The Model Programme for Public Libraries

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Danish strategy report The Public Libraries in the Knowledge Society (2010)

- From collection orientation to user orientation and involvement

- Recommendation: New concepts for the physical library space should be developed continually
MODEL PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

BEFORE YOU BUILD
new or refurbish - what are your needs?

CHALLENGES
- new requirements to function and design

CASES
- for inspiration

NEWS & EVENTS

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

SEMINARS: LIGHT AND SOUND IN LIBRARIES
At the seminars “Light and sound in libraries”, held the 28th of October 2014 in Copenhagen, and the 6th of November 2014 in Silkeborg, the Model Programme for Public Libraries focused on the use of light and sound in the library space.
Watch videos from the seminars here...
Objective

- To **develop the public library** as a central institution that contributes to ensuring Denmark’s position as a highly developed society with a special focus on quality.

- To create the foundation for **developing libraries in a changed cityscape and in a changed national landscape with new challenges also in sparsely populated areas**.

- To clarify **how architecture itself can support the public library as the central meeting place that invites the citizen inside and is open to the citizens’ networking and learning needs**.
Focus area: Inspiration space (for experiences)

Challenge: How can the library guide new as well as experienced users to new experiences, access to literature, art, film, music, entertainment and games, to events with artists etc.?
Design ideas:
Experiences can be made accessible

The red band in Hjørring guiding users through the library
Challenges

Example

Focus area: Urban space

Challenge: How to create linking spaces between the library and the town, contributing to a vibrant urban space, and ideally attracting more visitors to the library?
Public Library of the Year

Handed out at a award ceremony at the annual IFLA Conference in Lyon 2014

Assessment criteria:
The library must be newly-built

6 criterias for Quality of the building and the functions

We are planning to award the prize in 2015 and 2016
Craigieburn Library
Australia
Architect: Francis-Jones Morehen Torp
Photo by Trevor Mein

Nominated for:
High design quality and beautiful use of local materials

High functional quality in an inviting, informal and human scale

With its open and flexible spaces the library transforms into a democratic space inviting diversity and interaction

A driver in urban development
The address:


- New cases and proposals for new design challenges are welcome. Find the template on the website

- We have a Facebook account that you are welcome to utilise