



STUDIES

A shift in the digital transformation of education. The potential role of libraries in online learning

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In our study, we attempt to define the digital transformation processes currently underway in education and intensifying as a result of the pandemic, with particular reference to online education and learning. In the course of our work, we review the causes as well as the role of technology in pedagogy, and explain why there has been a change in the pace of this process. Next, along the pillars of digital transformation, we describe the challenges that have arisen in online education.

Our research strategy was inductive theory-making, i.e. we formulated our insights based on data collected from pedagogical reality. The research method is closer to qualitative research, in the framework of which we used the brainstorming technique. The research was conducted according to the method of grounded theory, so creating preliminary hypotheses was not among our goals. Our study population was educators in public and higher education (N_1 , N_2), and we used the method of non-representative, easily accessible subjects during the selection of the sample. The number of items in the examined sample ($N_1=10$, $N_2=10$) corresponded to the qualitative research, and the data collection was done in online collaborative work. The research method was concept map creation, and the results are presented in the form of thematic graphs.

In the course of our work, we give a recommendation on the new possible roles of the library in the digital transformation of the informal learning environments that support learning.

Keywords: Digital transformation; Educational support; Hybrid learning; ICT tools; Online learning

Library innovations: an international overview of patents and utility models from Espacenet and Patentscope databases

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The literature on library and information science-related patents and utility models is scarce, not only in Hungary but also in international context. Nevertheless, hundreds of new library-related patents are registered in the patent databases every year – inventions and new technological solutions that aim to improve the efficiency of library work and enhance the user experience. By far the majority (90%) of the patents relevant to our profession come from China, with the US and Europe accounting for between 1% and 5%. The majority of library-related patents are linked to classical library workflows: stock management, reading support, circulation and return. Among them, there are more complex inventions that require more financial investment (e.g. a shelf-cleaning robot) and simpler ones, other versions of which are already in use today (e.g. some kind of anti-theft system). In our study, we have identified patents and utility models that became available internationally between 30 November 2018 and 30 November 2020.

Keywords: Library-related patents; Patent research

WORKSHOP

Research activities on web archives in the light of the WARCnet project – The first two years

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The article introduces the WARCnet project that is focusing on the use of web archives for research purposes. It takes an overview about the project structure, major tasks, meetings and publications

about institutional web archiving practices related to COVID-19.

Keywords: International collaboration; National library; Web archiving

Creating a network of regional web archives – Formulating a co-operation with county libraries

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The paper is the published version of a presentation at the online conference and workshop “404 Not Found – Who preserves the Internet?” on 23-24. November 2021. It describes the co-operation initiative between the Web Archive of the National Széchényi Library (NSZL) and some main county libraries, and briefly outlines its process and content elements.

Keywords: County library; International conference; National co-operation; National library; Web archiving; Hungary

Report on the Special Libraries Enumeration 2022 online conference

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On March 29, 2022, the Library of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, the National Széchényi Library and the Social Sciences Section of the Hungarian Librarians' Association jointly organized the 7th edition of the Special Libraries' Enumeration. As last year, the conference was held online due to the pandemic, and more than 200 participants attended the 13 presentations. As in previous successful events, this year's event presented the situation and results of individual special libraries and types of special libraries, and gave participants an insight into current issues and new national and international developments and trends in the field of special libraries. The programme was structured around five main topics: book restoration, the management of historic libraries, statistics, digitisation/Artificial Intelligence and research data management. The report provides an informative and useful overview of all 13 presentations.

Keywords: National conference; Research and special libraries

Launching a library webshop. The experiences of the online bookshop of Béla Hamvas Pest County Library

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The Béla Hamvas Pest County Library launched the first library webshop of Hungary in November of 2021 under the name of “*Books from the city of arts*”. *Chris Anderson*’s long tail concept and *Ranganathan*’s five laws of librarianship served as the theoretical background of the project. The paper presents the project from the idea to realisation: the administrative issues of a library-run business, the IT development, the products to be sold, the pricing strategies, the operation and the promotion of the online bookshop. The paper concludes that after a few months of operation the webshop innovatively contributed to the accomplishment of the library’s mission.

