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BETWEEN TRADITION AND MODERNITY OF LIBRARIES

KEYWORDS: Readership and reading in Poland. Social determinants. Cultural determinants. Library modernization. Education.

ABSTRACT: The paper is devoted to determinants of readership and reading in a society. Referring to the results of 2008 research on readership and reading in Poland which imply deep regression of the latter, the author attempts to find reasons of that situation. She questions a popular belief that the development of readership and reading is mostly dependent on technological modernization of libraries and points to the necessity of adjusting library collections to real needs of their users. She also emphasizes the necessity of providing physical access to libraries in small towns and villages. Finally, she shows fundamental relationships between readers' activity and education – the latter including school, preschool and informal channels – stressing their significance in shaping readers' habits.

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FEDERATED SEARCH IN INFORMATION RESOURCES

KEYWORDS: Federated information retrieval. Internet search engines. Library catalogs. WorldCat. Google Books. Google Scholar.

ABSTRACT: The author presents activities aimed at the integration of retrieval environment of scholarly information available on Internet and in research libraries. As federated search is not sufficiently effective in global networks, two other solutions are discussed: integration by means of Google Scholar search engine and Web-scale federated search via library web interface. The paper is concluded with the list of merits and drawbacks of both methods and a proposal for their integration into one solution.

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LONG-TERM PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL RESOURCES – A PROGRAM FOR POLISH LIBRARIES

KEYWORDS: Polish digital resources. Preservation of digital resources. National program of preservation. National Library of Poland. Polish libraries.

ABSTRACT: The author discusses an idea of a program for the preservation of digital resources stored in Polish libraries. The program in question incorporates all most important standards for long-term preservation prepared and recommended by memory institutions from the countries well advanced in such preservation activities and reflects capabilities and current situation of Polish libraries. It is designed as a hypothetical scenario of activities performed by Polish libraries in order to secure a long-term accessibility of Polish digital resources.

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POLISH LIBRARY ANXIETY SCALE: RESEARCH RESULTS

KEYWORDS: Polish Library Anxiety Scale. Library. Library users. Library anxiety. User studies.

ABSTRACT: The author discusses a new tool for researching levels of library anxiety – Polish Library Anxiety Scale (P-LAS). The scale in question consists of 46 statements grouped in six types: barriers related to library staff, affective barriers, barriers related to lack of knowledge about libraries, barriers related to discomfort felt in libraries, barriers related to lack of requested documents in libraries and technological barriers. P-LAS is more suitable for research conducted in Polish libraries than its foreign counterparts and better adjusted to contemporary library reality than *Library Anxiety Scale* (LAS).