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**Marketing Library Services** to Society - Workshop

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Gefördert von:





1. Focus on our offers and services

2. Promotion in order to increase visibility of our libraries

3. Strengthen the image



## Library Services to Society

It's not about us and our libraries — it's about the need of our users to develop for the benefit of society



#### Library Services to Society

#### Task:

What do libraries contribute to positively changing society?



- Professional and systematic satisfaction of the information needs of the entire population, especially for participation in public life
- Civic and political commitment
- School and business education
- Personality development and sense orientation
- Everyday management
- Hobby and free time



Libraries are community hubs.

In addition to connecting people to information, libraries connect people to people. They are safe havens for kids when school is not in session, offering after school homework help, games and book clubs. Libraries offer computer classes, enabling older adults stay engaged in a digital world. Bookmobiles and community outreach programs keep those living in remote areas or those who are housebound connected to the larger community.



Libraries are places for **community engagement**, a platform for great minds to **come together**. The way people are **using our libraries** is changing as fast as technology is changing society. Increasingly, libraries are becoming a **place for creation and collaboration**.



Libraries are advocates for your right to read and your right to reader privacy.

Libraries level the playing field. As great democratic institutions, serving people of every age, income level, location, ethnicity, or physical ability, and providing the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern, and work.



At the center of all types of libraries is the librarian. Librarians are information experts, selecting books relevant to the community, creating helpful programming, and connecting people to information.



Libraries transform because ...



#### Libraries transform

Libraries transform lives.

Libraries transform communities.

Libraries are a smart investment.

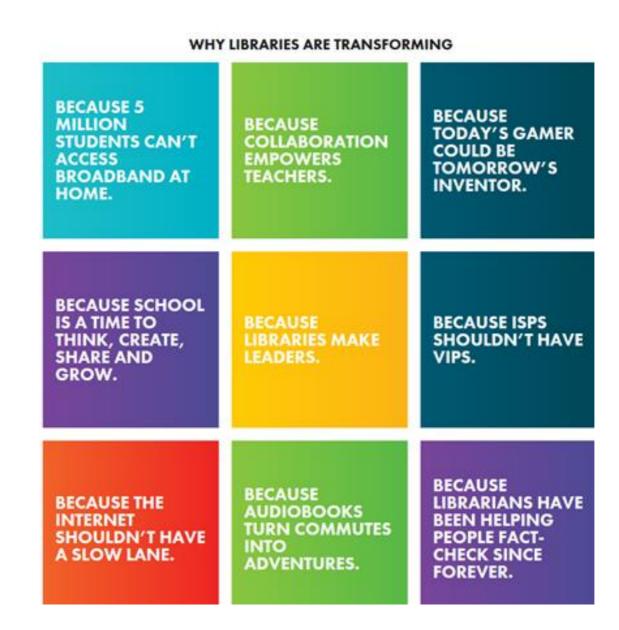
Libraries today are less about what they have for people and more about what they do for and with people.



Libraries transform: Because transformation is essential to the communities we serve



## Libraries transform, because ...



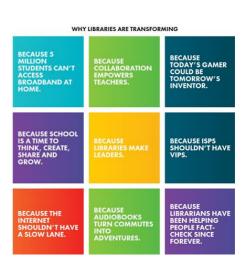
http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/



## Libraries transform, because ...

#### Task:

Formulate a key statement about the positive social relevance of libraries starting with 'because'?





## Elevator Pitch



## Elevator pitch

Formulate a crisp sentence and answer the three crucial questions:

- 1. Who are you?
- 2. What are you doing?
- 3. What is your message?

Clarify your target audience Put yourself in the position of your counterpart.

What interests him / her most?





