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IFLA WLIC 2008, QUEBEC, CANADA



WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS
74TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL,
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA
“Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding”
10 – 14 August 2008, Québec, Canada

INVITATION

The Québec City National Committee is pleased to invite you to the World Library and Information Congress 2008, 74th IFLA General Conference and Council, to be held in Québec City, Québec, Canada

IFLA (The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. With 1700 members in 150 countries, it is the global voice of the library and information profession.

THE CONFERENCE VENUE

The Québec City Convention Centre is a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Québec City just outside the walls of historic Old Québec. The Convention Centre includes an Exhibit Hall, a Convention Hall, a multipurpose room, and 36 meeting rooms, offering a total public area that can accommodate up to 10,000 participants at a time.

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AFRICA SECTION AT WLIC 2008

Division for Regional Activities (Div. VIII) Open Session

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<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s26/pubs/RSAO-Newsletter19-2.pdf>

The Division for Regional Activities (Division VIII) of IFLA is comprised of Regional Sections covering developing countries in three major regions of the world, the African continent, Asia and Oceania, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Division VIII is organising an open session at the IFLA Conference in Quebec, Canada. The division will have an open session on the topic, "Indigenous Knowledge: language, culture and information technology".

Africa Section Open Forum

Theme: "Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities for African Libraries"

The Africa Section Open Forum will focus on the effect of globalisation of libraries in Africa. Globalisation is seen as providing both an opportunity and a threat to Africa Libraries.

In what ways can libraries leverage on globalisation to enhance librarianship in Africa?

In what ways is globalisation a challenge to African libraries?

Papers that examine practical applications and original research on the subject will be presented.

1. Presentations will be original and never been published before
2. Presentations will be in English or French with abstract in the same language

Make the best of your conference, join us!

AFRICA FOCUS at WLIC 2008, Quebec

Look out for these times where Africa will be participating:

Friday 08 August 2008

15h00 – 18h00: CB Regional Activities (Div VIII)

Saturday 09 August 2008

18h00 – 1900: Caucus~ Africa, Asia and Latin America & Caribbean

Sunday 10 August 2008

13h45 – 15h45: Document Delivery and Resource

Sharing
Africa SC1

Monday 11 August 2008

08h30 – 12h45:

Management of Library Associations, Continuing Professional Development and Workplace Learning with ALP
Literacy and Reading

Tuesday 12 August 2008

8h30 – 12h45: President – Elect Brainstorming

10h45 – 12h45:

Science and Technology

12h45 – 15h4500: Africa Section Open Forum

13h45 – 15h45: LIS Education in Developing Countries
DG

16h00 – 18h00:

Education and Training

Health and Biosciences Libraries

National Association Members Meeting

Wednesday 13 August 2008

8h30 – 11h30: Africa Section SCII

09h00 – 16h00: Education and Training (off – site)

08h30 – 10h30: Government Information and Official Publications

12h00 – 14h00: Poster Session

13h45 – 15h45: Access to Information Network Africa (ATINA).

Thursday 14 August 2008

10h45 – 12h45: Government Libraries

Friday 15 August 2008

17h00 – 18h30

CB Regional Activities (Div VIII)

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER'S DESK

Hello Africa!

It's good to be back in a little relaxed mood. My first issue of Africa Section Newsletter which I did in December was done with great anxiety. At that time, I was still Interim Regional Manager and I thought to myself, what you were thinking. I had to learn and learn fast. This is the time I understood the meaning of "an invisible college". This is one of the terms one thought it was there just to complete the curriculum. Ask me, its real, it exist. Without the invisible college, I might not have made it to this second newsletter.

For Africa to keep its centre place in this highway, your membership in very important to sustain our role in the global world.

Let me take this opportunity to call all African library and information community to join IFLA and keep our place in the global LIS arena.



Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager

Lest we forget

Introduction

IFLA-Africa Section is a component of Division 8, Regional Activities of International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA). Division 8 consists of three sections:

- a. Africa Section
- b. Asia Oceania
- c. Latin America and the Caribbean

Each of the sections takes responsibility for developing libraries and librarianship in each Region. The Africa Section focuses on developing on libraries and librarianship in Africa. It partners in this endeavour with the like minded institution to improve the quality of libraries, to ensure equitable access to information, enhance the quality of curriculum in library schools and build viable library association.

Mission

The IFLA-Africa Section's mission is to promote and support the advancement of library and information profession and services in Africa in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA).

Objectives

The Africa Section exists to:

- 1. promote and strengthen Library Associations, the profession and Library / Information services in Africa
- 2. create and maintain links with other Sections of IFLA as well as related Bodies/institutions/organizations for the benefit of the profession and services in Africa.

