

## **Extroverted public services**

Lots of experiments and activities are going on in Danish public libraries.

As stated in the first article by Jens Thorhauge, the present issue of **Biblioteksarbejde** aims at throwing light on the wave of change sweeping lending departments, which until a few years ago were rather traditional.

The articles illustrate by example the various fields of change and the problems related to the processes of transformation.

The new ways of arranging and designing the lending department and of presenting the collections are treated in 2 articles, both dealing with remarkable cases.

The market place library (Otterup) is described by Søren Lind and Jes Dalsgaard, and the library café (Ballerup) by Poul Andersen.

Concerning new media the issue concentrates on video. Carsten Bertelsen discusses the medium in principle, while Steen Nielsen (Herlev-Bibliotekerne) writes about the experiences with this library medium, which is new in a Danish context.

An article by Ellen Bo and Birthe Krogh (Roskilde) deals with a question of priorities: how to fix the order of priority between the classical public library tasks and new tasks related to education.

In the following article Jonna Holmgaard Larsen treats cooperation between the library staff and library users, based on a project concerning library users' influence on library policy (Islands Brygge, Copenhagen).

Majken Jørgensen (Høje Tåstrup) describes and discusses principles of library marketing.

The review section contains 3 reviews dealing with Scandinavian books on topics related to the wave of change.