About JPI Urban Europe

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PLACED

How can new and dynamic digital services help libraries transform into vibrant urban innovation hubs by supporting knowledge creation activities among citizens and turning this knowledge into an ever-growing part of the urban community’s shared resources?

PLACED introduces a new type of place- and activity-centric digital library services. Whereas library services typically focus on providing access to a collection of media, PLACED services support activities. The groundbreaking aspect is that these services capture knowledge generated through activities, make them a part of the collection, and allow library users access. In this way, PLACED helps to make the library an integrated part of urban life by creating an ever-evolving collection built on urban activities and knowledge generation.

Aim/objective

Support the transformation of libraries from static to dynamic urban knowledge hubs by developing new place- and activity centered digital services that captures knowledge generated by activities and make them part of the library’s collection.

Approaches/methods

- User-focused co-creative approach – to understand user needs and develop accessible and useful services
- Develop and evaluate demonstrators – to show the potential of the location and activity centered library services.

Expected results and impacts

Add to the library’s transition into an integrated urban space offering novel digital services to support community-based knowledge development across socio-cultural divides and increase the capacity of the urban area to answer local challenges.

Involved cities

- Aarhus: Aarhus University, DOKK1 – Aarhus Public libraries
- Göteborg: Chalmers University of Technology, Library of Lundby – City of Gothenburg, RISE Interactive Institute AB
- Lyon: CNRS – LIRIS, ENSSIB, Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon

PLACED – Place- and activity-centric dynamic library services

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