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ORGANIZATIONS AND JOURNALS POPULARIZING THE CONCEPT OF *INFORMATION LITERACY*

KEYWORDS: *Information literacy*. Information skills. Organizations, journals.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – The author investigates selected international and local organizations, institutions and journals focused on the popularization of information literacy. **Research method** - The discussion of the organizations and journals in question was based on the analysis of various types of documents. **Results and conclusions** – Nearly 50 years after the term information literacy was coined one may notice new institutions being established and new substructures arising within the existing organizations, both focused on the promotion of the concept in question. Increasing interest in information literacy is confirmed by journals offering researchers more and more opportunities to share ideas, achievements and experience in this field of studies.

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PRISON LIBRARIES IN LODZ

KEYWORDS: Prison libraries. Lodz. Prison no 1. Prison no 2. Custody suite in Lodz.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – The author discusses and evaluates the arrangement and operation of prison libraries at two prisons and one custody suite in Lodz together with their organizational structure, collections gathered and methods of circulating the library holdings. **Research method** – Data used in the paper were obtained from the analysis of

the library records and interviews conducted in July 2010 with tutors employed in the library units of the prisons and the custody suite in question. **Results and conclusions** – Prison libraries in Lodz are poorly financed and organized as regards their promotion and cultural activities. There is a general lack of awareness of how books may be used to aid the resocialization of the prisoners.

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THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL LIBRARY OF COLLEGIUM MEDICUM OF TORUN UNIVERSITY IN BYDGOSZCZ AND THE MAIN LIBRARY OF BIALYSTOK MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN THE OPINION OF THEIR USERS

The comparative analysis in view of the research

KEYWORDS: Library services. Evaluation of quality. Researching the quality of library services. SERVQUAL.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – The paper presents the results of the research on the quality of library services offered by the Medical Library of Collegium Medicum of Turn University in Bydgoszcz and the Main Library of Bialystok Medical University. **Research method** – The author studied opinions of student users of both libraries in the academic year 2009/2010, evaluating the quality of library services with a modified SERVQUAL model. Statistical calculations were performed with Kruskal-Wallis method, enabling the researcher to check the distribution of answers for tested groups of regular, evening and extramural students. **Results and conclusions** – The research results show that users of both libraries select concretization as the most important measure of SERVQUAL method, that is access to machinery, tools, equipment and information resources, while the least important is the measure related to the empathy of the library staff, that is concern for and adjustment to the user needs. These results differ from other results received so far from the libraries tested with SERVQUAL method, where the most important measures for user services were named as quick reaction and reliability.

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WHAT DO STUDENTS OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITIES THINK ABOUT READING?

Researching the reading habits

of the students of Białystok University of Technology

KEYWORDS: Readership. Students. Technology universities. Researching readership. Białystok University of Technology.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – The paper is focused on reading habits of students of technology universities as exemplified by the students of Bialystok University of Technology. **Research method** - In April and May 2011 the author addressed a survey to 500 students of Bialystok University of Technology. Data obtained through this survey were compared to the results of the research entitled "Social range of books" published in 2010. **Results** – The research shows that only 30% of surveyed students were regular readers while 60% read sporadically and 10% did not read any book in the previous year. Students prefer institutional access to the literature, although quite frequently they download requested titles via Internet. The research also shows that web/electronic transmission increasingly becomes the leading channel for the transfer of the content. **Conclusions** - The students of Bialystok University of Technology confirmed their settled reading habits, resembling thus other people with higher education, as specified in the research conducted by the National Library of Poland. The number of books purchased, the frequency of new purchases and library visits prove they are very active readers. It is important to observe here that reading habits gradually become dominated with the behavior related to online book purchases, online reading and e-book reading.

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USERS OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF LITERATURE

The analysis of research results

KEYWORDS: Web 2.0. Social networking services. Users. Internet.

ABSTRACT: **Objective** – This paper investigates the demography of users of Polish social networking services in the field of literature and attempts to discover motivations which attract the users toward the services in question. **Research method** - The users of selected services were asked to fill in a survey and participate in an interview. **Results and conclusions** - The research proved that the users of social networking services in the field of literature usually were young town inhabitants with higher education, mostly women, who used the services to expand their knowledge and enhance their personal development.