



**IFLA-Section Libraries for Children and Young Adults
Minutes of Standing Committee Meetings, WLIC, Gothenburg, 2010**

Dates:

Standing Committee I – Tuesday, August 10th, 8.30-11.20 (items 1-10)

Standing Committee II – Friday, August 13th, 15.00-16.30 (items 10-16)

Attendees:

Standing Committee I

Members: Maha Alwan, Kirsten Boelt, Ingrid Bon, Annie Everall (UK), Ingrid Kallstrom Niisson , Kerstin Keller-Loibl, Naoko Kobayashi, Viviana Quiñones, Ian Yap, Kazuko Yoda

Observers : Kerstin Bucht Björklund (Suède), Cay Corneliuson (Suède), Eva Fred (Suède), Charles Kamdem Poeghela (Cameroun), Amandine Jaquet (France), Galina Kislovskaya (Russia), Carolynn Rankin (UK), Christina Stenberg (Suède), Karin Vingerhoets (Netherlands), Tinne Wennerholm (Suède)

Standing Committee II

Members: Maha Alwan, Kirsten Boelt, Ingrid Bon, Annie Everall (UK), Ingrid Kallstrom Niisson , Kerstin Keller-Loibl, Naoko Kobayashi, Viviana Quiñones, Ian Yap, Kazuko Yoda

Observers:

Lea Christensen (Denmark), Christine Dialundama (RDCongo), Eva Fred (Suède), Amandine Jaquet (France), Charles Kamdem Poeghela (Cameroun), Liz Page (Switzerland), Carolynn Rankin (UK), Maria Sjoblom (Denmark),

1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcome by chair Ingrid Bon to all persons present, SC members and observers.

Apologies from Carmen Barvo, Barbara Genco, Adrián Guerra, Soizik Jouin, Verena Tibljas.

2. Document check

3 and 4. Minutes and matters arising from previous meetings (Milan 2009 and Paris 2010) and Chair's report 2009

These documents were sent by Ingrid B to all SC members. Remarks or questions had to be sent to Ingrid B. before July 31st. No comments were made to these documents, which are therefore approved.

5. Membership status

The Section has 101 members

The SC has 20 members on paper, but Olga Andreeva has had to leave the SC, and Thomas Barthelemss has never answered to any message: Ingrid B will write to him one last time and if he does not respond, she will inform him he is no longer a SC member. NB Ingrid B learnt later that his nomination had been withdrawn before elections, so he is not a member.

The document SC Elections status 2011, by Ingrid B, shows that three members will finish their second terms in 2011 and will therefore leave the SC : Ingrid Bon, Annie Everall and Verena Tibljas.

Five members will finish their first term in 2011 and must therefore send their re-nomination: Kirsten Boelt, Barbara Genco, Soizik Jouin, Patrizia Luchini et Viviana Quiñones. **They must organize their re-nomination and let Ingrid know.**

There will be in principle 4 vacancies and 5 possible renominations for SC members in 2011.

Calls for nominations of SC members will be sent by IFLA to associations and institutions members of the Section, at the end of the year. It is these associations and institutions that must send the nominations and re-nominations to IFLA.

6. Financial report 2010

Ingrid B, treasurer, says that both projects IFLA-IBBY-IRA database and Sister Libraries have been approved. The report will be done at the end of the year.

7. Information Officer's report

Ian Yap reads his report (see Appendix 1)

Ingrid B thanks Ian warmly for the magnificent Newsletter, a real glossy magazine!

Viviana remarks on the hard work Ian has been doing for the Sister Library project: putting up the project pages on IFLA site, keeping the List of participants up to date, acknowledging receipt of every registration, creating the blog...