Goals

The Section has identified 6 Goals to help in realizing the above stated mission and objectives between 2005 - 2015.

- 1. To promote and support the development of the profession in the region through the strengthening Library Associations.
- 2. To promote and support development programmes for information, reading and oral literacy in Africa.
- 3. To support efforts of closing the digital divide through promotion and support of ICT applications in libraries in Africa
- 4. To promote component education and training for self renewing library and information profession in Africa
- 5. To promote documentation and preservation of indigenous knowledge and to advocate for moral rights, intellectual property and copyright for indigenous knowledge

- 6. To promote the IFLA/UNESCO Internet Manifesto and the Role of Libraries in the Information through WSIS process.

**Dr. Buhle Mbambo-Thata
Chair, Africa Section
UNISA Library Services
South Africa**

Congratulatory Message!

Africa wishes to congratulate Helena Asamoah - Hassan for being elected 2007 – 2009 to IFLA Governing Board. We pledge our full support to her.



Helena R Asamoah-Hassan

PRESIDENT - ELECT

President – Elect, the diary



President – Elect, Ellen Tise

I have had the opportunity to start of my new role as IFLA President-elect with an exciting and interesting schedule since August 2007. First up were the business meetings of the IFLA Governing Board and various committees held in The Hague, Netherlands during December 2007. In late January I travelled to Canada to give a speech at the Closing Luncheon Gala at the Ontario Library Association Super Conference in Toronto. The theme of the conference was *Reinvention, Regeneration and Rejuvenation*. From Toronto I travelled to Washington DC where I was hosted by the Library of Congress for a week-long programme.

The first day in Washington was spent at the Library of Congress. The day was concluded with a dinner meeting with the DC Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, International Relations Round Table.

The second day was spent with senior staff at the Special Library Association (SLA) Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia followed by lunch with area library association leaders at the American Library Association. To end the day, I participated at a Colloquium at the American Catholic University, School of Library and Information

Science and gave a talk on my election theme "Change, Connect, Converge".

On the third day, I visited several special and university libraries in Washington DC, namely George Washington University - Gelman Library, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, National Geographic Society and Howard University Libraries.

The fourth day, my last day in Washington, I visited the Columbia (DC) Public Library. On my way to the airport for departure to Dublin, Ohio for the OCLC Members Council meeting, I visited the US Geologic Survey Institute Library

In the April month, I attended an International Conference on Advocacy and Marketing for Libraries where I delivered a keynote address on role of IFLA in advocating for libraries. The Finnish conference was held at the Parliament House of Finland in Helsinki.

I also participated on a study tour of Finish Library Association in Helsinki and the IFLA Second Governing Board Meeting at The Hague.

Other places visited during April were:

- Sello Library, Espoo City
- the Finnish Library Association – discussion held with the Secretary General, Ms Sinikka Sipilä
- Rikhardinkatu Library
- Parliament House
- 10 libraries in Helsinki City Library
- Helsinki University Undergraduate Library and Learning Centre Alexandria
- Hakunila District Library and Keski-Espoo Library

In May I had to pack my bags again to go north again. This time to deliver a keynote address at the Swedish Library Association in Lulea, situated in the north of Sweden.

As indicated, my activities and experiences to date have been exciting, interesting and diverse. It gave me exposure to other parts of the world and confirmed again the powerful role that libraries can play in society and the commitment of librarians to respond positively to the changing needs of their users and all the new developments in our profession.

All these visits were inspiring and I'm looking forward with great anticipation to learn and work with IFLA members, IFLA friends and IFLA partners during my term of office.

Ellen Tise
IFLA President – Elect
South Africa

REGIONAL OFFICE NEWS

Regional Office Launch

After winning the bid in 2007, the University of South Africa held a grand opening of the Regional Office on the 15th of February in Pretoria, South Africa.

The ceremony was well attended by leaders in the profession and UNISA Management. IFLA HQ was presented by Sjoerd Koopman and ALP, by Birgitta Sandell. In the audience, were also Africa Section Standing Committee Members and the convener of IFLA Women, Information and Libraries Discussion Group, Ms

Thabiseng Kotsokoane. To read all about it, watch out for a special edition on the launch after the June issue.

Visit to Dakar, Senegal

After a hectic schedule of the launch of the Regional Office, and mid term meeting, I managed to take time off for an orientation in Dakar, Senegal. I had an opportunity to have a week's orientation from Henre Sene, former Regional Manager for Africa for the past 22 years. It was a great honor to be mentored by this laid back, calm gentleman. The French Language Centre Manager and University Librarian, Mme Marietou Diop was the main host for my visit under the auspices of Cheik Anta Diop University Library.

The visit in a way was a gesture of Henre Sene to officially handover the Regional Office.

