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***Let's work together, let's library for all***

***Theme:*** on the integration of library services for persons with print disabilities  
into the services of the public library

**Organised by IFLA Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities (LPD) & KB  
(National Library of the Netherlands)**

**1,5 day Preconference Satellite to IFLA's WLIC 2023 in Rotterdam, Netherlands  
18 & 19 August 2023, Korenbeurs, Schiedam (near Rotterdam)**

**DAY 1 MORNING: SESSION 1: *COLLABORATION CREATES VALUE***

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**General introduction on the importance of accessible library  
services**

keynote

Heleen van Manen & Mirjam van den Bremen, Strategic policy advisers  
'accessibility for all', KB (nationale library), the Netherlands



**NLB in the toolbox: making public libraries more accessible and  
inclusive for all users**

NLB in the toolbox is an ongoing project that will contribute to increased  
awareness of public libraries' responsibilities in dealing with all  
residents, including those who struggle to read due to a disability.

Therese Solbjørg, Project leader 'NLB in the toolbox', Special librarian  
for children and young adults at NLB - Norwegian Library of Talking  
Books and Braille



### **From ‘Unknown is unloved’ to ‘A perfect match ... or maybe not just yet’**

Developing professional account management for Passend Lezen and creating a new type of subscription

Sylvia Krijnen, Account manager organisations, Bibliotheekservice Passend Lezen, the Netherlands



### **The Finnish model of accessible library services – cooperation between public libraries and Accessibility Library Celia**

Background, progress, challenges, opportunities & good practice

Elina Kilpiö, Service planner at Accessibility Library Celia & Jaana Savela, Special library clerk public library Seinäjoki, Finland



### **Collaboration creates value**

Cooperation within the German Library Association, special schools, rehabilitation centres and the German Publishers and Booksellers Association

Christiane Felsmann, Head of library and user services dzb lesen, Leipzig, Germany | LPD standing committee member



### **Engaging Public Library Models in Accessible Library Services**

NLS works collaboratively with a network of cooperating libraries in every state. Each network library has a unique operating model. This presentation will expand on these models from the perspective of the accessible library, the public library, and the patron.

Alice O'Reilly, Chief collection division, National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), Library of Congress, United States



### **Luisterpunt and public libraries: 15 years on the road together**

15 years of experience in cooperation with public libraries: the beginning, evolution over the years, future. Many good practices and challenges.

Diego Anthoons, Head of communications Luisterpuntbibliotheek, Flemish Library serving persons with print disabilities, Belgium | IFLA Library services to People with Special Needs (LSN) standing committee member

**DAY 1 AFTERNOON: SESSION 2: INCLUSIVE LIBRARY SERVICES: BEST AND PROMISING PRACTICES FROM THE FIELD**

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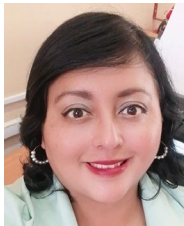
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Danielle Miller, Convenor, Director & regional librarian Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, USA | Secretary LPD



**Ways to boost the number of books in accessible formats**  
keynote

Dominique Matar, Product Management Officer Accessible Books Consortium (ABC), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Switzerland



**Capacity building and braille printing service in the National Library of Peru**

Braille printing service for a diverse audience, spread across the country, and strengthened by the Authorised Entity agreement between the National Library of Peru and WIPO

Rosa Maria Yataco Marín, in charge of the Room for people with visual disabilities of the Great Public Library of Lima, Peru



**Digital Audio Services to print disabled students of Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**

A case study: library service with audio and braille books, e-library with online information resources

Vivekanand Jain, Deputy librarian & Pravin Kumar Singh, Assistant librarian Central Library, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India



**Project: Barrier-free Culture – Talking Books, Lithuania**

Elderly people in the regions of Lithuania face information, social and cultural isolation, especially when they have limited mobility. To encourage the use of accessible books among them, LAB implements the project Barrier-free Culture - Talking Books

Inga Davidonienė, Director Lithuanian Audiosensory Library, Lithuania



### **The role of commercial audiobooks in production and distribution of accessible audiobooks**

Titles distributed by commercial parties and publishers overlap with titles offered in catalogues of LPD's. In some cases books are produced and distributed twice. What solutions can we think of to prevent this?

Rieke Vullings, Manager digital accessibility & digital learning resources Dedicon, the Netherlands



### **Accessible Public Libraries for All: A Canadian Perspective**

Background and overview of the progress of born accessible publishing in Canada, and the impact this movement is having on public libraries and libraries serving persons with print disabilities.

Laurie Davidson, Executive director Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA), Canada

## **DAY 2 MORNING: SESSION 3: *SEARCH AND DISCOVERY OF ACCESSIBLE CONTENT*** **What do our target groups need to find the right kind of accessible content?**



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Saskia Boets, Convenor, Codirector Luisterpuntbibliotheek, Flemish Library serving persons with print disabilities, Belgium | LPD standing committee member



### **Search and discovery of accessible content: taking user needs as starting point**

keynote

Richard Orme, Chief Executive Officer Daisy Consortium, United Kingdom



### **What makes a book accessible? The many faces of e-book accessibility**

Is there a general agreement on the characteristics of an accessible book? Or do we need several levels of accessibility and how do we translate that to the discoverability of the book?

Ted van der Togt, Researcher working on developments in e-book technology and digital accessibility, KB (national library), the

Netherlands



### **Introducing accessibility metadata in catalogues**

Accessibility metadata are new to publishers and content creators, to digital distributors and aggregators, but also to users. By making the information about accessibility more understandable, usable and useful the user experience will improve

Hans Beerens, Accessibility officer Dedicon, The Netherlands



### **Will this book fit my reading needs?**

Informing the reader about accessibility of digital books is a hot topic and a requisite of the European Accessibility Act. Is this a specialised field related to metadata expertise, or is it better to start from user expectations?

Gautier Chomel, In charge of projects related to digital book accessibility and the implementation of the European accessibility act, EDRIlab, France



### **Notes from the Field: Observations from the CARL-ARL Project to Implement Marrakesh in Research Libraries in Canada and the US**

The cross-border collaboration of research libraries, including public libraries, explored improving discovery of accessible works through metadata

Victoria Owen, Information Policy Scholar-Practitioner, Faculty of Information, University of Toronto |Special Advisor to the Dean on Information Accessibility, UTSC, Canada and Chris Oliver, Head of Metadata and Processing at the University of Ottawa Library (retired)

## **CONFERENCE CONCLUDING REMARKS**



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