HOW TO ORGANIZE A NEW LIBRARIANS EVENT
Two “Nouveaux bibliothécaires” days in January 2018

1. KNOW WHY YOU DO IT!
   - Connect new professionals of a specific country
   - Help new professionals see their job as a global profession
   - Have the future of librarianship designed by those who will live it

2. HAVE AN INCREDIBLE GUEST!
   Gloria Pérez-Salmerón, IFLA president, accepted to be our event’s guest star
   4 other international experts, including 2 IFLA young leaders, came with their experience and their ideas.

3. FIND AN EXCITING VENUE...
   ...or twix!
   Our event took place simultaneously at the National school for librarians and information science (EaNSib) in Lyon and at the University library for languages and civilizations (Bulac).

4. GET HELP FROMAMAZING PARTNERS!
   2 ministries, 3 companies, 3 professional associations, 2 IFLA sections... we couldn’t have done anything without our 10 partners!

5. GATHER LOCAL EXPERTS
   With the aid of IFLA video meeting tool, the Organizing Committee and the Programming Committee gathered 20 French specialists in the library field.
   They determined the event’s programme, especially the 40 workshops about the future of librarianship!

6. EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF YOUR COMMUNICATION!
   With a special website, social networks and the help of our partner associations, we could easily reach the 300 attendees we wanted!
   Live streaming of the presentations was watched by many new professionals in French speaking countries.

WHAT CONCLUSIONS EMERGED?

1. Although libraries may have to be neutral, our job as librarians is a form of civic engagement.
2. We urgently need to redesign our role in a digital world where people read less and less on physical carriers.
3. We must be better informed about conspiracy theories if we intend to provide our patrons with quality information.
4. We can now get the skills we need on our own.
5. If we want a greener world, we should begin with greener libraries.
6. Our patrons make no distinction between types of librarians: all librarians should be trained in information retrieval.
7. We do need to improve our English-speaking skills.
8. We should sometimes forget our culture of humility and stand up for our missions.
9. We can be more imaginative in seeking funding. Our crucial missions deserve it.
10. We need procedures that allow us to try new things and, sometimes, fail.

New actions: first “appel à projets linguistiques” in May
New connections: presentation to German New Professionals in June

AND SINCE THEN?

New interests: young colleagues willing to participate in IFLA’s activities
New commitments: first steps of a network of French green librarians in March

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