

## **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this thesis is to describe public librarianship in Great Britain, its organisation and the services. The practice way will be demonstrate on the public libraries in the cities of the four countries of the United Kingdom. The core of the thesis is divided into six main chapters. The brief history of the public librarianship will be introduce in the first chapter with focus on the first public libraries in the UK. The four main chapters analyse organisation and services of the public library networks of the cities - City of London Libraries, Cardiff's Libraries, Edinburgh City Libraries and Belfast NI Libraries. These four chapters describe and analyse organisation, services, equipment, culture events, libraries's PR. At the end of these chapters there are a summaries of the libraries's strenghts and weaknesses. In the last, summary chapter, there is a final analyse of all libraries services and organisation, there is also comparation and at least description how the british public libraries work. Demonstration of this will be shown on the public library network of the cities and on the model of typical british library. At the end there are advices for czech public libraries.

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