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Supporting Libraries to Face the Future



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**“The Global Voice
OF Libraries”**

**“The Global Voice
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The leading **international body**
representing the interests of
library and information services
and their users



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CORE VALUES.

In pursuing these aims IFLA embraces the following four core values:

- 01 The endorsement of the principles of freedom of access to information, ideas and works of imagination and freedom of expression embodied in *Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.
- 02 The belief that people, communities and organizations need universal and equitable access to information, ideas and works of imagination for their social, educational, cultural, democratic and economic well-being.
- 03 The conviction that delivery of high-quality library and information services helps guarantee that access.
- 04 The commitment to enable all Members of the Federation to engage in, and benefit from, its activities without regard to citizenship, disability, ethnic origin, gender, geographical location, language, political philosophy, race or religion.



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AIMS.

Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services.

Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library and information services.

Represent the interests of our Members throughout the world.

IFLA is an independent, international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation.



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Advocating for libraries

Advocacy is an increasingly vital part of the work of libraries and the wider profession.

At all levels, we need to build understanding, support, and a motivation among decision-makers to act – both through laws and funding – to enable our field to continue to fulfil its mission in a changing world.



**Powering sustainable
development**



**Copyright and access to
knowledge**



**An inclusive, rights-based
information society**



**A supportive environment for
libraries**



**Promoting and safeguarding
culture and heritage**

IFLA-Leadership

Barbara Lison, Germany:
IFLA-President (2021 – 2023)



