



Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults

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Scope

The Section's major purpose is to support the provision of the library service and reading promotion to children and young adults throughout the world.

Its main objectives are to promote international cooperation in the fields of library services to children and young adults, and to encourage the exchange of experience, education, training and research in all aspects of this subject and to work on partnership with organisations and institutions in the fields of access to information, providing literacy and promoting reading. The Section's concerns include the provision of library services to all children and young adults in different cultures and traditions in cooperation with appropriate organizations and to adults interacting with children and young adults.

Membership

Membership status July 2005: 119 members

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Meetings

SC meeting Rome, March 2005: 8 members
SC meetings Oslo, August 2004 (two regular meetings and one extra meeting): 20 members including outgoing and incoming members; 14 SC 2003-2005, 19 observers

Projects

Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services

Published in December 2003 (English). During the end of 2004 and until October 2005 translated in French and Russian as a Section's project, and the support given for Amharic, Chinese, Dutch, Norwegian and Portuguese translations (available either as a brochure in original layout or in electronic format on IFLANET).

Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults

Originally published in 1996, revised in 2001. Available in 15 translations on IFLANET and in printed format as a brochure or in journals (the exact number of translations not known). In this period the Russian translation financially supported by the Section and published as a brochure.

ALMA (Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award)

Contact person: The Section's Chair

The Section takes part in the nomination process, by nominating an outstanding reading promotion project/person. For the year 2005 Genevieve Patte has been renominated and the reading project "UK Summer Reading Challenge" has been nominated by the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.

The letter of support to Kiang Koh Lai Lin's nomination by the NLB Singapore.

History of the Section

The data on Section's history has been searched. A special 50th anniversary leaflet was produced in English, French, German, Russian and Spanish, promoted in Oslo and all translations are available on IFLANET.

Best practice on IFLANET

The collection of best practices in children's libraries around the world has started, the Best Practice Form is designed and tested among the SC members. After redesigning will be published on IFLANET.

Statement on Children and Internet in Libraries

Joint action of C&YA Section and Reading Section. The position paper – draft was created by SC member Lars Aagaard and is under discussion.

Short time actions

The invitation to mark and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in the children's libraries throughout the world (IFLANET and IFLA mailing list)

Partnership

The partnership with ICDL (International Children's Digital Library) has started after discussing and accepting the *Agreement on Partnership Between IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section and ICDL*; finished and approved by IFLA. Links exchange in process.

The *Memorandum of Understanding* agreed by IFLA, IRA and IBBY presidents in August 2005 was discussed by the SC. Concrete actions will follow.

Web links exchange between the Section and IBBY in process.

Children's Literature Abstracts

Magazine containing abstracts of periodical articles on children's literature. Data available on IFLANET continually.

International Research Abstracts: Youth Library Services (IRAYLS)

A database containing abstracts of international publications of children's libraries. The database is available on IFLANET continually.

Publications

- SCL Newsletter - two issues – editor Kiang Koh Lai Lin (Singapore)
 - **IFLA Best Newsletter 2005 Award**
- Section's leaflet (updated at the end of 2004)
- Section's 50th anniversary leaflet – created, translated in five IFLA languages, distributed and put on IFLANET
- Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults - translations (see Projects)
- Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services – (see Projects)
- Information sharing and exchange (e-mail, IFLA mailing list, special requests...)

Conference Programme

Children's and young adults services, a voyage in the past, present and future

- 270 attendees
- 3 papers translated in French and Russian, 2 of them in Spanish too; available on IFLANET

1. Leikny Haga Indergaard (Norway): Eenie, meenie, miney moe: overview of Norwegian public libraries and their services to children and young adults - and some challenges for the future
2. Ingrid Bon (Netherlands): Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services; best practices.
3. Ivanka Stricevic (Croatia): History of the Section and plans for the future.
4. The celebration of Section's 50 anniversary: Music from Cote d'Ivoire, presentations of children's libraries worldwide, the Anniversary leaflet promotion, party.
5. Special visit arranged for SC to Torshov, branch of "Deichmanske bibliotek" Oslo.

Pre-conference in Stavanger

Pre-conference *Public Libraries - from Public Education to what?*- joint programme with the Public Libraries Section, held in Stavanger prior to WLIC, August 9-11, 2005.

- 60 attendees
- papers available at: <http://www.rogaland.fylkesbibl.no/ifla/papers.html>

Other

- Nomination for IFLA medal to Marian Koren submitted
- The paper for IFLA Journal chosen (speaker Gustavo Roldan at the Buenos Aires Conference 2004)
- The Questionnaire about Information Literacy attached to Information Literacy Statement filled out – The Section's point of view

Ivanka Stricevic
(Chair of the Section)
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 **Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section:** <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s10/index.htm>