Contribute to global library statistics with IFLA World Report – Statistics Module

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Who needs Global Library Statistics? (1)

- Institutions that work on an international level:
  - IFLA, UNESCO, EBLIDA (EU), ….

What for?

- Advocacy on the international level (WSIS, copyright…)
- Advocacy on national level in single countries
Examples

- How many people have access to the Internet via libraries?
- How many people are affected by library-related copyright issues?
- How many people can be reached when using libraries for educational / health purposes?
- What are the challenges in library development?
Who needs Global Library Statistics? (2)

- Institutions that work on an national level:
- Library Associations, Library service centres, national agencies

What for?

- Self-assessment, benchmark
- Advocacy on national level
Examples

• How developed is our library system compared to other relevant countries? (service points, holdings, infrastructure…)
• How high/low is our state expenditure on libraries, compared to other relevant countries?
• How do other countries run their
• What are the challenges for our library system?
Who provides international library statistics?

Nobody!

- until 2000, UNESCO conducted occasional surveys, based on a 1970s dataset
- For the EU, project libecon gathered data 1999 – 2004
What is the problem?

- often: no library statistics on the national level
  - regional, local level, or none – statistics are expensive!
- who gathers the data?
  - structures and agencies differ widely, public and academic libraries report to different agencies etc.
- international surveys
  - require a strong organizational background
  - require an organization with formal authority
  - are extremely labor-intensive
Who can achieve global library statistics?

UNESCO!

or other internationally operating agencies
What can IFLA do?

1. assist in the building of an up-to-date and concise dataset
2. support librarians in collecting and using statistics
3. emphasize the use of library statistics to national governments and librarians
4. persuade UNESCO to revive their library statistics programme

What can IFLA not do?

organize an international statistics survey
1 – Develop a model dataset


Aims:

• assist data collection for advocacy on a global level
• develop an up-to-date dataset (e-services, usage)
• provide guidance to countries developing library statistics
• standardize data on libraries worldwide
1 – Test the model dataset


- carried out by UNESCO Institute of Statistics
- 2 years
- considerable funding by IFLA, professional coordination by UNESCO
- 41 countries, 25 replies
2 Support librarians when dealing with statistics

„Statistics for Advocacy“ workshop development as part of BSLA (2009-ongoing)
- ready for download in the BSLA learning environment
- trainers available via the S&E section
- focuses on the use of statistics for advocacy purposes
- ca. 6-10 runs in 5 countries so far
3 + 4: Emphasize value of statistics


- A short statement that shows the importance and value of library statistics


- can be used both to advocate national agencies to organize and pay for library statistics and to librarians to raise awareness for the importance of national statistics.

- direct contact to UNESCO
What can IFLA do?

1. assist in the building of an up-to-date and concise dataset
2. support librarians in collecting and using statistics
3. emphasize the use of library statistics to national governments and librarians
4. persuade UNESCO to revive their library statistics programme
5. provide a platform for the data that does already exist
Globalstats for IFLA World Report - Idea

Add a database module (online-form and presentation) for library statistics to IFLA-World Report, based on the model questionnaire:

- enrich IFLA World Report with statistical data
- provide a collecting platform for existing library statistics
Globalstats for IFLA World Report - Idea

- test if „crowdsourcing“(voluntary, uncoordinated input) can lead to useful data – open ended test!
- promote database to IFLA members, monitor development
Model dataset

- 26 questions on Public and Academic Libraries (= 52 questions in total)
- 9 „core questions“
- ca. 10 background questions
- detailed definitions
- to be answered on national level
- conventional and electronic services
- a model that only few countries live up to
Statistics Module for IFLA World Report

http://www.db.ifla-world-report.org/home/index

includes data for ca. 30 countries (Latin American countries from UNESCO test-run and S&E standing committee countries)
- Mexico
- full report
- add Peru, Costa Rica
- table view
Institutions (IFLA) 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.

Select the entries that you want to view in more detail.

Mexico
Population: 111,211,789 (July 2009 est.)
Internet growth: 917.50%
Literate: 91%
Internet penetration: 24.86%
Languages: Spanish only 92.7%, Spanish and indigenous languages 5.7%, indigenous only 0.8%, unspecified 0.8%; note: indigenous languages include various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional languages (2005)
Internet users: 27600000

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**Public libraries access and facilities**

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**Public libraries collection**

| Number of materials (volumes) available in public libraries | 35,565,924 |
| Number of electronic resources (subscriptions) in public libraries | na |
| Number of e-books (titles) in public libraries | na |
| Number of databases in public libraries (purchased or licensed) | na |
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### Public libraries collection

| Number of materials (volumes) available | 35,565,974 | 453,253 | 1,315,793 |
**SECTION 2B: UPDATED STATISTICAL DATA**

**HIDE DATA**

**BASIC DATA**

Country: Mexico  
Country code: mx  
Number of inhabitants: 112,322,757

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACCESS AND FACILITIES**

Year covered by the data: 2006  
Total number of public libraries: 7,210  
Number of user work places in public libraries: 354,042  
Opening hours: No of public libraries with up to 20 opening hours per week: 0  
No of public libraries with 21 to 30 opening hours per week: 327  
No of public libraries with 31 to 40 opening hours per week: 5,000  
No of public libraries with more than 40 opening hours per week: 1,380  
Number of public libraries providing Internet access for users: 2,075  
Number of public libraries with online catalogues: n  
Number of public libraries with a website: n

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES COLLECTION**

Number of materials (volumes) available in public libraries: 35,585,924  
Number of electronic serials (subscriptions) in public libraries: na  
Number of e-books (titles) in public libraries: na  
Number of databases in public libraries (purchased or licensed): na

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Number of events organized or co-organized by public libraries: 1,053  
Number of people attending events in public libraries: 13,437

**PUBLIC LIBRARY USE AND USERS**

Number of registered users in public libraries: 269,119  
Number of loans in public libraries: 8,483,330  
Number of downloads of the e-collection in public libraries: n  
Number of visits to public libraries: 66,907,083

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES STAFF**

Number of employees in public libraries (Headcount): 9,960  
Number of female employees public libraries: n  
Total Hours of staff training: n

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES EXPENDITURE**

Total operating expenditure for all public libraries (national currency): n  
Expenditure on public libraries (international currency): n
How can you contribute?

• Download the questionnaire from [URL]
• Find out who could hold the data for your country
  – this could be two different agencies for public or academic libraries
  – first steps: national library, library association, ministry of culture/education
• Ask the relevant people to
  – find out, which of the data is available for your country
  – provide the data in the questionnaire
How can you contribute?

- Register for the database by writing an e-mail to theo.bothma@up.ac.za.
- You will receive a password.
- Login and input the data

**Important:**

It is not necessary to deliver a complete dataset! 9 core data are sufficient, less qualify as well.

Notes can be added to explain all data.
What will IFLA do?

- promote the World Report
- promote the statistics module
- provide support and advice
- monitor the development of the database
Thank you for your attention!

Questions?
Comments?