IFLA's

Three Pillars & WSIS

Growing up in Southern Africa

Children's Library, Santiago, Chile

State Library of Tasmania

University of Tasmania Library
Australia

IFLA's Three Pillars

s o c i e t y

- Libraries and information services serve society by preserving memory, feeding development, enabling education & research, and supporting international understanding & community well being.

Public Library, El Calafate, Argentina

IFLA's Three Pillars

S o c i e t y

- IFLA works on the matters which affect library and information services globally, including:
  - intellectual property, privacy and other legal issues
  - censorship, other barriers to access to information & freedom of expression & ethical concerns
  - protection of heritage and library services in times of conflict
  - the major international issues relating to the information society

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s o c i e t y

IFLA's special programs directed towards societal matters:

- **FAIFE** - Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression

- **CLM** - Committee on Copyright and other Legal Matters

University Library, University of the North,
Limpopo Province, South Africa

Train Library, National Library, Santiago, Chile

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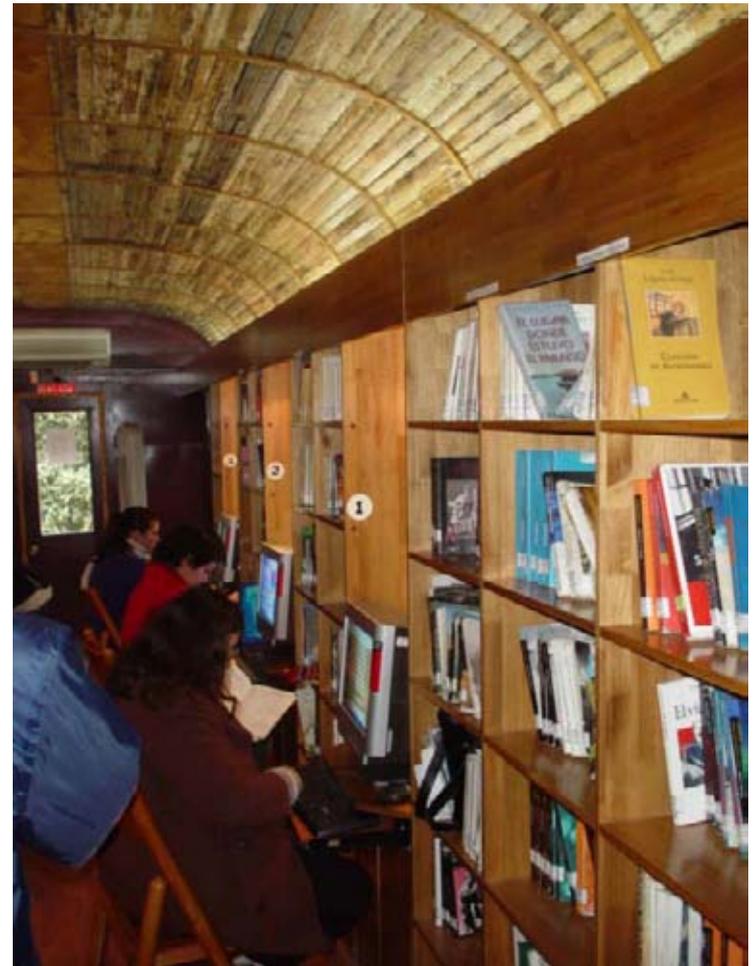
IFLA works with partners to address shared priorities:

– **WSIS** – engagement with the World Summit on the Information Society & other international arenas

– **Blue Shield** - partnership with International Council of Museums, International Council on Monuments & Sites and International Council on Archives

– Other important partners include Unesco, the International Publishers' Association and the telecentres movement

University Library, University of Botswana

Suzhou Library, China

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p r o f e s s i o n

- As the global voice for libraries & information services and the profession, IFLA has always been vitally concerned with improving methods, technical means and standards

Shanghai Library, China

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P r o f e s s i o n

- Professional activities are coordinated by the Professional Committee. They include:
    - 48 sections grouped into 8 divisions
    - special focal programs dealing with improvement of library services for development, formulation & elaboration of standards, preservation & conservation

Zhejiang Provincial Library, Hanzhou, China

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p r o f e s s i o n

- IFLA' special programs directed towards professional concerns:
  - **ALP** - Action for Development through Libraries program
  - **ICABS** - IFLA-CDNL Alliance for Bibliographic Standards
  - **PAC**   - Preservation and Conservation
  - **UNIMARC**

Conservation, Hangzhou, China

Jiaye Library, China

IFLA's Three Pillars

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- IFLA's central pillar is its membership which it supports through a range of services, including:
  - the annual World Library & Information Congress
  - specialist and regional conferences
  - IFLA Journal, books and other publications

