

Participatory Projects in French Libraries: A New Challenge for Public Services



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SML International Room

In recent years, library research in France has focused increasingly on participation and, in particular, what institutions can do to generate higher levels of participation in the programs and services they offer to patrons. This talk will be about how participatory projects conducted in French libraries are changing our relation to the public and the services that we are proposing, our definition of the skills of librarians, and perhaps even our role in the development of new forms of democracy.

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All are welcome to join us for this SCOPA forum.

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