I had an opportunity also work with Marietou Diop for a way for both of us, this was first experience to be IFLA Regional Officers. We managed to compose a workplan for 2008 with emphasis with co ordination of activities. The plan did not fall short to include the Arabic Language Centre in Africa.

During my orientation, I managed to visit the National Association Senegalaise Des Bibliothecaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes, ASBAD, Executive Committee, led by their President, Dr. Adama Pam.

Next on my list was meeting with the School of Librarians, Archivist and Documentaliste, EBAD. Interesting to note was that, the newly designed distance learning curriculum in French. The programme is in its second year. They are working at standardizing the curriculum for all Francophone Africa.

I also took a turn at the National Archives and National Library. The National Archives is faced with a great challenge of disintegrating materials. Unfortunately they do not have access to funding.

In South Africa, as part of the National Library we have a Centre of a Book. In Dakar they also have a similar structure, they have a book and reading centre Ministère de la Culture et du Patrimoine Historique Classé: Direction du Livre et de la Lecture. Their vision is to lobby politician

Last on my agenda, I had an honor to meet with Cheik Anta Diop University Rector/Principal, Prof. Abdou Salam SALI. I was humbled by the gesturer of the Rector offering his undivided support to the University Library and the African library community.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the French Language Centre Manager, Marietou Diop and her University staff for hosting me and putting the programme in place. To Henre Sene, thank you for his availability and for sharing his experience with me. To all the Senegalese, colleagues, *merci beaucoup* for your patience with me especially, my language challenges.



Working Session with outgoing Regional Manager, Henre Sene

IFLA HQ NEWS

Letters of the President

The Letter of the President “LOP” is distributed at least once a month by email providing an overview of some of the current activities of the IFLA President, President – Elect, the Governing Board and Headquarters. It contains **LINKS** for further consultation and will be sent to **IFLA-L** and all other [mailing lists](#) organised by IFLA. Concise (one page), with no illustrations or special layout, it should cause no reception problems.



Letter 2008, No. 4 by Claudia Lux, IFLA President

Dear IFLA Members

April is the month of rain, snow and sun on the same day. At least in Germany, this month is unpredictable. However, your IFLA president was steady and predictable, as she made fewer journeys.

When I was still in Ramallah, Peter Lor went to a UNESCO meeting in Paris and managed to successfully put the IFLA Multicultural Library Manifesto <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/index.htm> into the next level of UNESCO'S acceptance process. The new Digital Library Manifesto was also presented and made known to the colleagues and decision groups at UNESCO.

On April 7th I went to The Hague to meet with SIDA representatives at IFLA Headquarters. SIDA is a great Sponsor for IFLA/ALP– Action for Development through Libraries Programme see: . <http://www.ifla.org/VI/1/alp.htm> . Together with Peter Lor, Stuart Hamilton, Birgitta Sandell from IFLA/ALP and Gunnar Sahlin, IFLA treasurer, I talked with SIDA about their future activities. We discussed the evaluation report and learned about the programme

changes at SIDA. IFLA wants to continue to work with SIDA, but its changes of focus will affect the way in which we can fulfil our partnership. For this reason, we need more support for IFLA/ALP throughout the world.

From April 19 to 25, I was in The Hague again. The 'GB-week', as we call the week when the Governing Board and all its Committees meet, was a wonderful exchange of ideas and activities. In one week, different committees met to develop new decisions for the Governing Board. We discussed in length all aspects of IFLA's advocacy policy. It was a good meeting with a broad discussion on advocacy, a key factor for library development and sustainability. New ideas to strengthen our World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) were developed by a sub-group and discussed with the GB. The Professional Committee came forward with its suggestions for the new rules of procedure. Everybody was happy to learn that the members supported the new statutes by sending in their approvals. On Monday, April 21 Ellen Tise, Jennefer Nicholson and I went to Amsterdam to meet with CLM colleagues. We had a very nice trip, not only because of the magnificent fields of tulips in a mosaic of bright colours we saw from the train, but also at the meeting.

I am not attaching photos, as I promised to make this newsletter easily accessible, but you will find many wonderful photos of tulip fields by using your search engine.

With best wishes to all of you
Claudia Lux
President of IFLA 2007 – 2009
April 2008

New Secretary General of IFLA



Jennefer Nicholson

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/V/press/IFLAsg08.htm>

IFLA is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jennefer Nicholson** as its new Secretary General, from September 2008. She will join IFLA's Headquarters in The Hague on 1 June 2008 as Secretary General designate and work with the outgoing Secretary General, Prof Peter Lor, until she takes over on 6 September 2008.

