



Publications and new products

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Dear friends,

at the time of the Great Depression of the 1930s, while trying to figure out a way to get things better, President Franklin Roosevelt created an initiative that he believed could help to the purpose. He knew many people living in isolated communities had serious difficulties in accessing jobs. He was also aware that being more literate meant to have a better chance of finding employment. So he started the Pack Horse Library Initiative, through the Works Progress Administration, thinking that fragile communities in the US would not have been let alone anymore in getting a good education for their children and finding a good job. As an example, thanks to his initiative, Kentucky's isolated mountain communities could get their books and reading material from one "mobile" source, the librarians on horseback.



The horseback librarians, who were mostly women locally known to people who trust them, were paid salaries by the Works Progress Administration to adventure through muddy creeks and snowy hills just to deliver books to the people of these isolated areas.

As you can read in the [post](#) published on History Daily, "... the rule was that libraries had to exist in the counties where books would be delivered. Many of the local schools contributed to this effort by donating literature, newspapers, magazines, and books. These brave women on horseback would ride as much as 120 miles per week, regardless of the terrain or weather conditions. Sometimes, they would have to finish their travels on foot if their destination was in a place too remote and tough for horses to go".

Then, in 1943, the Pack Horse Library program stopped because employment increased rapidly during World War II and, as the war ended, life started being easier for all.

Take a look at the pictures and enjoy the read of the [full post](#)!

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JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal: Contents of May 2019

Review Article

Involving libraries in improving health literacy to achieve Sustainable Development Goal-3 in developing economies: a literature review

Popoola BO

Original Articles

- **Health information behaviour of rare disease patients: seeking, finding and sharing health information**

Kataviç SS

- **Fulfilling information needs of patients in online health communities**

Chen D, Zhang R, Feng J, Liu K

- **Evaluating user experiences of a clearing house for health policy and systems**

Mutatina B, Basaza R, Sewankambo NK, Lavis JN

- **The Embase UK filter: validation of a geographic search filter to retrieve research about the UK from OVID Embase**

Ayiku L, Levay P, Hudson T, Craven J, Finnegan A, Adams R, Barrett E

- **Health information in the digital age: an empirical study of the perceived benefits and costs of seeking and using health information from online sources**

Ren C, Deng Z, Hong Z, Zhang W

- **Towards a deeper understanding of meaningful use in electronic health records**

Joneidy S, Burke M

- **Optimal search strategies for identifying moderators and predictors of treatment effects in PubMed**

Tummers M, van Hoorn R, Levering C, Booth A, van der Wilt GJ, Kievit W

Regular features

- **Dissertations into Practice**

The impact of orphan drug policies in treating rare diseases

Weerasooriya SU

- **International Perspectives and Initiatives**

Ugandan health libraries in the 21st century: key initiatives and challenges

Kinengyere AA

- **Teaching and Learning in Action**

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand: a review of the Teaching and Learning in Action feature

FROM THE WEB

- **E-Book Accessibility**

Pam Schindler is a liaison librarian at the University of Queensland. She has been working for more than 20 years and in her stimulating [post](#) published on the [EBSCO blog](#), she talks from her experience pointing out the major issues about e-book accessibility for all users, specifically for students having low or no vision. She also shares her involvement in the testing of the e-book experience across 14 different platforms. Starting from her belief that accessibility awareness should be present in everything librarians do, she explains what she and her team tried and reached through their project. Their main aim was to encourage people with disabilities to take advantages from e-books and solicit e-book publishers and platform providers to pay attention to the products and assistive technologies they offer. Enjoy the full post

- **Digital Science Report 2018 – The state of Open Data**

Figshare helps academic institutions store, share and manage all of their research outputs, by simplifying the research workflow. It is trusted by institutions across the world such as the University of Melbourne, the Loughborough University, the University of Auckland, the Monash University, the University of Salford, Manchester, and many others. In addition, it is loved by publishers like Springer Nature, Taylor & Francis, the Royal Society, Wiley, Plos, Karger and many others all over the world. Just like its founder and CEO Mark Hahnel said, Open data is a key element of open research, and that data should be FAIR -- Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable. "As governments and funders of research see the benefit of open content, the creation of recommendations, mandates and enforcement of mandates are coming thick and fast. Figshare has always led the way in enabling academics, publishers and institutions to easily adhere to these principles in the most intuitive and efficient manner". The featured categories vary from Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences, to Technology, Earth, Environmental, Information and Computing, Social and Health Sciences, Engineering and any other science involved with life on earth.

Figshare's annual report, The State of Open Data 2018, which is third in the series, looks at global attitudes towards open data. It includes survey results among researchers, whose key finding is that open data has become more embedded in the research community, since in 2018, 64% of respondents made their data openly available. On the contrary, 60% of respondents had never heard of the FAIR principles, a guideline to enhance the reusability of academic data. Read the interesting report and visit Figshare website for more info.

NOT ONLY BOOKS

Podcast. How One Health Center Treats Patients as Partners

Let's say you're diagnosed with diabetes. Let's say that the only thing your doctors keep saying is what you can eat and what you must forget eating. What if, instead, you went to one health centre for your issues about diabetes, where the caregivers listen to what you want – including what you like to eat or what colour you want the walls painted, instead of explaining you the dos and don'ts?

This is what happens in Philadelphia, Pa, US, at the Street Family Health Services of Drexel University, where you go to be healthy, not just a place where to go when you are sick. The team offers a wide range of creative arts and mind-body therapies, besides providing a team of caregivers that includes a nutritionist. The rule is of course to find a way to eat healthier, but also to keep your favourite food.

Discover how one health centre nicely and smartly treats patients as a partner by listening to Shanoor Seervai podcast published on The Dose.

SOME INTERESTING FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

May 20-24, 2019, Hønefoss, Norway

20th Nordic Workshop in Evidence-Based Practice

Info: <http://www.congressoevent.com/20thnordicworkshop>

May 30-31, 2019, Pavia, Italy

10th National Conference on Document Delivery and Interlibrary Collaboration

Info: <http://www.convegnonilde2019.it/>

June 2-6, 2019, Portorož, Slovenia

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The 16th Extended Semantic Web Conference

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/eswc19.html>

June 6-8, 2019, Paris, France

65e Congrès de l'Association des Bibliothécaires de France.

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/65e-congr%C3%A8s.html>

June 15-19, 2019, Cologne, Germany

HTAi 2019 Annual Meeting

Info: <https://www.htai2019.org/register/>

June 17-19, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland

10th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference. Using evidence in times of uncertainty.

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/eblip10.html>

June 17-20, 2019, Basel, Switzerland

European Association for Health Information and Libraries Workshop

Info: <https://eahil2019.net/>

June 24-25, 2019, Dublin, Ireland

EBLIDA Annual Council Meeting & EBLIDA-NAPLE Conference. Libraries open for all.

Info: <https://eblida2019.sciencesconf.org/>

June 26-28, 2019, Dublin, Ireland

48th LIBER Annual Conference. Research Libraries for Society.

Info: <https://liberconference.eu/>

July 3-5, 2019, Székesfehérvár, Hungary

51st Conference of the Association of Hungarian Librarians

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/mke-51-2019.html>

July 11-12, 2019, Barcelona, Spain

IV Congreso ISKO España-Portugal y XIV Congreso ISKO España

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/isko-esp%C3%B1a-portugal.html>

August 24-30, 2019, Athens, Greece

85th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Info: <https://2019.ifla.org/>

September 9-12, 2019, Oslo, Norway

Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries

Info: <http://www.eblida.org/freeze-url/tpdl-2019.html>

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