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A Brief Account of Librarianship in Denmark

Harbo, Ole

Abstract

For the occasion of the 63rd IFLA General Conference to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from 31 August to 5 September, the author presents a survey of the historical background to the development of librarianship in Denmark. Also covered are library education and research, the enhancement of international information flow and cooperation, applications of modern technology in libraries and plans for the future.

From Myth to Science: Mass Deacidification Technology Re examined

Yasue, Akio

Abstract

With the help of detailed figures and tables, this article examines the state-of-the-art of mass deacidification technology, tracing its development and emphasizing the need to reexamine deacidification treatments.

The Current Situation and Prospects of Ancient Books Work in Chinese Libraries

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Abstract

Chinese libraries currently face many new challenges with regard to ancient books work. This paper not only gives an insight into the number and diversity of ancient book collections held in Chinese libraries but also describes some of the recent accomplishments in this field. For example, in 1987 the 'China Ancient Book Entry Rules' were drawn up, written by the National Bibliography Standardization Technique Committee and published by the National Standards Bureau. This work was revised in 1992 to make it compatible with machine-readable cataloguing overseas. Since 1993, the project for a General Bibliography of Chinese Ancient Books has been in progress and is scheduled to be finished at the end of the century. The current state of preservation of ancient books in Chinese libraries is also described at length. Finally, the future prospects for ancient books work in China are highlighted.

Easy-to-Read - An Important Part of Reading Promotion and in the Fight Against Illiteracy

Tronbacke, Bror

Abstract

Approximately 20 per cent of the earth's population are still illiterate due to insufficient educational resources. At the same time there are many people who, as a result of disabilities or for other reasons, find difficulty in reading and are therefore incapable of reading ordinary newspapers and books. Reading promotion and the fight against illiteracy has been given high priority by the United Nations and UNESCO, its educational and cultural organization. IFLA has also strongly emphasized the importance of measures to promote reading. The publication of easy-to-read material - books, newspapers and other information - should be in a position to play an important part in these efforts.

This lecture describes what is meant by the concept "easy-to-read", and examples from what has already been published are shown. Opportunities are also suggested for cooperation between countries.

Moscow Poughkeepsie: Report on a Twinning Libraries Experiment

Sinitsyna, Olga V. and Thomas E. Hill

Abstract

This article reports on the initial year of an ongoing relationship between the Vassar College Libraries and the All Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow. This exploratory period of the project was directed at familiarizing professional staff at each institution with the staff and operations of the sister institution, and at systematically scrutinizing various areas of practice and service for further collaboration. This was accomplished through a series of site visits, augmented by lectures, exhibits, and video presentations. The authors conclude that there are many ways that libraries can benefit from a twinning arrangement.

Planning the Library of the Future - The Singapore Experience

Sabaratnam, Julie S.

Abstract

*Countries and businesses today compete based on information, knowledge and know-how. In today's world, **information**, not land, labor or capital, has become the **critical economic resource**. Given the rapid growth of information, information sources, technological advances and changing user demands, libraries and librarians need to respond quickly and position themselves to provide a useful and relevant service. This paper draws on the Singapore experience and shows how the Singaporean Government has taken the lead to ensure that libraries are transformed to meet the challenges of the information society. One such initiative is the establishment of the Library 2000 Review Committee in 1992: This high level Committee, comprising of senior executives from a cross section of economic sectors, academia, and Government, has been charged with drawing up a master plan for developing library services over the next 10 to 15 years to support national development. Its findings are reported here.*

Strategic Utilization of Internet: Singapore's IT2000 and Library 2000 Plans

Reid, Edna

Abstract

As nations explore the potential of Internet, some governments recognize its importance to the implementation of their national development plans. In fact, governments have introduced systematic approaches to diffuse Internet usage throughout the country. For non-western countries, what approaches are being utilized and how do they relate directly to national development? Within the Singapore context, this study analyzes the relationships between

Internet and several strategic plans such as IT2000 and Library 2000. It analyzes the integration of Internet into Singapore and the roles of libraries. Using the experiences of Singapore, library managers may be able to identify additional approaches for marketing and designing Internet services.

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