

Action plan 2019 – 2020

Name of Professional Unit: Acquisitions and Collection Development Section

Focus Area 1 – Collection Assessment			
Collection assessment ensures that library collections best meet the needs of current users while keeping within budgetary and space requirements. Our plan is to develop resources and tools to aid in choosing appropriate collection assessment methods, ensuring useful collections for library communities.			
IFLA Strategic Direction			
Strategic Direction 2: Inspire and Enhance Professional Practice: Work in this focus area will provide library staff with tools to help make better collections decisions via assessment, and to understand what types of collection assessment would be the best fit for different situations. The tools produced will foster best practices in this area, and support the work of the profession worldwide, contributing to effective collection development and more useful collections.			
Key Initiatives			
2.1	We intend to create resources and tools to inspire new collection assessment methods in order to improve collections as a whole.		
2.3	Tools produced will enable library staff to utilize a variety of methods to foster best practices in their specific situations.		
2.4	We will create well-designed, practical tools enabling libraries to implement effective collection assessment strategies.		
Funding Needed	Projects/Activities	Tasks & Responsibility	Timeframe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research and develop a tool that maps collection assessment methods via a matrix that considers many variables (e.g., type of library, type of material, user needs, etc).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> literature search/ environmental scan (by collection assessment taskforce) develop matrix to serve as basis for online tool (by collection assessment taskforce) 	Complete by August 2020
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Develop a beta version of an interactive online tool where choices will point to best methods for a specific situation/environment. Funding or technical support from IFLA will be needed although it is too soon for us at this point to determine requirements or cost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> web programming following various options of the matrix (by collection assessment taskforce) 	Complete by August 2021
How will you communicate your activities and results?			
In order to gain greater feedback from those interested in collection development, activities will be communicated widely via existing IFLA electronic channels at all stages of the process. Once a preliminary tool is developed, it will be shared with the wider community for feedback.			
How will you measure the impact of your activities?			
Impact will be measured both quantitatively and qualitatively. Usage of the tool itself will be measured via web statistics so we can understand global reach. We will also gather stories of how the tool is used by collection development librarians and the impact it has had on their practice and their communities.			
Identify other Unit(s) which may be interested in this Focus Area, or with which you could collaborate on projects/activities.			
Statistics and Evaluation Section, Information Technology Section			