

## International Relations Committee Report to Council

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### International at Midwinter

Seventy-five exhibitors from twenty-one countries participated this year. In addition, nineteen companies from outside the US exhibited. Exhibitors came from Canada, China, France, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom.

The International Relations Roundtable hosted international exhibitors with a set to sether on Friday afternoon.

ALA, as a member of IFLA, is proud to support the promotion of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress – “IC” in Dublin, Ireland in August 2020. The staff also highlighted IFLA’s [Library Map of the World](#) which includes a stories section on how libraries contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Currently there are no US stories included.

To that end, the ALA Executive Board approved a task force on the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals to create, and begin implementation of a multi-year strategic plan to increase awareness and participation of the US library community of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how libraries and librarians and library workers around the world are key partners in their communities, societies, and countries in achieving the goals.

### ALA International Membership

ALA currently has 1,000 members from 97 countries. Of these a little over 100 are from Canada.

### IFLA Update

The IRC was pleased to welcome Helen Mandl, Deputy Secretary General of IFLA, to Philadelphia for her first ALA conference. Along with 90,000 Board Member Michael Doolin they provided an update on IFLA activities.

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## IRRT Activities

IRRT Chair Richard Saxon has reported on a number of IRRT activities and initiatives. The IRRT has a webinar series directed to reach its international members. The IRRT continues to sponsor an Emergent Leader, and for the fourth year in a row one of the projects selected by the Emergent Leaders is an international related effort. The IRRT uses interest from its endowment funds to provide a Mission Enhancement Grant for a member-initiated idea which contributes to IFLA's role in international librarianship.

## RDA Toolkit

American Libraries in Paris Celebrates 100 Years

In 1920 the American Library in Paris ("ALP") was established under the auspices of the American Library Association and the Library of Congress from the core book collection collected by ALP. Through American Libraries for the 32nd period of service, in 1952 during the World War II

100th Anniversary of the American Library in Paris

WHEREAS, the American Library in Paris was established in May 1920 under the auspices of the American Library Association and the Library of Congress with a core book collection donated by American libraries to United States armed forces serving with its allies in World War I; and,

WHEREAS, ALA continues to be connected to the Library through a representative on the Board of Trustees, and,

WHEREAS, the Library is the largest English-language lending library on the European continent, with 4,500 members representing over 60 countries; and,

WHEREAS, the Library is a vibrant center for literature, learning, culture, and community providing programming and spaces that serve adults, students, children, and teens in newly renovated spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the Library staff of the American Library in Paris provides exceptional programs including the *Evenings with Authors* series, the Visiting Fellowship, writing workshops for all ages, the Young Author Fiction Festival, and the American Library in Paris annual Book Award; and,

WHEREAS, the Library has a long history of fostering cultural and artistic exchange between prominent writers and the global library community, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association and its eleven membership divisions and many offices congratulate the American Library in Paris and its staff on the 100th anniversary of its founding.