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Libraries Unlimited and the International Association of School Librarianship Announce Partnership *New Co-Publishing Plans Will Drive Increase in the Global Exchange of Best Practices*

Libraries Unlimited is pleased to announce its new partnership with the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) to provide school librarians around the world both an opportunity to read about and to write about trends and issues, as well as to report research from the field. Members of IASL will now be able to share their expertise with a broader audience through Libraries Unlimited's global base of readers.

"We are delighted to collaborate with Libraries Unlimited on the launch of a book series that will further contribute to the development of school librarianship worldwide," commented President Singh, when asked about the partnership.

Bringing together the work of renowned scholars and practitioners from around the world, the partnership will sponsor the publication of a series of books of interest to international school librarians. The first title in the series, to be edited by Dr. Marcia A. Mardis, Associate Professor at Florida State University's College of Communication and Information, aptly focuses on collaboration.

Describing the prospective impact of the new partnership, Libraries Unlimited Publisher Kathryn Suárez mentioned *"All of us at Libraries Unlimited are very enthusiastic about this opportunity to assist school librarians worldwide in their efforts to provide the best possible services and environments for their students and teachers."*

International Association of School Librarianship

The mission of the Association is to provide an international forum for people interested in promoting effective school library programs as viable instruments in the educational process. IASL also provides guidance and advice for the development of school library programs and the school library profession. IASL works in cooperation with other professional associations and agencies. Membership is worldwide, and includes school librarians, teachers, librarians, library advisers, consultants, educational administrators, and others who are responsible for library and information services in schools. The membership also includes professors and instructors in universities and colleges where there are programs for school librarians, and students who are undertaking such programs.

Libraries Unlimited

For more than 50 years, Libraries Unlimited has served academic, public, school, and special libraries by producing library science textbooks, reference works, practical handbooks, and professional guides of unparalleled quality. Today, with more than 2,000 publications in both print and electronic formats, Libraries Unlimited continues its mission to cultivate and maintain a supportive community where librarians, archivists, and information specialists can learn about and discuss leading-edge trends and acquire new skills through every phase of their careers. Libraries Unlimited began a new chapter in 2008 becoming an imprint under the publishing umbrella of ABC-CLIO, LLC.

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