Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults


Annual Report 2008

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 organizations 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 2008: 105 members

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Meetings
SC meeting Copenhagen, March 2008: 11 members
SC meetings Quebec, August 2008 (two regular meetings and one extra meeting): 12 members including outgoing and incoming members; 16 observers

Projects

Guidelines for Children's Libraries Services
Published in December 2003 (English). Already available in 18 languages on IFLAnet.

Guidelines Library Services for babies and toddlers and their families
Published in 2007, available in several languages, in printed format and 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. Revised version is finished in 2008 in English, Spanish and French and published on IFLAnet.

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. Lubutho project (Zambia), National Reading Aloud contest (Netherlands) and Togo project were nominated by the section.

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 and published on IFLANET.

Statement on Children and Internet in Libraries
Joint action of C&YA Section and Reading Section. The Statement will be published on IFLAnet

Partnership
ICDL
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.

IRA, IBBY, IFLA
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 visited each others’ conferences. A working committee on possible database on reading promotion is pointed out.

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 2008)
- 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 Quebec
- Pre-conference in Montréal: Navigating with youth: in these days of technology, how can public libraries attract and keep their young clientele? 160 attendees
- Session “Presentation of revised Guidelines Library Services for Young Adults”, 150 attendees and enthusiastic discussions.
- Divisional Presentation “Public library services to indigenous/aboriginal people”, combined with presentation of all sections within Div. III
- Off-site session in public library of Charlesbourg; 80 attendees
- Session “Setting sail for new horizons: what tools do we need and want?; 250 attendees

Other
- The paper for IFLA Journal was chosen

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Chair of the Section
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