“Clothes don’t make people”: New opportunities for new librarians

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What I’m going to talk about:

- #newlibrarian is like a ‘key player’ and librarians’ profile
- IFLA: Vision, Strategic Plan 2016-2021, Strategic Directions and focus of work
- Data and libraries
- Next steps
Librarian as a key player

We are powerful and we need to trust in our vision and in our ability
“We empower and inspire society by driving access to information, knowledge and culture for all, to support development, learning, creativity and innovation”
Strategic Plan 2016-2021

Pursuing 4 Strategic Directions:

1. Libraries in Society
2. Information and Knowledge
3. Cultural Heritage
4. Capacity Building
Main focus of work

• Quality standards of services: seeking innovation, guidance, international standards, metrics, etc.

• Advocacy: working together with copyright, intellectual property, and other related legal matters, agents, helping to develop the 2030 Agenda national plans to achieve the United Nations’ vision on Universal Literacy and access to information

• New opportunities for professionals: working on the challenge of changing the librarians’ mind-set
Data and libraries

Encourage data area librarians to look beyond conventional definitions of information to consider Open & Big Data

Identify opportunities for advocacy
Encourage librarians who already have a longstanding role in the area of data to look beyond conventional definitions of information to consider Open & Big Data and what these mean for their role in:

- Data management
- Data Literacy
- Access & Skills
- Data Users
Identify opportunities for advocacy including:

- Contribution of libraries to open data

- Privacy principles surrounding data collection and use

- Need for appropriate copyright provisions

- Partnerships with researchers to access and publish (Open) research data
Next steps

IFLA involvement:
• FAIFE (Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression)
• CLM (Copyright and other Legal Matters)
• Information Technology Section
• Big Data and Academic and Research Libraries Section

Working on a new statement on data and libraries:
• A small working group of expert representatives from across IFLA units will be consulted and invited to participate in the preparation of the primer, and will meet at the World Library and Information Conference in Columbus this August.
Thank you very much for your kind attention!

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