The 16th Lithuanian National Library Week

Strong Libraries, Strong Societies

CONFERENCES

A Reading Society: A Paradigm Shift in the 21st Century

Birštonas
28–29 April 2016

Main report themes:

A. Changing reading habits: insights, challenges, solutions. Expected are reports analyzing or surveying diverse aspects of reading and informational behaviour in today’s society and related changes in educational and cultural processes as well as activities of academic institutions.

B. Children, schoolchildren, students: what and how do they read? What is the role of libraries in developing reading habits of the virtual generation (Generation Z)? What is the impact of reading preferences of today’s children on shaping the social picture as it will look in two decades’ time?

C. Building an open, universally accessible, multilingual and multicultural reading environment, and reduction of cultural exclusion. What are the experiences of libraries in the fields of bibliotherapy, canistherapy (for combating dyslexia), creating audiobooks, etc., which provide new opportunities for people with special needs? How libraries and librarians adapt themselves to contemporary social phenomena related to processes of integration and migration?

D. The aspect that best defines literacy today: information, media, digital, data? Could we speak about an illiterate society? How smart technologies have changed the notions of reading and the searching, using and processing of information? How does it affect library competences?

E. Electronic books: a panacea or a delusion? Is the form of any importance? What is the impact of e-books on the dynamics of the processes of searching for information sources and their usage?

Participants (librarians, information practitioners, information managers, researchers and other professionals) are asked to present proposals for reports on the above-mentioned topics or those related to the conference’s main theme.
The intended report formats (in English):

- Report (15 min.);
- Poster report (roll-ups, 85x200 cm);
- Pecha Kucha presentation (6 min. 40 sec.).

When sending proposals, please, include:

- Name(s) of the author(s); a brief bibliographical outline (not exceeding 100 words) is desirable;
- Title of the report;
- Summary of the report (preferably 100–300 words)
- Contacting information.

Please fill in this report proposal form

Important notice:
The conference will be in English (no simultaneous interpretation will be provided).
The deadline for proposals is the 14th of March. Information on the approval of the proposals will be sent by 20 March.
The conference will be held in Birštonas, Lithuania.

For further information and questions contact:
for Baltic countries: Sandra Leknickienė, e-mail: s.leknickiene@lnb.lt, tel.: +370 5 239 8505,