**My Presidential Theme:
Libraries building a sustainable future**

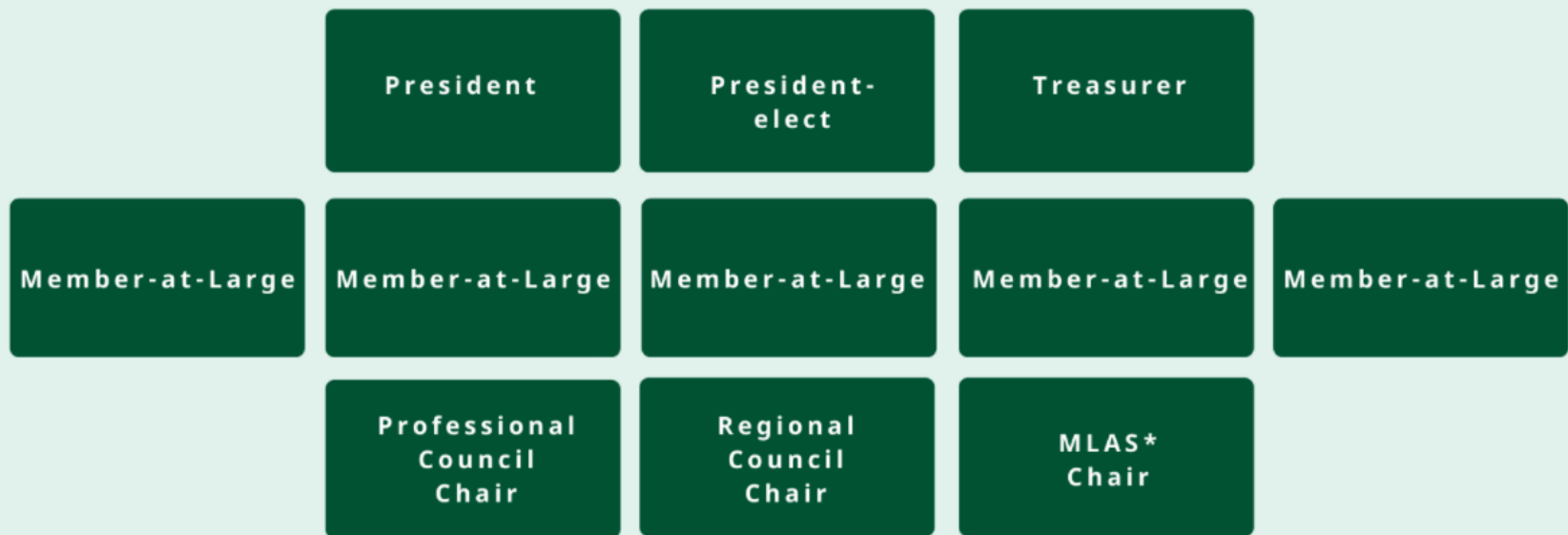


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IFLA-Governance

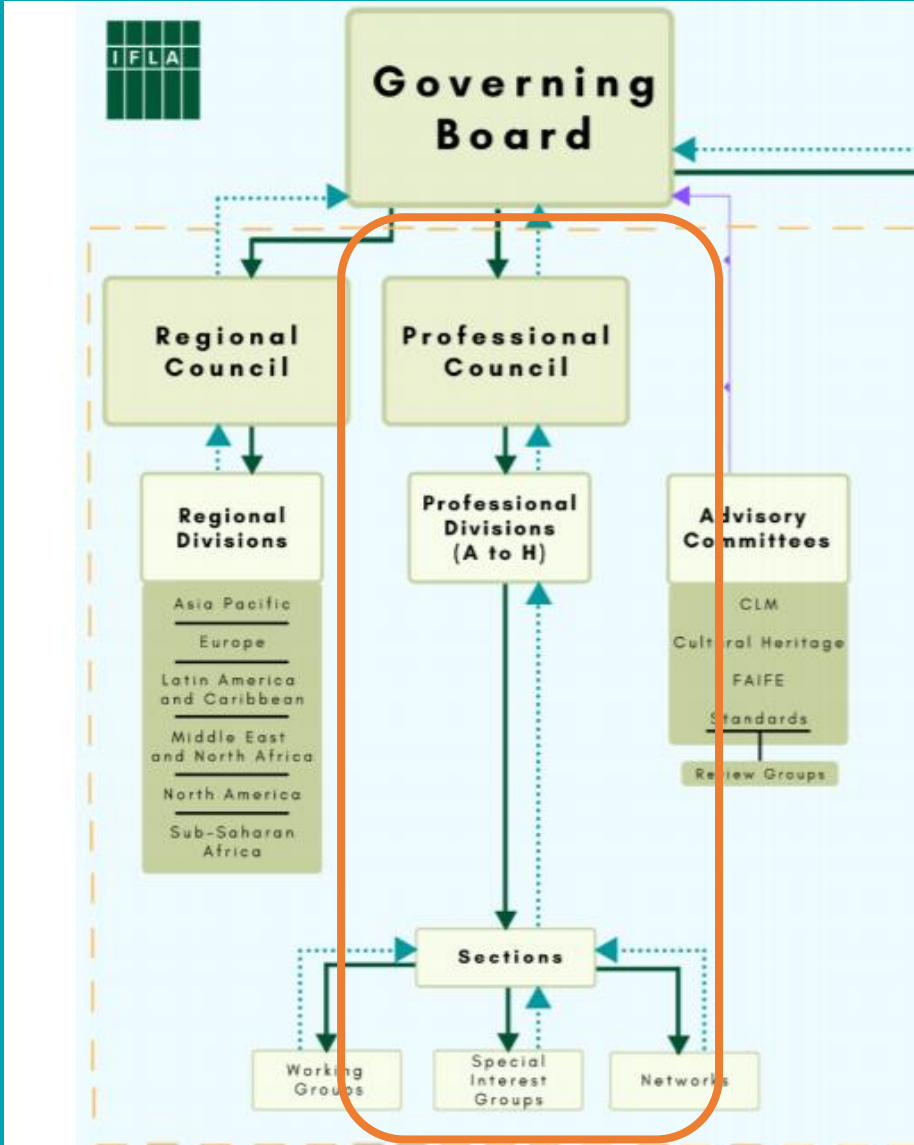
Governing Board



*MLAS - Management of Library Associations Section

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and the Professional Units/Sections



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**New Structure of the
IFLA Governing Board**

IFLA and the Professional Units/Sections

Professional Structure

IFLA's Professional Units bring the brightest minds in the field together to address issues relevant to libraries and library and information workers at a global level. These international, diverse and vibrant groups of library experts are dedicated to building the capacity, and realising the potential, of our profession.



