What Is Your Vision of the Future of Libraries?

Join IFLA’s Worldwide Discussion!

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Objectives of Today’s Program

★ Learn about IFLA’s two major initiatives
★ Understand the role of libraries and library statistics in socioeconomic development
★ Provide input to IFLA’s Global Vision Project
★ View Oregon libraries (including your own!) in the framework of a global project
About IFLA

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

- Founded: 1927
- 1,400 members* in 140 countries
- Headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands (National Library)

*associations and institutions
IFLA’s Aims

IFLA is an independent, international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. Our aims are to:

- Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
- Represent the interests of its members throughout the world
IFLA Core Values

- 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

- 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

- The conviction that **delivery of high quality library and information services** helps guarantee that access

- 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**
Membership and Relationships

1. National Association Membership (including ALA)
2. Institutional Membership
3. International Association Membership
4. Personal affiliates

Associate relation of UNESCO
Observer status at:
- United Nations
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
Governance

- Executive Board
- Governing Board
- Annual Assembly of Members at World Library and Information Conference
  2016 – Columbus, OH
  2017 – Wroclaw, Poland
  2018 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  2019 – Athens, Greece
Funding

❖ Memberships

❖ Donations

❖ Major grant
  ❖ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - 2016
    • $10 million over 10 years
    • Increase IFLA staff from 6 to 20
    • Two new projects
IFLA participates in UN’s global planning for development

Gates grant funds 2 new projects

- Library Map of the World
- Global Vision Project
2015 Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV / AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

U.N. coordinated global planning for development adopted in 2000
Post-2015 development agenda

Include ALL dimensions of sustainable development

1. Economic
2. Social
3. Environmental and
4. Cultural
2030 Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations, 2015)

Goal 1  End poverty in all its forms everywhere
Goal 2  End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture
Goal 3  Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages
Goal 4  Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
Goal 5  Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
Goal 6  Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
2030 Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations, 2015)

Goal 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all
Goal 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries
Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
Goal 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
2030 Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations, 2015)

Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
Goal 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss
Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
Research Question

Is it possible to link information centers to the socio-economic status of a developing country?
Can the relationship be measured?

Need STATISTICS
Is it possible to link information centers in some measurable way to the socio-economic status of a developing country?

Middle East and North Africa Countries (MENA) 22 countries
Population of each MENA Country
Number of libraries (Information Centers) in each Country
Population divided by number of Information Centers

People per Information Center

New calculated metric

Consistent formula to use with each country

MENA ranges from less than 5,000 people per information center to over 200,000 people per information center
Human Development Index (HDI)

Formula based on:

1. *Life Expectancy Index* (at birth)
2. *Education Index*
   a) Mean years of schooling (at age 25)
   b) Expected years of education (at age 5)
3. *Income Index* (standard of living)
FINDING

“Persons per Information Center” compared to the Human Development Index score

Use Pearson’s technique and Stata software

Result: a statistically valid ratio, indicating a \(-0.5142\) coefficient with a significance level of \(0.014\)
MENA countries with fewer people per information center will in most cases experience higher Human Development Index scores
People per Information Center vs. Human Development Index

MENA countries with fewer people per information center have higher HDI scores
Source of library statistics
Space to share SDG stories
Source to learn about library landscape
Powerful advocacy tool
Global Vision Project

- Initiated in April 2017
- 185 workshops held worldwide
- 21,722 online votes
- 120 UN member countries
- and all 7 continents – even Antarctica!
The questions asked...

• How many years have you worked in libraries?
• What are the core values of libraries?
• What are libraries exceptionally good at?
• What should libraries do more of?
• What should libraries do less of?
• What are the main challenges to society?
• What are the main challenges to libraries?
• What are your main professional challenges?
• What would be the characteristics of a united library field?
2018 IFLA President’s Meeting

- March 19, 2018 in Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain
- Launch of Phase 2 of Global Vision Project
- Release of Global Vision Report Summary
- 10 highlights + 10 opportunities
- Needed: *specific action ideas* to make the vision a reality
Global Vision Summary Report
video

https://vimeo.com/260430507
Highlights and Opportunities

1. We are dedicated to equal and free access to information and knowledge
   We must be champions of intellectual freedom

2. We remain deeply committed to supporting literacy, learning and reading
   We must update our traditional roles in the digital age

3. We are focused on serving our communities
   We need to understand community needs better and design services for impact
Highlights and Opportunities (cont.)

4. We embrace digital innovation
   We must keep up with ongoing technological changes

5. We have leaders who see the need for strong advocacy
   We need more and better advocates at all levels

6. We see funding as one of our biggest challenges
   We need to ensure stakeholders understand our value and impact
Highlights and Opportunities (cont.)

7. We see the need to build collaboration and partnerships
   We need to develop a spirit of collaboration

8. We want to be less bureaucratic, inflexible and resistant to change
   We need to challenge current structures and behaviours

9. We are the guardians of the memory of the world
   We need to maximize access to the world’s documentary heritage

10. Our young professionals are deeply committed and eager to lead
    We must give young professionals effective opportunities to learn, develop and lead
Timeline

April – July, 2018: Regional workshops

August, 2018: WLIC 2018 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- Launch of Global Vision Outcomes Report & Global call for ideas

September, 2018 – March 2019: Analysis & Design of Global Vision Actions

August, 2019: WLIC 2019 (Athens, Greece)
- Launch of IFLA Strategy, 2019-2024
Create ideas for the Ideas Store! Step 1

1. Each table has 1 or 2 Highlights and Opportunities
2. Choose a recorder and a reporter
3. Read Highlight and Opportunity
4. Brainstorm 4 - 5 ideas for your Highlight/Opportunity (10 min.)
5. Record ideas on paper (w/o judgment)
Create ideas for the Ideas Store! Step 2

1. Each table, choose your favorite idea
2. Discuss it and add details (10 min.)
3. Present your best idea in 2 minutes
4. All “best ideas” will be sent to IFLA Headquarters
Get Involved!

- Follow IFLA:  [www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)
- Global Vision Project:  [https://www.ifla.org/node/11900](https://www.ifla.org/node/11900)
- Library Map of the World:
  - Follow on Twitter @IFLA_LibraryMap
  - Use hashtags #WorldLibraryMap #StoriesThatMatter #Lib4Dev #SDGs
- Attend IFLA World Library and Information Congress
  [https://www.ifla.org/annual-conference](https://www.ifla.org/annual-conference)
  - 2018  Kuala Lumpur
  - 2019  Athens
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