

Digitalizing or anarchy?

In the recent 3-5 years the expression most frequently used by the libraries and the data provider services has been the word “digitalizing”.

More and more documents can be found in digitalized forms, and there are more and more institutions where the process of digitalizing of the traditional documents has been already started.

The processes initiated by most of the libraries in Hungary are not co-ordinated well, they are often isolated from each other and their technical and service solutions are also heterogenous. The corporate service providers have also realized the importance of digitalization of library documents such as the Google Books Library Project. The libraries need to re-think their own roles and duties in the content service.

The lecture intends to raise attention to the importance of digitalization in libraries through looking at some international initiations on the field and showing some Hungarian examples.