

Introduction to Green Libraries

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Sustainability = economy, environment, equality

Green library= green building – but also green practices, services, collections etc.

Sustainable library= responsibility, responsive and respective actor in the society

In other words, libraries should take seriously and answer to the challenges our societies confront.

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Mission: green library should respect environment, take the local challenges seriously and promote responsible solutions.

What can be do? What has been done?

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Green library is a library in a green building?

- It is not only the building but what we do in the building
- We cannot rebuild all the libraries
- Is Hi-Tech environmentally friendly?

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Green library has ecological basic practices and routines?

YES – the work begins by checking that recirculating, sorting waste and saving energy etc. are in order.

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Have libraries always been green?

Libraries have been recirculating books for hundreds of years! YES

...and recirculate books with plastic covers, cast books away after couple of loans, acquire new computers etc. every three or five years.

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Green, digital library?

No paper nor transportations

But requires electricity and increase plastic
and ser waste

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What else one might require?

Sense of community
Environmental awareness

Green libraries are building strong communities and increase awareness of environmental issues.

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Open access to environmental information!

- Environmental information should be easy to find.
- Relevant and up-to-date information
 - Reliable information

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A vision on libraries

Q4. What are the core values of libraries?

Q5. What are libraries exceptionally good at?

Q6. What should libraries do more of?

Q7. What should libraries do less of?

Challenges

Q8. What are the main challenges to society?

Q9. What are the main challenges to libraries?

Q10. What are your main professional challenges?

A united library field

Q11. How should a united library field help meet the challenges identified?

Q12. What would be the characteristics of a united library field?

Q13. What could be the focus of a united library field?

Thank you
Danke schön
Merci beaucoup

Tack så mycket, Kiitos

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