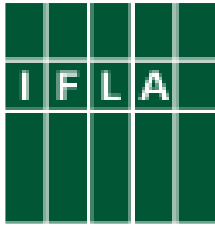


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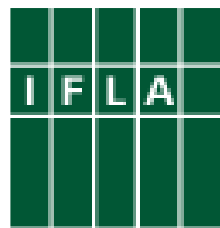
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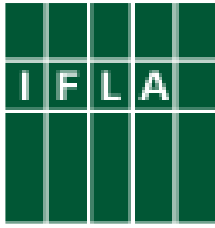
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Satellite Meeting

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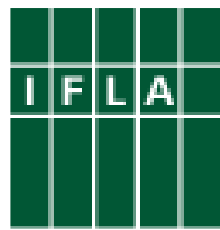
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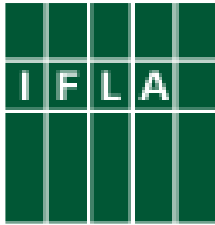
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papers particularly, but not exclusively, on the following sub-themes: Art Libraries and Artificial Intelligence, Art Libraries and Digital Repositories, Art Libraries and Linked Data/Semantic Web and Virtual Reality Learning Resources for Arts and Cultural Heritage.

Date: 22 August (Tuesday)

21 August (Monday): Business Meeting (time TBD). At each annual Congress, the section meets for at least one business meeting. Time and location will be announced soon.





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Art Libraries [edit]

An Art Library is a **special library** used by researchers in the study of art. Specifically, an art library is responsible for collecting, organizing, and preserving documentation for the arts.^[1] Art Libraries are often staffed by librarians with undergraduate degrees in Fine Arts and Masters in Library Studies. These librarians are experts in finding materials and providing services and programs related to special areas of the arts. Art Library visitors include students, experts, academics, artists looking for inspiration, and anyone interested in fine arts. The libraries are often located inside museums, galleries, or universities, they can also be part of a national library or research institution.^[2]

Types of Art Libraries [edit]

- Independent research libraries
- Museum libraries
- School art libraries
- Libraries in cultural centres
- Other collections of art information

An art library's central mission is to collect, identify, and make available collections of material relating to the study or pursuit of art. Traditional collections may include monographs and periodicals relating to genres, periods, and art movements. However, depending on the communities or missions they serve and support, art libraries may be composed of artist books, **catalogues raisonnés**, **slides**, photographs, films, prints, material samples, **ephemera collections**, and more.



Bibliothèque des Musées de Strasbourg

History of Art Libraries [edit]

Main article: [History of libraries](#)

1300s

The [Louvre](#) Library was established by [Charles V](#) in 1368.^[3] Who converted it from a fortress into a royal place and Library. Which in 1461^[4] became the [Bibliothèque nationale de France](#).

1700s

The [Danish National Art Library](#) was established in 1754^[5] as part of the newly formed [Danish National Academy of Fine Arts](#)^[6]

1800s

The [National Art Library](#) (UK) was established at the Government School of Design at Somerset House, London in 1837^[6]. The art library as an institutional or organizational entity as it is currently encountered, likely began in the second half of the 19th century^[7]

1900s

In 1969 the Art Libraries Society UK & Ireland was founded.^[8] The Art Libraries Society of North America was founded in 1972.^[9]

In 1977 the IFLA Art Libraries Section began, and 1978 they had 98 members in the section. ^[10]

2000s

The first art library in the Persian Gulf was established at the [Museum of Islamic Art](#) (Qatar) in 2008^[11] and at Mathaf Museum (Qatar) in 2009^[12]. These libraries are part of the legacy of [H.E. Sheikh Saoud bin Mohammed bin Ali Al Thani](#)^[13]



Imperial Library of the Louvre

Scope and mission of Art Libraries [edit]

The scope of art libraries includes independent research libraries, museum libraries, art libraries attached to educational institutions art departments within national, college, university, and public libraries, government departments and agencies, libraries in cultural centres, and other collections of art information.

