



## 2024-2025 Executive Summary

### Overview & Goals

For the 2024-2025 school year, the ECIS Library and Information Services Committee consisted of Rebecca Leonhard (chair), Vivienne Blake, Clare Brumpton, and Elizabeth DiCataldo. The three overall goals for the year were to arrange the next library conference, continue with the “Lessons From the Library” webinar series, and continue expanding outreach and enlarging our digital presence on social media.

### Goal #1: Next Library Conference

Development of the next in-person library conference was the committee’s top goal throughout the year. The committee explored several possible banquet and hotel options along with partnerships with additional international schools in Doha. Save the date notices and advertisements were shared in various formats on social media. Conference strands, requests for presentation proposals, a conference website, and final keynote announcements were all formally announced. A second keynote speaker, Helen Crompton, was confirmed. The library conference was supposed to take place in Doha, Qatar, on 15-17 May 2025 at Georgetown University Qatar, but the decision was made in February to cancel and postpone the conference due to low registration and proposal submissions. Management at ECIS later decided to convert the conference to a virtual format. It was decided that the new date for the virtual conference would be Saturday, 10 January 2026.

### Goal #2: Continue Development of “Lessons From the Library” Webinar Series

The second goal of the Library Committee was to continue developing the “Lessons From the Library” webinar series. Three webinars were held during the year. Osa Oyegun presented “[Student Agency in the School Library](#)” on 14 October 2024. Eleanor Duggan presented “[From a Reader to an Author: My Journey of Self Publishing](#)” on 26 March 2025. Gabriella Reyes presented “[Critical](#)”

[Information Literacy and the International School Library: What It Is and How to Teach It](#)” on 9 April 2025.

### **Student Agency in the School Library**

- [YouTube Recording](#)

### **From a Reader to an Author: My Journey of Self Publishing**

- [YouTube Recording](#)

### **Critical Information Literacy and the International School Library: What It Is and How to Teach It**

- [YouTube Recording](#)

The committee continues to accept and review new proposals.

### **Goal #3: Expand Outreach and Digital Presence on Social Media**

The third goal of the Library Committee was to enlarge our digital presence on social media. The committee created a group on the new platform Bluesky. The link is: <https://bsky.app/profile/ecislibrarysig.bsky.social>. Group management is shared between all committee members. The group's membership has 19 followers and continues to grow.