Professional



Professional Divisions



Sections



Special Interest Groups



Committee finder

More than 1,200 Volunteers Worldwide

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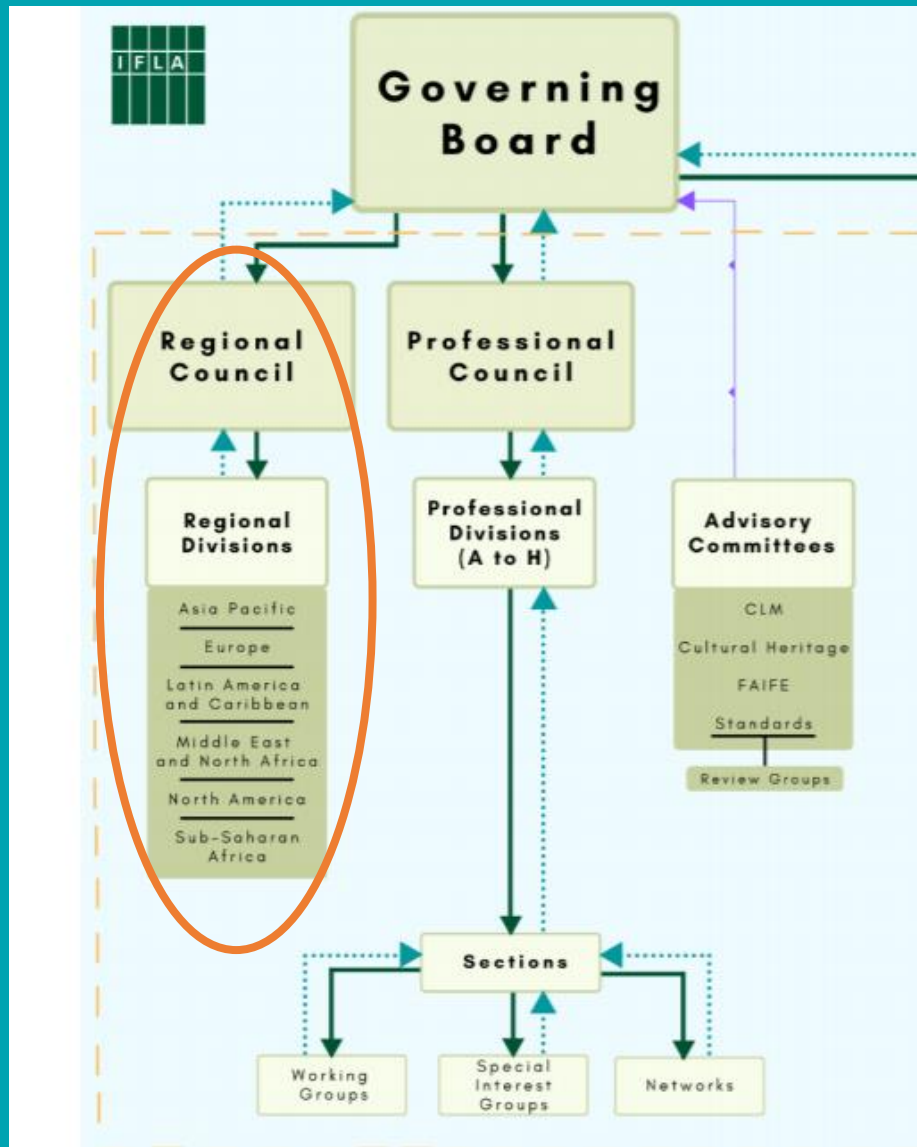
and our 54 Professional Units/Sections

Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E	Division F	Division G	Division H
National Libraries	Government Libries	CPDWL*	Academic and Research Libraries	School Libraries	Art Libraries	Health and Biosciences Libraries	Bibliography
Public Libraries	Library and Research Services for Parliaments	Education and Training	Science and Technology Libraries	Indigenous Matters	Document Delivery and Resource Sharing	Social Science Libraries	Cataloguing
Metropolitan Libraries	Law Libraries	Library Theory and Research	Libraries Serving People with Print Disabilities	Information Literacy	Acquisition and Collection Development	Serials and Other Continuing	Information Technology
Library Buildings and Equipment	Gov Info and Offical Publications	Management of Library Associations	Audiovisual and Multimedia	Libraries for Children and Young Adults	Preservation and Conservation	Environment, Sustainability and Libraries	Knowledge Management
Library Services to Multicultural Populations	Access to Information Network - Africa SIG	LIS Education in Developing Countries SIG	Library Services to People with Special Needs	Literacy and Reading	Rare Books and Special Collections	News Media	Subject Analysis and Access
Local History and Genealogy	Women, Information and Libraries SIG	New Professionals SIG	Management and Marketing	Reference and Information Services	LGBTQ Users SIG	Digital Humanities/ Digital Scholarship SIG	Statistics and Evaluation
National Organisations and International Relations SIG			Library Publishing SIG	Library History SIG	Religions: Libraries and Dialogue SIG	Evidence for Global and Disaster Health SIG	Big Data SIG

● Sections
● Special Interest Groups
 SIG - Special Interest Group

*Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning

and the Regions of the World



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Our vision is a strong and united library field powering
literate, informed and participative societies

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MARCH newsletter out now!

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This month's theme is **#BreakTheBias**, inspired by the theme for International Women's Day.

Take a look at the [March issue](#), and don't forget to [subscribe](#) for the upcoming ones – it is FREE, and you'll always be the first to know what's cooking!

IFLA and the Libraries of the World


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LIBRARY MAP OF THE WORLD

Selected library performance metrics provide national level library data across all types of libraries in all regions of the world. Adjust map view settings to search by country and explore worldwide totals.

Number of Libraries

Libraries with Internet Access

Full-Time Staff

Volunteers

Registered Users

Physical Visits

Physical Loans

Electronic Loans

WORLDWIDE TOTALS +
2.6 M
371,741
1.6 M
571,286
1,048.9 M
5,632.2 M
8,875.8 M
14,082.3 M

ADJUST SETTINGS

COUNTRY DATA


Iran (Islamic Republic of)

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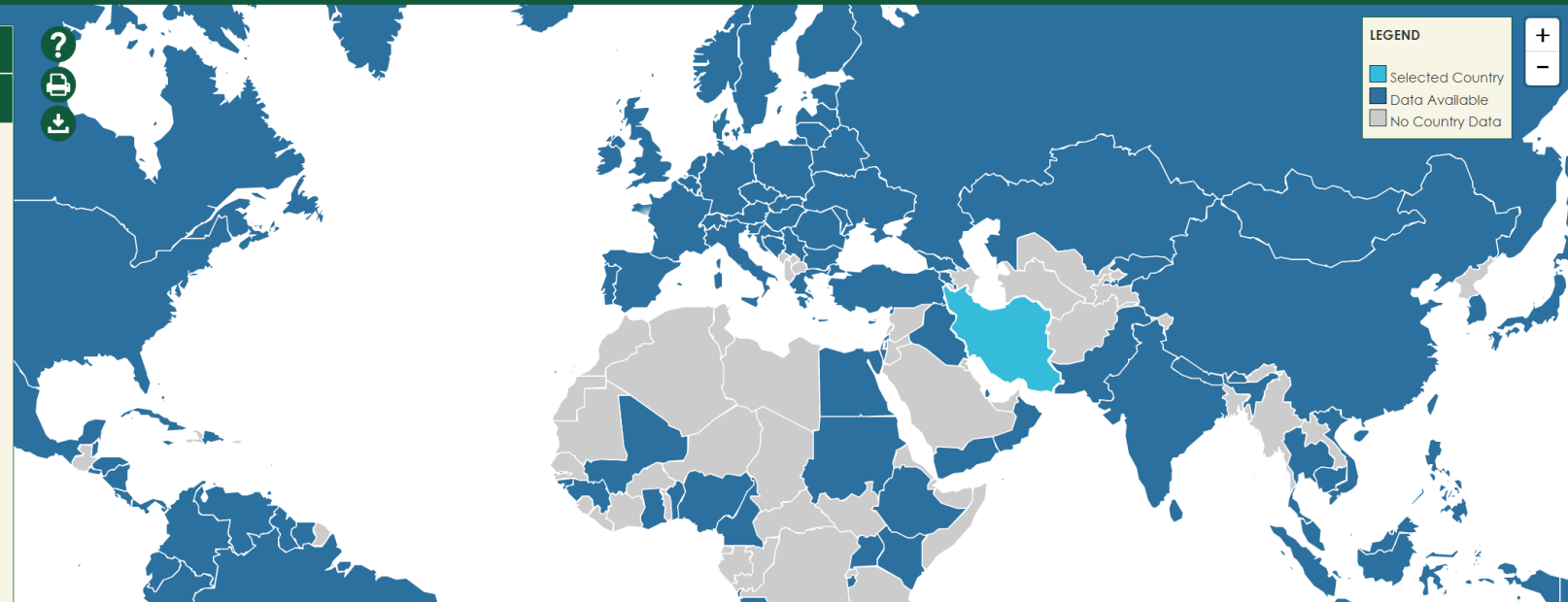
13,213
Total Libraries

