IFLA—the global voice of libraries

IFLA: portavoz mundial de las bibliotecas

IFLA : la voix des bibliothèques dans le monde

IFLA—die globale Stimme der Bibliotheken

ИФЛА - глобальный голос библиотек

国际图联——全球图书馆的声音

الإفلا – الصوت الدولي للمكتبات
Engaging Citizens in Parliament

A Comparison of Parliamentary Information Services Extension and Library Networks

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• Governance is
  – a dialog of government with citizens
  – of service providers and clients
  – of employers and employees

• Democratic Governance is
  – Engagement
  – Communication
  – important to manage knowledge to make public services act knowledgeably
  – And for citizens to know when and with whom to engage
The government has a responsibility to collect, to maintain, and to disseminate information to the public.
KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

- SERVICE
- INNOVATION
- ACTIVISM
- PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
- ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS FOR INFORMED CITIZENS
Libraries and Librarian Engagement
FOUR COUNTRY EXAMPLES
Ukrainian Parliament’s Library Partners

- National Libraries
- State Scientific Libraries
- Book Chamber of Ukraine
- Regional (Oblast) Universal Libraries
- Information Centers

http://lib.rada.gov.ua/static/lib_web/partners.html
National Parliamentary Library of Ukraine
Division for Information Services to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
International Library/Research Networking

EU Information Support for Public Policy and Legislative Development

US Embassy Information Research Service and Library Development Programs
2009: Citizen Access Points
Civic Awareness through Libraries
http://govinfofolibrary.wordpress.com/
Expansion of the CAPs Network

- Regional training
- Exponential Growth of CAPs sites
- ToT for Citizen Access Training Programs
- Cooperation with schools and NGOs, Media Centers
- Library School Course
- Librarians Continued Education Training
944 CAPs Libraries
June 2014
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Parliamentary Staff Link with Libraries
Established a partnership & dialog of information professionals with government/parliament

Increased accessibility to parliamentary and government information

Improved the quality of parliamentary information and its presentation

Effective engagement of informed citizens in legislative processes

Network of librarians who understand and promote parliamentary and government information
HAYASTAN / ARMENIA
PAKISTAN INSTITUTE FOR PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

- Training
- Research
- Informational and Support Services
- Resource Centers
Cooperative and Collaborative Pakistan Parliamentary Library Network

- Library Automation – Catalogues
- Digitization
- ILO
  - Journals
  - Newspapers
  - Legislative Records
- Conferences
  - APLAP
  - IFLA
INFORMATION SERVICES

RESEARCH SERVICES

CAPACITY BUILDING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

INTERNERSHIP PROGRAM

RESOURCE CENTER MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC-OUTREACH PROGRAM

COMMITTEE-RELATED SERVICES
Bangladesh Parliament

- BRAC University Library team
- Legislative document repository system
- Parliamentary Library of Bangladesh
Parliamentary Libraries Promote Citizen Education

Members must communicate the strength of the Assembly
Provide information on a timely basis.
Make information available to schools about the Assembly
Show Citizens how they can participate in the process
Provide Information to Schools

- Work with educators to develop curriculum and teaching materials about the parliament for various grade levels
- Invite schools to visit the parliament
- Develop on-line programs that describe government and the parliament
Swedish Parliamentary Corners
Goteborg Riksdagshörnan

The Parliament provide the banner which “brands” the corner. The small meeting space allows for one-on-one and small group meetings of members of parliament with the public. The library organizes debates in the library area – as many of 200 people will sometimes attend the debate.
Swedish Parliamentary Library Outreach
CENTRALIZED LIBRARY SERVICES
Engaging Citizens in Parliament through library cooperation

Thank You!

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