Resolution on the Libraries of the Gaza Strip / West Bank

Whereas public, school, academic and other libraries in the Gaza Strip / West Bank are in very poor condition; and

Whereas the Gaza Strip / West Bank has no agency responsible for research, library development, or the preservation of library materials; and

Whereas scholars, students, teachers and the residents of the Gaza Strip / West Bank have little or no access to any recent library materials; and

Whereas there are few trained library professionals and other support staff to provide adequate library service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association offer assistance to the libraries and librarians of the Gaza Strip / West Bank in terms of resources, advice, expertise, and consultation as needed to assist in establishing good library services in the area, and that SRRT cooperate with initiatives from other countries in the region to develop both short-term and long-range plans for library development in the Gaza Strip / West Bank.

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