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## Promoting National Unity in Nigeria: The Roles Of Library And Information Professionals.

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## **Abstract**

This study explores the importance of national unity in Nigeria and how it can lead to progress. Library professionals can play a key role in promoting diversity and inclusivity, which are essential for peaceful coexistence. National unity can be achieved through common goals, open communication, and collaboration. Access to timely and accurate information is also crucial in achieving social cohesion. The study highlights the responsibilities of LIS professionals in promoting national unity, such as ethical standards, financial information and vocational training, providing authorized sources of information, incorporating Indigenous knowledge into the curriculum, among other things. Collaboration between government agencies and other organizations is critical for promoting national unity. Nigeria needs to understand the significance of coming together despite cultural differences for progress through economic development or otherwise. Highlighting common goals enables people from different backgrounds to come together without feeling divided about other aspects of their identity. Adequate access to relevant information promotes transparency and equal representation across all facets of society - ultimately leading towards inclusivity which is a necessary component for any country's success regardless of its size or population demographics. This research identifies strategies that promote social cohesion amidst religious or tribal differences towards a common goal beneficial for all parties involved while cultivating values like respectfulness towards diversity that foster peaceful co-existence among fellow Nigerians ultimately leading to National Unity- a positive outcome for the country."

## **INTRODUCTION**

National unity generates notions of oneness in a nation, notwithstanding all types of multiformity inside a nation, such as multi-culture, multilingualism, and multi-religion. It fosters a sense of shared purpose, identity, nationhood, unity, and patriotism among a country's citizens (Ejiroghene, 2021). As a result, promoting national unity is critical, because a house divided against itself cannot stand. Furthermore, the phrase "One People, One Nation, One Destiny" cannot be accomplished without encouraging national unity, which is why Viera (2019) remarked that "Without unity, there

is no growth, integrity, freedom, and most importantly, no patriotism." National unity is an essential component of any country's stability and development, and Nigeria is no exception.

Promoting national unity, on the other hand, is not a privilege reserved for a few experts in the country; it is a responsibility shared by everybody. This means that everyone has a role to play in promoting national unity. As a result, no one is excluded from promoting national unity because it is a shared responsibility that benefits all. Furthermore, promoting national unity has been a recurring theme in Nigerian society due to its diverse ethnic groups and cultural values. The importance of promoting national unity cannot be overstated since it not only ensures peaceful coexistence among Nigerians but also fosters social cohesion, economic growth, and political stability in the country.

Library and information professionals play vital roles in promoting national unity by leveraging their expertise to create connections between Nigerians from different backgrounds. LIS professionals are among many professionals whose profession plays a significant role in the promotion of national unity simply because of their direct involvement with information, which has been identified as one of the many resources that aids in the promotion of national unity (Ambali, 2019). They are responsible for collecting, managing, processing, preserving, disseminating information resources that promote social inclusion while fostering a shared sense of identity that distinguishes Nigeria as one nation with diverse cultures. Leveraging digital technologies and social media platforms is critical to achieving this goal. Library professionals can use various tools at their disposal such as online archives or virtual libraries to connect Nigerians with local/national resources that promote social cohesion while simultaneously educating citizens on the importance of diversity tolerance. In this essay, we will explore how library professionals' innovative approaches can help foster national identity by connecting citizens through technology-based solutions tailored towards uniting Nigerians around shared goals for the future. Therefore, the main objective of this study is to discuss the roles of Information, Library and LIS professionals in promoting national unity.

### **Concept of National Unity**

National unity is an important subject for any country seeking progress and advancement. Any society that wishes to progress and thrive must accept the notion of national unity. The concept of national unity is synonymous to term like national integration, national cohesion and national building. However, all of these terms are used to depict a point of convergence among different group of people in a society. More so, one sure thing that exist within a society is “multiformity” and this is made manifest with reference to multi-lingual, multi-culture, multi-value, multi-ethics and so on. Therefore, to minimize or silent the voices of multiformity within a society and reach a point of uniformity is a sure way of initiating national unity. Caplan (2019) describes National unity as a political construct that reflects the collective spirit and will of a group of people who agree to be part of the particular geographical area as a unit, for the purpose of governance and action on behalf of all.

