

**Supplementary sheet – see section 8 of the GENLOC Committee Minutes number 2  
Suntec Centre, Singapore Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

**Focus/ Theme for the Section during Michael J Hall's Term of Office**

The Chairman suggested the Theme:

*Living Libraries: Preserving Oral, Family and Local Histories.*

It was agreed that this should be the Committee Focus

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**Living Libraries: Preserving Oral, Family and Local Histories**

- 1 This Focus/Theme corresponds with IFLA Key Initiative K14:  
*Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Program*
- 2 This will give the Section something to focus on for at least the next two years
- 3 Everyday, somewhere in the the world, a '*Living Library*' passes away, often taking with them the family, tribal, clan and/or cultural history of their community
- 4 Often the youth of that community do not wish to take the time to learn the necessary skills to become '*the keeper of the stories*'
- 5 These '*Living Libraries*' are not just in emerging countries; they can be found everywhere!
- 6 Preserving local history through the eyes of individuals – how this contributes to the history of a particular people
- 7 The Section should include the Focus/Theme into our Blogs, emails, Facebook pages, Web pages, Newsletters, Conference Programs (Crimea 2014, Lyon 2014, Cape Town 2015), Ssatellite Programs etc  
  
*[There is a GENLOC Facebook Page with photos taken at the Conferenceuploaded]*
- 8 The Section should invite other ethnic groups to join GENLOC and to participate in providing papers/presentations in this area
- 9 A first step would be to create a ***Concept of a Call to Action*** for the Section on '*Living Libraries: Preserving Oral Family and Local History*'
  - i. Creation of a guiding Sub-Committee
  - ii. Set Goal, Objectives, and measurements
  - iii. Ensure that everyone on the Sub-Committee has a job
  - iv. Produce a GNAT Report and an Action Plan
  - v. Everyone to take responsibility and ownership for the Focus/Theme