



TURKEY, Middle East and North Africa



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Population and literacy levels	<p>79,414,269 (July 2015 est.)</p> <p>Literacy rate: 95%</p> <p>Male: 98.4%; Female: 91.8% (2015)</p> <p>Definition: age 15 and over can read and write</p> <p>Languages: Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages Source: CIA World Factbook</p>
Overview of education and school library situation	<p>Classbase: Education system in Turkey</p> <p>All private schools have libraries and trained librarians. State schools do not hire librarians; very few of them may have a librarian.</p>

Links to important associations/contacts	<p>TKD Turkish Library Association</p> <p>UNAK University Librarians</p> <p>OKD Shool Librarians</p> <p>CGYD – IBBY Turkey</p> <p>National Library of Turkey</p> <p>Library and Information Science Education in Asia: Turkey – contact details</p>
Particular issues and needs of the country	Key transit route for illicit drugs; disputes with neighbouring countries; water pollution; air pollution; deforestation; child brides; child labour (3%) Source: CIA World Factbook
Famous authors	<p>Can Göknil, Gaye Hicyilmaz, Karin Karakasli, Orhan Pamuk, Elif Safak, Ece Temelkuran</p> <p><i>Children:</i> Fatih Erdogan</p> <p><i>Picture Books:</i> Aytul Akal, Fatih M. Durmuş, Melike Günyüz, Fatma Kabadayı, Suat Karadağ, Aysun Berktaş Özmen, Ömer Seyfettin, Buket Topakoğlu, Serpil Ural, Source: World through picture books, 2nd edn.</p>
Links to literature of the country	<p>Turkish Poetry</p> <p>Anthology of Children and Youth Stories of the Period of Republic</p>

	<p>Archive of Turkish Oral Narrative</p> <p>International Children's Digital Library - Turkey</p> <p>World through picture books, 2nd edn. IFLA</p>
Links to SL programs or advocacy tools	HUBO, Hacettepe University Information Literacy Information Literacy: a Conceptual Analysis
News/Reports	<p>UNESCO International Bureau of Education – Europe and North America links including world data on the education in Turkey and contacts</p> <p>For information literacy resources and links related to Turkey in Turkish, see pages 632-635 of UNESCO Overview of information literacy resources worldwide, 2nd edn.</p> <p>For Syrian children in Turkey, school brings choices and challenges</p>

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