

Gabriela Harea. School Library – an Essential Factor in Fostering the Pupils’ Interest in Reading

Integrated to the educational process, the school library plays an important role in the intellectual orientation of the pupils. The reading implies mentation (like comparison, analysis, and synthesis). The pupils are taught to assimilate the reading techniques, to use the book as a means of self-instruction, through reading, literary and theatrical groups, competitions, literary and musical activities, anniversaries of writers and other cultural and scientific figures, exhibitions of drawings inspired by books, performances, film screenings, general and specialized quizzes.

Keywords: school library – users, school library – reading promotion, school library – events

Florina Brat. Reinventing the School Librarian in the Digital Age

Under the socio-economic and cultural modifications in the contemporary Romanian society, produced by the globalization and the development of the information technologies, the school librarian status deserves a careful analysis. In Romania, probably due to the discrediting of the term *information* during the communist period, the phrase *digital age* is preferred to the phrase *information society*. To speak about the school library as a partner in the educational process in the digital age, means to analyze how to integrate the library’s humanistic values in that process.

Keywords: school librarian – evolution, school librarian – professional integration, school librarian – status

Janeta Vlad. A History of 90 Years. “Petre Anghel” Băilești Municipal Library

The Băilești town was first attested in 1536. Its library was founded in 1926, at the initiative of Professor George Tomescu. Between 1956-1965, the library’s activity was predominantly propagandistic. In the 1970s, the emphasis was laid on the educational activity. The library has a vast program of exhibitions, shows, literary groups, clubs, book releases, scientific sessions; publishes works dedicated to the local history. The library received computers through the Biblionet Programme. Since 2010, it bears the name of the writer and visual artist Petre Anghel.

Keywords: public libraries – anniversary, public libraries – history, public libraries – events

Angela Repanovici. New Projects at “Transylvania” University in Braşov – TUBV

Between 2016-2019, the “Transylvania” University in Brasov (in partnership with the Limerick Institute of Technology LIT, Ireland, University of Crete, UOC, Greece and the PIRAMID GROUP-TPG Group in Ulm, Germany, within the program Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education – 2015), develops the LNSS (*Library Network Support Services*) project, dedicated to the Western Balkans (Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina). LNSS will improve the performance and relevance, the level of accessibility, and the level of the skills and abilities of the personnel in libraries.

Keywords: academic libraries – partnerships, academic libraries – projects, librarians – continuing professional development

Bibliothek und Information Deutschland (BID) e.V. 21 Excellent Reasons for Excellent Libraries (part II)

Here are some elements necessary for libraries to be excellent: an offer big enough and attractive, flexible and user-friendly timetables, trained specialists, proximity, standards, partners, dedicated politicians, an user-friendly copyright, a National Agency for Development of Libraries, safety.

Keywords: libraries – promotion, libraries – cultural diversity, libraries – professional needs

Cristina Baciu. Petre P. Negulescu – a Complex Personality of the Romanian Culture. 65 Years since His Death

Being part of the interwar philosophers gallery which imposed themselves by erudition and originality, the Gnosologist Petre P. Negulescu (1872-1951) was also preoccupied by the philosophy of culture, history, religion, politics and science. He was president of the Chamber of Deputies, minister of Culture and Public Education, a founding member of the People’s Party and of the Cultural League, member of the Romanian Academy, collaborator of “Literary Conversations”, “European Idea”, and “Journal of Philosophy” magazines. His works include the following titles: *Conflict of the Generations and Factors of Progress*, *Fate of the Mankind*, *Genesis of the Forms of Culture: a Critical View regarding its Determinant Factors*.

Keywords: Petre P. Negulescu – commemoration, cultural history

Raluca Man. INELI-Balkans Project or about the Power of a Network

With the financial support of the Global Libraries – The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Future Library proposes the *International Network of Emerging Library Innovators in the Balkan Region* (INELI-Balkans) project, implemented between December 2014 – November 2017. The partner countries are Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia. The project aims to create a network of sustainable libraries, that fosters the institutional development, the exchange of knowledge and expertise, the cooperation regarding the trainers, organizations and local communities.

Keywords: public libraries – partnerships, public libraries – projects, public libraries – funding

Adriana-Elena Borună, Andra Năstase. 20th Edition of the International Children’s Book Fair in Chişinău. 14 to 16 April 2016

Between 14-16 of April 2016, the 20th edition of the International Book Fair for Children and Youth took place in Chişinău. As every year, the event was organized by the “Ion Creangă” National Library for Children and endorsed by numerous cultural institutions in Moldova. On 15 April was held the scientific-practical conference “Books for Children and the Children’s Reading: Trends, Modern Approaches, Cooperation Perspectives”. In the second part of the day, the communications have been divided into two sections: “Libraries for Children in the Current Context: Challenges, New Approaches, Opportunities for Development” and “Library Services for Children: the Paradigm of Success”.

Keywords: public libraries – events, International Children’s Book Fair in Chişinău

Luminița Gruia. Virtual Traditional Catalog of the National Library of Romania: Online Access to Information and Crowd-Cataloguing through the Book-a-Book Platform

The result of the collaboration with the Tech Lounge Association (the Faculty of Automatics and Computers from the Bucharest’s Polytechnics), the *Book-a-Book* platform for access to the traditional virtual catalog of the National Library of Romania aims: to secure the online access to the bibliographic information from the traditional alphabetical catalog of the books published before 1993; to provide the users with a simple interface for the registration of metadata of the books published before 1993, still nonexistent in the online catalog. On 14 May 2016, the first crowd-cataloguing campaign in Romania (the Bookathon) was held.

Keywords: National Library of Romania – virtual traditional catalog, National Library of Romania – partnership, crowd-cataloguing