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METHODS OF LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND CRITICISM IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE IN 21ST CENTURY

KEYWORDS: Literature analysis and criticism. Literature studies. Library studies. Informatology. Information science. Meta-analysis. Methodology. Research methods. Systematic review. Research status. 21st century.

ABSTRACT: The author characterizes selected aspects of methods of literature analysis and criticism in library and information science and observes a significant increase of researchers' interest in this research method in 21st century informatology and library studies. Two basic roles of literature analysis and criticism in scholarly research are analyzed – the auxiliary (heuristic) and the independent (knowledge-creating) one. Stages

and variants of the analysis are described, including a traditional analysis, systematic review and meta-analysis. The closing part of the article includes results of pilot research on selected properties and features of literature analysis and criticism in contemporary library and information science.

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FIRST YEARS OF POLISH BOOK TRADE INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION. RECONSTRUCTION OF 1989-1995 MILESTONES (PART ONE)

KEYWORDS: Transformation of book trade industry. Book trade industry in the last years of communist Poland. Book trade industry after 1989. Polish Book Chamber. International and National Book Fair in Warsaw. Harlequin. Books in communist Poland. Books in Poland. Book trade industry and state economy.

ABSTRACT: The author discusses milestones in Polish book trade industry after 1989 (years 1989 to 1995), recalling background facts and figures from the communist Poland (in particular second half of 1980s) and addressing current situation. Various definitions of “transformation” notion in the context of book trade industry are cited. The issue of bankruptcy assets and problems of political and economical breakthrough are discussed. Attention is drawn to impetuous yet “creative” chaos of the new-born book trade industry. Finally, the author describes the development of self-regulatory organization for Polish book trade industry (Polska Izba Książki, Polish Book Chamber) and first significant investments of international book trade companies in Poland (Harlequin publishing house).

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GENERATION OF „DIGITAL NATIVES” ON INTERNET. Information behavior of youngsters – most recent empirical data and literature survey

KEYWORDS: Digital natives. NetTrack. Youngsters. Internet use. Information behavior. Information retrieval. Information evaluation.

ABSTRACT: The author discusses 2004-2009 NetTrack data on Internet users aged 15 through 17 and opinions on the information behavior of „digital natives” found in Polish and international literature. Youngsters’ acquisition of computer and information skills is analyzed alongside obstacles encountered by young people searching for information on Internet.

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SENIORS AS INFORMATION USERS

KEYWORDS: Seniors. Information needs. Readership. Public libraries. Intellectual capital. Information technologies.

ABSTRACT: The author shows seniors as information users, pointing to the advanced age as a development rather than a regression stage in the human life. Information needs of seniors are presented together with their reading interests and active use of information and computer technologies. The importance of seniors' involvement in the social and cultural life of the communities is stressed and the significance of the libraries in this respect is pointed to. The author describes activities introduced by libraries to encourage seniors' creativity and sharing of their intellectual capital, underestimated and not used properly in Poland. Finally, factors and reasons for the insufficient use of seniors' potential are listed and the reception of seniors by the society is discussed.