



## Activities

Organizing dozens of educational activities for librarians on various topics every year.

Participating in the creation and implementation of professional legislation.

Cooperation with educational institutions and other organizations which deal with librarianship and information science in this country and abroad.

Organization of professional and social events for librarians and information professionals.

Taking part in professional training of specialists and contributes toward lifelong learning of librarians and information professionals.

Developing contacts with professional associations and organizations of the same or similar objective both in this country and abroad, it is a member of **IFLA** and **EBLIDA**.

Publishing a professional newsletter **Bulletin SKIP**.



## Key Projects and Events

**Start Life with a Book** – a national version of the Bookstart project

**I Am Already a Reader – Book for First Grader** – a project to support reading habits of children

**March – Readers' Month and Library Week** – nationwide campaigns aimed at promoting libraries and library services

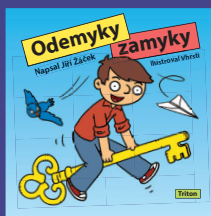
**Night with Andersen** – an annual sleepover for children in libraries and other institutions

**Archives, Libraries, Museums in the Digital World** – an annual conference bringing together professionals from all types of GLAM institutions

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**Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic**

is a voluntary, professional organization of librarians and information professionals which has a character of a civic association.



## Members and Structure

**SKIP** has more than 1,800 members, which makes it the largest library association in the Czech Republic. Both institutions and individuals can become members.

**SKIP** is organized regionally and has ten regional committees. Specialized activities are handled by expert sections, commissions, and clubs.

Sections for

- Public Libraries
- Barrier-Free Libraries
- Librarians – Memory Coaches
- Activities for the 60+ Population
- Education
- Employers

Clubs for

- Children's Libraries
- Health Libraries
- School Libraries
- Creative Librarians
- Francophone Librarians

and Commission for International Relations

## Awards for Libraries and Librarians

**Municipal Library of the Year** – competition for the best public library in towns and cities

**MARK** – recognition for young librarians under the age of 35

**SKIP** organizes many projects on regional level and participates in the projects on the national level funded by European structural funds.

## Mission

Constantly improve the standards of library and information services and in that manner to increase the professional prestige.

Work toward the goal of better conditions for the development and activities of libraries and information centres.

Build strong, active, and educated community of librarians who care about their work and the impact of libraries on the society.



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