

# "The futures of the public library"

## Barcelona, Spain, 13.-15 October 2010

Libraries of Barcelona is organising the conference "The futures of the public library" from 13th to 15th October

This year the Libraries Plan of Barcelona 1998-2010 reaches its end. Currently the network of the Libraries of Barcelona consists of 36 public libraries located in the 10 districts of the city of Barcelona.

Now is the moment to fix the objectives for the period 2011-2020, with the flexibility and adaptability necessary to face a permanently changing reality.

The process for orienting the action of the Libraries of Barcelona for the period 2011-2020 begins with the holding of the conference ***The futures of the public library*** that will take place in the auditorium of the Jaume Fuster Library from the 13th to 15th October 2010. The programme is structured around three fields of debate: Users and services; Digital contents; Spaces.

We will be counting on the contributions from notable professionals, from here, the rest of Spain, and Europe, specialised in libraries, architecture, sociology and the publishing world. By means of the debates that will be produced between the participants we will find out about the latest trends and topics that concern us most at the present time with regard to libraries, and we will be able to contrast the reality of Barcelona within the international context, and to plan their futures.

The session dedicated to the topic of Spaces will include the following programme:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, morning session:

**SPACES.** Narrator: Hellen Niegard

**Planning and programming in times of change.** Maija Berndtson, director of the Helsinki library(FI) – Charles Noordam, director of the Den Haag Library(NE)

**New spaces for new uses.** Brian Gambles, from the Birmingham Library(UK) – Borge Sondergaard, director of Bib. Hjørring (DK)

**The values of sustainability:** Aleksandar Ivancic, from Barcelona Regional (ES) – Joan Sabaté, from SAAS Arquitectes - Sabater Associats /Museu del disseny (ES)

All the information about the congress is available at <https://elsfutursdelabibliotecapublica.wordpress.com> .

Registration is free of charge. Places limited. Simultaneous translation to Catalan and Spanish.

We invite you to participate!

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