Ingrid B raises the question of good communication: is our communication good enough? A discussion follows on the best way to communicate on different kind of issues:

- CHILD L-list (178 subscribers) ; IFLA L-list : these lists are used to give recent information or to ask a question requiring an immediate answer. It is better to post messages on both lists.
- IFLA site (includes archives), with Chair's blog (which is not widely read: should Ingrid's posts be published also on the L-list?)
- Newsletter: publishes contributions by members and SC members of the section

For example, Kazuko asks for SC members' help, to obtain lists of recommended picture books from every country. Should this be an item for the L-List? This project is in fact found very interesting by the SC; it will be discussed by a working group, then at the 2nd SC meeting (see Projects and plans for future work, 10.6)

Karin Vingerhoets, observer, volunteers to help with research among L-list subscribers. NB Ian wishes to help on this.

8. Toolkit Membership Recruitment

Did we each bring a new member? We did not. The discussion is adjourned to the 2nd SC meeting but time was too short... The Toolkit Membership Recruitment is on Iflanet, under "Membership information".

9. Gothenburg Conference schedule and programme of SC meetings

Ingrid B gives practical information on the conference, and points at the sessions which should be of interest to SC members.

Viviana thanks all SC members and other colleagues that have translated papers for our session: Maha Alwan, Olga Andreeva, Carmen Barvo, Soizik Jouin, Kerstin Keller-Loibl, Dina Youssef from the IFLA Centre for Arabic Speaking Libraries.

Groups are organized, to work on the following themes, together with Ingrid and Viviana:

- Kazuko's picture-book list from all countries (Kazuko, Annie, Naoko, Maha, Kirsten)
- San Juan conference (Kirsten, Annie, Kazuko)
- List of tasks corresponding to Chair, Secretary and Information Coordinator positions (Ian)

10. Reports of Projects and plans for future work

10.1 Sister Libraries

- A very brief **update** is given by Viviana

(a complete update can be found in her paper

<http://www.ifla.org/files/hq/papers/ifla76/147-quinones-en.pdf>)

: project launched in November 2009 on IFLA site in 5 languages, 85 libraries registered, 10 pairs of Sister Library formed, a blog launched in June (<http://sisterlibraries.wordpress.com>).

Conclusion : High interest for the project, but SC work needed for coordination and "follow up" of libraries registered (help libraries to pair, suggest good simple programs to do together...)

- **Next steps:**

- Annie's idea at mid-year meeting, of 'godmothers' for each Sister Library was approved. SC members who volunteered would be allocated a number of the Sister Libraries and would become their godmother. Each godmother would look after their Sister Libraries, support them, help them find a sister library or, once they have found them, help them work together (the first proposal could be that one sister library send a favourite picture book to the other, and readers share on this).

Annie has drafted an email which the godmothers can send to the Sister Libraries : **please see Appendix 2.**

SC members willing to be "godmothers" : Kerstin, Ingrid K, Annie, Kazuko, Viviana and Ingrid.

Would anybody else be willing to be "godmother"?

Ian will send an excel document so that information can be sorted easily by language, country...

- use of the sum allotted to the projet IFLA, to be spent in 2009:

- colour brochures English-Spanish-French to distribute in Gothenburg (500 euros were spent on this; thanks to Ian for the layout of the texts and to Ingrid for taking care of the printing and carrying the heavy leaflets to Sweden)

- a sticker of the project (Maha confirms that a sticker is necessary, to give visibility) : after thinking it over again we realize the sticker need not be *printed* by us, it can be sent by Ian by email to libraries that pair off (he can print it for libraries that cannot print and send it to them) so that they print it and frame it or stick it to a window or wall. Carolyn Rankin suggests that libraries can also have it on their website.

Ingrid B has had 4 proposals for a sticker made in the Netherlands. SC members vote and choose one, as a basis for discussion with the designer. Annie will try to engage Quentin Blake's or another illustrator's participation for the logo – which must be finished and paid for before the end of the year. The sum allotted for the printing of the sticker (250 euros) could be used for paying (symbolically) the artist who would do the drawing.

This needs to be organised very quickly as December is the month to finalize our project and expenditure.

- a small gift to the first 20 libraries paired off : it had been agreed that it would be the box Little Books for Little Hands, pan-African, existing in different languages; to be sent before the end of the year (400 euros for purchase of books and postage); Viviana will see this with the publisher.

