IFLA National Library Section
Inventory National Library Functions

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Background

- First Inventory by Andy Stephens (BL)
- Discussed during conference Capetown: decided to continue working on inventory National Library Functions

![Article](http://ala.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/06/16/0955749016653031.abstract?patientlinks=yes&legid=spala;0955749016653031v1)
Background

Next steps

At the WLIC in Cape Town in August 2015, the Standing Committee of the National Libraries Section considered next steps following the completion of the pilot study reported here. It still remains an option to build on the corpus of best practice case studies with a view to creating a comprehensive online database for collaborative learning by rolling out the invitation to contribute to the entire national library community. However, the Standing Committee is currently undertaking a detailed online survey of national library functions, the aim being comprehensively to document at a high level of granularity the functions currently undertaken by national libraries. The first results of this work are to be presented during the IFLA WLIC Conference in Columbus, Ohio in August 2016 and a final report is to be made available online.

Today!
Background

- First Inventory by Andy Stephens
- Discussed during conference Capetown: decided to continue working on inventory National Library Functions
- Meeting in Bern, February 2016
- Formulated 8 topics: Background participants, Collection Development, Collection Management/Metadata, Preservation & Conservation, Making Collections available, Outreach, Cooperation & Coordination, Special functions
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- Draft survey distributed to members Working Group
- Comments incorporated
- Survey sent out to Standing Committee
- Fieldwork March – April 2016
- Today first results
Results

• Results available in general numbers
• BUT: at this stage N=only 18 so not statistical significant
• More of interest will be the **datacenter (still in beta):**
  explore data yourself and create visualisations of the data:
• Today we mainly want to 1) give you an idea of the type of data per topic, 2) discuss if we have everything covered, and 3) discuss the next steps
I. Results – Background Participants

- 18 (out of 22) filled in surveys
I. Results – Background Participants

Datacenter contains interactive visualisation by clicking on country.
# I. Results – Background Participants

**Question 6. What is the type of your library?**

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Datacenter allows you to explore which countries have different types of libraries.
II. Results – Collection Development

- Types of materials

- Printed (monographs, periodicals, newspapers)
- Musical scores
- Sound recordings
- Audiovisual (broadcast television program)
- Photographs
- Posters
- Other (e.g. maps and atlases, films, posters)

“Braille, Maps & Atlases, Websites, Motion Pictures”
II. Results – Collection Development

• E-deposit legislation or agreement?
II. Results – Collection Development

- Materials in e-deposit?

“E-Serials without print counterpart”
III. Results – Collection Management/Metadata

• Approaches for creating metadata?

“Buying in foreign books & Some Metadata provided by publishers”
III. Results – Collection Management/Metadata

- Opening up metadata for free re-use?
IV. Results – Preservation & Conservation

• Types of preservation & conservation methods?

- Binding, testing & analysis
- Digital preservation system for sound and AV
- Not mass deacidification, but one item at a time as needed
- Sterilization, restoration

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<td>Controlled storage</td>
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<td>Acid-free packaging</td>
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IV. Results – Preservation & Conservation

- Standard to certify digital preservation policy?

- OAIS
- SPAR system
V. Results – Making Collections Available

- Types of on site reader services
V. Results – Making Collections Available

- Types of remote reader services
  - Distance research enquiries by email and letter
  - OA for journals
  - Home Loan Document Lending service for disabled people
  - Webinars
  - Web-, phone- and chat based reference services

![Bar chart showing the proportion of different remote reader services: Reference Materials 77.8%, Access to digitised materials 83.3%, Home Loan Document Lending service 33.3%, Other, namely 16.7%]
VI. Results – Outreach

- Website &?

Responsive?

- Yes: 55%
- No: 28%
- Other, namely 17%

Accessible?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 17%
- Somewhat: 17%
- Other, namely 5%
VI. Results – Outreach

• Use of Flickr, Wikimedia or other services to distribute collection?

• Facebook
• Blogs
• Pinterest

No: 55%
Yes: 28%
Other, namely: 17%
VI. Results – Outreach

- Activities to illustrate cultural & scientific achievements of your country

- Restauration Workshops
- Edit-a-thon
- National Book Festival
- Symposia
VII. Results – Cooperation & Coordination

- Collaboration with National Institutes

- Parliamentary Library
- Federal Agencies
VII. Results – Cooperation & Coordination

- Collaboration with International Institutes

- Europeana
- Unesco
- OCLC
- National Archives
VIII. Results – Special Functions

- Other functions
VIII. Results – Special Functions

• Important activities the coming 5 years?

  • Training courses and workshops for Library’s staff
  • Development of library standards
  • Providing access to digital material and e-books
  • Providing national virtual library network platform for all types of libraries
  • Future of bibliographic data formats
  • Promotion of information literacy
  • Offering research facilities and services on site
  • Collaborative storage printed (& e-) material
  • Closer cooperation with Wikipedia
VIII. Results – Remarks on Survey

- In general positive feedback:
  - “Great survey”
  - “Gave me an opportunity to think about the present and future of the national library”
- Some technical remarks
- Remarks on topics addressed in ‘Other’ answers
Open for discussion

• Keep the current set-up?

• How to report on the findings?
• Simple report with basic results per question, or
• Meta-analysis of each of the 8 topics?

• Keep the Datacenter as way to explore the data yourself (upon agreement participants)?
• If yes: Embedded on IFLA website?
• Open or password protected?
Next steps

- August: Include your comments & suggestions
- Mid September: Send out to CDNL
- Mid November: Close survey
- Mid January 2017: Results & Datacenter finalized
- Mid February 2017: Results & Datacenter at IFLA website

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