LIBRARY TYPE	TOTAL	YEAR
National	12	2017
Academic	953	2017
Public	3,547	2020
Community	-	-
School	477	2017
Other	8,224	2017

0.1% 7.2% 26.8% 3.4% 62.2%



N/A Not Applicable - - No Data 0 Zero



LEGEND

- Selected Country
- Data Available
- No Country Data

3 Pillars of IFLA's New Approach towards the Library and Information Profession 17

- Global Vision 2018



- IFLA Strategy 2019-2024



- Governance Review 2021



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Report Summary

Top 10 Highlights and Opportunities



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The challenges facing the library field from ever-increasing globalization can only be met and overcome by an inclusive, global response from a united library field



#iflaGlobalVision

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Key Findings

“We are united globally in our goals and values!”

“We must connect global and local actions effectively!”

IFLA STRATEGY 2019 – 2024



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4 Strategic Directions

ONE



**Strengthen the
Global Voice of
Libraries**

TWO



**Inspire and
Enhance
Professional
Practice**

THREE



**Connect and
Empower the
Field**

FOUR



**Optimise our
Organisation**



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Strategic Direction 1

We listen to and understand the priorities of the whole field, and amplify the message through advocating for libraries and their values on a global and regional level.

We speak with insight, confidence and authority on relevant policies, ensuring that libraries are recognised and supported as critical community assets essential to achieving development agendas.

We build a strong presence in international organisations and meetings as a valued partner.



**Strengthen the
Global Voice of
Libraries**

**Global Vision
Key Finding
Opportunities: 1, 4, 5, 6,
7, 9**



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Key Initiatives for Strategic Direction 1



1.1
Show the power of libraries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

1.2
Build a strong presence in international organizations and meetings as a valued partner

1.3
Work with library associations and libraries to identify key legal and funding challenges to their work, and advocate for action

1.4
Shape public opinion and debate around open access and library values, including intellectual freedom and human rights.



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Strategic Direction 2



**Inspire and Enhance
Professional Practice**



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Strategic Direction 2

We inspire the profession through future thinking and by encouraging new and promising approaches. We drive the development of libraries through standards, guidelines and best practices.

We provide the tools and resources necessary to foster community, facilitate shared action, and support innovative programs and actions.

We work to safeguard, strengthen and elevate the world's cultural heritage in all of its diverse forms, including traditional, historical, indigenous and contemporary expression.

TWO



**Inspire and
Enhance
Professional
Practice**

**Global Vision
Key Finding
Opportunities: 1, 2, 3,
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**



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Key Initiatives for Strategic Direction 2

2.1
Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession

2.2
Deliver high quality campaigns, information and other communications products on a regular basis to engage and energise libraries