- We have to decide how the project will be presented in Puerto Rico : an hour slot would be the best; a poster session could be a good supplementary support.

Ingrid K suggests that some sister libraries could meet at an IFLA conference, at Helsinki for example.

- Evaluation of the project: Carolyn Rankin from Leeds University (UK) confirms her interest in evaluating the project.

NB Follow up after the SC meeting : Ms Rankin sent the e-mail below to SC members right after Gothenburg.

I am emailing to confirm my offer of undertaking evaluative research on this IFLA project. I would like to embark on this work at the outset of the project so that we can take a longitudinal viewpoint and consider the impact from a number of perspectives, including the mentoring role of the 'fairy godmothers', the personal professional development of the librarians involved and the resulting benefits to the user communities in the participating libraries.

In order to progress with ethical clearance from my university I am seeking permission from the Standing Committee to contact the members directly involved in the project and will develop a project plan for the evaluation. It would be helpful if I could record my involvement with the Standing Committee as 'a member in correspondence'.

I look forward to undertaking this academic research in support of the Sister Libraries project.

No objections having been raised by SC members and Ingrid B having agreed to this proposal, it is accepted.

Ian adds that a measure for evaluating success or to continue would be needed by next mid-year meeting.

10.2 Overview of status of Guidelines:

Ingrid B reminds that many translations have been made and published, cf IFLA site; she asks that **more translations be made** (she must be informed on new translations before they are made)

10.3 Children's Libraries Best Practice on IFLANET : we did not have time to see this point.

10.4 Astrid Lindgren Award : Kitty Crowther was the 2010 winner (announced at Bologna Bookfair). The Section nominated IBBY international for 2011. Nominations for 2012 will be discussed at mid-year meeting. Maha thinks Assabil (Lebanon) could be one of our nominees.

10.5 IFLA-IRA-IBBY partnership :

Reminder: a Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed by the three institutions (cf http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s33/annual/Minutes-IFLA_IRA_IBBY.pdf)

Ingrid B has attended IBBY conferences, IBBY representatives have attended ours.

Liz Page, IBBY Executive Director, attends the meeting as an observer. She explains IBBY's organization in National Sections, and its actions : Andersen Award, Asahi Award, Honour List, International Children's Book Day, Documentation Centre of Books for Disabled Young People, IBBY-Yamada programme, Children in Crisis Fund, Bookbird, Virtual exhibition of African Books for Children... All informations on www.ibby.org

Liz encourages SC members to become members of their countries' IBBY National Sections.

The project of a joint database of best practices for children's reading all over the world should become possible, if it is confirmed that we can use IFLA database. Ingrid B will see this with Danielle Mincio. NB Ingrid B says Danielle Mincio agrees on this, and she will work on this further during IBBY conference in September 2010.

10.6 Best Picture Books from every country, chosen by librarians (Kazuko)

Annie and Kazuko will co-ordinate this project. Annie made notes of an outline as to how this project would work: **please see Appendix 3.**

Each SC member will make a list of 10 to 20 picture books originally published in his/her country, for all ages babies to YA, available.

Books must be chosen because of the good quality of text, image and the interaction between both, and because of their success at libraries.

They need not be translated into other languages, but if they are, the translations should be mentioned.

Even if the translation into English does not exist, the meaning in English of each title should be added.

11. Budget 2010-2011 : proposals for Projects:

We will ask for funds for the 2nd part of Sister Libraries project.

12. Strategic Plan 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 (input)

It will be now called "Action Plan" and its output must be more evident. This will not be a big change for our Section since our Plans have always been quite "concrete". Kirsten suggests that we discuss how to connect with IFLA's new instructions at next mid-year meeting.

13. Conference Planning

13.1 Mid-year meeting 2011:

It had been suggested at mid-year meeting in Paris that we could meet in Bologna next year, a chance to see the Fair and participate at the JES meeting organised by Dutch librarians. The disadvantage of this being that it would probably imply for some too long a time out of the office. The meeting could be held in Italy in another city, if Patrizia and Olimpia agree? Kerstin offers to get in touch with the Goethe Institut in Rome, for a meeting place. Another possibility could be Leipzig, where Kerstin would be happy to welcome us –not in March but in April. The question will be decided by email.

