

International Literacy Day 2018

To celebrate International Literacy Day 2018, we asked IFLA's Literacy and Reading Section for their favourite quotes about literacy and libraries. Here's what they said!

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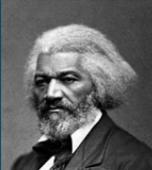
Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development...

Kofi Annan, Former UN Secretary General



Adriaan Langendonk

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Once you learn to read, you will be forever free

Frederick Douglass



Allison Kaplan

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Librarians have to act as change agents and leaders via cross-culture professional development, communities of practice, and educational reform efforts

Lesley Fisher, Former Chair, IFLA Literacy and Reading Section



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A child who reads will be an adult who thinks

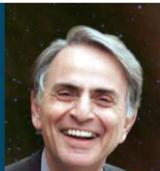
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Linn Sunne



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One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person, perhaps someone dead for 1,000 years. To read is to voyage through time

Carl Sagan



Lesley Farmer

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To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark

Victor Hugo, Les Miserables, 1862



Mireille Lamoureux

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The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn

Alvin Toffler



Barbara Combes

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Smart citizens are made in libraries

Ilona Kish, Director, Public Libraries 2020



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The important thing is not to be able to read, but to understand what one reads to reflect on and judge what one reads.

Outside of that, reading has no meaning

Jacques Ellul in "Propaganda: The Formation of Men's Attitudes" (1962)



Mireille Lamoureux

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Make use of public libraries to expand your horizon of knowledge

Basheerhamad Shadrach, in Reading Mission 2020 in India



Dani Salu

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The more that you READ, the more THINGS you will KNOW. The MORE you LEARN, the more PLACES you'll GO!

Dr Seuss



Atlanta Meyer

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First you learn to read, then you read to learn

Anon.



Ingrid Bon



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There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book

Frank Serafini



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At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It's an enormous force for good

Barack Obama



Sylvia Vardell