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Services in prisons

New Zealand: A NZ prison collaborated on a weekly activity booklet for prisoners. Each 40 pages booklet included puzzles, guided meditation, Sunday services, origami instructions, Te Reo & sign language

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It has been my great pleasure to serve as your IRRT Chair for 2020-2021. This is my last time writing this column as my term will end on 30 June. It has been a wonderful year for being able to work with many active IRRT members on various activities, tasks, and committee matters. Slim Neal, the incoming Chair, will lead us through the next ALA year beginning on 1 July. He will be assisted by Safi Safiullah, the newly elected Vice Chair/ChairElect, and the IRRT Executive Board.

It is unfortunate that we will not be able to meet in person at the virtual ALA [Annual conference](#) again this year. On the other hand, the pandemic made the world a smaller place and stimulated the collaborative engagement of many IRRT members who cannot attend in person conferences. Instead of recapping the IRRT events during the year, I would like to invite you to attend the IRRT annual meeting on Friday, 25 June at 12:30 p.m. CDT. The presentation at the meeting will outline the activities of the roundtable during the pandemic, March 2020-June 2021.

The IRRT annual meeting will take place immediately
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Introducing the new *International Leadsco*-editors

Ray: Congrats on serving as editors! We are so thrilled for you all to serve in this important role. We thought it would be great for our readers to learn more about you!

Tell us about yourself- your background and your interest in co-editing the International Leads!

and 2) virtual upskilling/reskilling trainings in my hometown and for theological librarians in Southeast Asia. On habits, I learned to slow down and better entertain my-

IFLA celebrates World Refugee Day

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World Refugee Day is 20 June, an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) is proud to support World Refugee Day Development Goals.

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Guidelines for Library Service to Refugees, Immigrants, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers

The IFLA Section on Library Service to People with Special Needs (LSN) is taking the lead in writing International Guidelines for Library Service to Refugees, Immigrants, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers with the support of Public Libraries, Library Service to Multicultural Populations, and Library Services to People with Print Disabilities.

Staff who speak 13 languages

The website features immigrants stories about items they brought with them to the United States and what they mean to them. There is a quarterly newsletter, ~~Letter~~, ~~exioneth~~ that highlights Spanish programming and the library is developing a website, Facebook page, and a core resource collection in Spanish to be highlighted in

IFLA Registration grant now available for IRRT members

The International Relations Round Table (IRRT) of the American Library Association has launched a pilot program to promote and enable support for IRRT member attendance and participation in international library conferences.

The first initiative will provide competitive grants to cover the early bird registration for the virtual IFLA Congress to be held ~~19~~ August 2021. Awards will be announced ahead of the IFLA early registration deadline.

Preference will be given to IRRT members and those who would be attending their first IFLA conference.

The [application form](#) must be completed and submitted by 15 June 2021

Grant recipients will be required to complete and submit a 1000 words report on your participation and impressions of the IFLA 2021 Congress by September 15, 2021.

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The IRRT Nominating Committee prepared a slate of candidates for the 2021 Executive Board election. The election was held as part of the overall ALA election period. Thank you to all the nominees for their willingness to serve.

Newly elected Member-at-large: Allison Sharp
Allison Sharp
Humanities Librarian, Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2014

We extend heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing members, who have provided much needed guidance to IRRT, especially during the COVID pandemic.

We are pleased to announce the following professionals who will be joining the IRRT Executive Board, starting at the ALA Annual 2021 convention and continuing through 2023.

Position: Vice Chair/Chair Elect (2021-2024)

Chair-elect (2021-22), becomes Chair (2023) and serves as immediate Past Chair (2023-2024)

According to IRRT bylaws, position of Chair-elect is a three-year commitment in which one serves as chair elect, chair and past chair. In the first year, one learns about the work of the Executive Board under the tutelage of the Chair and the past chair.

Newly elected Vice Chair: Safi S.M. Safiullah

Safi S. M. Safiullah
Manager, Marmalade Branch Library, Salt Lake City Public Library (2016-present)

ALA Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) (Chair, 2018; Vice-Chair, 2017-2018; Member-at-Large, 2020-2022)

IRC Near East and South Asia Subcommittee (Member, 2017-2018)

Multicultural Services Round Table, Utah Library Association (Chair, 2012-2013)

Research and Travel Awards Committee, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) (Co-Chair, 2010-2011)

Position: Member-at-large (2021-2023)

The Member-at-large position lasts two years and serves to contribute information and wider perspectives from the field.

A check in with Librarians from around the world

Ray: Thanks for interviewing with us! Can you briefly tell us about your role in the library?

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