



E-Books in Libraries: A Global Question of Survival?

An IFLA Management of Library Associations (MLAS) Seminar in Cooperation with the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) on the Challenges in Front of Us

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Location

CILIP

7 Ridgmount Street
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The transformation of the media market and the emergence of eBooks is causing great changes to library models worldwide. The answers we find to the challenges emerging, and the positions and models we develop will be crucial for our future. This is the reason why IFLA's Management of Library Associations (MLAS) Committee and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) are organizing an important seminar in London in February.

Over hundreds of years libraries decided what books to buy and use for public lending in accordance with their collection building policies. In the world of e-books libraries no longer have such a right. It is a significant - and in our view unacceptable - change that today the acquisition policies of libraries may be decided by publishers and not by libraries themselves. The challenge is to find solutions to this problem. It is a question of our survival.

IFLA is deeply concerned about this development. Currently, the Governing Board and experts are elaborating "IFLA Principles on eLending". IFLA will be concentrating on this issue during 2013 with workshops and presentations. The start will be MLAS/CILIP seminar in London.

Experts from all continents will report on the situation around the world, and successful lobbying activities and campaigns will be presented. IFLA will present fundamental position papers. Together, we want to develop new strategies.

If you want to know what happens worldwide and deal with this problem together with IFLA, come to the seminar in London. Work on new strategies together with us.

The seminar is free of charge, however the number of participants is limited. So please register soon by visiting: <http://fs3.formsite.com/cilip/form188/index.html>.

Programme:

10.00 **Welcome**

- Phil Bradley, CILIP President
- Annie Mauger, CEO of CILIP

10.15 **Introduction**

Gerald Leitner, MLAS Chair

10.30 **E-Books in Libraries: A global Challenge**

- United Kingdom: (Nick Stopforth, Society of Chief Librarians, England)
- North America (Michael Dowling, American Library Association, USA)
- South America (Chloe Vicente de Billion, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile)
- Asia: (Yasuyo Inoue, Dokkyo University, Japan)
- Africa (Dr Maisela Eddy Maepa, UNISA, South Africa)
- Australasia (Fiona Bradley, IFLA)
- Europe (Klaus-Peter Böttger, EBLIDA)

Overview of what the problems are in each region.

11.40 **Coffee**

12.00 **Panel Discussion with speakers**

13.00 **Networking Lunch**

14.00 **National Campaigns - Your Campaign**

- Examples from
- Swedish Library Association (Niclas Lindberg)
- ALA (Michael Dowling)
- EBLIDA (Vincent Bonnet)
- and *your* (planned) campaign

15.30 **Coffee**

15.45 **Responding to the Challenge: What IFLA is doing and how we can help you**

Stuart Hamilton, Director, Policy and Advocacy

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17.20 **Next Steps**

Gerald Leitner, MLAS Chair

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