Vicki McDonald
State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer, State Library of Queensland, Australia.
President IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (2023-2025)

Vicki McDonald is a recognised leader in the library and information sector. Spanning four decades, her career has included leadership roles in public, academic and state libraries. Her professional interests include a client-centred approach to designing services and spaces, digital inclusion, services to First Nations people, and a commitment to delivering lifelong learning opportunities for the community and profession.

In 2016, her national and international experience led to her appointment as State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of State Library of Queensland. She understands the need for a strong, relevant and innovative library service and this is reflected in State Library’s achievements under her leadership. In her current role, Vicki provides strategic leadership for a significant program to transform State Library’s services, collections and spaces through State Library’s Digital Strategy: Digital by Design. State Library is recognised for its services to First Nations communities, and for documenting and making accessible content related to Queensland’s First Nations peoples. To ensure that State Library retains its world-class status, she is championing the development of a strategy to renew spaces within the nationally recognised building.

Throughout her career, Vicki has been very active in professional associations. Vicki is current president of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) for 2023-2025. She is also a past president of the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).