

# IFLA – UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025



The school library programme is essential to every long-term education strategy.

## Vision, Mission and Goals

The school library programme improves teaching and learning for the entire school community through:

- qualified library professionals
- access to quality collections, resources, and technologies
- participatory physical and virtual learning environments
- active collaborations for literacies, critical thinking, creativity and global citizenship
- equitable policies and instruction
- upholding the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

All members of the school community are enabled to become:

- engaged critical thinkers
- effective readers
- responsible users, evaluators and creators of information
- library users throughout their lives



## Operation and Management

School library professionals are:

- qualified and members of their professional association
- motivated, dedicated and collaborative
- good leaders
- competent in operating and managing the school library facility and programme
- able to expertly teach evolving literacies and digital competencies
- responsible to both teachers and students

The school library program is:

- focussed on student growth
- a collaborative endeavour
- supported by school administration
- supported by adequate and sustained funding
- organised and maintained according to professional standards
- accessible to all members of the school community
- accountable through ongoing processes

Read the full Manifesto here:

<https://repository.ifla.org/handle/20.500.14598/2886.2>



Every child deserves the benefits of a school library programme.