Which professional skills are necessary for a Public Library in the future?

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„The times they are a-changin‘…“

Images of the Past

Giuseppe Archibaldo: The Librarian, 1570
Uniform of a librarian of the Royal Library of Spain in Madrid, 18th century
Carl Spitzweg: The Librarian, 1850
Rokokosaal of the Anna Amalia Library, Weimar, 19th century
Images of the past ...and in the present

Is there any change visible besides the colour and the clothes?
Our Target Groups in the presence

- Babys and toddlers with their parents
- Kindergartners
- Pupils in primary schools
- Pupils in secondary modern schools
- Pupils in high schools
- Child care workers
- Teachers
Our Target Groups in the presence

- Students
- Trainees
- People looking for information
- People in their leisure time
- Library geeks
- Elderly people
Our Target Groups in the presence

- Migrants
- Migrant children and their parents
- Refugees
Our Aims in the presence

➢ To encourage the ability of reading in the native language as well as in foreign languages for different target groups
Our Aims in the presence

- To support the different schools and the teachers in their work to promote the ability of reading, using the internet and digital resources
- To support the pupils with materials for the different teaching subjects
Our Aims in the presence

➢ To supply a variety of books, newspapers, journals, audio-visual material, the internet and digital resources with the objective of learning and information
Our Aims in the presence

- To support lifelong learning
- To encourage the dedication of elderly as volunteers in libraries
Our Aims in the presence

Library as a third place: to come together and meet with others, to communicate and discuss, to have fun
Our presentation in the presence
Our presentation in the presence
New Challenges: Demographic change

Proportion of people older than 60 years in selected European countries from 1950 until 2050; living environment of people in Germany older than 50 and their relationship to books.
New Challenges: Migration

Hauptherkunftländer im Zeitraum 01.01. bis 30.09.2015
Gesamtzahl der Erstanträge: 274.923

Asylbewerber nach Alter und Geschlecht
Januar bis Juni 2016

Deutschland: Altersgruppen

15 bis 20 76,0 % 24,0 %
10 bis 15 72,0 % 28,0 %
5 bis 10 69,9 % 30,1 %
0 bis 5 66,1 % 33,9 %

Australien in Europa

Hauptherkunftsländer Januar – Februar 2016
Gesamtzahl der Erstanträge: 117 392

sonstige: 10 762 (9,1 %)
Serbien: 1052 (0,9 %)
staatenlos: 1148 (1 %)
Eritrea: 1556 (1,3 %)
Pakistan: 1669 (1,4 %)
Albanien: 2470 (2,1 %)
Iran: 2719 (2,3 %)

Asylbewerber nach Alter und Geschlecht
Januar bis Juni 2016

männlich 67 %
weiblich 33 %

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New Challenges: Digital World

- 3.5 million email per second
- 5.700 tweets via Twitter per second
- 4.600 google searches per second
- Shopping on Amazon for 2.300 dollar p.s.
- 1.230 downloads of android-apps p.s.
- 635 downloads of iOS-Apps p.s.
- 30 billion spams worldwide per second
New Challenges: Technical Standards
New Challenges: Illiteracy

796 million people worldwide are unable to read or to write – in correlation to the money given for education.

In Germany: 10-14.5 %
New Skills: Being a teacher
New Skills: Being a partner
New Skills: Being a partner
New skills: Being a social worker
New skills: Being an entertainer
New Skills: Being an architect
New buildings for presentation
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Many thanks for your attention!