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Report on designing new Polish library website www.sbp.pl (*Wioletta Lipińska*)

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LIBRARY METADATA IN TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

KEYWORDS: Digital revolution. OPAC. Descriptive metadata. Library functions. Librarians' tasks.

ABSTRACT: Digitization of scholarly communication results in revolutionary changes in library activities. Digitization influences acquisitions, cataloging and information delivery, altering the paradigm of library activity. Libraries become a part of technology undergoing "creative destruction" – without deep transformation of their functions they may be replaced by competitive institutions and organizations using new technologies. The adjustment to occurring changes causes advanced transformations of libraries and librarians' tasks.

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ONLINE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON DOCTORAL THESES AND FULL TEXTS OF DISSERTATIONS DEFENDED AT POLISH UNIVERSITIES

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ABSTRACT: The author analyzes access to information on doctoral theses and full texts of dissertations defended at Polish universities and the participation of Polish scholarly community in collecting and making those texts available online. He discusses involvement of various academic institutions in offering bibliographic information and full texts of theses to the public and most common obstacles in accessing those resources. Research on the topic was conducted in autumn 2009 and involved websites of twenty best Polish universities, their libraries, archives, databases and catalogs they offer and resources they collect in their digital libraries. The author offers some solutions which may prove helpful in overcoming obstacles and barriers identified during the research.

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ACQUISITIONS MODULE OF HORIZON INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING MONOGRAPHS BY THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE LIBRARY IN NATOLIN

ABSTRACT: The author discusses the application of Horizon system (Release 7.3) in library acquisitions on the example of the College of Europe Library in Natolin. He describes options of the acquisitions module enabling librarians to manage a number of acquisitions processes: recording and controlling orders, controlling expenses, managing the budget, managing vendors, answering library users' requests and shows how those options allow librarians to automate acquisitions and integrate them with other library processes, for instance cataloging. The author discusses implementation of Horizon acquisitions module in other Polish research and academic libraries.