Storage! The Final Frontier
Options, Best Practices and Collaboration

A major driver in library design was once providing appropriate storage for collections. This morphed into a concentration on the user experience. As libraries in the 21st century continue to undergo dramatic transformations with physical collections dwindling in size in favour of digital information resources, the appropriate storage of heritage print and other physical collections is being re-examined and user needs further investigated. Space previously allocated to extensive print collections is being re-used and is housing new service offerings. Big data analysis of collections and their use is changing the thinking about collections and about their preservation, storage, curation and means of discovery and use. Notions of collective collections on a regional, national or global basis are impinging on local library design. Sharing is everything. Libraries have shared cataloguing data and collaborated on many matters. New collaborative approaches on storage are being investigated. High density storage options have evolved over the past decade and operational best practices refined. Operating at scale and the governance of shared storage facilities has evolved.

Join the IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment Section and our prominent guest speakers to learn more about the changing storage landscape and the opportunities and options available to research libraries. Librarians and any interested parties from across Germany and the region are welcome to join us!

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Guest speakers include:

Constance Malpas, OCLC, Research Scientist, Dublin, Ohio, USA
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Daniel Tschirren, The Swiss Cooperative Storage Library, Luzern and Büron
Andreas Enge, Büro Max Dudler, Architect, Berlin, Zürich, Frankfurt
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