Public Libraries in the Information Ecology System of the Local Community (Focus Group interviews with the Information Ecology Mapping – Approbation of the Method and the First Results)
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There are two library science and information science theoretical models made use of during the approbation process of the method - Ecological Theory of Human Information Behavior by Kiirsty Williamson and Everyday Life Information Seeking (ELIS) by Reijo Savolainen.

The sample includes both the library users and non-users. During the course of discussions in the focus groups the information ecology mapping is performed for each topic, reflecting the place and resources used to search for the information. At the end of the discussion the information ecology map of the local community is developed.

According to the first results obtained, the resources and places to gather information differ from cities to the country, depend on the age group of the inhabitants, their information literacy, the financial position, accessibility to the internet and some other factors.

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