According to Zamare and Karofi (2015), they described National unity as a process that produce an omnibus of initiatives put in place by a state, its representative or institution guided by respect for the unique traditions and cultural background of ethnicities sharing the same polity with the goal of harmonizing all interest through a form of dialogue and representation and addressing differences that may be divisive and conflictual using the instrument of fairness, justice and equity in the sharing of resources, benefits, opportunities and responsibilities in order to guaranteed stability, longevity and prosperity of the polity as long as the inhabitants decide to remain in the polity. This definition is a wholesome piece of manual which present a clear picture of who, why, how and what is involved in national unity. Also, Echem, Pokubo, and Ejuh (2018) expressed the view that National unity is crucial to the development of any meaningful nation. For any meaningful society to advance and flourish it must embrace national unity. The idea behind national unity is simply uniformity, oneness not minding differences as a people. In other words, it’s unity in diversity (Alabi, Zabairu and Onuoha, 2019).

Ambali (2019) further stated that National unity is the bricks and caprice of any meaningful development a nation could record because it revolves around a society with unity of purpose and togetherness not minding the difference in term of political affiliation, religion, tribe, culture and every other peculiarity that alienated us from one another.

### **Promoting National Unity**

Promoting National Unity is a critical component of any thriving society. As we continue to navigate the complexities of an ever-changing global landscape, it becomes increasingly evident that unity is key to our success. At its core, Promoting National Unity involves building bridges between diverse communities, fostering open dialogue and collaboration, and creating an environment where everyone feels valued and heard. This requires a concerted effort on the part of individuals, organizations, and governments alike. Creating opportunities for people to come together and work towards a common cause can promote national unity as it fosters a sense of collaboration and shared responsibility. Additionally, promoting diversity in all areas of life helps us build stronger connections with those from different backgrounds while also enriching our own experiences. Lastly, cultivating empathy towards one another promotes understanding and compassion – two essential components in achieving national unity. Therefore, in promoting national unity there are three points even though we shall be discussing the role played by library and information professional later in this article: Creating opportunities for collaboration; promoting diversity; cultivating empathy.

Emphasizing common goals and values can enhance national unity by creating a shared sense of purpose among citizens. Ezeobi et al. (2019) argue that promoting national integration is essential for building unity, especially in diverse societies characterized by differences in religion, language, and ethnicity. The authors suggest that recognizing a common identity despite these differences can foster social cohesion and reduce conflicts among different groups within the society. To achieve this goal, efforts such as the introduction of Unity Schools and National Youth Service Corps are necessary to ensure that all citizens have access to opportunities to interact with each other across ethnic lines. Moreover, emphasizing common goals and values also helps individuals develop a sense of belongingness to their nation-state. By creating an overarching narrative through which every citizen sees themselves as integral members of their country's community, it becomes easier for people to identify with one another regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. In short, emphasizing commonalities over differences allows people from different walks-of-life to see themselves united under a single banner. In conclusion, fostering national unity through collective goals is vital in ensuring the well-being of any nation-state.. By embracing diversity while simultaneously celebrating core values that unite us all as citizens we stand poised at erasing conflict providing unprecedented peace even amidst turbulent times(Ezeobi et al., 2019). Such an

approach reinforces democratic principles like equality before the law while upholding respect for individual rights.

In today's society, it is essential to encourage open and respectful communication between the various groups that make up our country. By doing so, we can promote national unity by allowing for understanding and empathy to develop. As stated in the citation provided by National Unity and Diversity and the Language(s) We Speak, "Encouraging open and respectful communication between different groups within society can promote national unity, as it allows for understanding and empathy to develop. While we hope to forge one nation from our many peoples and cultures, the nation we intend to create is one that protects our individual right to maintain our differences" (1). This quote highlights how vital it is not only for us as a community but also as individuals with unique beliefs, values, customs, etc., diversity must be respected while promoting inclusivity. Creating this environment of mutual respect starts with education on cultural awareness in schools or workplaces where all members of society are given equal opportunities regardless of their background. Dialogue should be encouraged without judgment; everyone's views are valid regardless if they differ from your own perspective. When people feel like they're listened to their opinions are valued fostering an atmosphere of inclusion which leads towards greater acceptance amongst diverse communities. In conclusion encouraging open dialogue through listening deeply whilst respecting each individual's culture helps build stronger relationships between different social groups ultimately leading towards united societies of which have been celebrated throughout history across a plethora civilizations worldwide.

