

Summaries

Lars Bornæs: Nye tider nye roller (New Roles in the Future)

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Through short scenarios this article gives a view on the possible roles of librarians in the future. The author explains about the Internet as the primary mean of communication and mediation, the virtual library and the importance of new improved services through extended use of information technology. Important work functions for the librarians will be user guidance and education, information retrieval, filtering and selection of useable information resources. The article concludes that the future role of the librarian will depend on the will and ability to combine traditional skills with education, initiative and development of new qualifications.

Inger Heyerdahl-Jensen: Internettet i referencearbejdet - et øjebliksbillede (The Use of Internet in Reference - a Personal Snapshot)

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This article outlines the use of Internet in reference

at a Danish central library. It shortly describes some typical tasks which is better solved by using traditional reference sources, and tasks which is better solved by using the Internet. Subsequently the article examines and discusses the future role of the librarians in reference and the requirements occurring from the expansion of the Internet in filtering and selection of useable information resources. The article finishes by presenting problems in using the Internet in relation to the social function of the libraries, the reliability of sources, quality criteria and the librarian's fascination of the Internet.

Gitte Barlach: Arbejdet med formidling af Internet-ressourcer i et folkebibliotek (Working with Mediation of Internet Resources in a Public Library)

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This article describes the working processes in mapping and mediation of Internet resources at the municipal library in Aarhus. The author explains

about the selection, the compilation and the maintenance of hypertext links. Subsequently the possibilities of using the Internet are discussed with regard to availability, user friendliness and other sources of information. The article concludes that the chosen sources on the Internet ought to be connected to the local community and to the local library's materials.

Søren Brunbech: Biblioteksbetjening af uddannelsessøgende (Library Service to Students following a Course of further Education)

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This article outlines the working functions and problems in relation to public library services and information mediation to students following a course of further education. Subsequently follows a description of the different target groups and the developments in their increased and diverse information needs. The article examines and discusses different examples of information needs and local solutions such as the compilation of press cuttings and collaboration with public schools, high schools and business schools. The author continuously goes through some of the most important Danish and foreign sources in the area. The article concludes that it is of utmost importance to give a professional service to students following a course of further education, securing them as the future users of the public libraries.

Marianne Hummelshøj: Folkebiblioteket som formidler af samfundsinformation (The Public Library as a Promotor of Community Information)

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This article outlines the importance of referral/community information services in public libraries. Different types of referral/community information are described and related to the official Danish information policy and actions taken. The article contains a checklist to be used in the

preparation of an Internet guide to referral/community information. The article partly concludes that it is important that citizens are confident with the public libraries' mediation of information, whether it is in the physical library or in the virtual library. Partly that public libraries have a special role and obligation in relation to referral/community information services.

Birgit Wanting: Informations- og referencearbejde i børnebiblioteket (Information and Reference Work in Children's Library)

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This article outlines the children's reference work. After a definition of children's reference work, it is described how children obtain and ask for information and the importance of technological changes. Subsequently the children's right to information is described and discussed. The article finishes by presenting problems in relation to children's information retrieval and mediation.

Karen Grundvad Kvist: Aalborg Universitetsbibliotek som virtuelt bibliotek (Aalborg University Library as a Virtual Library)

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This article outlines the experiences of a Danish university library in developing Internet based services. The author describes the development of library catalogue interface, online database access, electronical periodicals, news lists and communication between users and the library. After this the article examines and discusses primarily the library's mediation of electronic periodicals in relationship to user groups and different types of subscription. It is concluded that a continuous and an increasing interaction with the users is essential in the library's relation to education, research, and development.

Pernille Petersen: Livet i et firmabibliotek anno 1997 (The Life in a Company Library in 1997)

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This article outlines the work in a Danish special library. It describes partly the library's relation to the company, partly some typical tasks and how they are solved. Subsequently the future role of the special library is discussed, especially in relation to Internet, intelligent agents and end user searching. The article concludes that for the moment the new technology is creating more information needs and thereby an increased demand for librarian competencies, and that it is important for the library continuously to develop its services.

Conni Skrubbeltang: Informationsformidling i et lægevidenskabeligt fagbibliotek (Mediation of Information in a Medical Library)

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This article outlines the working functions and problems you encounter in relation to mediation of information in a medical (special) library. The starting point is a short description of the library's target group. Subsequently follows a description of the information structures within the medical field, this is seen as of vital significance to the understanding of information needs. After a short outline, of the relationship to the most important sources within the medical field, the future developments in electronic periodicals, use of Internet and development of local information databases is discussed. The article concludes that the library role in the future will centre around partly user education partly filtering and selection of information.