NB this was said by email:

Kazuko, Ingrid K and Kerstin prefer Bologna (Ingrid K: or else Rome); Barbara finds it a very good idea. Kirsten prefers the meeting not to be connected with the Bookfair; she is unable to attend between March 9 to 12.

Kazuko asks if we can please decide asap.

13.2 Main conference San Juan de Puerto Rico 2011

- Sessions:

The working group on sessions for San Juan thought that our session could be called: *“Read” with all your senses*; it would treat of the different kinds of media available at a children’s library (e-books, digitized books, audio books... and traditional paper books!), how to “read” them and how to strengthen staff’s competences to deal with them.

A group is set to work on the call for and review of papers: Ingrid K, Annie, Kirsten, Kerstin, Ingrid B and Viviana.

We would like to organize the session together with section Public Libraries. This must be seen later since their 2nd SC meeting is yet to come.

NB Ingrid B found out later that this cannot be possible, so we are organizing it on ourselves.

- library visits : Ingrid B will try to find one
- Sister libraries : Ingrid B will try to get an extra slot for this. In addition, there could be a Poster Session
- Satellite meetings, reminder : we are not organizing any.
- SC meetings : more time is definitely needed. One whole day off-site, the day before the conference starts, i.e. the day we usually have the first meeting? (this is what section Multicultural did this year) or a 4 hour meeting at the beginning of the conference and another 4 hour meeting at the end?

13.3 Helsinki 2012

- Satellite meetings : they must be applied for before March 2011.

Possibilities for the moment:

- Eva Fred (observer, Sweden) proposes a satellite at Stockholm, the Swedish city closest to Helsinki. Eva Fred proposes the theme "Training of Children's librarians and the benefits of contacts with researchers in the field of Children's Librarianship". Ingrid K adds that it might be possible to have the satellite on the ferry between the cities Stockholm and Helsinki.
- Colleagues from Finland would like to have one maybe in Turku (2 hours train trip from Helsinki, or just in Helsinki).

Kazuko and Naoko prefer to have the satellite in the same city as the conference: this would save time and money. Ingrid K finds this important too.

Naoko wonders if we can afford to organise a satellite meeting, and if we can decide of the subject before deciding on the theme of the main conference session in Helsinki (when is the deadline to decide the theme of the main conference session??)

- Annie has sent this proposal after the meeting : “ what about a satellite around the general theme of how libraries can engage children, young people and parents in their own learning and reading. It could explore aspects such as children and young people volunteering in libraries, young people mentoring other children and young people in reading, parents as partners in the reading and literacy development of their children, reading promotion methods, research findings around family literacy success, how can libraries engage ‘hard to reach’ children ie children with disabilities, children in care, traveller children, refugees”

- Ingrid B says we must do an evaluation of Sister Libraries in Helsinki. This would be in collaboration with Carolynn Rankin (cf 10.1)

14. 2010 Conference evaluation

It is difficult to evaluate the conference when it has not finished, and, for instance, we still have a session to go...

The off-site session at Mölnlycke Library, organised by Ingrid K, was a great success! 70 persons, in spite of it taking place at the same moment as Henning Mankell's conference...

The programme : Welcome and brief presentation of the Section by Ingrid B, Presentation of the Library by the Director Karin Bramberg, Visit of the library, Presentation of the work with children and YA at Mölnlycke library by one of the children's librarians, Presentation of Sister Library project by Viviana and Maha, and of the Barnbibliotekscentrum (see Appendix 4), by Eva Fred. And a delicious Swedish real meal!

Many thanks to Ingrid K.

Our session with Section Schools was a great success too: 250 colleagues attended, and the discussions following the papers were very interesting.

NB Kirsten's and Bente Bruun's paper for this session is the paper our section chooses to be proposed for IFLA Journal.

