Responding institution:  
National and Public Library of Greenland

This is Greenland’s first contribution to the World Report. The country has 17 public libraries, 1 university library and 25 school libraries. All libraries have 21-40% Internet access, which is free of charge to library users. There is very much local content on the Internet, but very little content is available in local languages. The literacy rate for Greenland is 100% (as reported by the 2007 CIA World Factbook). The library association is in favour of filtering information for the protection of children, and software for this purpose is widespread in the country’s libraries.

No anti-terror legislation has been passed in the past two years, and the respondent feels that such legislation would impact on the privacy of the user. (No reasons have been given.) There have also been no violations of intellectual freedom in the past two years.

Libraries are involved in programmes for raising awareness on HIV/Aids, and for promoting women’s literacy and providing information on their special needs. (No details of these programmes have been given.)

There is no code of ethics available, and also no intention of adopting one within the next two years. Similarly, the Internet Manifesto and Glasgow Declaration have not been adopted, and there is no intention of doing so within the next two years.

User privacy and anti-terror legislation  
No anti-terror legislation has been passed in the last two years that impacts on user privacy.

Reported incidents/violations of intellectual freedom in the past two years  
No incidents of violation of intellectual freedom have been reported.

HIV/Aids awareness  
Greenland’s libraries are involved in programmes that raise awareness about HIV/Aids.

Women and freedom of access to information  
There are library programmes that promote women’s literacy and provide information specifically for women, but no further explanation has been provided.

IFLA Internet Manifesto  
The Manifesto has not been adopted and there is no intention to adopt it within the next two years.

IFLA Glasgow Declaration on Libraries, Information Services and Intellectual Freedom  
The Declaration has not been adopted and there is no indication of whether or not it will be adopted in future.

Ethics  
No code of ethics has been adopted and there is no intention to do so within the next two years.
Main indicators

Country name: Greenland
Population: 56,344 (July 2007 est.)
Main language: Greenlandic (East Inuit), Danish, English
Literacy: 100%
Literacy reported by respondent: No data provided


Libraries and Internet access

Greenland participated for the first time in the IFLA/FAIFE World Report in 2007. No comparisons can therefore be made with previous reports.

Library services

Estimated number of public libraries*: 17
Estimated number of school libraries: 25
Estimated number of university libraries: 1
Estimated number of government-funded research libraries: 0
Source of these numbers: Public and University Library

Internet access

Population online**: 38,000 Internet users as of Dec. 2005 (66.3%)
Percentage of public libraries offering Internet access to users: 21-40%
Percentage of school libraries offering Internet access to users: 21-40%
Percentage of university libraries offering Internet access to users: 21-40%
Percentage of government-funded research libraries offering Internet access to users: 21-40%
In your estimate, how much local content*** is available on the Internet: Very much
To what degree is content on the Internet available in local languages: Very little
Is the library association in favour of filtering information on library Internet terminals: Yes
Is the use of filtering software widespread in your country’s libraries: Yes – for the protection of children
Is it free of charge for library users to access the Internet on library computers: Yes, in all libraries
Has the state or other library authorities made any extra funding available for Internet access in the library system of your country in the last two years: No

* Public library service points, including branch libraries.
** Online population numbers are from Internet World Stats (www.Internetworldstats.com).
*** Local content is defined as content that originates in the country.