Announcing the appointment, **IFLA President Prof Claudia Lux** said that the Governing Board is delighted to be able to appoint as IFLA's Chief Executive Officer a professional colleague of Jennefer's stature. Given the dynamic environment in which IFLA operates and the Federation's ambitious plans, Jennefer's extensive skills

and experience will be a great asset to IFLA in the coming years.

Jennefer commented: "My appointment as Secretary General is a great honour for me, and an opportunity to give back to IFLA, having gained great professional and personal value as a member over the last ten years. I welcome the responsibility and in doing so acknowledge the contribution of all those members who have had the vision to lead IFLA to the position it now holds in the international arena.

I have a strong commitment to the values and professional concerns shared locally and globally by those in the library sector, and extensive experience in the sector and association management. I look forward to working with the President Claudia Lux, President-elect Ellen Tise, the Governing Board, members and staff to successfully articulate and achieve IFLA's strategic goals, and to strengthen the organization. I also look forward to meeting those of you I don't yet know."

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British Library Voucher, Reminder

Dear Colleagues

This is a reminder to return your British Library issued IFLA vouchers. The Governing Board has approved that vouchers issued by the British Library (BL) will be phased out during 2008.

ONLY vouchers issued by the British Library will be affected. On the back of each voucher is an address. If the address says "IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o The British Library" etc... then please return the voucher(s) to IFLA HQ for redemption or exchange.

Institutions sending back the old BL vouchers will have two choices.

1. To have their BL vouchers replaced by new IFLA Vouchers. (No added costs) Please use the Voucher Exchange Form: http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/exchange_frm.pdf

2. To receive a redemption payment (normal handling fee of 12 euros per redemption) if you chose to redeem your BL vouchers please use the IFLA redemption form: http://www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/redempt_frm.pdf

The deadline for redeeming/exchanging BL issued vouchers will be October 31st, 2008.

Please email questions and comments to: Susan.schaepman@ifla.org

We would greatly appreciate your help in spreading this message further.

With kind regards,

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Dear IFLA Members

Following the hearings held in 2006 and 2007 on the future structure of IFLA's professional activities, a Working Party of the Governing Board has prepared a proposal for a thorough revision of IFLA's Statutes. In terms of IFLA's current Statutes, the proposal is being submitted to a postal ballot of IFLA members, with a deadline of 24 July 2008. The ballot papers and accompanying documentation are being posted today. In the mean time, the proposed revised Statutes, together with an Introduction by IFLA President Prof Dr Claudia Lux, and a document containing Explanatory Comments, has been posted at <http://www.ifla.org/III/statute-rev.htm>.

Kind regards,

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IFLA YOUR GLOBAL CONNECTION

Libraries and Human Rights: relationship between library and human rights.



George Mkhalaria in Palestine

George Mkhalaria from Malawi presented a paper at an International Conference on Human Rights in Ramallah, Palestine. His air ticket to Palestine was sponsored by IFLA under the guidance of IFLA President Hon. Claudia Lux

Abstract

In the context of the world in which people are striving to access human rights information in order to fulfill their desire to safe guard and protect their rights in responsible manner, library users are bombarded with many hassles in order for them to access

human rights information. The Malawi Human Rights Commission Library has been working on several areas to respond to the changing human rights information needs of their library user so that they have the right to access information in various thematic areas and formats.

I had an opportunity to interact with globally outstanding Information Specialists like IFLA President Hon. C.Lux, Mr. Stuart Hamilton - IFLA Senior Policy Advisor, Frode Bakken from Norway, Prof. Paul Sturges Current Chair for IFLA (FAIFE), Ms Anne Hustad- Norwegian Library Association Chairperson, and Hani Jaber- Palestine Library Association Chairperson.

I am very grateful to IFLA for its effort to assist me to develop professionally.

George Mkhalaria
Malawi Human Rights Commission Library
Malawi

LIBRARIANS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COPYRIGHT ARENA

On behalf of eIFL-IP, I recently sent out a questionnaire on



the LIASA listserv, asking for information from librarians to assist Dr. Kenneth Crews of Columbia University in the USA in his study on copyright limitations and exceptions for libraries. This study was commissioned by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and is very important for libraries.

Over a period of more than a month, only a handful of librarians responded to the questionnaire. This concerned me, as librarians complain a lot about copyright and how it hinders access to information and restricts them in library projects. One librarian responded to the questionnaire by saying that "Librarians do not have any say in matters the politicians rule". Another suggested that perhaps librarians do not know what limitations and exceptions are. A third person seemed concerned that her institution might be implicated if she provided examples.

I thought I should write this brief article to say that "Librarians can make a difference". I want to put everyone at ease and let them know that no one will be implicated for providing responses to the questionnaire. The very fact

that a librarian is worried about being implicated indicates that the laws may be too restrictive, or they may be hampering rather than assisting her in carrying out her professional duties. Librarians are generally diligent about copyright compliance, so where librarians may be 'transgressing' the copyright law, it may very well be that the laws are too restrictive in certain circumstances, and not because they want to infringe copyright. Examples of such 'transgressions' may very well provide the basis for a new and necessary copyright exception for the future.

