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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:

Dorothea Sommer started working as subject specialist for English Philology, General Literature and Arts. Since 1998 she has been deputy director at the University and State Library of Sachsen-Anhalt in Halle (Saale), Germany. She has been responsible for the restructuring of the library system, which involved the planning and management of numerous library moves of branch libraries, but in particular, various building projects. These include both the construction and equipment of new buildings as well as the renovation and refurbishment of branch libraries.

Finished projects of branch libraries of the University and State Library Sachsen-Anhalt at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg:

- Law Library in the Juridicum (architect: Thomas van den Valentyn and Gernot Schultz, Köln);
- Music Library (architect: Kister, Scheithauer und Gross, Köln and Leipzig);
- Library for Education, Theology, Media and Communication Sciences, Jewish Studies (architect: Wilfried Ziegemeier, Hannover);
- Library for Geology and Geography (architects: Pfeiffer, Ellermann und Prekel, Münster and Berlin);
- Medical Library in the Neuklinikum (architects: Hascher und Jehle, Berlin);
- Library for Agriculture, Physics, Technics and Sports (architects: multiplan Weimar).

Projects under work:

- Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (architects: Nieper & Partner, Darmstadt and Leipzig)

Architectural design competitions:

- Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire de Fribourg, Agrandissement et Restructuration, (Switzerland);
- Center for Humanities and Social Sciences Halle, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle - Wittenberg, Germany.

FAVOURITE LIBRARY BUILDINGS:

- Universitäts- und Landesbibliothek Sachsen-Anhalt:
 - Zentrale Bibliothek,
 - Zweigbibliothek Rechtswissenschaft im Juridicum der Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany;
- Philologische Bibliothek der Freien Universität Berlin (Berlin Brain), Germany;
- La Grande Bibliothèque du Québec, Montréal, Canada;
- Rolex Learning Center, Lausanne, Switzerland.