



STUDIES

Are we deepening or bridging them? or Are there generation gaps between librarians?

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The author of the article, who has worked both as staff and as a senior librarian, as well as a graduate workplace mentor, examines how the dynamics between staff in libraries, with a special focus on workplace cooperation and conflict, evolve in the light of the insights of the increasingly popular theory of generational theory. Do generational conflicts exist among Hungarian librarians? Do those involved perceive any conflicts related to age groups? If so, are they able to separate them from other, personal conflicts? The questionnaire research, supplemented by mini-interviews, sets up three hypotheses: 1. Librarians do not identify workplace conflicts as generational; 2. For older generations, lack of respect and low work ethic are the main sources of conflict; 3. Younger generations believe that the conservative professional attitude, slow work pace and lack of IT skills of older generations generate most of the conflicts.

The findings outlined in the course of the problem statement and analysis should be used both in professional work and in tertiary LIS education, since conflicts arising from generational differences can significantly reduce the performance of library staff, which strongly affects the success of the given institution and the satisfaction of library users.

Keywords: Generational theory; Internal communication; Organizational culture; Survey; Workplace conflict

Ecological issues around research data

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Research data are growingly becoming part of an information ecosystem that emphasises broad and often overlapping themes, also touching on civic data and on research information. Accordingly, issues such as open science and open data, data reproducibility, misinterpretation and misuse are addressed. Distinguished attention is given to the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) does not only require data management plans for the projects it supports, but it will also expect them to include information on data sharing. The study underlines the importance of the FAIR principles as well. We also touch on the Data Champions initiative and the related (so far pilot) activities in Hungary, as well as the Love Data Week. Although it is not definitely part of librarianship yet, some of the characteristics of data donation are also described.

Keywords: Data management; FAIR principles; Open data; Open science; Research data

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Archiving problems of websites

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The article is a written version of the section on general web archiving problems complementing the presentation of Ádám Perger at the 2021 conference “404 Not Found – Who preserves the Internet?”, in which the authors present typical problems they have encountered frequently during the five years of operation of the Web Archive of the National Széchényi Library. Some of these can be solved by the parametrisation the archiving tool or using alternative technology, while others require the involvement of the content provider. The aim of the paper is to raise awareness on how to make websites robot- and archive-friendly, similar to the way optimisation is done for accessibility. The article is based partly on the experiences of the Web Archive of the Nation-

al Széchényi Library and the MIA Wiki knowledge base, and partly on examples collected in the course material for the accredited course of the Library Institute entitled “Internet archiving as a public library task”.

Keywords: National library; Practical guide; Web archiving; Web design; Hungary

Long-term preservation of emails

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Email is one of the most common and widely used forms of communication today, but the specificities of the format make it particularly difficult to manage. As a born digital object, email raises both the problems of digital preservation in general and issues specific to electronic mail and correspondence. Its long-term preservation in (public) collections is a novelty in Hungary, but even at international level it is a relatively underdeveloped field. There is an urgent need to elaborate a detailed methodology, as there is already much collection content to be processed, and in the future the so-called LAM (Libraries, Archives, Museums) sector will be increasingly involved in such tasks. The article describes efforts that, among other things, ensure that current endeavours to preserve emails are not competing solutions, but elements of an interoperable toolkit. The authors examine the problems and their applications to email as a born digital object and the specific difficulties that arise beyond these, and they also outline the ways in which preservation can be achieved.

Keywords: Born digital document; Electronic correspondence; Long-term preservation

The rebirth of the Library of the Diocese of Pécs

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With the opening of its renewed and renovated building on 7 October 2021, a new era began in the life of the Library of the Diocese of Pécs, established in 1968 by the Capitular Vicar, later County Bishop, dr. József Cserhádi. After almost 15 years of closed stacks service, the important historical church library of Pécs can finally continue its work in a worthy place in the old and the new library interiors. Very few sources have been preserved on the history of the

library; the author has sought them out and arranged them in chronological order, revealing the various periods of the library's history, from the foundation of the public collection to its accommodation and management, as well as featuring the events and people who were decisive in its life and operation. Following the recent relocation and the stock-organising and cataloguing process, in the future the library will work in coordination with the Museum Department of the Diocese in terms of staff and research. The main objective of the library is to provide researchers and readers with personal and online library services that meet the needs of the XXIst century.