2.3
Develop standards, guidelines, and other materials that foster best professional practice

2.4
Provide tools and infrastructure that support the work of libraries

TWO



Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice



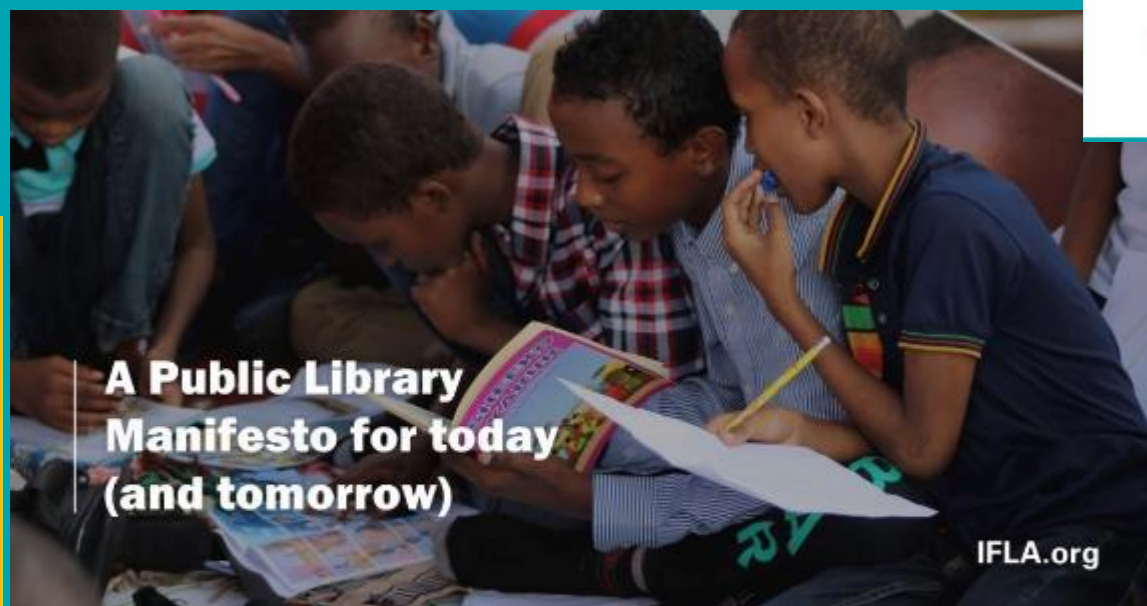
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Actions for Strategic Direction 2



IFLA -- Coming in 2021: a Public
Library Manifesto for Today (and To...

2.3
Develop
standards,
guidelines, and
other materials
that foster best
professional
practice



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Actions for Strategic Direction 2

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Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice



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Timely, sustainable, and more necessary than ever: Webinar on libraries, open access and infodemics

31 May 2021

The pandemic has underlined the importance of access to information for all, but at the same time, the risks of misinformation. Libraries have a huge potential to contribute, as highlighted in a webinar organised by participants in the IFLA-Goethe Institut Emerging International Voices Programme.



