

Public Libraries Section 2018 Report

The section's focus of activity since the 2017 congress in Riga has been on planning programs and activities for the 2018 congress in Leipzig. The public library in Leipzig (Leipziger Stadtische Bibliotheken) will host the section's Tuesday professional program, and a working meeting (including a tour of the public library). The professional program is concerned with "What's new in German public libraries," and includes speakers from Wurzburg, Dresden, and Berlin. An election to fill the vacant position of section chair will be held during the professional program on Tuesday.

A second professional program, "Changing to meet our users' needs," will be held on Wednesday, with speakers from Frankfurt (Germany), Sastamala (Finland), and Budapest (Hungary) considering such diverse topics as the public library's relationship to young talent, the local music scene, and the digital age.

Section officers for 2017/18

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