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National library, school library and public library are established and administered according to their laws. Libraries of national and private universities and colleges are developing to be academic institutions. Special libraries are small, but active in library service. The National Institute of Informatics works as a center of research libraries and scientific information. Freedom of information is now the essential principle of Japanese libraries.

**Reiner Kallenborn: Aspects of organisational development considering as example the University Library of the Technical University of Munich, dedicated to Dr. Hermann Leskien on his retirement (Aspekte der Organisationsentwicklung am Beispiel der Universitätsbibliothek der Technischen Universität München; gewidmet Herrn Dr. Hermann Leskien anlässlich seines Eintritts in den Ruhestand)**  
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Based on several evaluations the university library has met the challenge to issue a fundamental process of reorganisation. The changes involve internal workflow as well as a new definition of the library's duties and responsibilities regarding their patrons. The article describes this ongoing process of a library on its way to an one-tier system.

**Volker Braun: Guidance and orientation systems in libraries (Leit- und Orientierungssysteme in Bibliotheken)**  
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This essay is about guidance and orientation systems in libraries and wants to point to the aspects which are responsible for clients to find their destinations in an easy way. It begins with the psychological bases for spatial orientation, before the architectural and interior design possibilities are examined. Then the basic principles for the design and placement of orientation systems (signs,

electronic navigation systems and print products) are shown. The last part shows, what libraries can do themselves and in cooperation with specialists and how they should proceed.

**Roman Motulskij: Building of the new edifice of the National Library of Belorussia – the response to the challenges of the information society (Errichtung des neuen Gebäudes der Nationalen Bibliothek von Weißrussland (Belarus) als Antwort auf die Herausforderungen der Informationsgesellschaft)**  
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The National Library of Belorussia is the major informational and cultural centre of the country. Its information resource equals more than eight million store units. The information society presents to the Library special demands, so there appeared the impartial necessity to develop a new conception of its advance. For its realisation, in accordance to the President's Decree, the building of the new edifice of the National Library of Belorussia started in 2002. The project of the new construction of the National Library of Belorussia consists of five interconnected elements: 1. Building. 2. Engineering. 3. Technology. 4. Social element. 5. Design project.

**Frank Raugel: The only thing constant, is change. From a 'book storage institution' to a modern service provider (Die einzige Konstante ist die Veränderung. Von der Buchbewahranstalt zum modernen Dienstleister)**  
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The Centre of Media and Information Public Library of Biberach looks back on 35 years as a municipal office. Offer, using and conception have tremendously changed, especially in the last ten years. Here is not only reflected the essential development of the public libraries and the impetuous development within the sector of media and information, even the philosophy of this library is clearly recognizable.