



Section Library Theory and Research

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SCOPE

The Section on Library Theory and Research concerns itself with the continuing development of library and information science through theoretical and applied research in all aspects of the discipline. The Section promotes the importance of investigation and research activities within IFLA's programme, upholds scientific integrity in research and development activities, supports the design and investigation of research projects and the reporting and publication of research results within the library and information science community worldwide.

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STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS MEETINGS

- 1) Standing Committee Meeting 1, August 17, 2013 12:30 - 15:00
- 2) Standing Committee Meeting 2, August 20, 2013, 13:15-14:45

The LTR Strategic Plan and the Action Plan have been revised by Krystyna Matusiak, Carolyn Rankin, and Steve W. Witt.

The Library Theory and Research (LTR) Section has improved very much the communication in many ways:

1. Re-establishing the Section's Newsletter (closed for many years)
2. Animating LIS community on twitter
3. Establishing a blog
3. Using Diigo
4. The creation of Linked In group for valorizing professional competences of LTR board and members.

LTR communication strategy is characterized by the involvement of students in the process of developing the diffusion of information through the different channels and the strong coordination of LTR Information Officer Raphaëlle BATS

PROJECTS

Researcher-Librarian Partnership

Final report of the Researcher-Librarian Partnership has been published in the Section's Website. The project began in 2010 by Helen Partridge, Terry Weech, Lynn Connaway and Michael Seadle. An article describing the project written by Helen Partridge, Lynn Connaway, Michael Seadle, and Terry Weech, has been accepted for publication in Library and Information Research. Follow-up activities for the Research-Librarian Partnership project were discussed and it was proposed creating a LinkedIn group that would offer an extended support for the program. Heidi Olsen offered to be a volunteer to administer and manage the network.

Impact of IFLA Standards

The Impact of IFLA norms was a LTR-project, which started in 2003, initiated by Prof. Ragnar Audunson, Oslo. In an effort to bring closure to a 2004-2006 IFLA supported LTR research project, Heidi Kristin Olsen and Terry Weech with the assistance of the original project director, Ragnar Audunson of Oslo, Norway, undertook the task of recovering the papers submitted as part of the IFLA LTR project. This publication is now linked from the LTR website under the title "The IFLA

Library Theory and Research Section Study of the Impact of IFLA on Promotion. Change and Diffusing Professional Norms in Libraries.” In 2013, Patrice Landry asked for the collaboration of LTR in the preparation of a new project proposal, “Impact study of IFLA standards and guidelines,” which was submitted and approved by IFLA PC. Peter Lor, Terry Weech, Anna Maria Tamaro and Steve Witt are participating to the new project.

Special Interest Group - Library History SIG

Steve Witt reported on planning a 2014 satellite meeting focused on history of librarianship.

WLIC 2013 CONFERENCE PROGRAMS SINGAPORE

Open Session (Session n. 217) : Theme: "Diversity in libraries : research reflecting theoretical approaches and practical experimentation" 19 of August 2013, 09:30 - 12:45. The session Diversity in libraries: research reflecting theoretical approaches and practical experimentation included six presentations. The session was well attended (80 participants) and generated very good questions, mostly related to research methodology. One of the papers presented at the session discussed the program of implementing a LGBTQ awareness program in the public library.

Programme Planning Committee chair: Raphaëlle Bats

ANDRADE BLANCO, Pablo (2013) Developing a model integral impact assessment. P

BRANDSTEDT, Ragnhild K. (2013) Identifying and implementing diversity: Collaborative action-based research at Mariestad’s Public Library on LGBTQ issues.

KASEY L., Garrison (2013) “This intense desire to know the world”: Cultural competency as a personal and professional disposition in collection development practices.

LEONG, Jack Hang-tat (2013) Ethnic diversity at the University of Toronto Libraries.

MATUSIAK, Krystyna K. (2013) What we are learning about the diverse backgrounds of academic library users: An overview of research designs and methods in information behavior studies.

MOSKINA, Viktorija (2013) Information seeking behaviour of national minorities’ secondary school students for scientific research purposes.

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter: Two issues of the Section Newsletter were published in electronic form last year: 2013/1 in January, and 2013/2 in June.

The newsletter has been distributed via email to all LTR members.

Library Theory and Research (LTR) Blog has been opened

LTR Website: two reports were published

Researcher Librarian : final report

Study of the Impact of IFLA on Promotion change and Diffusing Professional Norms in Libraries -The Findings

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