Creating opportunities for people to come together and work towards a common cause can promote national unity, as it fosters a sense of collaboration and shared responsibility. This is particularly important in countries like Nigeria, where the lack of unity has been a longstanding issue stemming from colonialism (Zamare and Karofi, 2015). Despite efforts made by the government to address inequalities and injustices, disparities still exist in key areas such as political representation and economic distribution. To transform Nigeria into a sustainable democracy requires an active commitment to promoting national unity through collaborative initiatives that bring people from diverse backgrounds together. By working towards shared goals such as improving access to education or healthcare, individuals are able to set aside their differences and focus on achieving something greater than themselves. Furthermore, fostering this kind of collective spirit creates an

environment where institutions can better serve the needs of all Nigerians instead of just select groups (Zamare and Karofi, 2015). In conclusion, creating opportunities for collaboration not only promotes national unity but also sets the foundation for building a more equitable society that benefits everyone equally.

### **Information and National Unity**

The idea of National unity is conceived as having a unity of purpose in diversity that tends to paint a picture of a society that portrays the feeling of oneness and togetherness as one nation, that, despite the citizens' differences in terms of ethnicity, religion, culture, status and value, yet their co-existence is devoid of any form of political sentiment. However, the propensity of achieving national unity in a particular territory is largely dependent on access to right and adequate information (Ambali, 2019). Information by definition is said to be a processed and structured data that causes a human mind to change its opinion about the current state of the real world and contribute to a reduction in the uncertainty of the state of the system (Ifidon and Ahiauzu, 2005). Going by this definition, information can be seen to influence, solve problem, make choice and decision, judge and so on. Even among the fundamental human right, access to information was given preference as a right of the citizen. This is because Information in the view of Anasi (2010) helps in creating enlightened and responsible citizens which will in turn have a positive effect in the society. Therefore, a society cannot develop beyond the literacy level of her citizens.

However, citizen literacy is a direct function of accessing the right and adequate information. This is why Sokari (2006) consented that that information is necessary for liberation from the shackles of ignorance, misconceptions and social unrest arguing that social cohesion cannot be achieved without timely, accurate, and relevant information. Therefore, Satgoor (2012) noted that the importance of information on national unity is hinged on the fact that information is needed to understand the impact of the past on the present; redressing iniquities of the past; creating an acknowledgment and appreciation of existing diversity, fostering communication across cultures and safeguarding human rights so as to have a nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.

Moreover, in today's world, digital technologies and social media have become powerful tools that can be used to connect people from all walks of life. In Nigeria, these tools have the potential to promote social cohesion and national unity by providing access to information that is right and

adequate. As Ambali (2019) points out, "National integration for national development is not realizable without the provision of access to right and adequate information." Leveraging digital technologies and social media can help provide this needed information in a way that connects Nigerians with local and national resources. The use of technology has already had an impact on how politics are viewed in Nigeria as well as how voters engage with their leaders. By using these platforms effectively, citizens also gain a voice which increases accountability within government bodies while promoting transparency regarding policy decisions. However, it must be noted that meaningful change cannot occur through technology alone; efforts must also be made at the local level through community engagement initiatives such as town halls or other forms of public dialogue where ideas are shared freely between stakeholders across diverse backgrounds towards achieving common goals for nation-building purposes.

### **Library and National Unity**

Libraries have been institutions of knowledge and learning for centuries, providing access to information that has helped shape our understanding of the world. In Nigeria, libraries can play a crucial role in promoting national unity by disseminating accurate and diverse information. Eniekebi Regina Ejiroghene's statement that "National integration fosters the growth of common national values, a powerful trust in the country's life and future, and a compelling duty to the nation" (Ejiroghene, 2021), highlights how important it is for all Nigerians to feel connected to their country. Libraries can help achieve this by providing resources that reflect Nigeria's diverse cultures and history while supporting education through initiatives such as literacy programs. By doing so, libraries become centers where people from different backgrounds can come together to learn about each other's cultures and traditions. Additionally, they provide an opportunity for individuals who may not have had access to certain materials or technology otherwise to expand their knowledge base. Thus, libraries are essential building blocks towards creating a more united Nigerian society with shared values and beliefs centered around progress through learning together as one cohesive unit.

Furthermore, information can be said to be important in achieving national unity, then libraries should not be an exception because the major objective of any library is provision of information.



