
SECTION ON LIBRARY SERVICES TO MULTICULTURAL POPULATIONS

The IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations provides an active forum for libraries and associations concerned with the development and availability of library services designed to reflect the needs of a cultural, ethnic, and linguistically diverse society.

The Section's primary focus is to promote the belief that every individual in our global society has access to a full range of library and information services. To achieve this, the Section works with public libraries, non-library associations, library consortia and government agencies in all countries that provide or are considering services to multicultural populations by promoting and disseminating best practices, emerging trends and issues, and interesting programs.

The Section's newsletter is issued twice a year to inform members of activities, conferences, and relevant news and developments in multilingual and multicultural services. Annual workshops and programs, held during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, explore issues and themes concerning the development and promotion of multicultural library services.

Information about the Section's projects, publications, workshops, conferences, and committee meetings is available through IFLANET at <http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/slsmpt.htm>

OUR GOALS ...

- ▶ provide an international forum for the free exchange of information concerning the development of multilingual and multicultural services
- ▶ advocate equitable access to new information technologies for linguistic minorities
- ▶ work towards the integration of multicultural and multilingual services into the general management of libraries
- ▶ promote research and support publications on multicultural library services
- ▶ cooperate with other library consortia, associations and government agencies to develop services and support for multicultural populations in all countries
- ▶ advocate cultural and educational policies designed to fight illiteracy and promote reading in all languages

JOIN US ...

- ▶ to make a viable contribution to your profession through an open international exchange of ideas
- ▶ to share your specialized knowledge and network with colleagues through conferences and other meetings
- ▶ to engage in international efforts to promote multicultural library services

ABOUT IFLA

IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, is an independent, non-governmental, worldwide organization. Through its global network of information professionals in all fields of librarianship, IFLA provides its members with a forum for exchanging ideas, promoting international cooperation, research, and development in all fields of library activity and information service.

Founded in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1927, as a not-for-profit organization, 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.

IFLA is one of the means through which libraries, information centres, and information professionals worldwide can formulate their goals, exert their influence as a group, protect their interests, and find solutions to global problems.

IFLA, as an independent, non-governmental organization, aims to:

- ▶ promote high standards of provision and delivery of library and information services
- ▶ encourage widespread understanding of the value of good library & information services
- ▶ represent the interests of our members throughout the world

IFLA's aims, objectives, and professional programme can only be fulfilled with the cooperation and active involvement of its members and affiliates. Currently, over 1700 associations, institutions and individuals, from widely divergent cultural backgrounds, are working together to further the goals of the Federation and to promote librarianship on a global level.

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Holmes, Anne and Derek Whitehead. *Multicultural Communities: Guidelines for Library Service*. The Hague: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations, 1998.

Translations include:

- ▶ Les Communautés Multiculturelles: Directives pour les bibliothèques
- ▶ Comunidades Multiculturales: Directrices para el Servicio Bibliotecario
- ▶ Multiculturele Gemeenschappen: Richtlijnen voor de Bibliotheek
- ▶ Multikulturelle Gemeinden: Richtlinien für Bibliotheksdienstleistungen
- ▶ *Multicultural Librarianship: An International Handbook*. Edited for the IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations by Marie F. Zielinska with Francis T. Kirkwood. München: K. C. Saur, 1992.
- ▶ Zielinski, *Celebrating Twenty Years: A Brief History of the IFLA Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations*. The Hague: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, 2001.
- ▶ Cultural, Ethnic and Linguistic Minorities: a Definition.

translations available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/VII/s32/slsmp.htm>



MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

If you are interested in the work of the Section on Library Services to Multicultural Populations, become a member of IFLA and register for the Section. IFLA membership is open to associations, institutions; affiliation is open to institutions and individuals.

For additional information about membership, visit the IFLA website at <http://ifla.org> or complete the form and mail or fax to:

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