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## **FIFTY YEARS OF POLISH REGIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY. CONCEPTS AND REALITY**

**KEYWORDS:** Polish regional bibliography 1945-2010. Arrangement of regional bibliography. Methodology of regional bibliography; vocabulary.

**ABSTRACT:** **Objective** – The article is aimed at presenting the development of Polish regional bibliography in the years 1945 to 2010 with focus on institutional, organizational, methodological and terminological issues as well as the impact of the administration reforms and the organization of national information network. The role of regional (voivodeship level) public libraries and the Bibliographical Institute of the National Library of Poland in the implementation of Polish regional bibliography project is discussed, too. **Research method** - The analysis covers papers, calls and conclusions dating back to national meetings of bibliographers in the years 1956, 1966, 1978 and 1995 and several other conferences on the issue of regional bibliography in the years 1960, 1967, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2006 and 2008. **Results and conclusions** - The following periods significant for the development of regional bibliography are defined: a) 1940s-1950s when the development of regional bibliography was inspired by the government with indirect political objectives (the Bibliography of Western and Northern Poland); b) 1960s when the borders of the following historical and cultural regions in Poland were established (Pomorze Zachodnie, Pomorze Gdańskie, Warmia i Mazury, Ziemia Lubuska, Śląsk, Mazowsze, Lubelszczyzna, Rzeszowszczyzna, Kielecczyzna), regional bibliography rules were codified and systematic development of current and retrospective regional bibliography began with the regional bibliography understood as the source of comprehensive information about a given region; c) the end of 1970s and 1980s when seventeen historical and cultural regions were replaced by forty-nine administrative regions, resulting in the launch of new regional bibliographies and changes in the geographical scope of already existing bibliographies; d) 1990s and first decade of twenty-first century when the regional bibliographies were significantly influenced by technological transformations in the libraries. Standardized bibliographical databases have been developed since the mid-nineties and the local bibliographies are thriving – in the years 1945 to 1950 an average number of bibliographies published annually was 18,8 while in the years 2001 to 2008 it rose to an impressive number of 585,8 bibliographies per year.

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## RETROSPECTIVE CITATION INDEX IN HUMANITIES

### Concept, method, applications

KEYWORDS: Citation index. Databases. Designing. Methodology. Humanities

ABSTRACT: **Objective** - The method of obtaining a citation index through the transformation of a bibliographical database is discussed. Subsequent stages of database construction are presented and evaluated critically. The following phases are described: systems design, method of database construction, citations construction, conversion, use and maintenance. **Research method** - The article is based on the author's experience gained during the process of constructing the Citation Index for Polish Media Historiography (ICHMP). It includes bibliometric indicators taken from ICHMP and the literature of the field. **Results** - ICHMP index contains 24627 documents interrelated with 63811 citations. The most outstanding advantage of the method in question is its high effectiveness. The database indicators are comparable to those of ISI Index, for instance the citation impact equals 6,7, maximum citations per one publication equal 415 and the winning author has 1075 citations. **Conclusions** - The concept discussed (conventionally named a retrospective index) may be used with success in other humanities fields. Main benefits of the solution involve low cost, high effectiveness and vast computational capabilities.

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## LIBRARY ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT IN FINLAND FROM THE INFORMATION SOCIETY POINT OF VIEW

KEYWORDS: Finland. Library. National Library. Research library. Public library. Metso. Librarian. Information society. Education. Organization. Management. Financing.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** - The importance of the role played by Finnish libraries in shaping the information society is discussed and Finnish library law, finances and current computer system are presented. Libraries in Finland are assumed to have significant influence on the promotion of book reading culture and information skills. **Research method** - Written regulations on the organization and tasks of Finnish libraries are analyzed, completed with authors' own observations collected during a study trip to Finland. **Results and conclusions** - It is proved that Finnish libraries working as specialized service providers within local government structures, universities and research institutions, have considerable impact on the development of education and science, increase citizens' participation in the politics and enhance their orientation in everyday life. Finnish libraries are visibly involved in shaping the information society.

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**THE IMPACT OF LIBRARY AUTOMATION ON THE EFFICIENCY  
OF LIBRARY PROCESSES AND QUALITY OF SERVICES  
OFFERED TO PATRONS  
The case of Gdańsk University Library**

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**KEYWORDS:** Library automation. Integrated library system. VTLS. Virtua. VTLS system implementation. Online catalog. Cataloging. Union catalog. Shared cataloging.

**ABSTRACT:** **Objective** - The case of Gdańsk University Library is used to present the influence of library automation on the library processes and services in an academic library. Attention is focused on achievements in cataloging and increasing quality of library services. **Research method** – The following factors are analyzed: milestones in the implementation of the integrated library system and statistical data from the annual reports of the Library and its Department of Descriptive Cataloging. Information collected through this analysis is used to show the impact of library automation on selected library processes and services. **Results and conclusions** – Data analyzed by the author prove that the library automation introduced at Gdańsk University Library has had a long-term impact on the efficiency of cataloging. Moreover, numerous simplifications resulting from the automation of library processes have increased the quality of services offered by the Library.