Libraries: Technologies & Standards**
- Digital Publishing Technologies
- Digital publishing Standards
- Metadata and Interoperability
- Interoperability Standards

**Digital Libraries: Development & Engineering Perspectives**
- Information Architecture, Configuration.
- Digital Content Creation
- Digital Library Development: Tools and Infrastructures
- Digital Library Models
- Open Source Softwares for Digital Libraries

**Digital Libraries: Semantics**
- Web 2.0 and 3.0
- Semantics 2.0 and 3.0
- Artificial Intelligence
- Ontologies
- Content Indexing and Rating

**Digital Libraries: Information Retrieval**
- Information Retrieval Models
- Vocabulary Control
- Search Strategies and Techniques

**Digital Libraries: Social Networks**
- Resource Sharing and Social Networks
- Impact of Social Networks on the Digital Library Services

**Digital Publishing, Libraries, Archives & Museums**
- Preserving Heritage and Culture
- Encoded Archival Description
- Digital publishing and information services
- Digital publishing platforms for libraries, archives and museums

**Digital Libraries: Use & User Studies**
- Use and User Studies
- Usage Metrics: Tools & Techniques
- User Studies: Information Needs, pattern and Information Seeking Behaviour

**Digital Libraries, museums and Archives: Initiatives & Case studies**
- Audiovisual and Multimedia Libraries
- Children libraries
- Physically Challenged libraries
- Public libraries
- Museums and archives

**Digital Libraries: Rights Management**
- Legal Issues
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Access Management, Security and plagiarism

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**Note**
Posters depicting various facets of the theme are also welcome

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**Schedule**

Conference Date: March 13-14, 2012

**Important Dates**

Paper Submission: February 15, 2012

Acceptance of Papers: February 28, 2012

Registration: January 01, 2012 to March 01, 2012

**Registration**

The registration will cover conference kit, working tea and lunch. Additional charges for boarding and lodging will be based on first-come -first-serve basis. Interested persons may contact conference coordinator(s) in advance for accommodation.
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