

Summaries

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Birger Hjørland: Det kognitive paradigme i biblioteks- og informationsvidenskaben (On the cognitive paradigm in Library and Information Science)

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The article falls into two main parts. In the first part cognitive psychology is discussed with emphasis on its theoretical aspects. In the second part the application of the cognitive point of view to LIS is subjected to a critical analysis.

The cognitive psychology - or information process psychology - is considered to represent a step forward in the development of psychological theories (especially compared to behaviourism) because it deals with human mental (cognitive) processes, for instance during reading and information retrieval. On the other hand, the cognitive theory is criticized for isolating and formalizing the mental processes and for generalizing scientific results with limited validity. Or to put it in another way: the cognitive psychology is able to produce valuable practical results in certain fields, but the theory is not considered to be satisfactory as far as the understanding and explanation of human (conceptual) thinking is concerned. To a great extent the cognitive psychology ignores the historically and sociologically determined dimensions of cognition.

The second part of the article is partly a critique of the way in which cognitive theory is applied to LIS, partly a discussion of the practical results of using the cognitive point of view in (Danish) LIS. Concerning the application of cognitive theory to LIS the author finds that the theoretical considerations have been too weak. As for the practical results the conclusion is, that cognitive theory (or a cognitive point of view) has **not** been a condition of these results.

Arne Esmann-Jensen: Informationstjenester som aktive formidlende eller som passive grossister (Information services as active intermediating or as passive wholesalers).

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Using an imaginary case the authors bring a tendency in the actual development in the information service market into focus. It is the authors' assumption that the structural changes in this market are going to result in the disappearance of information wholesalers (as independent links between sources and users). The reasons for this are considered to be partly the enhancement of information technology and IR languages, partly the competition and demands for retrenchment.

On the consequences is seen as a change of the librarian's function in the information service market. The librarian has to get closer either to the sources or to the users.

REVIEWS

Anders Ørom: En norsk jubilæumsbog med perspektiver (A Norwegian jubilee publication with perspectives).

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The book under review "Mer enn Bøker" (More than books) is published by the Norwegian School of Library and Information Science (Statens bibliotek- og informasjonshøgskole, SBIH) in Oslo on the occasion of SBIB's fiftieth anniversary. The review deals with and comments on the individual articles in the book - which on the whole provides an interesting insight into SBIH's research activities.

Leif Emerek: Sagøens moderne litteratur (The modern literature of the Saga-Island).

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Leif Emerek's review of Thomas Kjellgren "Islandsk litteratur" (Icelandic literature) treats the book as a history of literature and as a bibliographical essay.