

**Future Places: Reinventing Libraries in the Digital Age**  
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The IFLA Section on Library Buildings and Equipment will present its XII Seminar on Library Buildings as an official IFLA Preconference to the 2001 Boston IFLA Conference.

Theme: As libraries move into the digital age, their role is constantly being challenged. Obviously, the digital revolution is seriously affecting library facilities: both existing and proposed. Library space will need to be designed to accommodate computer workstations, scanning equipment, and other user-driven technologies, as well as accommodate network servers, and other storage and delivery technologies required to provide access to digital information. However, other forces of change must be considered in library facility planning. Many new services, such as distance learning are affecting library facility needs, and the role of the library as cultural center and icon is becoming more prevalent. In the midst of these changes, traditional library services remain and continue to place demands upon library space. Facilities must be able to accommodate these traditional elements, which are associated with paper format resources, as this format will continue to play a significant role in library collections for the next several decades. The digital promise has not removed the need for planning the housing for ever-expanding paper format collections. It is necessary for traditional elements to coexist peacefully with those resources created by advances in technology. The essential element in this transition to planning for the digital age is flexibility of space. This seminar will examine the impacts of new and traditional services upon the library facility within the contexts of new buildings and the renovation of older facilities.

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