



Literacy and Reading Section
Annual Report
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Scope:

The Literacy and Reading Section provides a focal point for the study and discussion of literacy, reading and readers. It aims to stimulate leadership, research, good practice, information and exchange on the role of libraries in these issues.

Through discussion, conferences, publications, its website, partnerships, training and special projects, the Section examines these activities within the cultures of both print and electronic media; and seeks to understand and support the basic rights and approaches of all citizens to access to information, knowledge and works of the imagination for personal and community learning, enjoyment and development.

Membership:

Membership status July 2009: 60 members

Standing Committee members: 15 (6 new members nominated in 2009)

Information sharing and exchange (Newsletter, web page, via e-mail, IFLA mailing list, on special requests...)

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Meetings:

SC meeting Quebec, August 2008: 7+6 members presented at both meetings; 17 observers

Projects:

- After two meetings of representatives in Quebec and Kopenhagen in 2008, *The Memorandum of Understanding* resulted with concrete actions in partnership with IRA, IBBY and Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section. Joint data base of reading promotion programmes and activities from all around the world is under construction (Coordinated by the Ch&YA Section). Text about cooperation of three organisations on national and local levels was distributed widely.
- Statement on Children and Internet in Libraries:
Joint action of the Children and Young Adults and Literacy and Reading Section resulted with the position paper *Internet and Children's Library Services*. Available on the Section's web page.
- Project proposal for a Publication of international best practices in reading promotion activities was not approved by the PC; it was suggested to realize as a part of activities under the IFLA-IRA-IBBY Memorandum of Understanding

Publications:

- SCL Newsletter - two issues – editor Liekny Haga Indergaard (Norway)
- Section's leaflet in English (July 2008). Translations follow.

Short time actions:

- Distribution of the draft of IFLA Reading Manifesto for further discussion in Milan 2009.

Ongoing actions:

- Rearranging of the Section's web page according to the new IFLA page and offers.
- Encouraging libraries to become involved and to report on their activities during the UNESCO Decade of Literacy (2003-2012) at meetings and on web.

- Participation in international events on behalf of section (Pan African Conference in Tanzania; representative Gwynneth Evans, the former Section's Chair; the Report for the Newsletter follows).

Conference Programme

Global Literacy and Reading Fair, Quebec 2008

- The half-day session will be organised as an open, interactive, and participatory space for presenters to enable them to display their materials, demonstrate experiences and products to participants and to discuss their projects, programmes and reading campaigns; over 200 participants
- Organised in co-operation with with the Public Libraries and Library Services to Multicultural Populations
- 19 presentations and following table discussions + storytelling; 16 papers translated in French
- Programme:
 - o . *Introductions*: Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia), Gwynneth Evans (Canada) and Robert Sarjant (UK)
 - o Patsy Aldana (IBBY, Toronto, Canada): All about IBBY—and what about children in crisis and books?
 - o Antoinette Fall Correa (Bibliothèque-Lecture-Développement – BLD; CODE, Canada, Senegal): Donner le goût de lire en milieu défavorisé
 - o Marian Koren (Public Library Association, Research and International Affairs , The Netherlands) and Gerald Leitner (The Austrian Public Library Association, Austria): The potential of national reading campaigns: Experiences from Austria and the Netherlands in international perspective
 - o Robert Stelmach *alias* Max Tell (*Storyteller*, White Rock, British Columbia, Canada): Make the Stories You Tell Your Own: A storytelling session
 - o Gregory Salmers (Southeast Regional Library, Saskatchewan, Canada): Time to Read and Estevan Area Literacy Group: results from two collaborative approaches to literacy
 - o Bernadette H. Mukulu and E. R. Makinza (Ministry of Education, national Library of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia): Holiday Reading Adventure Programme
 - o *Brenda Livingston (Toronto Public Library, Toronto, Canada) and Marcia Aronson (Adult and Readers' Advisory Services, Ottawa Public Library, Ottawa, Canada): Getting to Know the Library: introducing adult learners (literacy, ESOL/FSL) to the resources and services of the public library*
 - o Stig Elvis Furset (Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority, Oslo, Norway): The Locker-Room Librarian: The Maradona of literature dissemination
 - o *Dale Lipschultz and Jenny Levine (American Library Association, Chicago, USA); Scott Nicholson (Syracuse University, USA), Julie Scordato (Ohio Metropolitan Library, Columbus, USA): Libraries, Literacy, Games, and Gaming*
 - o Ida F. Priyanto (Gadjah Mada University Library, Yogyakarta, Indonesia): *Mangan ra Mangan Moco Buku!* - Eating or Starving, Read Books
 - o Mary Mei-lee Lau Cheng (Hong Kong Public Libraries, Hong Kong): Optimization and Sustainability – An Overview of Reading Promotion by the Hong Kong Public Libraries
 - o Augustine Musyoki Mutiso (Kenya National Library Service, Embu, Kenya): Taking Library Services to Hospital Wards: A Case of Embu Provincial Hospital – Kenya
 - o Sharon Thien (Service Management, Public Library Services, National Library Board, Singapore) and Kiang-Koh Lai Lin (Reading Initiatives, National Library Board, Singapore): Nurturing a Nation of Readers: Sharing the Joy and Adventure of the Reading Experience through the Singapore public libraries
 - o Kathy Knowles (Osu Childrens' Library Fund, Winnipeg, Canada): New Directions for Children's Libraries in Africa: Publishing for Early Readers
 - o Annick Guinery (Bibliothèque Municipale de Choisy le Roi, Choisy le Roi, France): Au pays des ménagères-oiseau: de l'apprentissage à l'expression collective

- Elmir Yakubov (Municipal library, Khasavyurt, Republic Dagestan, Russia): ДИАЛОГОВОЕ ЧТЕНИЕ КАК ВАЖНЕЙШИЙ ИНСТРУМЕНТ ПРЕОДОЛЕНИЯ ЭТНИЧЕСКОЙ НЕТЕРПИМОСТИ
- Elsa Ramírez (Centro Universitario de Investigaciones Bibliotecológicas de la UNAM, México City, México): La contribución de la biblioteca pública de América Latina y el Caribe a la formación de lectores. Avances de la Encuesta Internacional de Lectura
- Majela Guzmán Gómez (Universidad de La Habana, Facultad de Comunicación, Departamento de Bibliotecología y Ciencia de la Información, Ciudad de La Habana, Cuba): El futuro bibliotecario y la lectura: un estudio de caso en la Universidad de La Habana
- Ratna Bandyopadhyay (University of Calcutta, The LIS Department, Calcutta, India): Creating reading environments: our initiatives in West Bengal, India
- Viviana Quiñones (La Joie par les Livres - Centre national de la littérature pour la jeunesse Paris, France): Centre national de la littérature pour la jeunesse – la joie par les livres: des actions pour l'accès des enfants à la lecture

Programmes at WLIC 2009, Milan and Rome

- Planning and work on the Pre-Conference programme “Raising a Nation of Readers”, to be held in Rome 19-20 August 2009; Joint conference with Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.
 - Out of 19 proposals 15 are chosen + 5 invited papers + keynote
- Planning and work on the Conference programme in Milan “Libraries Promoting Twenty-first Century Literacies”; Joint session with the Information Literacy Section.
 - Out of 56 proposals 7 are chosen for short presentations + keynote
 - Organised as an interactive session with a number of moderators for table a discussions

Other:

The paper for IFLA Journal chosen (Author: *Stig Elvis Furset*, Norwegian Archive Library and Museum Authority, Oslo, Norway; Title: The Locker-Room Librarian: The Maradona of literature dissemination)