This is seen in IFLA (2003) which describes libraries as key actors in providing unhindered access to essential information resources for economic and cultural advancement thereby contributing to the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom, democratic values, peace, and universal civil right. Also, the creation of the library was made with the intention of preserving all manners of information resources then seen as record for the use of man, in the benefit of man. This is why White (2012) opined that a world without libraries, would be difficult in terms of advancing research and human knowledge or preserving the world's cumulative knowledge and heritage for future generations.

Achieving national unity can be said to be a subtle objective for libraries because among all other educational institution, libraries are said to make a huge difference in combating illiteracy and erasing ignorance (Ugulu and Oghuvwu, 2015). However, library today is now what can be said to reduce digital divide, with the aid of ICT. Thereby making access to information no longer an exclusive right of the elites, as libraries now offers free internet accessibility which widening the nation's access to information. This is why citizens who would have been caught off from accessing information on the internet can do so in the libraries and as such, people now have access to information from diverse cultures both globally and locally which leads to more exposure and promotion of nation unity (Alabi et al., 2019).

However, libraries promote National unity through the following ways:

1. The library helps to serve as an authorized source of information for citizens of a nation;
2. The library, with the help of ICT, plays a major role in the digital divide by allowing people to communicate and share ideas on how to better the nation;
3. The library lends its voice to advocate national building through its way of embracing unity in diversity. This is communicated through the library's resources, users, formats, and location;
4. The library is a central location for integrating a nation's past, present, and future;
5. The library serves as a massive memory and data bank for the nation's knowledge.

6. Furthermore, as previously said, all library goals are related to national unity. As a result, it is the responsibility of library and information professionals to assist libraries in achieving this goal of national unity.

### **Roles of LIS Professionals in Promoting Nation Unity**

LIS professionals are experts who work in libraries and other information centers to acquire, process, organize, and preserve information resources, as well as to provide a variety of information services based on industry standards and their own experience. The roles of LIS professionals are very important in the promoting of national unity because LIS professionals have the essential abilities to obtain relevant information resources for the library and thus serve as a bridge between the information resources and the users (citizens), their stake in establishing national unity is as significant as the information provided (Kumar, 2018). This means that if LIS professionals fail to fulfill their responsibilities, the nation may suffer. As a result, Dr. Tedros Adhanon, Director General of the World Health Organization (W.H.O.), remarked of the threat of bogus and insufficient information, "we are not just fighting an epidemic, we are fighting an infodemic." This is due to the fact that false and incomplete information spreads more quickly and easily than the virus, yet it is just as damaging." In this remark, insufficient information is given greater weight than a virus in terms of consequences. This means that those in charge of information, such as librarians, must not slack off or the nation would suffer. This, on the other hand, emphasizes the importance of librarians in the fostering of national unity.

Furthermore, Information professionals play a vital role in creating inclusive and accessible library spaces that foster cross-cultural understanding and respect. By incorporating diverse perspectives into their collection development practices, information professionals can help to ensure that patrons from all backgrounds feel represented within the library's resources. Furthermore, by providing access to materials written in multiple languages, librarians can make sure that individuals with limited English proficiency are not excluded from using the library's services. As Kari and Yusuf (2019) note, "Libraries have functioned as instrument of political and social change and as a guardian of intellectual freedom." This means that libraries have historically been at the forefront of promoting equity through knowledge dissemination. Information professionals who prioritize inclusivity must also consider factors such as physical accessibility for patrons with disabilities or sensory impairments. When librarians work to create welcoming environments for

all members of their community, they contribute to efforts towards greater cross-cultural understanding and respect within society at large.

In order to foster national unity, LIS professionals have been recommended to take on 10 roles that could potentially contribute towards this goal. While these roles have not yet been supported by empirical evidence, they have been derived through logical and rational thinking, which has been informed through personal and collective observations as professionals in the field. These suggested roles are aimed at promoting a sense of cohesion amongst individuals from different backgrounds and communities within the nation. They serve as pointers for how LIS professionals can utilize their skills and knowledge to help bridge gaps and create a more harmonious society. Additionally, these suggested roles emphasize the importance of social responsibility among those working in the LIS industry. By taking an active role in promoting national unity, these professionals can demonstrate how libraries and information centers contribute not only to individual growth and learning but also towards the betterment of society as a whole.