NB Our session with Section Multicultural was held after our meetings. A little more than a hundred persons attended – not bad at all for a session at 8.30 on Sunday... Interesting discussions followed the papers.

The SC strongly felt that the time for our meetings was too short... See 13.2, Planning for Puerto Rico.

15. Any other business

Questions relating to the Division Forum:

Judy Field, Chair of Division III, kindly visited our 1st meeting. We had not yet discussed the questions we had been asked at the 1st Leadership Forum, to treat at SC meetings, but Ingrid B mentions her concern that Sections be completely responsible of Satellite Conferences : the implication of local colleagues must still be very important! Kirsten B agrees with this.

On the 2nd meeting, Ingrid B reads parts of the document by IFLA Headquarters to SC members (violet sheet). She remarks on the "tracks" to which conference sessions have been assigned; next year, each Section will decide on the track its session must be assigned.

The SC thanks and applauds Ingrid B for a great job as Chair!

Minutes written by Viviana Quiñones, September 3 2010

Appendix 1 : Information Officer's report (Sept 2009 – Aug 2010)

IFLA – Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section Information Officer's report (Sept 2009 – Aug 2010)

Section's IFLANET Webpage

Our Section's URL on IFLANET is <<http://www.ifla.org/en/libraries-for-children-and-ya>>. Archived pages are at <<http://archive.ifla.org/VII/s10/>>.

Webpage updates:

Nov 2009 : Sister Libraries Project pages added in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. As of Jul 2010, 85 registered libraries (1 withdrawal) had been updated on the web. 19 have paired up. German and Italian translations are in progress.

Jan 2010: SCL News (Dec 2009 issue) added.

Jul 2010: SCL News (Jun 2010 issue) added.

Sister Libraries Blog

The blog address is <http://sisterlibraries.wordpress.com/>

Created in Jun 2010 to support progress updates and success stories of paired libraries.

4 country posts from 2 pairs of Sister Libraries as of 31 Jul 2010.

Newsletter (SCL News)

There was a new Design look for the newsletter. The number of submissions had grown and included articles from 5 new countries. The last issue had 29 pages. Some constant columns besides “Chair Speaks” and “Editor’s Note” are being featured as signature segments like the Cover Photo (Which is a Talking Point) and Library Spaces, Furniture and Design Section. It was a pity that I could not receive the full SC members’ photos to include in the newsletter even though I sent a number of reminders. It would also be good for SC members to continue to send in reports from their own countries or conferences they had been to.

The listing of Country report/ highlights submitted to SCL News, from 2000 to Jun 2010, as follows :

Australia - Dec 2008, Dec 2007
Canada - Jun 2004
Croatia - Jun 2007
Cuba - Jun 2006
Denmark – Jun 2010, Jun 2008, Jun 2007, Dec 2006, Jun 2006, Dec 2004
Egypt – Dec 2006, Jun 2006
France – Jun 2010, Jun 2009, Dec 2007, Dec 2005, Dec 2004
Germany – Jun 2010, Dec 2009, Dec 2005
Italy - Jun 2006, Jun 2005, Dec 2004, Dec 2003
Indonesia - Dec 2008
Japan - Dec 2008, Dec 2007, Jun 2007, Dec 2006, Jun 2006, Dec 2005, Dec 2004, Dec 2003
Netherlands - Dec 2009, Jun 2008, Dec 2004, Dec 2003
Nigeria - Jun 2006
Norway - Dec 2004, Dec 2003
Malaysia – Dec 2007
Republic of Cameroon – Dec 2009
Republic of Korea – Jun 2010, Dec 2006, Dec 2005, Jun 2004, Dec 2003
Republic of Lebanon – Jun 2010
Republic of Serbia – Jun 2010
People’s Republic of China - Jun 2008
Russia – Dec 2008, Jun 2006, Dec 2004, Dec 2003
Serbia – Jun 2010
Singapore – Jun 2010, Dec 2009, Jun 2009, Jun 2008, Dec 2007, Dec 2006, Jun 2006, Dec 2005,
Dec 2004, Jun 2004, Dec 2003
South Africa – Dec 2007
Spain – Jun 2010
Sweden – Jun 2010, Dec 2009
UK – Jun 2010, Dec 2007, Dec 2006, Dec 2005, Jun 2005, Dec 2003
Ukraine – Dec 2006
USA - Jun 2008, Dec 2006, Dec 2005, Jun 2005, Dec 2003

