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# International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLET)

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## **YEAR IN REVIEW**

During its third year, the International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLET) worked on several initiatives to achieve our charge. The ITLET's charge is "to strengthen and connect theological and religious studies librarians worldwide by identifying resources, creating educational opportunities, and developing skill enhancement materials through collaboration efforts."

In March 2020, the introductory volume of the *Theological Librarian's Handbook: Introduction to Theological Libraries* was published open access. After its release, this volume was the second-most downloaded book from Books@Atla Open Press. The editor for the second volume of the series, focusing on library administration, was chosen and various global writers answered the call for writing various chapters.

Plans were made and participants selected for the Second International Theological Librarian Leadership Institute, to be held in



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Detroit, Michigan. However, due to COVID-19, the Institution was cancelled. Participants were coming from Indonesia, Uganda, Romania, Ukraine, and Malawi.

Task Force members continued working on a compilation of worldwide theological librarianship training and education opportunities and a list of theological library associations.

Finally, through Brenda's work and membership in an International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) work group, progress was achieved on developing international base competencies for professional librarians. Once the base competencies are finalized, Brenda recommended Atla to help with developing the specialty competencies for theological librarians.