

Abstract, Keywords

The aim of the bachelor thesis is to analyze educational programs in Czech libraries and to point out the basic trends in this area. To achieve this goal I am comparing two urban libraries.

Part of the thesis is the analysis of two selected libraries and some cultural and educational events in these libraries.

In the theoretical part, the thesis focuses on the founding of libraries as book rentals and their transformation into a social and educational center, i.e. the space to acquire new information, creative education and establish social interactions in the community.

The aim of the research part is to find out by means of quantitative research (questionnaire) what is the interest in cultural and educational events of registered library readers and how cultural and educational events participate in the social life of the given place. The research was carried out in two selected libraries in Dobříš and Dvůr Králové. These are libraries of the same type (urban) in towns with a population not exceeding 20,000 inhabitants and where libraries represent the center of cultural life in the town. Both libraries are also connected by a large number of services and events that are offered to their readers and by the scope of the library collection - the number of volumes in both libraries ranges from 46,000 to 50,000 volumes. The thesis and research took into account the specific situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and quarantine measures.

At the end of the thesis I present the results of the set hypotheses with regard to the current trend of community libraries.

Keywords: library; community library; educational events; library events.