Call for Papers

Thematic issue: Library and information studies in the climate crisis

The climate crisis makes the headlines everyday: Melting glaciers, droughts and food scarcity, the decline of biodiversity, environment-related conflicts and adverse weather conditions have become a regular topic in the media and of public and political debate. Yet, within library and information studies (LIS) environmental and climate issues have not attracted as much attention as in other disciplines. LIS as a research field, however, has much to gain and can help expand these areas of knowledge.

As people and institutions struggle to make sense of new ecological realities, LIS scholars can make an important contribution to addressing these ongoing crises by contributing to a conceptually informed understanding of how people in different roles and various social actors create, engage with, make sense of, implement or reject environmental information.

What kind of environmental information practices are prevalent among different social groups and why? How do people interact with information with regards to climate-related issues? How do libraries as institutions transform their practices in the wake of the climate crisis? To what extent can we speak of emerging environmental literacies? What is the role of search engines in highlighting environment-related search queries? These issues, and more, are accentuated in the current environmental turmoil. We need studies to better understand how actors – human and non-human – live through, engage with, and understand the ecological crisis as it unfolds.

The Nordic Journal of Library and Information Studies, NJLIS, now welcomes submissions offering empirical, theoretical and/or historical perspectives related to environmental and climate themed library and information-oriented research. Themes of interest include, but are not restricted to:

- Green libraries/sustainable libraries
- Climate-neutral library activities
- Search engines and environmental information
- Environmental information practices
- Environmental literacy
- Environmental policy and libraries
- Volunteer initiatives and environmental information
- Collections of literature on climate and environmental issues
- Patrons and environmental information
- Visualising/modelling environmental issues
- The role of algorithmic platforms in shaping environmental information
- Climate change denialism
- Mis/dis/malinformation and the environment
- Information avoidance and climate change

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