CHILD-YA electronic mailing list

As of 31 Jul 2010, our list has grown to 175 within a short one year from 115 subscribers in 28 Jul 2009. However, the level of activity on the list is still low. It is an additional channel to share news from the Section and I encourage more members to use it.

Reported by:

Information Coordinator:

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Appendix 2 : IFLA CYA SECTION

EMAIL TO SISTER LIBRARIES FROM GODMOTHERS

Dear Sister Libraries

Thank you for signing up to be a Sister Library. We hope that you will find the experience both rewarding and supportive and that it will help you develop and grow strong and positive partnerships

Although you may have signed up to be a Sister Library, you may not yet have paired with another library or had chance to think about how you might develop your partnership. This email is to help encourage to you to do this.

Your first step is to choose a library from the list of participating libraries, make connections with them via email, agree your Sister Libraries partnership and inform Ian Yap (ian_yap@nlb.gov.sg) of your partnership

The Sister Libraries project then offers libraries opportunities to build partnerships, exchange views and experiences, collaborate and develop joint programs for children's and young adult's reading. There are many ways that you can work together e.g.

- Getting to know each other through email, skype, sms, by writing and by sharing pictures of the library and staff
- Sharing ideas on library programmes for children and young adults
- Sharing information about practical issues related to children's and young adult's reading
- Exchanging information on good books
- Setting up a children's and young adult's reading group and exchange book reviews
- Help each other select and buy good books
- Share the good moments by exchanging information and photos of activities and events
- Exchange professional training
- Exchange of staff for a short period
- Develop joint programmes together

Your second step is to try an activity with your Sister Library. We have an idea which we suggest you might like to try to start you off

Talking Picture Books

- Send one of your countries favourite picture books to your Sister Library and get them to send you one of theirs
- Get the children you are working with spending time reading the book you receive
- If language is a barrier to them reading it, ask them to 'read' the pictures and decide what they think the story is about.
- Then share your experiences of reading each others picture book by using email, letters or skype

Your third step is to write your thoughts on the success of this activity and what you all learned from sharing these books, on the blog and start planning what you and your Sister Library can next do together

If you haven't yet undertaken an activity with your Sister Library, I would encourage you to try to do so by the end of December 2010

Have fun, enjoy sharing with each other and make your partnership a great one. Don't forget if you have any queries do get in touch with me.

With Best Wishes

Sister Library Godmother
On behalf of IFLA Children and Young Adult's Section Committee

ACTION LIST

Email for Sister Libraries was agreed at IFLA SC meeting but if anyone has any further comments please send them to Annie by 30th September

Annie to finalise which Godmother is allocated to which Sister Library by 30th September

Annie to send Sister Libraries email to Godmothers by 7th October

Godmothers to send emails to their Sister Libraries by 16th October

Annie will draft a follow up email for Godmothers to send to their Sister Libraries asking how the activity went, what else they have planned and offering a further idea for activity in case they have nothing else planned – In January 2011

Annie Everall

Appendix 3 : The World Through Picture Books Project

Background to the project

The idea for this project came from a request from Kazuko for help in developing an international booklist of picture books as a tool for understanding countries. The committee liked the idea and thought that asking librarians to nominate their favourite titles from their countries would be a really good way of organising this and building partnerships. It was agreed that Annie would work on this with Kazuko.

Aim of the project

To create a list of picture books from around the world that have been recommended by librarians. These can then be used

As a way of celebrating and promoting the language, cultures and quality of children's book publishing from each country

By countries wishing to purchase books from other countries and looking for 'favourite' titles

By Sister Libraries as a way of exploring the children's literature of their 'Sister Library' country

Criteria for inclusion in the list

Each country should submit 10 children's picture book titles and titles submitted should be:

Suitable for any age between 0 – 18 years
Must have been published by the country submitting them
In the original language
Of good quality and a high standard of publishing
Text and illustrations should work well together
Excellent for reading aloud to and with children
Reflects a positive message
In print (and therefore available for purchase)

What information will be required for each title.