Library, Estrellas, Chile, Antartica

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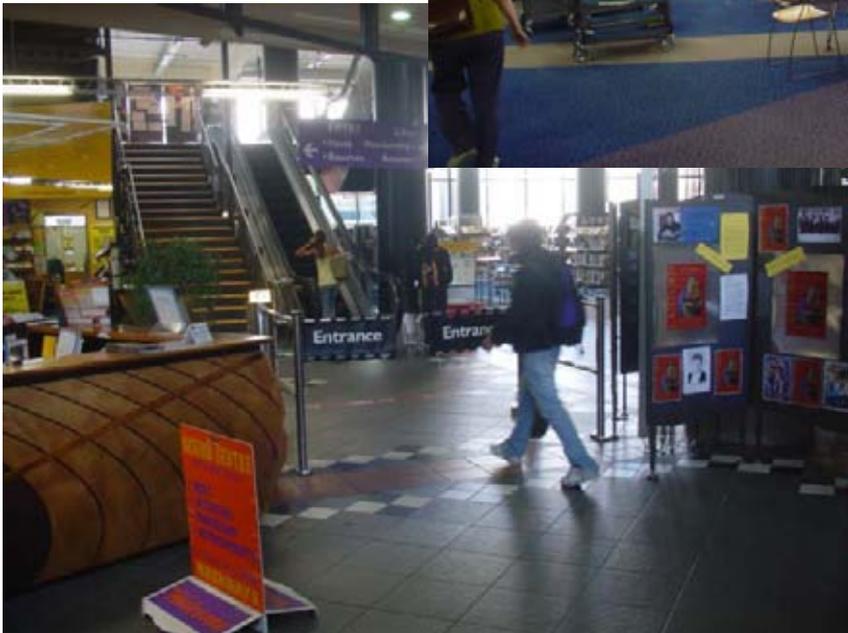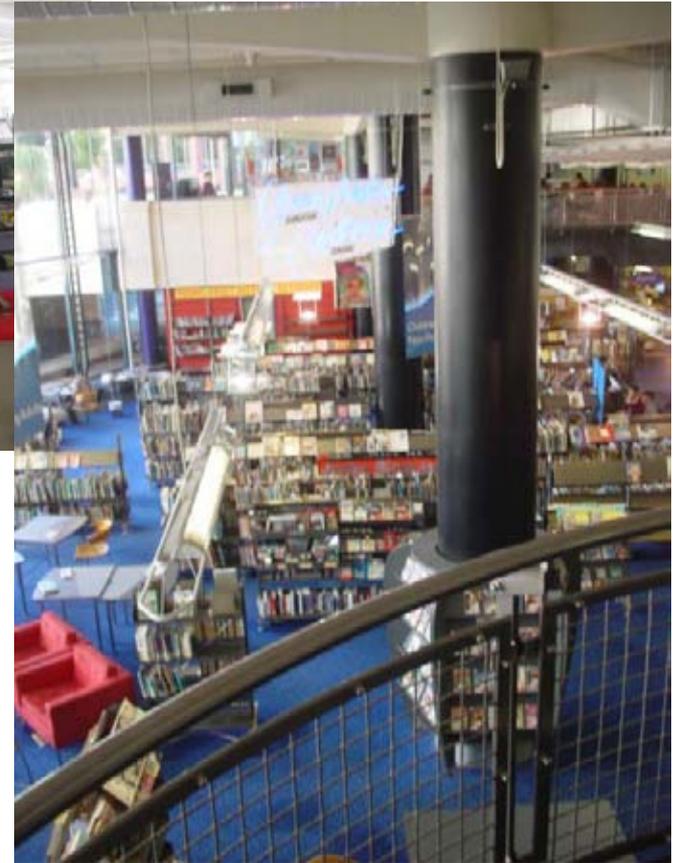**members**

- IFLA's membership offers global reach:
  - 1700 members from 150 countries including national, international & specialist library associations, libraries and information services, corporate partners and individuals
  - IFLA's members contribute time & resources to achieve IFLA's goals to improve libraries & information practice & to serve global society

