

A European Library Agenda for the post-Covid age



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Covid 19: were European libraries in lockdown?

- Access to digital collections;
- Centralised access to Covid-19 related health information produced by governmental authorities;
- Covid-19 support service - 'Community Call' delivered via phone, text, email and through platforms;
- Use of social media to offer story time, through Facebook groups and YouTube profiles, or also for library exchange and (re-)use of digital products;
- Advanced social services for the elderly and vulnerable on lockdown, such as phone calls, storytelling, also food delivery where necessary;
- The provision of face masks for healthcare workers through 3D printers.

Libraries were more open than ever!

An extended concept of Library



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Extended concept of Library during the Covid crisis



During Covid 19: common to all libraries in Europe

<http://www.eblida.org/Documents/EBLIDA-Preparing-a-European-library-agenda-for-the-post-Covid-19-age.pdf>

Common to all libraries:

- Guidelines on library re-opening after the lockdown (DE, DK, EST, IT, NL etc);
- Covid-19 related health information produced by governmental authorities;
- Librarians' homeworking;
- Digitised services to users (CH: ca 100%; EST: 1,400%, FR: substantial increase in 68% of French libraries; IRL: up to 313% and also 467%; IT: 104% in two months; 20 % in the rest of the year; LUX: 40%; NOR 139%; LT: 61%)

Digitized services boomed especially in public libraries

Covid 19: special activities in European libraries

- Use of social media to offer story time, through Facebook groups and YouTube profiles, or also for library exchange and (re-)use of digital products (BG, CH, DE, ES, NOR, SE);
- Advanced social services for the elderly and vulnerable on lockdown, such as phone calls, storytelling, also food delivery where necessary (CH, IRL, FIN, LIT, NL, NOR, etc.);
- The provision of face masks for healthcare workers through 3D printers (LIT, FR, PT).

Covid 19: activities in European libraries

Will not replicate:

- The provision of face masks for healthcare workers through 3D printers (LIT, FR, PT).

Covid 19: library activities

Will replicate:

- Content creation: use of social media to offer story time, through Facebook groups and YouTube profiles, or also for library exchange and (re-)use of digital products;
- In a hybrid way: advanced social services for the elderly and vulnerable on lockdown;
- Digitized services to users.

These are all SDG-oriented library projects

The post-Covid 19 Library

Implementing SDGs in Libraries

The socially inclusive Library

The digital Library

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