The mission of art libraries is to acquire, collect, preserve and facilitate access to all formats of textual and visual documentation for the visual arts, including fine arts, applied arts, design, and architecture. ^[14]

Art Library Societies [\[edit \]](#)

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International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) Art Libraries Section: <https://www.ifla.org/art-libraries>

Asia Pacific [\[edit \]](#)

ARLIS in Australia and New Zealand (ARLIS/ANZ). <https://www.arlisanz.org/>

Europe [\[edit \]](#)

Estonia [\[edit \]](#)

Eesti Kunstiakadeemia: <https://www.artun.ee/>

Flanders [\[edit \]](#)

Overleg Kunstbibliotheken Vlaanderen: <https://www.vvbad.be/ledennetwerk/kunstabibliotheken>

Germany [\[edit \]](#)

Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Kunst - und Museumsbibliotheken: www.akmb.de

Netherlands [\[edit \]](#)

Overleg Kunst(historische) Bibliotheken Nederland: <https://okbn.nl/>

Scandinavia [\[edit \]](#)

ARLIS in Scandinavia: www.arlisnorden.org

United Kingdom/Ireland [\[edit \]](#)

Art Libraries Society UK & Ireland: <https://arlis.net/>

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Art Libraries Society of North America: <https://www.arlisna.org/>

