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<http://www.ifla.org/III/members/form2a.htm>

For information on the Public Libraries Section, go to:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/index.htm>

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# IFLA Public Libraries Section

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## IFLA Public Libraries Section

The Public Libraries Section provides an active international forum and network for the development and promotion of public libraries. We serve the whole Community, in the context of the information society and ensure free and equal access to information at the local level.

Our goals, objectives and strategies are developed within the context of the principles enshrined in the Public Library Manifesto and the IFLA Professional Priorities. Currently, the Section of Public Libraries has Over 300 members and is the fourth largest of IFLA's 45 sections.

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## Programme goals

- To promote equal access to all
- To raise the quality of services in public libraries by defining standards, developing guidelines, and documenting and disseminating best practices
- To promote the training and professional development for librarians
- To defend the role of the public library in democratising access to and the use of information technology
- To promote reading development and lifelong learning projects
- To promote networking and co-operation between libraries and other agencies to balance the needs of users with the intellectual property rights of authors
- To promote the role of libraries in society.
- To develop Section Membership
- To market the Public library section
- To mount successful programmes at IFLA conferences
- To manage section finances effectively

## Projects

### Meeting Users Needs

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### Libraries, Museums and Archives

#### Research Report

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## IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines for Development e-book revision

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## Newsletter

The Public Libraries Section issues a regular newsletter for members, containing news about public library issues worldwide, available on IFLANET and in print formats.

## Website

Information about the medium term programme, projects, publications, conferences and seminars, minutes of standing committee meetings, annual and country reports and useful addresses may be found on the Section's website:

<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s8/index.htm>

## Publications

The major project of the Public Libraries over the last five years has been new guidelines and standards for public libraries: **The Public Library Service: the IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development**. The guidelines have been translated into nearly 30 languages plus a major project to translate 18 of the main Indian languages. The IFLA web site has downloadable PDFs in English, German, Hungarian, Russian, French, Arabic, Norwegian, Spanish, Italian and Czech as well as a promotional leaflet and poster.

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