The IFLA Trend Report: Opportunities and Challenges for Libraries and Research Services for Parliaments.

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IFLA is the Global Voice of Libraries

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Working to improve access to information
Literature Review
Expert discussions
Wider consultation
Construction of web platform, Insights
Launch...and over to you!
Riding the waves or caught in the tide?
Insights from the IFLA Trend Report
New Technology will Expand Access to Information but also Present Barriers.

- Higher value to literacy skills
- New online business models
- Billion new internet users in developing countries
On-Line learning Will Transform and Disrupt Traditional Education

Learning opportunities cheaper and more abundant
More recognition of non-formal and informal learning
Open access publishing helps build innovation
The Boundaries of Privacy and Data Protection will be Redefined
Likely Outcomes

Tracking communications cheaper and easier

Challenges to regulating the internet

Trust in the on-line world erodes?

Engagement versus fear.
TREND 1:
NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL BOTH EXPAND AND LIMIT WHO HAS ACCESS TO INFORMATION

TREND 5:
THE GLOBAL INFORMATION ECONOMY WILL BE TRANSFORMED BY NEW TECHNOLOGIES
Likely Outcomes

- Mobile devices main medium for access to information
- 3D printing creatively disrupts global manufacturing
- Real time multilingual voice translation
Hyper-connected Societies will Listen to and Empower New Voiced and Groups
Likely Outcomes

More single issue groups
Open government initiatives = transparency
Individuals empowered
Cybercriminals, terrorists and extremists also
Political parties may be weakened
Status of women transformed
Outcomes continued

Virtual environments to test potential decisions
Institutional credibility comes from transparency
2012 World E-Parliament Study

Observations

Increased number of citizens with mobile access
Use of social media growing
There are technology gaps
How we got here
It all depends on Access

Many of the trends will not effect the majority of the world’s population, rural and poor communities least likely to be on-line.
Public libraries bridge that gap. 73% of world’s public libraries in developing and transitioning countries.
Trends = Call to Action

U.N. Post 2016 development agenda
IFLA wants to see the Post-2015 development agenda
recognise the value of:
Access to information to development
ICTs and access to information
The Lyon Declaration on Access to Information and Development

The Lyon Declaration is an advocacy document that will be used to positively influence the content of the United Nations post-2015 development agenda.

The Declaration begins by setting out principles relating to access to information. Access to information supports development by empowering people to:

- Exercise their civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights
- Learn and apply new skills
- Make decisions and participate in an active and engaged civil society
- Create community-based solutions to development challenges
- Ensure accountability, transparency, good governance, and empowerment
- Measure progress on public and private commitments on sustainable development.
Thank you
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