

### **Nicoleta Marinescu. Professional Training at the Crossroads of Centuries: Personal Experience**

As a librarian who has worked at the confluence of two worlds: that of the traditional library (1977-1990) and that of the computerized library (1990-2009), the author recounts her personal experience regarding the professional training (courses and trainers / library science teachers before 1990). The rapid evolution of the new technologies of information and communication and the presence of the electronic resources in everyday life lead the specialists to be involved in the permanent adaptation of the professional training. The evolution of the professions should be the concern not only of the specialized faculties, but also of the professional associations, which must be sensitive to the realities faced by the librarians and libraries. Keywords: professional training, info-documentary system, library science – professions – evolution

### **Tatiana Oprescu. Models of Application and Promotion of Information Culture: SCONUL Model, Christine Bruce's Model, and Big6 Model**

The models detailed are: the SCONUL model, the Christine Bruce's model, and the Big6 model (for the application and promotion of the information culture). In the first case, the basic capabilities and their components are listed, highlighting the differences between the competence in using the computers, the information culture and the introduction in the library science. For the second model are listed various concepts of information culture depending on disciplines such as: marketing, English, chemistry and civil engineering. The third model can be used not only for study and scientific research, but also as a methodology, by anyone wishing to reach advanced levels of competence, in the acquisition, management and use of information. Keywords: information culture – models of application, SCONUL model, Christine Bruce's model, Big6 model

### **Mihai Constantinescu. Libraries and the LGBT Community: Brief Presentation of the Activities of the Library Associations**

A topic less known in the Romanian library space is debated: the situation of the library services for the LGBT community. Although in the Romanian society there is a possible reticence on this subject, the programs, projects and resources offered to the LGBT community, by three of the most important associations in the library world – IFLA, ALA, and CILIP, are examples of good practices that could be applied by the libraries in Romania. Through its role in the society, and also as an institution for equal opportunities, the library must provide a safe space, in which the members of the LGBT community can explore their cultural identity.

Keywords: libraries – LGBT community, libraries – specialized services, international library associations, IFLA, ALA, CILIP

### **Valentin Smedescu. Activity of the Libraries from the Vâlcea County reflected in the Pages of "Casa Cărții Vâlcene"**

The article subsumes three articles published in 2017 in the #10 of the „Casa Cărții Vâlcene” (Vâlcea County Book House) magazine. The first includes a usage statistics resulted from the analysis of two online resources – <http://www.istorielocala.ro/> and <http://bibliotecivalcene.blogspot.com/> – through which the activity of the libraries and the local memory of the Vâlcea county are promoted. The second article presents a review of the financial education programs *Banii pe net* (Money on the Net) and *Banii IQ* (IQ Money) provided to the local community, during 2016-2017, by the Vâlcea County Library and the volunteers from 31 public libraries from the county. The third article describes the awards ceremony for 5th edition of the „Vâlcea – colț de rai” (Vâlcea – Piece of Heaven) competition; the ceremony was held on January 13, 2017.

Keywords: electronic resources – statistics, Vâlcea County Library – financial education programs, Vâlcea County Library – literary competitions

### **Cassian Maria Spiridon. 150 Years of "Convorbiri literare" (II)**

The second part of the article highlights the latest developments that have completed the current series of the *Convorbiri literare* (Literary

Conversations journal). The program article from 1996 released with the new series is presented. The members of the editorial team and important poets, prose writers, dramatists, critics, essayists who were present with their own works, but also with various essays, attitudes, interviews, chronologies, reviews, etc. are listed. From 1997, when the journal celebrated 130 years since its first issue, *Zilele revistei Convorbiri literare* (the Days of the Literary Conversations journal) are organized. Thus the journal retains the power of cultural irradiation, remaining a true promoter of the Romanian literature and of the national consciousness.

Keywords: Convorbiri Literare – history, overview

### **Vanya Grashkina, Anna Popova. Advocacy – Mission of the Bulgarian Library and Information Association**

The paper summarizes the advocacy experience of the Bulgarian Library and Information Association, its development and results for the benefit of the libraries and their users. The beginning advocacy steps, the occasion and organization of the first National Library Week in 2006 and its gradual development in a traditional annual advocacy campaign are traced. The main messages, focus events and results of the more important national campaigns from the total of 11 national library weeks are traced; the development of methods for attracting the attention on libraries and inclusion of more citizens and stakeholders is pointed out. The experience so far proves that the advocacy campaigns are successful tools for achieving positive changes in the library policy.

Keywords: Bulgarian Library and Information Association – advocacy, Bulgarian libraries – National Library Week – history, evolution

### **Liliana Moldovan. "I Wanted to Pursue a Career for the Rest of My Life". Interview with Cándiz Lourdes, Chief Librarian, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus**

In the interview, Cándiz Lourdes, chief librarian at the Library of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, talks about her first visit to a library and about the moment when she chose to become a librarian. Information regarding the University of Puerto Rico, the largest, oldest and most prestigious educational institution on the island, is provided; there are pointed out the difficult professional issues faced by an university library and which is the difference between the services offered by the public libraries and those offered by the university libraries. Several ideas to improve services dedicated to students, researchers and teachers are listed.

Keywords: library science – personalities, library science – interview, academic libraries – Puerto Rico

### **Ana-Maria Traian. Library Experiences: Adapting Public Libraries to Current Needs. Model of the Municipal Library in Bremen**

The workshop, which took place in October 2016, at the Goethe Institute in Bucharest, has focused on intercultural and integrative activities in German libraries: the example of the Bremen Municipal Library. The guest librarians shared their own professional experience, describing how one can manage the situation created by the presence of the immigrants, in order to support the European countries wishing to receive refugees. The workshop was held over the course of two days and it was attended by librarians from Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

Keywords: Goethe Institute Bucharest – workshops, Bremen Municipal Library – collaboration, public libraries – specialized services – refugees

### **Anca Moraru. Biblioteca. January 2008**

Given the anniversary, this year, of 70 years since the establishment of the *Biblioteca* magazine, we propose an ad hoc rubric through which we try to recall themes and topics that have been analyzed over the time, by personalities and specialists, and by other colleagues who tried their skills in the pages of the magazine. Here is the issue from January 2008, with short descriptions of the its articles.

Keywords: Biblioteca magazine – anniversary, Biblioteca magazine – authors