Visual Resources Association: <https://vraweb.org/>



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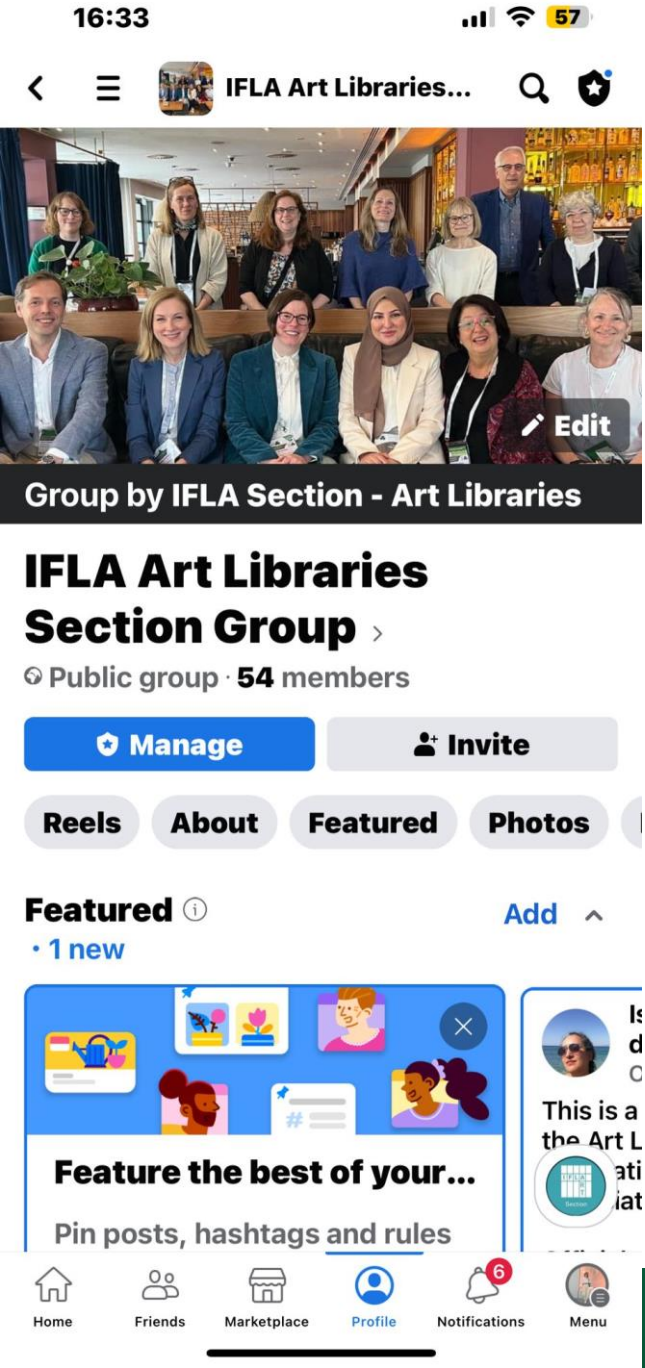
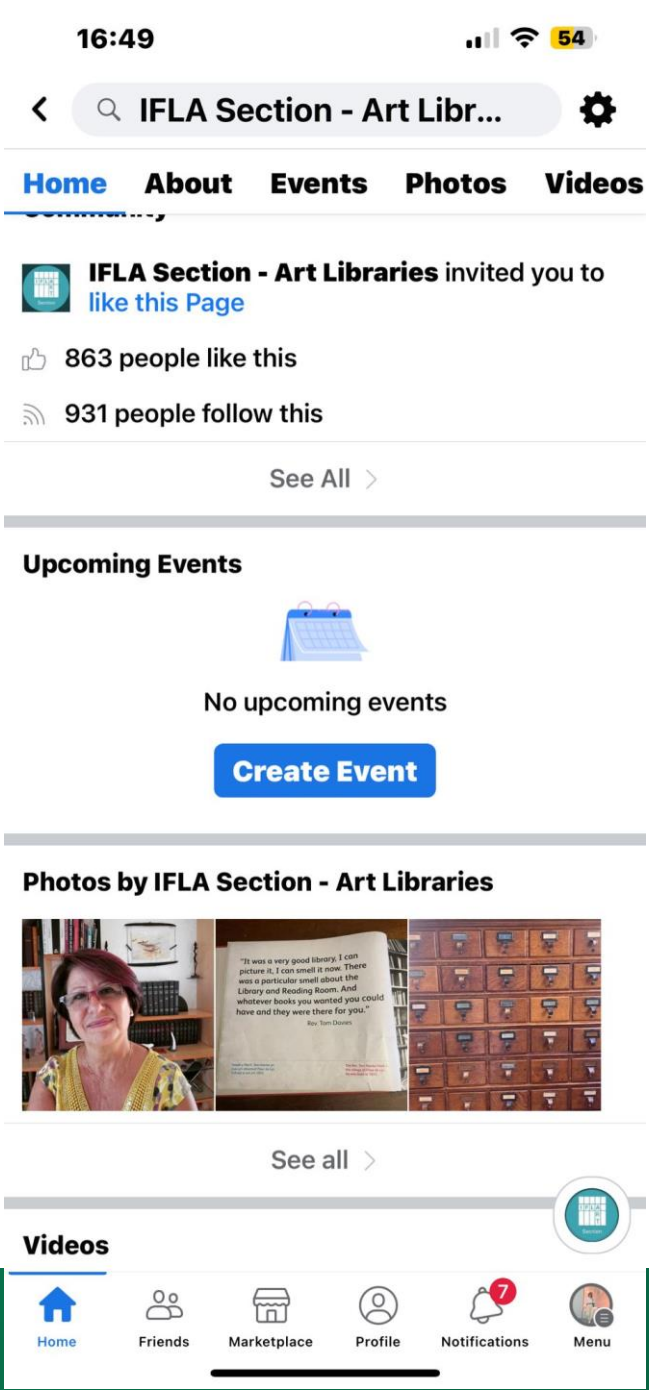
Country	City	Institution	Collection size	Founding date	Official web site
Australia	Canberra	National Gallery of Australia Research Library	260,000 ^[18]	na	https://nga.giv.au/research/library.cfm
Australia	Sydney	Art Gallery of New South Wales	na	1871 ^[19]	https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/learn/library/
Austria	Vienna	Austrian National Library	11.1 million ^[20]	1368 ^[21]	https://onb.ac.at
Canada	Ottawa	National Gallery of Canada Library & Archive 	275,000 ^[22]	1880 ^[23]	https://gallery.ca
Denmark	Copenhagen	National Art Library of Denmark 	300,000 volumes ^[24]	1754 ^[25]	https://kunstbib.dk
France	Paris	Musée des Arts Décoratifs	100,000 volumes ^[26]	1864 ^[27]	https://madparis.fr
France	Paris	Louvre Museum Library	na	1368 ^[28]	https://www.louvre.fr
Germany	Hamburg	Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe - Bucerius Library	200,000 ^[29]	2000 ^[30]	https://www.mkg-hamburg.de/en/library.
Germany	Karlsruhe	Badisches Landesmuseum Library	93,000 ^[31]	na	https://www.landeshmuseum.de
Greece	Athens	Benaki Museum Library	100,000 ^[32]	1931 ^[33]	https://www.benaki.org/index.php?lang=en
Ireland	Dublin	The National Irish Visual Arts Library	3,000 ^[34]	1997 ^[35]	http://www.nival.ie
Ireland	Dublin	Chester Beatty Library and Oriental Art Gallery	25,000	1950	https://chesterbeatty.ie/visit/
Israel	Tel Aviv	Tel Aviv Museum of Art Library	100,000	1932	https://tamuseum.org.il
Italy	Florence	Kunst Historische Institut in Florence	300,000	1897	https://khi.fi.it
Italy	Rome	Bibliotheca Hertziana – Max Planck Institut for Art History	360,000	1913	https://www.biblhertz.it/en/home
Italy	Milan	Biblioteca D'Arte	16,000	1900s	https://bibliotecaarte.milpanocastello.it
Japan	Tokyo	The National Art Center Tokyo Library	49,000	1946	https://www.nact.jp/en/library
Jordan	Amman	Acor Jordan	45,000 ^[36]	1968 ^[37]	https://acorjordan.org
Kuwait	Kuwait	National Library of Kuwait	5,000	1994	https://nlk.gov.kw
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Islamic Arts Museum Library	20,000	2018	https://iamm.org.my
Morocco	Rabat	National Library of Morocco	70,000	1924	https://bnrm.ma
Oman	Muscat	The Public Knowledge Library	25,000	1990	https://www.publiclibrary.gov.om
Pakistan	Lahore	Lahore Museum Library	10,000	1894	https://lahoremuseum.punjab.gov.pk/library
Portugal	Lisbon	Gulbenkian Art Library	190,000	1956	https://gulbenkian.pt