The purpose of the WIPO study is to help libraries get better copyright laws in the future to carry out their important functions. WIPO is the global body that makes things happen in intellectual property, so the fact that they are looking at limitations and exceptions for libraries is a very positive step indeed. For the benefit of those who are

not sure what copyright limitations and exceptions are, here is a basic definition from Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limitations_and_exceptions_to_copyright

The Commonwealth of Learning (www.col.org) also has a very useful document providing guidelines on limitations and exceptions at - <http://www.col.org/colweb/webdav/site/myjahiasite/shared/docs/Copyright%20Document.pdf>

On a personal/institutional level, I felt it important to take up issues with Higher Education of South Africa (HESA) and various Government Departments to highlight library and educational concerns, e.g. issues about copyright and the sensory-disabled; issues about access to knowledge in the WIPO Broadcasting Treaty (which WIPO has now 'put to rest' fortunately) and the US Free Trade Agreement with the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) which had a very restrictive IP Chapter (fortunately SACU decided not to sign the Free Trade Agreement). I also took up the Free Trade Agreement matter with the International Global Dialogue, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and USAID to ensure that the IP Chapter was not adopted.

On a global level, librarians are very active in copyright issues. Since IFLA and eIFL librarians have been attending WIPO, they have brought issues affecting libraries to the attention of politicians around the world. By invitation from IFLA, I was privileged to be the first librarian from a developing country to attend the WIPO General Assembly in Geneva in 2006 and to present a Joint Statement on behalf of IFLA and eIFL on "Libraries and the Development Agenda". I was invited to a number of 'key' meetings and also took the opportunity of discussing copyright issues on an informal basis with high-ranking officials from different African countries, including members of the South African delegation. IFLA and eIFL are well-respected internationally and their input is really valued at WIPO meetings. Librarians are making a difference!

Working with EBLIDA and many civil societies, IFLA and eIFL have succeeded in getting WIPO to do the study on copyright exceptions especially for libraries – something that has never been addressed in the past. *That is why this study is so important.* What the researcher, Dr. Kenneth Crews, hopes to receive from librarians around the world are concrete examples where libraries need limitations and exceptions to enable them to carry out their very important functions.

Currently the South African Copyright Act does not address the needs of libraries, particularly in the digital environment, or the needs of their users (researchers, teachers, students, sensory-disabled, etc.) and examples from librarians will help him to incorporate these needs into his Recommendations to WIPO during 2008.

Should you have any queries or need more information about the WIPO study on limitations and exceptions, please contact me at Denise.Nicholson@wits.ac.za.

**Denise Rosemary Nicholson,
Copyright Services Librarian,
University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa**

IFLA FAIFE US Workshop: Internet Manifesto and Libraries and HIV/AIDS



(Picture by Marcia Rosetto) The Federation of Librarians with the director of Hartford Public Library.

FAIFE is a Standing Committee of IFLA with its focus on promoting the basic human right of access to information and was established in 1998.

FAIFE has been hosting several workshops in different locations. The US workshop focused on two issues, namely, the IFLA FAIFE Internet Manifesto and the role of libraries in public health issues, such as HIV/AIDS

As one of ten attendees from all over the world; from Uganda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, Rica and Thailand, and presenters from the US and Britain, we formed in those few short days a truly International Federation of Librarians. We met with courageous, inspiring and award winning librarians, and visited awe-inspiring Libraries. Our host was Barbara Jones, University Librarian and IFLA FAIFE Secretary

In New York we were hosted by Loida Garcia from the Queens Public Library, IFLA FAIFE member. We were joined by chair of the IFLA FAIFE committee, Paul Sturges.

To encourage the open and free flow of information the following procedures were observed in other libraries viz.

- Yale University, no logs are kept on user terminals of access or login-in information. The computer is reset when a student logs out. Yale also has a very progressive public access policy. The public is not only allowed access to the collections, but also to public access computers. And again no logs of access are recorded and the computer will automatically reset after a period of inactivity.
- Yale University Libraries, along with Wesleyan University libraries, and all the other libraries we visited, no longer records the user circulation information. As soon as a user returns an item, the link between the user and the item that was borrowed, is severed. The privacy rights of users are protected, since libraries cannot be forced to surrender the information accessed by their users.
- The Queens Library Health Link program in partnership with the Queens Health Network and the American Cancer Society runs a mobile mammography unit at 32 of the 62 libraries in the

Queens Library network. The service is offered at no cost to those who do not have health insurance. While those with insurance are not turned away, the goal of the programme is to increase access to cancer screening and care among medically underserved communities.

