



Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults

Annual Report 2007

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 December 2007: 105 members

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Meetings

SC meeting Moscow, March 2007: 8 members

SC meetings Durban, August 2007 (two regular meetings and one extra meeting): 15 members including outgoing and incoming members; 14 observers

Projects

Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services

Published in December 2003 (English). Already available in 18 languages 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.

Section is working on a reviewed version. Publication is expected in 2008 in English, Spanish, Russian and French.

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. Nati per leggere from Italy was nominated.

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. A paper has been discussed in both sections and will be discussed with Faife as well.

Partnership

The partnership with ICDL (International Children's Digital Library) has been continued. Links between both organizations are on the websites, as is the *Agreement on Partnership Between IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section and ICDL*.

The *Memorandum of Understanding* agreed by IFLA, IRA and IBBY presidents is published on Iflanet.

Web links exchange between the Section and IBBY are finished.

Members of the 3 organizations are welcome on each others conferences.

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 Ivan Chew (Singapore)
- Section's leaflet (updated 2005)
- Section's 50th anniversary leaflet – available in five IFLA languages 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 Program Durban

- Pre-conference in Pretoria: *Innovative multicultural library services for all, with special reference to literacy, learning and linguistic diversity*. Report is available on IFLANET. <https://lib.tut.ac.za/ifla/>
- Session “Learning and understanding the worlds' richness and diversity through children's books: The 5th Anniversary of the International Children's Digital Library (ICDL)” 150 attendees, was vibrant, alive and seemed to be really enjoyed by the audience. It will undoubtedly increase participation in the project: Nordic countries have already decided to.
- Session “Multilingual Library Services to Multilingual Families”, organised with Section Library Services to Multicultural Populations, 250 attendees was very interesting.
- Divisional Day “Social inclusion: how can public libraries embrace the challenge of reaching out to serve all people in their community?” was a success (attendance varied per session, average 250 persons),
- Session “Best practice in library services for print-disabled children” organised with Libraries for the Blind, 150 attendees

Other

- - The paper for IFLA Journal was chosen

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