Wellington Public Library
New Zealand

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IFLA's Three Pillars

society	members	profession

Globally interdependent, active and engaged

IFLA

governing board

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regional & other offices

council

society

members

profession
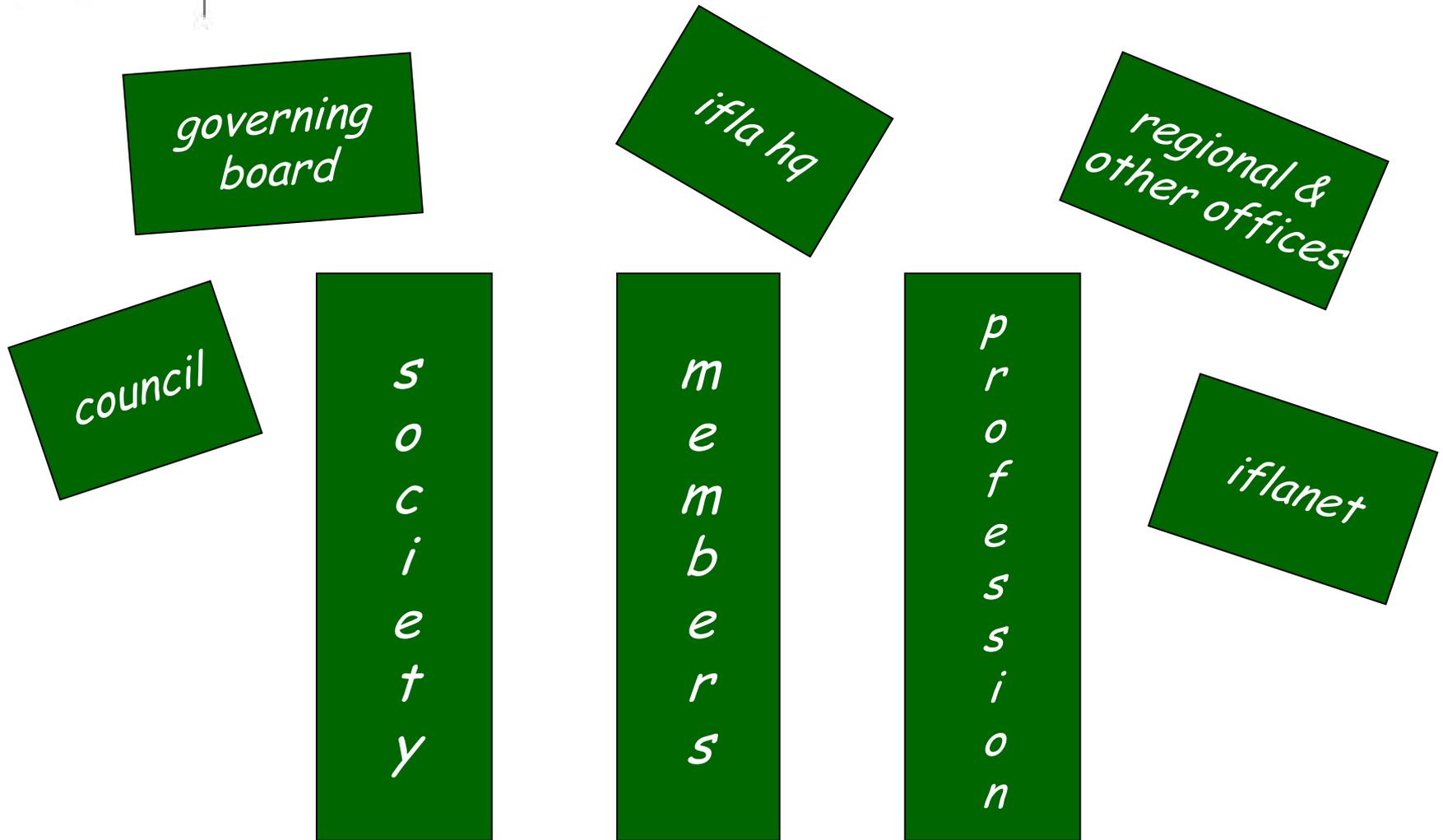
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Governance, staff and IFLANET are the key enablers

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IFLA Council, World Library & Information Congress 2004, Buenos Aires

World Summit on the Information Society

- IFLA's engagement with WSIS helped emphasise the needs of society
- The Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action recognised the importance of libraries and information services and the key issues of concern to the sector

Libraries@the Heart, IFLA Pre-Conference
for the World Summit on the Information Society

WSIS

The 11 key principles "for building an inclusive Information Society" in the WSIS Declaration of Principles, Geneva, 2003 include:

2. Information and communication infrastructure: an essential foundation for an inclusive information society

3. Access to information and knowledge

Bibliored Internet Access, Santiago, Chile

WSIS

8. Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

9. Media

10. Ethical dimensions of the Information Society

11. International and regional cooperation

Biblio Metro, Santiago, Chile

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Working for libraries and information services globally

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