

Public Libraries Section 2017

Writing and revising new terms of reference was a major focus of the year. The terms of reference have been written to include sectional activity outside of the annual congress, including participation at other conferences. The General Assembly must still consider the new terms of reference at the congress in Riga.

At the Riga congress, the Public Libraries Section will sponsor two program sessions:

- The Future of Music Libraries, grew out of discussions at the section's 2016 working meeting in Rome. Speakers will include Julie Bill (USA) and Tuomas Pelttari (Finland) prior to a general discussion involving attendees of the session.
- Reaching out, features Geoff Thomason (UK) on a World War I music project that involved cross-sectoral collaboration between music libraries, Marianna Zoldos (Hungary) of unusual music sessions for children, and Inmaculada Seldas and Araceli Turina (Spain) on circulating musical instruments.

In addition to the program sessions, the section will hold a working meeting for public librarians.

The IAML Public Librarians Facebook group had a little bit of traffic during the year.

New officers for the section will be elected in Riga.

Serving the section during 2014-2017 were

- Chair: Carolyn Dow (USA)
- Vice Chair: Hanneke Kuiper (Netherlands)
- Secretary: Birgitta Sparre (Sweden)

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