



Division 2, Section 37 Genealogy and Local History Section

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Introduction of Focus/Theme for Section during Chair Term of Office:

Living Libraries: Preserving Oral Family and Local Histories.

1. This Focus/Theme corresponds with IFLA Key Initiative KI4: Cultural Heritage Disaster Reconstruction Program.
2. This will give the section something to focus on for at least the next two years.
3. Everyday somewhere in the world a “Living Library” passes away, often taking with them the family, tribal, clan, local and/or cultural history of their community.
4. Often the youth of that community do not wish to take the time to learn the necessary skills to become “the keeper of the stories”!
5. These “Living Libraries” are not just in emerging countries; they can be found everywhere!
 - i. Native Americans in the United States and Canada
 - ii. The Laplanders of the Nordic Countries
 - iii. Tribal societies in Africa
 - iv. Indigence Peoples of Oceania, and Latin America
 - v. Veterans of WWII, and other major events in Europe
6. A plan must be developed to give direction to the section in this endeavor.

7. Include the focus/theme of the section into our blogs, emails, facebook pages, web pages, newsletters, Congress Programs, Satellite programs.
8. Invite other ethnic groups to join the section and to participate in providing papers and presentations in this area.
9. A first step would be to create a CONCEPT OF A CALL TO ACTION for the section on “Living Libraries: Preserving Oral Family and Local History”
 - i. Creation of a guiding sub-committee
 - ii. Set Goal, Objectives, and measurements
 - iii. Ensure that everyone on the sub-committee has a job
 - iv. Produce a GNAT Report
 - v. Everyone to take responsibility and ownership for the Focus/Theme