



International Library and Cultural Exchange Annual Report 2020

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The ILCE-IG has had another very successful year despite limitations in response to COVID-19. Our members have participated in a number of activities, locally, nationally, and internationally, most frequently virtually.

Board Meetings. The ILCE-IG board met three times: February 26, June 17, and July 24. Board members include: Nancy Bolt, Janet Lee, Sue Keefer, Kathy Plath, Jane Mirandette, Shannon Brennan, and Jen Yadav. Chair Nancy Bolt attended CAL board meetings regularly and reported back to the board.

CALCON 2020 Conference Program. ILCE-IG submitted a program to the annual CALCON conference and it was accepted. The in-person conference was changed to a virtual conference due to COVID-19 and ILCE-IG chose to remain on the program and present virtually.

The program, *Show Me the Money: the ILCE-IG Grant Explained* presented an overview of the grant and examples of successful projects. Panelists included past recipients of the grant and a representative of the grant committee. Members of the panel and projects represented were:

Nancy Bolt, Moderator

Karen Kllanxhja, Mesa County Library's Culture Fest

Janet Lee, African Storybook Project in Ethiopia

Jane Mirandette, HJH Libraries for All Conference in Granada, Nicaragua

Sue Keefer, The ILCE-IG Grant Process

Links to presenters' PowerPoints and to the video capture of the webinar can be found at:

<https://ilceig.wordpress.com/2020/10/12/calcon-2020-show-me-the-money-the-ilce-ig-grant-explained-video-available/>

The Navigator: Colorado Libraries and the World ILCE-IG published two newsletters in 2020: March and August 2020 on its website:

August 2020 <https://ilceig.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/ilce-ig-newsletter-issue-11.pdf>

March 2020 <https://ilceig.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/ilce-ig-newsletter-issue-10.pdf>

Highlights of the newsletter include

- ILCE-IG grant recipients Hester J. Hodgdon Libraries for All Conference and Mesa County Libraries Culture Fest
- 3D Printing in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua
- Update on IFLA Section of Library Service to People with Special Needs (LSN)
- Denver Public Library's PLAZA program

- Laptops to Lesotho
- Responding to COVID-19 at the San Juan del Sur Biblioteca in Nicaragua
- DPL featured in IFLA news release for World Refugee day (authored by Nancy Bolt and Despina Gerasimidou (DPL)).

ILCE-IG webpage and Facebook Both the webpage (<https://ilceig.wordpress.com/>) and the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ilceig>) have been active with board and member input highlighting the many professional and service activities of the membership including:

- CALCON2020 conference
- 3D printing in Nicaragua
- COVID Response in Nicaragua
- Paint and Sip fundraiser for Laptops to Lesotho
- Librarians without Borders
- Presentations and publications

Fundraising/Jewelry sales COVID-19 has put a damper on fundraising activities, specifically jewelry sales at conferences, meetings, and fairs. The move of the CALCON20 conference from in person to virtual was especially difficult, but safety of our citizens is the highest priority. Nancy Bolt was able to show at a few events in Golden. Lack of ability to travel and to restock jewelry has also been a concern. Everyone is hopeful for the future.

Grant Awards The ILCE-IG board proposed and agreed to hold an international conference in lieu of disbursing grants for 2020. It would have been modeled after the very successful conference “Colorado Librarians Touch the World: An International Librarianship Colloquium” held July 2018 and a recipient of a 2017-18 ILCE-IG grant.

Initial planning ensued, including partnering with the University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education. With COVID-19 restrictions, the conference has been postponed to a future date.

MPLA newsletter

ILCE-IG submitted two articles to the Mountain Plains Library Association newsletter for the February/March Issue <https://mpla.us/documents/newsletter/2020/february-march-2020.pdf>

- HJH Libraries for All Conference in Granada Nicaragua
- Announcement of three grants awarded.

Related webinars and presentations

Using Universal Design for Learning to Enhance Information Literacy Programs: Online and in the Library Joint webinar of IFLA Information Literacy Section and Library Services to People with Special Needs Section. Nancy Bolt chairs the LSN Section and moderates this session. September 16, 2020 and September 23, 2020 For PowerPoints, YouTube videos and resources check out:

Webinar I : <https://www.ifla.org/node/93259>

Webinar II: <https://www.ifla.org/node/93260>

[Transcending Borders: From Librarians Collaborating Abroad to Reconsidering Opportunities in a Virtual World](#). International Sustainable Library Development Interest Group/ALA. Janet Lee and two other librarians will serve on this panel. September 21, 2020

“African Children’s Literature” ALA/IRC/Africa Committee. Panelists include: Brenda Randolph, Africa Access; Dorcas Wepukhulu, African Storybook; Janet Lee, moderator. September 30, 2020 <https://ala-events.zoom.us/rec/share/U8K4YNPj0XGU4QonxpWMI6qK2ldJkHEIqQllgeKknwhaNmcyXJWfIKUP2GASBcvo.ngYqkg1adgZUYW00?startTime=1601477960000>