1. It is expected that individuals who work in Library and Information Science (LIS) should maintain a high level of ethical standards. This is crucial because it ensures that the profession remains reputable and an integral part of national unity. Upholding ethical standards means acting with integrity, honesty, and transparency in all aspects of work. Maintaining these standards builds public trust, reinforces professional credibility, and helps to sustain a positive image for the profession as a whole. Ethical behavior is essential not only for individual LIS professionals but also for the overall success of their organizations and the society at large. Therefore, it is vital that LIS professionals recognize the importance of ethics in their daily operations and always strive to follow best practices while adhering to their code of conduct.
2. It is highly recommended that professionals working in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS) promote information literacy. The reason for this is that information literacy encompasses a wide range of skills and knowledge, which are essential for individuals to function competently in today's increasingly complex world. Essentially, information literacy refers to the ability to identify when one needs certain information, as well as the ability to locate, evaluate, and utilize that information effectively. By promoting information literacy among citizens of a nation, LIS professionals can contribute significantly towards national unity. This is because individuals who possess strong information literacy skills are less likely

to fall prey to incomplete or misleading data. Instead, they will be able to make informed decisions based on accurate and relevant sources of information. Furthermore, possessing effective research and analytical skills will equip individuals with an advantage over others who may not have similar abilities. This skillset enables them to examine different viewpoints, connect ideas across various domains while critically analyzing them. Such individuals are better suited for positions requiring leadership roles where they can integrate their critical thinking abilities into decision-making processes. Overall then, it is evident that promoting information literacy should be considered a crucial objective by LIS professionals given its positive impact on national unity and societal empowerment by increasing people's knowledge base.

3. Professionals in the field of Library and Information Science should take a proactive approach to promote national unity by organizing events such as seminars, conferences, and lectures. These events should focus on areas where there is a lack of understanding among the general public that leads to division and discord. It is crucial for LIS professionals to examine these issues objectively and try to find commonalities among different communities. These seminars, conferences, and lectures will serve as an excellent opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to come together and share their experiences, beliefs, traditions, and values. This will enable them to gain a better understanding of each other's perspectives, which will lead to greater empathy and tolerance within society. Moreover, these events also provide a platform for individuals who have previously been excluded from mainstream society due to their ethnicity or religion. By promoting national unity through education events like seminars hosted by LIS professionals that bring people together from all walks of life can bridge gaps in understanding between various groups in society ultimately leading towards harmony amongst citizens regardless of what makes them different from one another.
4. The income gap between rich and poor has been identified as a key factor contributing to tensions within a nation. The disparity in wealth often leads to resentment, conflict, and social unrest. Therefore, experts in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS) have an important role to play in bridging this divide. Beyond providing financial education and information about personal finance management, LIS professionals can also engage in vocational training programs that equip individuals with the skills needed to secure higher-

paying jobs. By empowering people with both knowledge and practical skills, we can work towards ending poverty and inequality while promoting greater economic stability across society.

5. It is crucial for professionals working at libraries and information centers to take charge in promoting a reading culture. This is because there is an unfortunate underrepresentation of people who engage in this activity. By advocating for reading, individuals can gain knowledge and understanding on different subjects which consequently contributes to their overall level of comprehension and awareness of the world around them. As such, it falls upon LIS professionals to be enthusiastic ambassadors for the cause, emphasizing its importance while offering encouragement and support to those who may feel intimidated or unsure about incorporating reading into their daily routines.
6. In order to ensure that the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession is taken seriously, LIS professionals should strive for positions of power and influence. This means that they should actively aim to be appointed in government roles where they can make an impact on national policies and decisions. The reason behind this is that many established professions such as law, medicine, and engineering have representation in positions of authority, resulting in their voices being heard more prominently. Therefore, if LIS professionals can gain access to influential positions within the government, they too will be able to advocate for issues faced by people working in this field. Currently, the lack of representation has resulted in little recognition of the role played by LIS professionals towards promoting national unity. By gaining power through strategic appointments, this profession can assert its importance on a larger scale and receive appropriate recognition.
7. Librarians, information specialists, and other professionals in the field of Library and Information Science (LIS) are renowned for their selfless dedication to their work. They place an emphasis on serving others and ensuring that they are fully satisfied with the services they receive. Given this philosophy, it is imperative that we prioritize archiving national unity through the provision of information services. By doing so, we can ensure that all members of society have access to accurate and comprehensive information that promotes a sense of national unity. This approach aligns perfectly with LIS professionals' overall mission to serve communities by providing them with access to knowledge that enables them to make informed

decisions about their lives and surroundings. Thus, fostering national unity through information service delivery should be at the forefront of our collective efforts as LIS professionals.