## Elevator pitch

- 1. Think of a strong beginning
- 2. Prioritize content
- 3. Point out the special
- 4. Be responsive to your counterpart
- 5. Express yourself clearly
- 6. Show enthusiasm
- 7. Be authentic
- 8. Don't talk in monologues
- 9. End with a call to action
- 10. Stay in touch





## Elevator pitch

#### Task:

Try out an elevator pitch with your neighbour





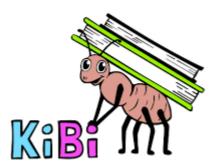
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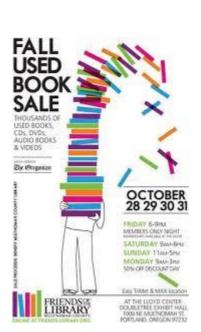


# How do you convey and promote your offers and services in general?











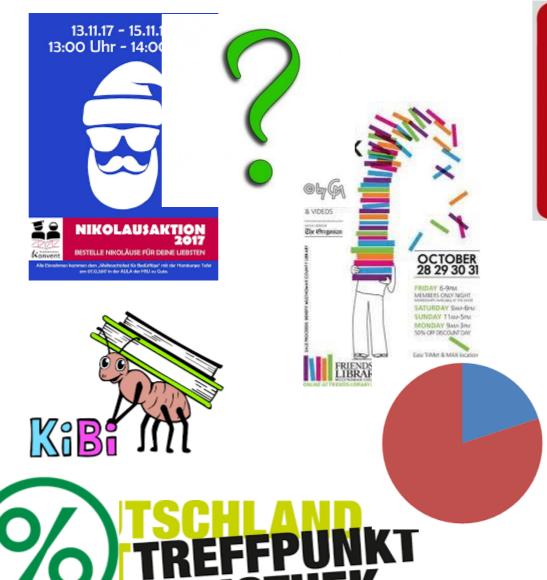


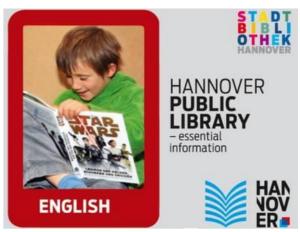




## Do you know about the specific effect and result of your promotional efforts?











## Goals, planning, strategies

Written strategy, defining goals
First the strategy and goals, then our services
Why do we offer this service and not another?
Our image?
Complaining does not help ...

Do our users and decision makers know about our services?



## Developing a strategy

Facts and figures vs. gut feeling Potential analysis Strengths and weaknesses

#### Task:

What are the strengths, what the weaknesses of your library?



### **SWOT**

## SWOT analysis = Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats

#### **SWOT-Analysis**

Opportunities (external) Setting and competition	Threats (external) Setting and competition
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Strengths (internal) Potential and resources of the library	Weaknesses (internal) Potential and resources of the library
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Setting and Partners



## Unique feature

#### Task:

What is the unique feature /unique selling point of your library?



Public Relations as a marketing tool



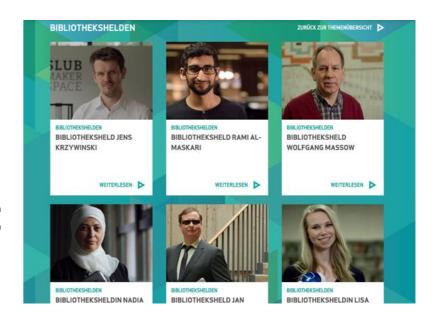
#### Reasons for Public Relations

- continuous presence in the public
- Increased awareness
- Positioning on the market or in society
- gaining sympathy; acquisition and retention of new users
- Developing credibility: creating trust and understanding
- Building networks and maintaining contacts
- influence on political decision-makers (lobbying)
- voice for the users, own opinion



### Helpful hints for Public Relations

- using testimonials
- Perspective of the target group
- Press work (Press release, thematic contributions, interviews, press inquiries): no technical language, no abbreviations, no overload of topics



- communication design (reports, brochures, flyers, newsletters, websites, logos): visualization, graphics, catchy comparisons, no text-deserts
- Internal communication (employee training, intranet,)



## **Topic Management**

increase reputation by taking up topics that may be relevant

to society

Making the library more visible and influencial in public discourse

 We do not promote the library as an institution, but the role they play in improving society by different services they offer for different topics



IFLA: 17 goals of Sustainable Development
 Goals /UN2030 Agenda – what is the role of the libraries?



Storytelling



## Storytelling

- Create (emotional) experiences how?
   Describe a detail, a moment like a zoom
   Personalize your experience
- appeal to all the senses
- Use contrasts
- Emotions (positive and negative ones)
- Perspective
- Personalize



## Storytelling

#### Task:

Tell a story:

First Time, first love: my story with libraries



## Σας ευχαριστώ για την προσοχή σας!

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