



**Theme:**

The theme must be library related. This could include any aspect of your current work; your ideas on a particular library development; some training/developmental activity you undertook; an event/development in your library; a particular item in your library's collection; your library building etc. Authors should bear in mind their target audience are readers of the [LibFocus](#) blog, a communal blog with a broad and open-minded take on the subject of library and information management.

**The Article:** While the document can be created in Word the version submitted should be produced as a PDF. It should:

- Include relevant images in the PDF
- Have captions for all images used in the text
- Include links to websites and/or resources mentioned in the piece
- Cite any resources used in the text
- Have sound grammar and spelling
- Acknowledge copyright where relevant
- Have a title which reflects the content
- Not include author's name

**Writing Style:** The piece should be written in the style of a blog post. It should be interesting and engaging. It is not a research paper. The content should be clear and accessible to non-experts. It should be written in a lively style. Your topic should convey your enthusiasm and experience. It should also be informative and relevant to others. Consult LibFocus blog to see examples of a range of posts <http://www.libfocus.com/>

**Word Count:** Minimum 500 words, maximum 800 (excluding links and references)

**Who can apply:** Staff at all library assistant and equivalent grades in CONUL-member libraries

**How to apply:** Please send a PDF of your article and your application cover sheet to your local CONUL Training & Development representative no later than **5pm, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. See CONUL Web site - <http://www.conul.ie/training-development/> for details.

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