



Partner with Libraries to Transform Education

Transforming education will require all stakeholders, at all levels, to work together to reimagine a future of education in which everyone can take part in accessing, creating, sharing, and benefitting from knowledge.

Libraries and library professionals bring unique contributions as **partners and co-creators** in realising this transformation. We stand ready to help.

Libraries help create inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy schools.

Diversity in library collections can allow all learners to access books and materials in which they feel seen and understood.

As memory institutions, libraries curate exhibitions featuring collections of material that allow **diverse voices to be heard and stories to be told**. This offers a wealth of teaching material that valorises lived experience and validates the identities of all learners.

Libraries support teachers and serve the entire school community

Education International's *Declaration on the rights and status of Education Support Personnel* names librarians as valuable members of a **team of education employees** that contribute to student learning.

University libraries take a leading role in helping educators discover, create and use **open education resources**. During the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries around the world supported teachers in identifying and accessing digital material for lessons, in providing continuing support to **literacy development**, and providing after-school or other **extra-curricular learning** opportunities.





Libraries enable lifelong learning and transmit skills for life, work, and sustainable development

UNESCO's *Handbook on Lifelong Learning Policies* states that libraries are part of the social fabric, and “are meeting places that forge connections between people and institutions integral to the promotion of [lifelong learning]”.

Libraries help grow **literacy skills**, empower **climate action**, and enable the protection of promotion of **diverse cultural expressions** – all of which are vital for achieving sustainable development goals.

Libraries help bridge the digital divide with connectivity, content, competencies, and confidence

Around the world, libraries provide access to the internet, to a **diversity of digital content**, to ICT equipment, and to the **skills and competencies** required to participate in the knowledge society.

Library professionals help users of all ages develop **digital and media and information literacy** skills, which are critical for successful use, creation, and sharing of knowledge. School libraries and public libraries are well-placed to combat **inequality in home computer access** and help achieve equitable digital transformation.

About us

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the global voice of the library profession.

Our work is guided by the vision of a strong and united global library field powering literate, informed, and participatory societies. We benefit from a strong member base from around 150 countries in all regions, a vibrant professional community, and close collaboration with partners.

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