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**The librarian, anonymous
organiser of the knowledge
universe**

The paper is trying to define the librarian's profession under the new circumstances imposed by the new technologies and the digital initiatives nowadays. Additionally, the implications of these on the library personnel are pointed out, the changes both at structural level and at professional skills level being sometimes of crucial importance. The evolution of the library catalogues from the catalogue cards to OPAC's and of libraries from institutions where information is stored only on paper to the concept of Library 2.0 and to McLibrary Syndrome has its expected correspondent in a change of mentality of the library user from the classical reader who browses the catalogue cards and then the books to the user always lacking time, looking for the needed information in several online catalogues simultaneously and to library services having maximum of efficiency for a minimum of effort.

Keywords: *librarians; users; library catalogs; online catalogs*

Viorica Sâncrăian

**Catalogs of serial publications:
technology and culture**

The author presents in a synthetic manner the typology of the catalogs of serial publications, indispensable work instruments for the librarians involved in the acquisition of these categories of documents.

Keywords: *collection development; serial publications; publisher's catalogs*

Ivona Olariu

**The study of the users and their
information needs in the "Mihai
Eminescu" Central University
Library of Iași**

Inside the transfer circuit of the information, end-users represent the main element, as all the activities of the library are designed to respond to their study needs. The evaluation of the BCU Iasi users was done by analysing the indicators of performance, which had been calculated between 2004 and 2005, according to ISO 2789 and ISO 11620 standards.

Keywords: *users; library statistics; academic libraries*

Aurelian Popescu

**The preservation state of the
publications found in the
collections of the education
libraries within the context of
European standards in this field**

The European integration will naturally reflect also in the information and librarianship activities, through the alignment of the informational structures to the European standards for the access to information. The European preoccupations as regards are defined by certain frame-programs that cover the entire sphere of activities of collection preservation and communication. These programs emphasise especially the creation of optimum conditions of conservation, communication and exposure of the documents. Last, but not least, the integration will reflect also in the quality of the document available to the user. Thus, the documents must respect certain conditions. Unfortunately,

now, the Romanian libraries in general, and the education libraries in particular are often confronted with these kinds of issues: inadequate spaces for their activity, instable conditions for study, insufficient personnel. The realities and the perspectives of the preservation of documents must be corroborated - for the integration process - with the present perception of these problems in the European Union.

Keywords: *preservation of publications; restoration of publications; European standards; education libraries*

Gina Enescu

**Information literacy, condition
and premise for the integration
in the European Union**

Romania's adhesion to the European Union requires important changes in all fields of activity, also in the educational level. The European citizen must acquire new abilities for the efficient use of the informational resources and technologies. Information literacy is the set of abilities and skills learnt and developed for working with all types of information and documents. Alongside and together with the teachers, the librarians have a vital role in the education and guidance of the users, the librarianship assistance thus becoming an essential activity of the information specialist. Training for information is the premise for the good performance of the contemporary society.

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