- The Flushing Public Library, one of the libraries in the Queens Library Network, has a health literacy programme. As the name suggests it combines English language literacy with health education. It is intended for new immigrants and those who do not speak English.
- Queens Central Library offers an HIV/AIDS awareness programme as part of their Educating Seniors programme.

These examples led me to believe that there is nothing that can stand in the way of an active librarian who is truly interested in serving the needs of the community. There is a role for information, and therefore librarians and libraries, in all of the challenges that we are facing in building a strong South Africa. All we need is the willingness to engage.

. To me the Statue of Liberty- the French people's gift to the people of America- a woman, with a light in one hand and a book in the other, is a perfect symbol and salute to the work of the IFLA FAIFE Standing Committee.

The Internet Manifesto was created by IFLA FAIFE and approved by IFLA In 2002. The Manifesto guidelines are available at www.ifla.org/faife/policy/iflastat/Internet-ManifestoGuidelines.pdf. The key principle is access to information for all regardless of age, race or any other differences. The Internet is considered a key tool to not only freedom of access, but also freedom of information, in particular remote rural places, but also as a medium for free expression. It brings the rights enshrined in article 19 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, closer to practice.

Fatima Darries
LIASA
Western Cape Branch Chair

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (CNN)



Source:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/africa/04/30/heroes.ethiopia/index.html>

At age 19, Yohannes Gebregeorgis borrowed a soft-cover romance novel entitled "**Love Kitten**" that changed his life forever.



"I just wanted to come back to Ethiopia and help children have a future, have hope," Yohannes Gebregeorgis says.

Born in rural Ethiopia to an illiterate cattle merchant who insisted upon his son's education, Gebregeorgis had seen a few books in school. But it was the experience of having a book of his own that sparked a lifelong commitment.

Today, at 56, Gebregeorgis is establishing libraries and literacy programs to connect Ethiopian children with books.

"Most Ethiopian children have only access to textbooks in the classroom," says Gebregeorgis. "Books children read outside of school, those are the spices of education."

It wasn't until he became a children's librarian in the United States that he realized what the children of his native home were missing.

Forced to flee Ethiopia to the United States as a political refugee in 1981, Gebregeorgis ultimately put himself through university, obtaining a graduate degree in library science. He relocated to the Bay Area, taking a post at the San Francisco Children's Library in 1985.

There, he met "The Little Engine That Could," "Captain Ahab" and "Peter Pan." He realized the impact children's books could make on a child's sense of wonder and vision.

Don't Miss

Get involved: Ethiopia Reads:

<http://www.ethiopiareads.org/>


"Children could imagine everything from books -- connections to other cultures, to other people, to other children, and to the universe at large," recalls Gebregeorgis. "It gives them hope. It gives them pleasure. It gives them everything that they cannot otherwise get in regular textbooks."

But Gebregeorgis found that, among the brilliantly illustrated books in 70 languages, there were none in Amharic, the primary language of Ethiopia, and none representing the places and characters of Ethiopian lore.

When the library allocated \$1,200 for the purchase of Ethiopian books the following year, Gebregeorgis was unable to find any, because of prohibitive publishing, purchasing and importing costs in his home country.

So he wrote one. "Silly Mamma" was the first bilingual Amharic-English children's book, and it led Gebregeorgis to establish Ethiopia Reads in 1988. Using proceeds from book sales and grassroots book-a-thons, the nonprofit financed his efforts to bring children's libraries to Ethiopia.

In 2002, Gebregeorgis left his job and his home and returned to Ethiopia with 15,000 books donated by the San Francisco Children's Library. With them, he opened the Shola Children's Library on the first floor of his Addis Ababa home.

Young readers quickly overwhelmed the three-room home, requiring the addition of two large tents to provide shade for hundreds at a time.  [Watch Gebregeorgis explain how his home became more than just a children's library »](#)

"I just wanted to come back to Ethiopia and help children have a future, have hope," says Gebregeorgis.

Today, **Ethiopia Reads** is doing just that. In addition to the original library, the organization established the Awassa Reading Center and Ethiopia's first Donkey Mobile Library. Inspired by a similar concept he'd seen in Zimbabwe, Gebregeorgis customized a donkey-pulled trailer-cart that now makes weekly visits to rural villages around Awassa.

Reading storybooks to children who have no access to television or computers, Gebregeorgis believes that literacy and education will emancipate his impoverished land, gripped by HIV/AIDS.

Ethiopia Reads recently held its fifth annual Ethiopia Children's Book Week. In 2007, the group offered nearly 94,000 children access to its libraries in Addis Ababa, Awassa and on shady clearings along the Ethiopian countryside.