8. To create an environment that is welcoming to students of different cultural backgrounds, it is necessary to include diverse subjects such as Indigenous knowledge in the curriculum at library schools. Library professionals are responsible for shaping the learning experience of future generations, which makes it crucial for them to be well-versed in various cultures, races and values. It's important for students to learn about different perspectives of people from all walks of life and gain a deeper understanding of their experiences. By incorporating such subjects in the curriculum, library schools can promote a more inclusive and engaging learning environment that benefits all students. Therefore, educators must acknowledge the significance of diversity and take steps towards creating an educational system that fosters cross-cultural understanding and acceptance.
9. LIS professionals can reduce information gaps by repackaging content to make it more accessible to individuals from all backgrounds. Information can be repackaged in various forms like infographics, summaries, videos, or presentations to give an overview of key points on a certain topic. Annotated bibliographies can also be created by LIS professionals to highlight important research studies and reports. This will help users navigate through resources and gain insights into specific areas of interest. LIS professionals can use technology to make content more engaging for users. They may organize webinars with experts or promote relevant materials on social media. LIS professionals can bridge knowledge gap by simplifying information for those who need it.
10. Libraries face many competitors, some of which are unreliable and cause division among citizens. It is important for Library and Information Science professionals to provide access to authorized sources of information using ICT to promote national unity. They must recognize the importance of fostering national unity by ensuring people have access to reliable sources of information. LIS professionals must work towards ensuring society seeks verified sources when seeking answers or guidance on pressing issues, providing credible platforms for accessing data and empowering critical thinking skills. Equal access to trustworthy resources should be available regardless of social status or background by eliminating barriers

like cost or location hindering diverse groups from easily accessing library services. This builds a cohesive society promoting shared values anchored in authentic knowledge acquisition - a crucial step towards building a country founded upon mutual respect and understanding despite differences leading us towards a better future together.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, national unity is an essential component for the growth and development of Nigeria. It requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders, including library and information professionals who play significant roles in promoting social cohesion through their services. Leveraging digital technologies and social media to connect Nigerians with local and national resources that promote social cohesion and national unity can be crucial in achieving this goal. Throughout this article, we have seen how libraries can serve as centers for community engagement by providing access to diverse materials that foster understanding among different groups. We have also explored the role of information professionals in bridging gaps between communities through their expertise in organizing, accessing, evaluating, and disseminating information. Moreover, it is evident that promoting national unity requires actions beyond individual efforts. Collaborative partnerships between government agencies, NGOs, private organizations, educational institutions must be encouraged to ensure effective implementation of programs aimed at creating a united Nigeria. As we move forward as a nation facing various challenges such as political instability and economic uncertainty; it is imperative that we work towards building strong bonds across ethnicities and religions while embracing our cultural diversity. The library-information profession has an essential role to play both now and into the future. In conclusion therefore - let us endeavor to continue working together collaboratively towards creating a more cohesive society where every Nigerian feels valued regardless of their background or beliefs - ultimately ensuring our collective prosperity because without unity there cannot be progress

## **Recommendation**

In order to achieve unity, every nation must have access to reliable information. This task falls largely on the shoulders of LIS professionals and libraries, as they are responsible for providing users with accurate and relevant information that can inform their decisions. In addition to

providing this information, it is vital for these professionals to be proactive in their approach, taking a lead role in ensuring that people have access to the right resources. To promote national unity further, LIS professionals should strive to offer opportunities for future generations of professionals by organizing workshops, seminars and conferences on the need for shared knowledge in this field. By embracing these responsibilities wholeheartedly and creating opportunities for others to learn from them, LIS professionals can play an important role in fostering a more united society. They hold the power not only to shape public opinion but also influence key decisions made by citizens. It is therefore important that these individuals receive adequate training and development so they can effectively perform this critical task - imparting knowledge which ultimately leads towards building a more informed population that approaches decision-making with common understanding and purpose. Overall, there is no denying the importance of access to information when it comes to promoting national unity. By working together as a community of like-minded individuals dedicated towards providing resources and learning opportunities around this topic, we can help build stronger societies grounded in fact-based reasoning rather than divisive conjecture.

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