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# LEBANESE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



Lebanese Library Association  
L'association des Bibliothèques Libanaises  
جمعية المكتبات اللبنانية



## Country profile: Lebanon

- Strategic in the Middle East
- Lack natural resources → strength in financial sector
- Population of app. 4 million
- Trilingual: Arabic, French and English / Multicultural
- Literacy rate → 87.4% in 2003
- Libraries underfunded due to Civil war
- No National Library
- Public libraries, School libraries, *Academic libraries*, and spreading → financial sector






## BSLA Project Goals

- Governance and structure
- Member involvement
- Communication
- Advocacy

## BSLA Chosen Modules

- Building Your Library Association
  - Strategic Relationships: Partnerships & Fundraising
  - Libraries on the Agenda
  - Sustaining Your Library Association
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## Success Stories

- Amended bylaws to be more upto date with the needs
- Better understanding of the scope and complexity of running an association
- 1st annual conference: April 2012 → 200 attendees
- More competitive elections → 13 candidates standing for 10 places
- Partnerships: Haigazian U / Central Bank





## Forthcoming activities – 2012/2013

- Conference 2013
- Reviving newsletter
- Membership committee: retain current members and recruit new ones
- New publications: Portfolio to present to partners & promotion
- Partnering with SLA Gulf for future workshop
- Restructuring website: Task force
- Buildings bridges: French institutions / Lebanese University





## Challenges: and how we are addressing them

- **Visibility:** Restructuring website / Facebook / Publish a brochure
- **Membership:** Regional representatives / Library visits
- **Partners:** Assist Haigazain University to acquire funding for cultural projects
- **Image:** Plan a media campaign / visit schools and present the profession





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We offer the library community in  
our country:

The possibility to develop their professional  
skills with the resources at hand

Till now the minimum → workshops and  
seminars

The chance to network and socialize with  
peers

With all our weaknesses, we hear:

**“HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ON LLA”**





# The future of the association and libraries in our country

- Mission: The LLA provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of the library and information sector
- Vision: To be the home of library and information professionals in Lebanon
  - ❑ By developing a more professional image;
  - ❑ By being recognized as the official representative;
  - ❑ By setting national standards in order to improve the status of librarians







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**THANK YOU**

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