



IFLA Section  
Public Libraries

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Action Plan  
2018-2019

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**Objectives of the Public Libraries Section Standing Committee 2018 -2019:**

- 1. Support the sector through the sharing of best practice*
- 2. Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being.*
- 3. Build capacity for public libraries and public librarians internationally through an agile and engaged Section*

<b>Objectives</b> <i>What do you want to achieve?</i> <i>Use your list above</i>	<b>Project or activity</b> <i>What project or activity are you going to do?</i>	<b>Main tasks</b> <i>What are the specific things you need to do?</i>	<b>Responsibilities and timeline</b> <i>Who will do them and by when?</i>	<b>Communications</b> <i>How will you communicate your achievements?</i> <i>To whom? By when?</i>	<b>Measures of success</b> <i>How will you show the impact of your work?</i>	<b>Progress</b> <i>Report here the progress of your work, at least every month</i>
<b>1. Support the sector through the sharing of best practice</b>	Undertake a review of IFLA <i>Public Library Service Guidelines</i> .	Engage consultant to work with industry stakeholders to review and update	Jan, Corinne, Raymond, Jakob, Jane, Hitomi, Adriana, Fatemeh	<p>Report back to Standing Committee at mid-term (March 2019) and annual (August 2019) meetings</p> <p>Report on agreed milestones to GB through Committee on Standards</p> <p>Communicate progress and engage with Public Library sector internationally.</p>	<p>Relevant and timely standards developed that meet the needs of the public library sector as identified through broad consultation and input. This will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of downloads</li> <li>• Geographic distribution of use</li> <li>• Formal and informal feedback</li> </ul>	

<p>Undertake a review <a href="#">IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto</a> 1994 for relevance</p>	<p>Review Manifesto</p>	<p>Jan, Sarah, Margaret, Ismena</p>	<p>Mark 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of manifesto on 29 November 2018. Report back to Standing Committee at mid-term (March 2019) and annual (August 2019) meetings</p> <p>Consult with Public Library sector.</p> <p>Report to GB through PC</p>	<p>A relevant and useable document that meet the needs of the public library sector as identified through broad consultation and input. This will be measured through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of downloads</li> <li>• Geographic distribution of use</li> <li>• Formal and informal feedback</li> </ul>
<p>Deliver the annual Public Library of the Year Award in partnership with the sponsor (Systematic) and other IFLA Professional Groups.</p>	<p>Review process in partnership with Systematic</p> <p>Establish partnership with IFLA Buildings and Equipment and MetLib sections.</p> <p>Explore Award becoming and official IFLA Award</p>	<p>Jakob, Leikny, Jan, August 2017 ongoing. Jury to be discussed at Mid-term meeting March 2019.</p>	<p>IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing</p>	<p>Number and geographical distribution of entries</p> <p>Number of participants in related program at WLIC</p> <p>Media coverage (including social media) about awards and</p>

		Expand reach for application			shortlisted/winning library/s	
		Determine format for 2019 awards				
<b>2. Advocate for equitable access to information and knowledge for communities world-wide that supports the democratic process, shared understanding and community well-being</b>	Monitor, record and share initiatives that support equitable access to information and knowledge	Continue to collect and share examples of best practice examples	SC members	IFLA PLS website, PUBLIB, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of stories  Number of participants	
<b>3 Build capacity for public libraries and public librarians internationally through an agile and engaged Section</b>	Ensure the delivery of strong and relevant conference programs	<p>WLIC 2019 Satellite Meeting Rome, Italy 21-22 August 2019</p> <p><i>The evolving concept of "library" and its impact on building design</i></p> <hr/> <p>WLIC 2019 Public Library of the Year</p>	<p>Lo, Leikny, Jan</p> <hr/> <p>Jakob, Leikny, Jan, Jane</p>	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers - ongoing	Number and geographical spread of participants	Collaboration with Metlib, Academic and Research Libraries, Library Buildings and Equipment, and Public Libraries.

	<i>Enter the third dimension: measuring public library impact and outcomes on the success of our communities</i>	Sue, Montse			Number and geographical spread of participants	In partnership with MetLib and Statistics and Evaluation Section
	Disaster Prevention Session <i>Forward thinking to lessen the effects of disasters or all types, weather and/or man-made</i>	TBC			Number and geographical spread of participants	In partnership with Preservation and Conservation Section Rare Books and Special Collections Section and Strategic Programme on Preservation and Conservation (PAC)
	<i>Public Library Guidelines and Public Library Manifesto</i> Open Session	TBC			Number and geographical spread of participants	
	<i>Public Library Guidelines and Public Library Manifesto</i> Consultation	TBC			Number and geographical spread of participants	
Encourage public librarians to participate in IFLA conferences through the presentation of	Promote IFLA Conferences, Satellites and other professional development opportunities	All PLS Standing Committee members	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information		Number and geographical spread of participants	

innovative papers or posters	through local networks and social media Mentor PLS Section members and other colleagues and identify opportunities		providers - ongoing	
	2019 Helsinki/Tampere Finland 12-15 March 2019	Pirkko		2019 Mid-term Satellite programme delivered  Engagement of participants from host country
	2020 Olomouc Czech Republic	Lenka		2020 Mid-term Satellite programme delivered  Engagement of participants from host country
Participate in the promoting and sharing information using PLS Social media platforms, web and national networks	<a href="#">Guest Blogger</a> <a href="#">Facebook</a> Local networks	All PLS Standing Committee Members Information Co-ordinator	IFLA PLS website PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information	Members of the public library community are engaged with IFLA PLS measured by number and

	<a href="#">PLS Website</a> and other channels <a href="#">PUBLIB</a>		providers - ongoing	geographical spread of hits  Number of stories published.
Encourage active participation in the Section	Develop an e newsletter that can be distributed to Section members and beyond	Annie and Jane	Website, Social media	Members of the public library community are engaged with IFLA PLS measured by number and geographical spread of subscribers
	Establish mentor system for new SC members	Lo, Jakob	Email	Members of the SC feel confidence in working within IFLAs structure as measured by their engagement in PLSC activities/projects
	Ensure that Corresponding members are recruited to represent those	Jan	Established networks	SC is has diverse representation.

	geographic areas/language groups not covered by the SC				
Participate in IFLA's Global Vision discussion	Be involved in formal and informal discussions around the Global Vision process	All SC members	Website, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers	PLS voice is represented	
Contribute to IFLA's Strategic Framework	Participate in survey	All SC members	Survey Monkey	PLS voice is represented	
	Be represented at Professional Unit Meeting June 2019	Margaret		PLS voice is represented	
To lead a project to work on Quality Assessment of Public Libraries Collections.	To set up the criteria on what and how to measure the quality of Public Libraries Collections, beyond that of loans and other output measurements, with considerations of cultural diversity and sensitives that	Jane, Margaret, Corinne, Pirkko	Website, PLS blog and Facebook Page National library associations and other information providers	Creation of relevant Guidelines that demonstrate broad consultation and applicability	



need to be added  
in such a  
documentation.  
The project would  
also include a  
proposal on how  
and who will  
conduct such an  
assessment for a  
Public Library.