The African Copyright & Access to Knowledge (ACA2K) Project is probing the relationship in African countries between national copyright environments and access to hard-copy and digital learning materials. The project is probing this relationship within an access to knowledge (A2K) framework – a framework which regards the protection/promotion of user access as one of the central objectives of copyright law.

This project, supported by Canada's IDRC and South Africa's Shuttleworth Foundation, and managed by the Wits University LINK Centre in Johannesburg, began in October 2007 with legal researchers in five African countries (**Egypt, Ghana, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda**) preparing initial "environmental scans" of the copyright contexts in their countries.



Methodology

Guide

The ACA2K network has just finalised its Methodology Guide, which is a roadmap for the project's research and policy engagement between now and early 2010. You can view the Guide at [this link](#)

See the diary for the coming conference

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For all Africa Copyright issues, some website worth visiting:

SAMRO in History-Making SEACONET General Assembly in Malawi (new Copyright Network)

http://www.samro.org.za/index.pl/samros_history-making_feat_at_seaconet_general_assembly_in_malawi

The 2nd National Seminar on Archives, Libraries, Documentation Centers and Museums, Mozambique

The 2nd National Seminar on Archives, Libraries, Documentation Centers and Museums in Mozambique took place from 23 to 25, April, 2008, in Maputo, Mozambique.

The seminar was organized by **Fundo Bibliográfico de Língua Portuguesa** (Bibliographic Fund for Portuguese Language) a state organism with different responsibilities in the areas of book provision and reading promotion.

The conference was officially opened by the Prime-Minister of Mozambique, Dr. Luísa Diogo and the keynote speaker was the Minister for Science and Technology, Prof. Venâncio Massingue. During the opening ceremony there was the presence of the UNESCO representative in Mozambique and an IFLA representative, the Director of National Library of Angola, Maria José Ramos.

The Seminar's theme was *"BUILDING AN INFORMATION SOCIETY IN MOZAMBIQUE"*

One of the moments that can be highlighted was the presentation of the results of a feasibility study for the establishment of a LIS course in Mozambique, which is due to start next year.

A workshop on electronic resources took place after the conference, with a small group of participants from the academic and research libraries and it was facilitated by Susan Veldsman and Xoliswa Matroko from South Africa and financed by eIFL.net and SWETS.

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SABINET

Sabinet, a South African-based company which facilitates access to online information, announced the beta release of the Sabinet Full Open Access Journal Collection during early May 2008.

This collection is the largest collection of South African Full Open Access Journals consisting of more than 6000 full-text PDF articles.

Currently 44 South African journals are available, of which 14 are Approved South African Journals or appear on the IBSS or ISI lists.

The journals are individually searchable. The coverage per journal varies, with some journals having full-text issues available from 2000 onwards.

These Open Access journals are available from http://www.sabinet.co.za/open_access.html.

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Africa in UNESCO's Memory of the World Program (MOW)

UNESCO set up the Memory of the World Programme in 1992. The program aims at promoting preservation of archive holdings and library collections for a better image and dissemination. Part of this programme is the Memory of the World Register with regional, national committees and an International Advisory Committee Memory

The International Advisory Committee's aims is to

- ✚ advise in the planning and implementation of Memory of the World Program as a whole
- ✚ express recommendations concerning fund raising and their grants for project
- ✚ the inscription of documentary heritage items on the Memory of the World Register
- ✚ the granting of the Memory of the world label to the selected projects and even those that have not benefited from the financial aid of the program.

As a member of the International Advisory Committee, I attended the 8th meeting of the committee held in Pretoria, South Africa, 11 - 16 June 2007. 8 representatives of the countries present adopted the Charter for the implementation of the African Regional Committee known as the **Tshwane Declaration**.

At this meeting, it was noted that Africa is the continent that counts the least national committees for Memory of the World Programme and the only one, not to have, so far, a regional committee. Among the 52 countries constituting Africa, only 9 have set up national committees viz. South Africa, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Tanzania, and Tunisia.

Through the Tshwane Declaration, Africans participants deemed it fit to set national and regional committees.

South African initiative and the Tshwane Declaration: establishing a regional committee.

Under the aegis of National Archives and heraldry, the Government of South African Republic had invited all directors and persons in charge of archives and libraries in the Africa region, to the constitutive meeting the African Regional Committee Memory of the World, in Pretoria on 30 and 31 January 2008.

During that meeting, The Tshwane Declaration was amended, and adopted as a basis on which the 31 representatives of African countries should rest to constitute African Regional Committee.

