Library Map of the World

IFLA Webinar: Library Map of the World

What's going on and how to engage?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS — Answers to questions which were asked in the chat but not covered during the webinar:

Any suggestion/s on how we can give incentives or at the very least encourage libraries and librarians to share their data?

There are many benefits of data collection and different uses of data not only at the national level (when individual libraries have reported their data to a responsible body and it has been aggregated and summarized at the national level), but also at the individual library level. We would like to encourage reaching out to libraries by explaining these benefits.

Individual libraries can use statistics for strategic planning, decision making, funding bids and justification of their use of resources. By sharing their data, they are contributing to what is needed at the national level – to develop and support the library and information policy and to demonstrate the value, impact and benefits of libraries.

Can IFLA assist in data collection when neither the National association nor the national library have the necessary information?

Within the Library Map of the World project, IFLA is trying to build a relationship with the data partner who is capable to gather existing statistics in their respective country. Situations are different from country to country. We work with national library associations, national libraries, other libraries (e.g. university libraries), and other institutions (e.g. other library support organisations). If the task of data gathering at the national level is a challenge for both national library association and national library, we would encourage other national-level players engage with us. We can help to analyse the situation in the country and see how we can support each other in the future data collection efforts.

How can we know who will be in charge to collect data in a country like Cambodia?

All our Data partners are named on the Contributors page of the Library Map of the World: https://librarymap.ifla.org/datacontributors. You can search by country and this is how you can find who has engaged with us in providing nationally aggregated data. In case of Cambodia it is Cambodian Library Association (https://librarymap.ifla.org/datacontributors/Cambodia).

How is Latin America with the Collect Data?

Currently contributors from 20 countries and areas in the region of Latin America and Caribbean provided some data to the Library Map of the World (it is 38% of all countries and areas in Latin America and Caribbean*). These countries and areas are:

Argentina / Bahamas / Brazil / Chile / Colombia / Costa Rica / Dominican Republic / El Salvador / Falkland Islands (Malvinas) / Guadeloupe / Guyana / Honduras / Jamaica / Martinique / Mexico / Panama / Peru / Saint Lucia / Trinidad and Tobago / Uruguay

*Please note that the naming and listing of countries included in the Library Map of the World is based on definitions used by United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

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Watch the recording: youtu.be/pbAha4oETSA

More information about the webinar: www.ifla.org/node/61889

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