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Why is this publication important for public librarians?

The Guidelines provide advice and guidance to library and information managers on how to plan, build and maintain public libraries to a high quality.

- It is a practical working document with guidelines and standards to use in developing public library services
- It provides targets for librarians working in libraries at an early stage of development to aim for
- It can be used to persuade politicians and other decision makers of the importance of well funded public library services
- It provides advice on developing priorities and policies for public library services
- It includes examples of how public library services are provided in many countries
- The recommendations and standards are supported by IFLA and UNESCO, the most important international organisations for public libraries.

Prepared by a team of experts around the world drawn from the IFLA Section for Public Libraries.

"Public libraries are the most important types of libraries in developing countries as they are accessible to every resident of that area. The IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Guidelines provide policy makers and librarians with a very authoritative and comprehensive document for the development of this crucial group of libraries in their countries."



Rashidah Bolhassan,
Sarawak State Library,
Malaysia

- The role and purpose of the public library
- The legal and financial framework
- Meeting the needs of the users
- Collection development
- Human resources
- The management and marketing of public libraries

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