Qatar	Doha	Museum of Islamic Art Library	21,000 ^[38]	2011 ^[39]	https://www.mia.org.qa/en/library
Romania	Bucharest	National Museum of Contemporary Art	6,000	2017	https://mnac.ro
Russia	Saint Petersburg	State Hermitage Museum	800,000 ^[40]	1762 ^[41]	https://hermitagemuseum.org/wps/portal/hermitage/research/library
Spain	Madrid	Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art	na	1995 ^[42]	https://www.macba.cat
Spain	Madrid	Prado Library	75,000 ^[43]		https://www.museodelprado.es
Sweden	Stockholm	Moderna Museet Library			https://www.modernamuseet.se/stockholm/en/about/the-art-library
Switzerland	Geneva	Musée d'Art et d'Histoire	900,000		http://institutions.ville-geneve.ch/fr/mah/bibliotheque/
Tunisia	Tunis	Kamel Lazaar Foundation	10,000	na	https://kamellazaarfondation.org/library
Turkey	Istanbul	Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum	40,000		
Turkey	Istanbul	Istanbul Modern	11,500	2004	http://istanbulmodern.org/en/library
Ukraine	Kiev	Museum of Western and Oriental Art			
United Arab Emirates	Sharjah	Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization	5,000		
United Kingdom	London	British Museum	40,000		
United Kingdom	London	Victoria and Albert Museum Library - National Art Library	Over 2 million	1876	https://www.vam.ac.uk
United Kingdom	London	The Courtauld	200,000	1932	https://courtauld.ac.uk
USA	Boston	Museum of Fine Arts			
USA	Cleveland	Cleveland Museum of Art			
USA	Corning, NY	Corning Museum of Glass			
USA	Washington, D.C.	Freer Gallery of Art			https://library.si.edu/libraries/freer-sackler
USA	Dallas	Keir Collection (currently on loan to the Dallas Museum of Art)			
USA	Los Angeles	Los Angeles County Museum of Art			
USA	New York	Metropolitan Museum of Art - The Thomas K Watson Library	1,020,000 ^[44]	1870 ^[45]	https://www.metmuseum.org/art/libraries-and-research-centers/
USA	New York	New York Public Library			
USA	Los Angeles	Getty Center, Getty Museum	Over 1 million ^[46]	1985	https://www.getty.edu/research/library
USA	Washington DC	National Gallery of Art Library	500,000 ^[47]	1941 ^[48]	https://www.nga.org
USA	Sarasota	Ringling Art Library	70,000 ^[49]	1946 ^[50]	https://www.ringling.org/art_library
Vatican	Vatican	Vatican Library	Over 1.5 million	1475	https://vaticanlibrary.va



