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Open Access: an essential issue within the agenda of IFLA

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IFLA and Access to Information

Universal and equitable access to information
is vital for
the social, educational, cultural, democratic, and
economic well-being
of people, communities, and organizations.



Access-to-information Divide

Scholarly Information: Between countries

- Big Deals: hardly affordable
- Pricing policy:
HINARI Program, set up by WHO
National licences? Few examples





Access-to-information Divide

Scholarly Information: Within a country

- Licences for privileged groups/organizations

Universities, research institutes

- **The have-nots**

Health care institutions, patient organizations,
vocational schools, individuals

Interlibrary loan for journal articles is inefficient





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Libraries' support for Open Access

Libraries have

- educated faculty and administrators about scholarly communication
- partnered with faculty to set up OA repositories
- helped faculty and students to deposit their research outputs
- provided support in research data curation and sharing
- helped scholarly publishers to publish OA journals and books
- worked with educators to produce open educational resources





IFLA and Open Access

- The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions should engage in Open Access
- As an initial action, IFLA has signed the Berlin Declaration
- And now:





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IFLA Statement on Open Access Clarifying IFLA's position and strategy





Focus on the Access Issue

The present model of
scholarly communication

- does not guarantee access
- is not sustainable





Co-operation and synergy

IFLA will establish partnerships with and provide support to organizations and initiatives that are promoting Open Access, such as:

- SPARC (Europe)
- OASPA
- DOAJ
- COAR
- EiFL
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Working with the membership

- Promoting Open Access in national policies
- Stimulating to promote OA in their communities
- Enriching local and national information infrastructure in order to stimulate OA
- Providing assistance in the work for national policies regarding OA
- Providing advocacy material and practical guidelines





The IFLA Organization

- Make the Open Access issue strongly visible
- A permanent Open Access Committee
- Work on the recommendations
on short notice !
- Transform IFLA's publications into Open Access





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Thank you!