Keywords: Church library; Library building; Library history; Renovation; Pécs, Hungary; XXth century

FROM OUR PAST

Nándor Aulich, the secretary of Lajos Kossuth with an adventurous life. Cultural history links to the history of the Kossuth Library

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The library of Lajos Kossuth arrived in Budapest on 19 June 1894, at the National Széchényi Library of the National Museum of Hungary, and the collection has been a treasure of the national library ever since. The author of the article has been researching the history of the library for years, and in the course of this research he came across an unorganised bundle of documents in the Manuscript Archives of the National Széchényi Library, most of which deal with the sale of the Kossuth Library. The original owner of the letters and minutes is the chairman of the Kossuth Library Committee, lawyer Károly Eötvös. The documents found do not fundamentally change our knowledge of the events, but they complete and in some cases clarify what we already know. Within the framework of the article, the author will discuss a side issue, discovered in the above-mentioned bundle of documents and closely connected with the sale of the Kossuth Library, which focuses the spotlight on the person of Lajos Kossuth's last secretary, who had been rather obscure until now. This man shared the last days of the used-to-be governor of Hungary, was a direct witness to the events of his final months and, although not originally hired by Kossuth for this task, an active participant in the preparation of the politician's library for sale.

Keywords: Cultural history; Library history; National library; Private library; Provenance; Budapest, Hungary; XIXth century

Deputy heads of the Library of Parliament (1881–1991). Part II.

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The author, who worked at the Library of the Hungarian Parliament for 42 years and was head of the access services department for 25 years, has previously written about the activities of the institution's directors in library journals and in a monograph as well. In this paper, he outlines the career of the deputy directors by examining two significant periods in the history of the library, which is still in operation today. The first period lasted until 1950, when the Library Committee, a permanent unit of the House of Representatives, which had played a key role in the oversight and management of the library for eight decades, was abolished. In the second era, formally from 1952 to 1991, the library remained in the building of the Parliament, but was removed from the parliamentary organisational framework and placed under the control of the Ministry of Culture, and we can follow the life of the library through the personalities of the deputy directors. (In the short transitional period from 1950 to 1952, when the one-party dictatorship was already well established and the Presidential Council took over the majority of the powers of the Parliament as a new body, the preparation for the second era was actually taking place.) In the 110 years examined by the paper, the second men of the Library's leadership have often played a very important role, first of all in the development of a cultural institution that provided information to the deputies and then to the public at large. Many of them also made their way to the managerial position. The negative role played by deputy directors, who had a detrimental influence on the life of the prestigious library, is also discussed. The deputy directors are introduced through brief biographical sketches and portraits of the heads of the bodies that oversaw the Library of the Hungarian Parliament (the two heads of the Library Committee in Part I were the President and the Clerk-Recorder, and in Part II the Minister was the main person in charge of the ministerial control).

Keywords: National library history; Parliamentary library; Hungary; XIXth century; XXth century

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Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review) vol 32. (68.) 2022. no. 3. p. 441–443.

Keywords: Chronology; History of librarianship; Library history; Book review

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ÁRVAI Mária – VÉRI Dániel. A nagy könyvlopás: Francia könyvkiállítás a vasfüggöny mögött. Szentendre: Ferenczy Múzeumi Centrum, 2020. 199 p.

(Reviewed by: Piroska Szabó)

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Keywords: Book history; Cultural history; History of censorship; History of book trade; Oral history; Hungary; XXth century

Portraits from the Musical Collection

KELEMEN Éva. Az járt oda, aki kottát is tudott olvasni: fejezetek az Országos Széchényi Könyvtár Zeneműtára történetéből. Budapest: OSZK, 2020. 215 p.

(Reviewed by: György Pogány)

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Keywords: Library history; National library; Special collections; Budapest, Hungary, XXth century

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