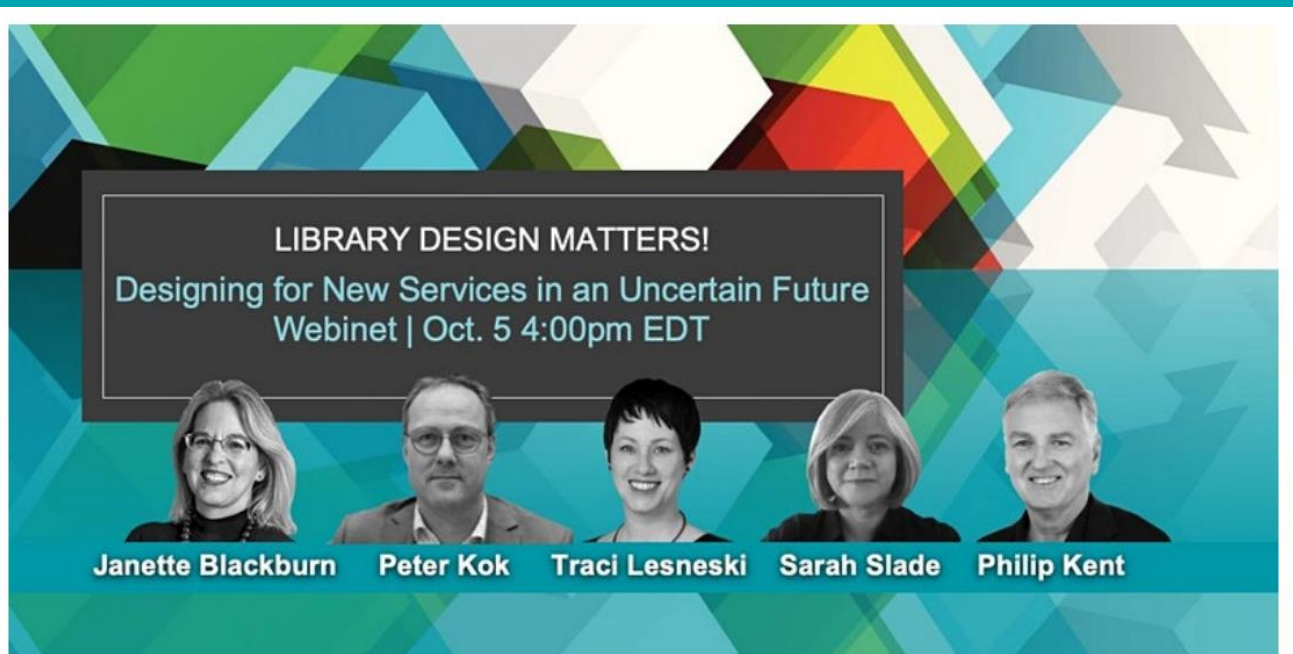
Already in the early weeks of the

2.2

Deliver high quality campaigns, information and other communications products on a regular basis to engage and energise libraries

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Actions for Strategic Direction 2



Planning and Future-Proofing Library Buildings. Learn the secrets from three exciting global projects!

Join us online for the second of three free 50 minute “webinets” from the [IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section](#) to inspire and stimulate ideas about new approaches to library design in challenging times. A Zoom link will be sent to registered attendees the week before the event.

TWO



Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

**2.1
Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession**



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New publication from IFLA ENSULIB and LBE: “New Libraries in Old Buildings — Creative Reuse”

01 July 2021

Now available in open access!



New Libraries in Old Buildings — Creative Reuse*

Edited by: Petra Hauke, Karen Latimer and Robert Niess

Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Saur, 2021

ISBN 9783110679663

(IFLA Publications; No 180)

This book focuses on difficulties and opportunities in revitalization of old, derelict or abandoned buildings into a library and investigates the transformation of buildings which originally had a different purpose.

2.1
Produce, communicate and distribute key resources and materials that inspire the profession



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Strategic Direction 3

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**Connect and
Empower the Field**



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Strategic Direction 3

We are a hub for dialogue and action. We are the motor of a connected and aligned library field, characterised by a true spirit of collaboration, in which no librarian is left behind.

We unite passions, provide platforms, and enable innovation, learning, and professional development at all levels.

Through this, we respond to current challenges and opportunities, and empower the library field to deliver high quality services that meet community needs, and foster literacy, innovation, heritage preservation and access to information for all users.

THREE



**Connect and
Empower the
Field**

Global Vision

Key Finding

**Opportunities: 1, 2, 3,
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10**



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Key Initiatives for Strategic Direction 3

THREE



Connect and Empower the Field

3.1
Provide excellent opportunities for face-to-face networking and learning

3.2
Support virtual networking and connections

3.3
Empower the field at the national and regional levels

3.4
Provide targeted learning and professional development



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Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

FROM-THE-ANNUAL-CONFERENCE



On-demand access to IFLA WLIC 2021 session recordings

13 September 2021

All **IFLA WLIC 2021** session recordings are available for viewing in the e-Library.

3.2

Support virtual networking and connections

3.4.

Provide targeted learning and professional development

Actions for Strategic Direction 3



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IFLA ARL Section + IFLA Strategy: Acting locally, Reaching Globally

20 December 2020



Closely aligned to the IFLA Key Initiative 3.3 “Empower the field at the national and regional levels” the [IFLA Academic and Research Libraries Section](#) (IFLA ARL Section) engages, encourages, inspires and connects a global community of library workers through their outreach and communication efforts.

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Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice

3.2

Support virtual networking and connections

3.4.

Provide targeted learning and professional development

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Let's Meet in Dublin for the IFLA World Library and Information Conference (WLIC)



Let's Be



Inspired



Engaged



Enabled



Connected



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