The following information will be required for each title submitted

Name of author
Name of illustrator
Title (original language title and the English title)
Name of publisher
Date of publication
ISBN
A brief review of the book (a maximum of 100 words in English)

How will the books be selected

The first step will be CYA SC members to send in their nominations. They can organise their countries choice in the best way for their country (e.g. For the UK titles Annie will use the Youth Libraries Group e-list/blog/newsletter and website to ask for nominations and follow up with a vote)
Other countries can then be identified and a contact from each country can be identified to gather their 10 titles
Help with this can be requested via the CYA list/blog/newsletter
Sister Libraries can also be invited to participate

Next steps for action

Can SC members look at the outline and if you have any further comments on the proposal please send them Annie and Kazuko by Monday 11th October 2010
Any necessary amendments to project outline to be made by Annie and project outline to be sent to SC members inviting them to start to gather their 10 titles by Monday 25th October 2010
SC members to send their 10 titles to Annie and Kazuko by end of February (is that a realistic timescale for people to organise nominations or does it need to be longer?)
Discuss list at spring meeting of the SC and identify country gaps
Invite other countries and sister libraries to participate and have them send their titles in by end of May 2010
Include presentation about the project at Puerto Rico and look at ways of promoting and highlighting the list (what do people think about this?)

Annie Everall

Appendix 4

Children's Library Centre CLC - a national resource for development of Children's Libraries BarnBiblioteksCentrum-BBC

Kultur i Väst County Library has initiated the formation of a children's library centre.

Outreach to children and young people is priority one in all circumstances. This is the political priorities of region Västra Götaland as well as the Kultur i Väst's mission.

Although children's libraries are found throughout the nation their development is quite varied and do not always get the priority it is intended to.

Today, children's media habits changes rapidly. Computer games and new services for children on the Internet take more of the children's time at the expense of traditional games and reading. If this is a positive or negative development, there is a difference of opinion. No matter what we think this is still a reality and something that everyone must respond to.

The County Library is working with both national (The Children's library on the Internet/Barnens Bibliotek and Children's annual booklist/Barnbokskatalogen) and regional activities and initiatives to develop children's library work and to find new avenues and new ways of promoting literature and reading. But do we really invest enough work towards children and young adults to call it a priority? It can be difficult to get an overall picture of what we do, and this is why we want to invest in the research centre. The aim of the CLC is to gather our own resources and make them clearer and more visible to the municipalities in the region, but also to become a national resource centre in the fields of children's libraries.

What makes a good children's and youth library? Who decides the development of the same?

Children and young people are priority target groups in policy documents on all different levels in Sweden; state, regional and municipal. But does that really show in the decisions politicians make? Children's libraries need to create and refine their own profile and find clear approach to children and adolescents, but also towards the libraries' partners. What do we want to achieve? What can we offer?

The purpose of CLC is to strengthen and promote the development of children's libraries on a regional and national level and to interact with other players on the field. The objectives are:

- Create an environment around children's libraries
- Strengthen and develop children's librarianship
- Be a platform where issues for library service towards children can be discussed
- Build a documentation centre
- Be opinion leaders, lobbyists
- Promote specialized training, continuing education, skills development within the profession
- Create publications - debate and information exchange on the web (possibly also in print)

We have a partnership with The Swedish School of Library and Information Science in Borås and the public libraries in Borås and Gothenburg. We do arrange work-shops and conferences, focuses on research and the profession of librarianship and our aim is to work strategic with such issues.

Children's Library Centre CLC/BarnBiblioteksCentrum BBC is not a project it is an activity that has just begun. We are in a process that we hope many will join in. Read more:

www.barnbibliotekscentrum.se

Eva Fred