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RSCAO Chair's Message



Dear Colleagues,

The global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic has not ceased. The pandemic has caused much severe damage to human lives and disruptions to our daily life and work. It also brought about unprecedented changes that are reshaping the library communities in Asia and Oceania and the global library world. A lot of sharing and discussions have taken place about the current situations affecting libraries. Let's work together to survive and thrive! [\[Link\]](#)

Sincerely,
Tina Yang

Regional Manager's Message

Dear Friends,

Libraries around the world are still affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the spotlight, we have the inaugural series of the Leaders' Conversations, which focused on Libraries in the Post-COVID-19 World. This series was jointly organised by the IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania and the National Library Board, Singapore (NLB), in support of the IFLA Global Vision.

Stay safe and healthy! [\[Link\]](#)

Sincerely,
Soh Lin Li



IFLA News

IFLA reviews its Governance to increase efficiency, collaboration, stronger regional representation, greater financial and organizational sustainability, more varied opportunities for participation and better support for volunteers. [\[Link\]](#)



Foshan Library (China) wins the coveted IFLA Press Reader International Marketing Award for 2020. [\[Link\]](#)

Stephen Wyber, discusses the association's position on the role of libraries in supporting the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. [\[Link\]](#)

Leaders' Conversations: Libraries in the Post-COVID-19 World



"Would Libraries collaborate and forge partnerships to strengthen and grow in the Post-COVID-19 World?" Be inspired by the discussion among Leaders of Academic Libraries from Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Sri Lanka and Singapore. [\[Link\]](#)



"What Libraries would stop, continue and start?" Learn more from the interesting answers from Leaders of Public Libraries from Australia, China, Jordan, Malaysia, The Philippines and Singapore. [\[Link\]](#)



"Would Libraries get bigger or smaller in the Post-COVID-19 World?" Read what Leaders of National Libraries from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Philippines, Britain and Singapore have to say. [\[Link\]](#)

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What is trending in the region?

Public Libraries in New South Wales, Australia adapted and innovated in response to the challenges that arose from the COVID-19 pandemic. [\[Link\]](#)



Indonesian Library Association celebrated its 47th Anniversary and officially announced its Anniversary day as Indonesian Librarian Day. [\[Link\]](#)



Library and Information Science Professional in Bangladesh worked to provide authentic information as well as fast and innovative services to their patrons. [\[Link\]](#)



Myanmar Library Association provided online training and discussions for its para-professionals and disseminated information about COVID-19 and how libraries elsewhere are responding. [\[Link\]](#)

National Library Board, Singapore launched a children's book subscription service that allows library users to get a monthly doorstep delivery of eight curated books. [\[Link\]](#)



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