Keywords: County library; Library webshop; Local history; Marketing

FROM OUR PAST

Deputy heads of the Library of Parliament (1881–1991). Part I.

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The author, who worked at the Library of the Hungarian Parliament for 42 years and was head of the access services department for 25 years, has previously written about the activities of the institution’s directors in library journals and in a monograph as well. In this paper, he outlines the career of the deputy directors by examining two significant periods in the history of the library, which is still in operation today. The first period lasted until 1950, when the Library Committee, a permanent unit of the House of Representatives, which had played a key role in the oversight and management of the library for eight decades, was abolished. In the second era, formally from 1952 to 1991, the library remained in the building of the Parliament, but was removed from the parliamentary organisational framework and placed under the control of the Ministry of Culture, and we can follow the life of the library through the personalities of the deputy directors. (In the short

transitional period from 1950 to 1952, when the one-party dictatorship was already well established and the Presidential Council took over the majority of the powers of the Parliament as a new body, the preparation for the second era was actually taking place.) In the 110 years examined by the paper, the second men of the Library’s leadership have often played a very important role, first of all in the development of a cultural institution that provided information to the deputies and then to the public at large. Many of them also made their way to the managerial position. The negative role played by deputy directors, who had a detrimental influence on the life of the prestigious library, is also discussed. The deputy directors are introduced through brief biographical sketches and portraits of the heads of the bodies that oversaw the Library of the Hungarian Parliament (the two heads of the Library Committee in Part I were the President and the Clerk-Recorder, and in Part II the Minister was the main person in charge of the ministerial control).

Keywords: National library history; Parliamentary library; Hungary; XIXth century; XXth century

OBITUARY

In memory of the editor. Gyula Gerő, 1925–2022

POGÁNY György

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On 13 April 2022, librarian dr. *Gyula Gerő* passed away, perhaps the last member of the generation that took an active part in the development of a new Hungarian library system from the early 1950s, and in shaping the history of Hungarian libraries in the past. Even after his active years as editor and ‘gate-keeper’, he continued to work tirelessly, particularly in the systematic preservation and research of archival material relating to the operation of libraries. He himself set an example in this field: in the last two decades of his life, he focused on the production of chronologies of library history. His life’s work has created a rich foundation upon which posterity can build.

Keywords: History of Hungarian librarianship; Obituary

BOOK REVIEWS

Libraries, digital information and Covid

BAKER, David – ELLIS, Lucy (eds). *Libraries, digital information, and COVID*. Chandos Publishing, 2021. 420 p.

(Reviewed by: Tibor Koltay)

Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review) vol 32. (68.) 2022. no. 2. p. 265–267.

Keywords: COVID-19 pandemic; Digital services; Library of the future; Book review

ziskanerklosters in Güssing. Aufsätze von Anton BRUCK, István MONOK, Edina ZVARA. Budapest – Güssing: Bibl. und Informationszentrum der Ungarischen Akad. der Wissenschaften – Franziskanerkloster Güssing, 2021. 214 p.

(Reviewed by: Lajos Murányi)

Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review) vol 32. (68.) 2022. no. 2. p. 268–272.

Keywords: Church library; Cultural history; Library history; Monastery library; Provenance; School library; Németújvár, Hungary; Güssing, Austria; XVIth century; XVIIth century; XVIIIth century; Book review

Preserved spirituality and the cultural heritage of three nations – a jubilee volume on a 380-year-old Franciscan library

Bewahrte Geistigkeit und Kulturerbe von drei Nationen: Die Historische Bibliothek des Fran-

FROM LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE JOURNALS (Abstracts)

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Megjelent a magyar könyvtártörténet kronológiájának 5. kötete

Az Országos Széchényi Könyvtár által kiadott mű elkészítése és megjelenése az idén elhunyt Gerő Gyula több évtizedes munkájának, valamint a vele páratlan hűséggel és kitartással dolgozó kollégáknak, Rácz Ágnesnek köszönhető.

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