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Access to information and knowledge- a process of constant transformation

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Abstract

The human race has created numerous ways to communicate: firstly by oral means and then by making use of materials, both natural and man made. Wood, papyrus, parchment and vellum were eventually superseded by paper, the production of which, in conjunction with the arrival of the printing press in Europe in the 15th century, greatly increased the number of edited books in circulation. This in turn led to the creation of extensive private, and later, public libraries. Large quantities of books necessitates organization and thus the librarian's role was born. Society continues to evolve and new technologies change the way information is both stored and accessed. Librarians must also evolve and acquire the skills that will enable them to meet the needs of both information holders and end users. Nowadays a significant proportion of publication takes place online but paper works are still in production. It is vital that great care is taken when choosing how to store, access and diffuse information.

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