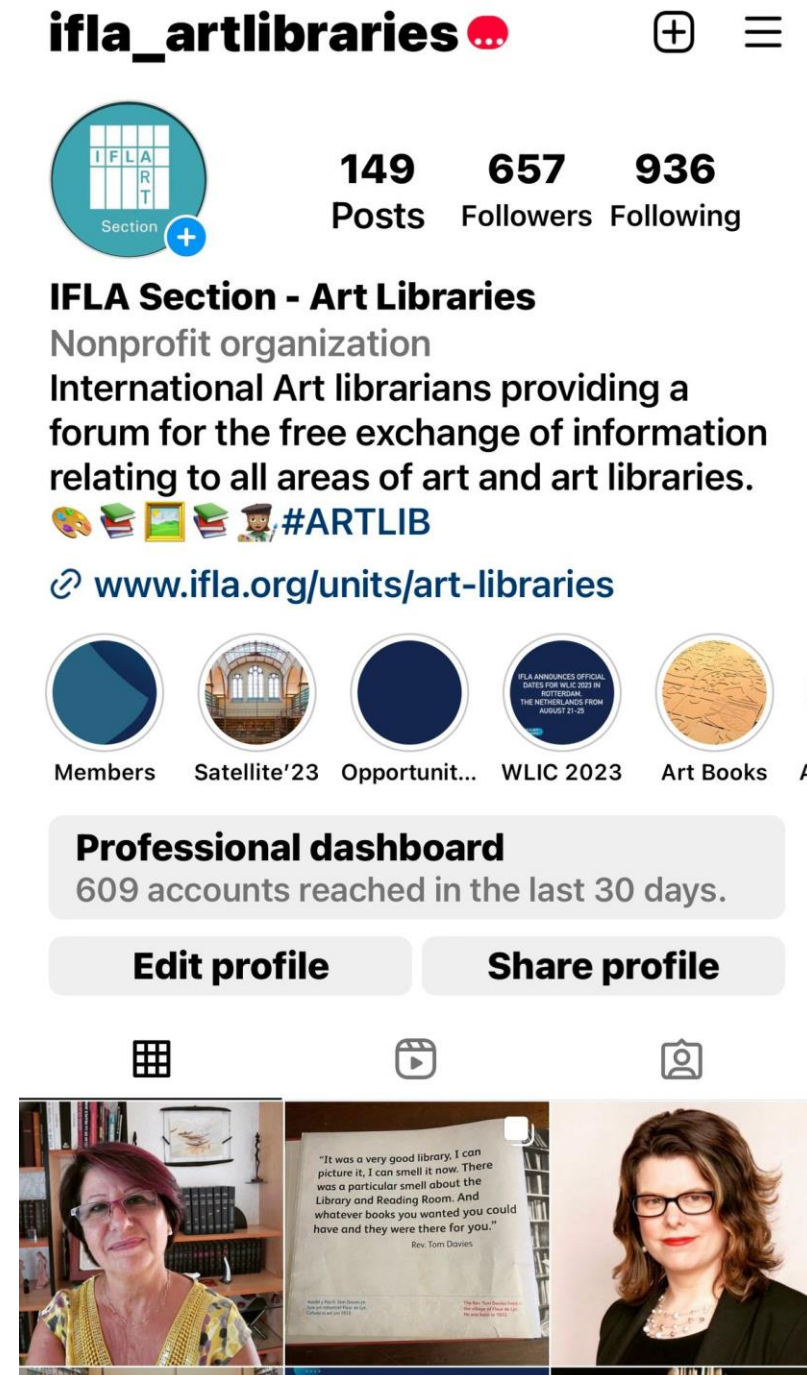
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