At the end of that meeting the committee was elected:

Project of setting up a National Committee of Senegal

On his return home, the Director of Archives of Senegal, Vice Chairman of African Regional Committee, together with the Commission for UNESCO convened a meeting of all directors of documentation facilities and potential members to set up a National Committee Memory of the World of Senegal. A project of statutes was drawn up and was amended and adopted in a constitutive general assembly of the National Committee on the Monday 28 May, 2008.

The work is ongoing and it is hoped that in the near future the National Committee Memory of the World for Senegal will take off

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Conference alerts:

Library Services for Blind People: an African perspective
<http://www.ifla.org/V/iflaj/IFLA-Journal-1-2008.pdf> (pg. 84-89)

WIPO Welcomes Accession by OAPI (African Intellectual Property Organization) to Key Industrial Designs Treaty
http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2008/article_0028.html

Libraries as Gateways to Information & Democracy: Improving Networking, Advocacy and Lobbying Strategies - A series of workshops in Sub-Saharan African countries

The Goethe-Institut organized a workshop series on the topic of “**Libraries as Gateways to Information & Democracy**” aiming at discussing the role of libraries for free access to information and democratic development. In 2008, five workshops will take place in Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, and Togo followed by a final conference in South Africa. The focus of the workshops is on strengthening libraries and library associations in fulfilling their crucial role as gateways to information and democracy, by developing strategies for improving networking, advocacy and lobbying.

Up to the beginning of June, two workshops have been held successfully – in Ghana and Nigeria; the others will follow in the next two months. With the contribution of resource persons coming from the respective country, from other African countries and from Germany action plans for the library communities in Ghana and Nigeria have been developed.

For this project, the Goethe-Institut partners with various national library associations and with the IFLA Africa Section.

For more information, please visit the project's web page:
<http://www.goethe.de/ins/za/prj/lid/enindex.htm>
Besides general information on the project, workshop reports, presentations, fotos etc. are available on the web pages and can be downloaded.

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Each host country had a choice of a sub theme and the following subtheme for the series were scheduled thus:

- **Strengthen the Network among Ghanaian Libraries and Information Professionals.** Hosted by Ghana Library Association, Accra. 15-16 April 08
Lucille Webster, LIASA, South Africa and Barbara Schleihsagen, Berlin, Germany were the main speakers.
- **Lobbying, Advocacy and Fundraising for Libraries in Nigeria.** Hosted by Nigeria Library Association, Lagos / Abuja. 22 -25 April 08
Speakers were Rosemary Gitachu, Kenya Library Association and Hannelore Vogt, Würzburg, Germany.
- **Développement des bibliothèques et accès à l'information pour tous – Quelle stratégie (pour l'Afrique subsaharienne)?** Hosted by Togo Library Association, Lomé. 24-25 June 08
Speakers, M. Thiam M'baye, Dakar, Senegal and Hans-Christoph Hobohm, Potsdam, Germany
- **Libraries as Gateways to Democracy.** To be hosted by Kenya National Library Service, Nairobi. 23 -25 July 08
Speakers are Catherine Kennedy, SAHA, South Africa and Guido Zebisch, German House Sanaa, Jemen
- **Lobbying and public relations: Concepts for public libraries.** The host is Library & Information Services of Namibia, Windhoek. 28 -30 July 08
Speakers are Ujala Satogor, South Africa and Hannelore Vogt, Würzburg, Germany

The concluding workshop will be hosted by the Goethe Institut, Johannesburg South Africa in collaboration with LIASA and Africa Section in November, 2008. The plan is to nominate about two representative from the past workshops . The envisaged topics of discussions amongst other, are lobbying and advocacy
Africa Section would like to commend the Goethe Institut for forging this relationship with Africa and for financing all these workshops.

Invitation to attend SECSAL XVIII

The Zambia Organizing Committee of the XVIII Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (ZOC-SCECSAL XVIII), has the pleasure of inviting you to the SCECSAL XVIII to be hosted by the Zambia Library Association at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre, in Lusaka, Zambia, **from 15-18 July 2008.**

Pre-conference meetings and workshops will be held on **13-14 July 2008**

The main theme of SCECSAL XVIII is - “**Libraries and Information Services towards the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**”.

www.scecsal

West Africa Curriculum Workshop

The WALA Workshop on **Library Schools Curriculum Review** is slated for 21 -23 July, 2008. It will held in Lagos Nigeria. For further details contact Dr. j.o. dANIELS

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10th LIASA Annual Conference



**Theme: "Looking ahead: the
changing role of LIS"**

Date: 6-10 October 2008
Venue: Cape Town International
Convention Centre

**Online registration available at www.liasa.org.za
Early bird deadline extended to 31 July 2008.**

LIASA FAIFE in liaison with IFLA FAIFE will be hosting a pre-conference workshop at the 10th Annual LIASA Conference to be held at the CTICC in Cape Town, in October 2008.

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