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Do We Have Any L-Vision? The multi-level comparison of selected global library visions

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# Introduction

The future of libraries regularly comes back when discussing the future of the librarians’ profession, due to the decrease in readership rates, during the reorganization and liquidation of libraries or in the technological context. The discussion often boils down to the presentation of new tools and organizational solutions. In an article planned to be published in 2020, I determined that the authors of the vision of future libraries place great emphasis on knowledge and real needs of local communities, on the need for regular cooperation with entities on which libraries depend and on overcoming barriers, both internal - created in libraries (conservatism, reluctance to change) and external (bureaucracy and administration). The research problems proposed below will be confronted with the sociological and praxeological theory of Pierre Bourdieu, the creator of such concepts as cultural capital or the field of cultural capital. The author’s research questions are:

1. Which institutions (organizations, researchers) have prepared visions of future libraries?

2. What categories do the authors of the vision of future libraries take into account?

3. What problems support the visions of libraries?

4. What can be observed between the analyzed visions of future libraries and the sociological and praxeological theory of Pierre Bourdieu?

5. What tools do the authors have at their disposal to assess the degree of implementation of the vision of future libraries?

This research project aims to analyze in detail the global visions of libraries formulated so far and is associated with comparative analysis using the content analysis method and content categorization form technique. Thanks to the categorization it will be possible to identify the main similarities and differences of the analyzed visions.

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