





CONVEGNO DELLE STELLINE 2025 – BIBLIOTECHE OLTRE: AN AWESOME 30TH ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday 13th of March, the 30th edition of Convegno delle Stelline ended, hosted for the second consecutive year in the venues offered by Palazzo Lombardia

The **30th edition of the Convegno Stelline**, the most important and well-attended event in Italy bringing together librarians and professional associations in the sector, once again confirmed itself as the leading occasion for professional development, discussion, and networking for specialists of information and records.

On the 12th and 13th of March 2025, Convegno dele Stelline celebrated its 30th anniversary in grand style with **55 events**, including conferences, round tables, and workshops, attracting over **1,700 attendees**. The event hosted more than **52 partner companies** within *Stelline in Piazza*, a large 1,500 sqm pavilion designed as a prototype of the "library of the future," thanks to the support of technical partner BBF, which provided cutting-edge furniture in terms of quality, environmental sustainability, and design.

Following the institutional opening with the Assessore alla cultura (Minister of Culture) of Regione Lombardia, Francesca Caruso, the Assessore alla cultura (Minister of Culture) of Comune di Milano, Tommaso Sacchi, and the President of the Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (Italian Library Association), Laura Ballestra, high-level meetings and sessions took place over two days. Some of Italy's most prominent experts in the field participated, with contributions from philosopher Roberto Casati and writer Melania Mazzucco. International speakers included Mikkel Christoffersen, COO of the Danish Library Association, and Marie Østergaard, director of the Aarhus urban library system and the Dokk1 library, which hosts the Danish festival "Next Library".

The reflections shared by the speakers explored the theme of this edition, **BIBLIOTECHE OLTRE** (LIBRARIES BEYOND), emphasizing the need to go beyond traditional library science boundaries by integrating new skills, interdisciplinary perspectives, and insights from the international landscape.

The Convegno Stelline has always been a key reference point for the sector, anticipating trends and fostering professional development. As highlighted by **Massimo Belotti**, President of **Associazione Biblioteche oggi APS** (Libraries Today Association) and Director of the Conference, during his opening remarks, **keywords** such as *trends*, *crossroads*, *accessibility*, *alliances*, *diversity*, *sociality* and *participation* summarize the spirit with which the event continues to evolve after thirty years.

















In addition to being the leading training and professional development opportunity in Italy for librarians, archivists, and sector professionals, the Conference remains a **free and essential networking event**.

Traditionally hosted at the Palazzo delle Stelline, currently under renovation, the event was held for the second consecutive year at Palazzo Lombardia, thanks to the support of **Regione Lombardia** and **Comune di Milano**, to whom we extend our gratitude.

A special "thank you" goes to **Fondazione Cariplo**, all our supporting partners and companies and, most importantly, the wonderful librarian community that shared this important milestone with us.

Associazione Biblioteche oggi APS, the event's organizer, now looks forward to welcoming professionals to another unmissable event: the 9th of April 2025, with In Archivio (full program available), an event dedicated to archives and document management.

Associazione Biblioteche oggi APS is an organization committed to promoting and innovating the Italian library sector. Through training activities, publications, and events, it fosters dialogue between librarians, institutions, and companies, contributing to the growth of the profession and the dissemination of library culture. Among its most significant initiatives are the "Convego delle Stelline", the leading national event for the sector, and "In Archivio", an event dedicated to archives and document management.

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