Join us! Three reasons:

1. To exchange information and experiences with people working with libraries and children all over the world; to share your expertise and learn from others.

2. To promote literacy and adequate library services for children and young people in countries from all over the world.

3. To plan for and participate in WLIC and IFLA Annual Conferences and occasional seminars and meetings.

Membership! At least three ways:

1. Get your institution to join IFLA as an Institutional Member and register for the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section; or

2. Check with your Association whether it is an IFLA member (or if intends to join IFLA as an Association Member.) Ask your association to register for the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section; or

3. Join as a Personal Affiliate or Student Affiliate and obtain one Sectional membership – the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.

Check for membership information at: http://www.ifla.org/en/membership

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA is an independent, international, non-governmental, nonprofit organization. Its aims are to:

- Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
- Represent the interests of our members throughout the world.

Cover picture: Little girl in "Les Champs libres" Library, Rennes, France
IFLA Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults

The Section focuses on the development of library services for children and young adults all over the world. The Section raises awareness of the importance of lifelong learning, children’s reading and their right to information.

The Section wants to be an international forum for the exchange of experience, ideas, projects and knowledge. It aims to be a forum for discussion, cooperation and development and will also open channels for information all over the world.

Goals

- Encourage literacy for an information society.
- Encourage relevant integration of old and modern technologies in libraries for children and young adults.
- Advocate the children’s right to information in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Encourage international networking between professionals and researchers in the fields of children’s library services.
- Strengthen the role and professional identity of children’s and young adults librarians.

Conference Sites:
2009 Milan, Italy
2010 Gothenburg, Sweden
2011 San Juan, Puerto Rico
2012 Helsinki, Finland
2013 Singapore
2014 Lyon, France

Publications and Projects

SCL Newsletter

Sister Libraries for Children’s and Young Adult’s Reading

The World through Picture Books Project
The catalogue of picture books from around the world that have been recommended by librarians. The exhibition of books, based in France and Japan, is available for loan: http://www.ifla.org/en/libraries-for-children-and-ya/projects

The multilingual catalogue can be downloaded or purchased as a printed IFLA professional report.

Guidelines for Library Services for Young Adults
These inspiring and useful Guidelines were fully revised in 2009 and translated into seven languages: http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/revised-guidelines-for-library-services-for-young-adults

Guidelines for Library Services to Babies and Toddlers
Published in 2007, realized in collaboration with other IFLA sections, they are translated into nine languages: http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/guidelines-for-library-services-to-babies-and-toddlers

Guidelines for Children’s Libraries Services
Published in 2003 and translated into 17 languages: http://www.ifla.org/en/publications/guidelines-for-childrens-library-services

Partnerships

ALMA – The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
The Swedish Government has established an important literary prize in memory of the beloved author Astrid Lindgren. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is an annual, international prize for the literature for children and young adults. The Section of Libraries for Children and Young Adults is one of the nominating bodies for ALMA. Read more: http://www.alma.se

International Board of Books for Young People (IBBY)
Our Section is one of the partners implementing the tripartite IFLA-IRA-IBBY Memorandum of Understanding at the international level.

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