The Library of the Federal Justice Cultural Center in the light of IFLA guidelines for public libraries

**Thematic Public Libraries were created to meet specific community demands.**

**Cultural Cycle**

(Milanesi, 2003)

**The missions for Public Libraries**

established by IFLA, within Professor Luis Milanesi’s Cultural Cycle (UNESCO, 1995)

- Creating and strengthening reading habits in children
- Supporting individual and self-conducted education as well as formal education
- Promoting awareness of cultural heritage
- Providing access to cultural expressions
- Ensuring access to all sorts of community information
- Providing adequate information services to local enterprises, associations and interest groups
- Facilitating the development of information and computer literacy skills
- Providing opportunities for personal creative development
- Stimulating the imagination and creativity of children and young people
- Fostering inter-cultural dialogue and favouring cultural diversity
- Supporting the oral tradition

**A new mission for Thematic Public Libraries:**

TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTION

Cultural action is the set of the procedures, which aims to put into practice the objectives of a given cultural policy. (Cunha & Cavalcanti, 2008)

**The Federal Justice Cultural Center Library (CCJF)**

The CCJF Library applies the missions established by IFLA for Public Libraries:

- **INFORMATION**
  - It follows a collection development policy and provides reading rooms.

- **DISCUSSION**
  - It promotes debates on cultural issues.

- **CREATION**
  - It encourages creativity by promoting cultural action.

**The missions for Thematic Public Libraries**

- Supporting the oral tradition

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