

School Library Section Mission

The Section of School Libraries concerns itself with the improvement and development of school libraries worldwide, advocacy for qualified and adequate staffing for school libraries, and recognition of school libraries' transformational role in advancing student achievement. It provides an international forum for exchanging ideas, experiences, research results and advocacy.



What is IFLA?

IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) 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. IFLA is an independent, international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. Its aims are to:

- Promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- Encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library and information services
- Represent the interests of IFLA members throughout the world.

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What are its achievements?

The section members develop relevant publications that support and advance its membership:

- *Global Perspectives on School Libraries Projects and Practices* (IFLA Publications, No. 148)
- *The School Library: Today and Tomorrow* (English/French/Spanish)
- *The School Library-Principal Relationship: Guidelines for Research and Practice*. (IFLA Professional Reports, No. 78)
- *The IFLA/UNESCO School Library Guidelines*, 2nd edition
- *The IFLA/UNESCO School Library Manifesto*
- *School Libraries on the Agenda* training modules

The section develops and sponsors school library **resources** to help school librarians state their case to their community for strong school libraries.

The section conducts and/or sponsors **research** on topics such as the role of the school principal/headmaster in supporting school libraries.

Why should you join?

- Network with other school librarians and supporters of school librarianship
- Collegiality and support
- Professional development
- Plan, participate and lead in IFLA conferences and meetings
- Collaborate with other sections
- Promote your library and country to the world
- Advance the profession through shared best practices and research.

How can you join?

- Your institution can join IFLA as an **Institutional Member, including as a School Library**, and register for the School Libraries Section; OR
- Your national library association can join IFLA as an **Association Member**, and register for the School Libraries Section; OR
- You can join as a **Personal Affiliate** or **Student Affiliate**, and choose one section: School Libraries Section. For membership details, go to <http://www.ifla.org/en/membership>

How can members participate?

- Propose, develop and conduct research
- Develop and disseminate publications
- Contribute to the blog
- Engage in online discussion
- Speak at conferences
- Serve on the section's standing committee (the governing body of the Section).

Contact us

To contact Standing Committee Members, see:
<http://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/11>