
International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLET)

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YEAR IN REVIEW

During its fourth year, the International Theological Librarian Education Task Force (ITLE) worked on several initiatives to achieve our charge. ITLE'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."

The second volume of *The Theological Librarian's Handbook: Administration in Theological Libraries* is to be published by the end of summer. An editor of the third volume of the series focusing on collection development was selected. After placing a call for papers,

the editor has selected the authors, and the initial writing of the volume is commencing.

After compiling the worldwide theological librarianship training and education opportunities and a list of global theological library associations, two taskforce members placed this information into Atla's LibGuides, so that the information is available open access.

After receiving the International Federation of Library Association (IFLA) workgroup's global librarian competencies, the task force engaged the question of creating international base competencies for theological librarians. After utilizing competencies from the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and the 2014 Atla competencies, the task force decided that developing global theological librarian competencies were outside the task force's scope. In light of that decision, the task force decided to focus on supporting, sharing, and promoting the already existing numerous global programs for training theological librarians and to focus on existing professional development opportunities created by Atla incorporating the institute held several years ago.