



Library World Map

Inspiration to incubate new ideas for your library!

The France librarian association (Association des bibliothécaires de France - ABF) has been creating **a collaborative library map available in French and English**



www.abf.asso.fr/librarymap

Aims of this map are to be:

- **an invitation for traveling and discovering libraries of all kind, around the world**
- **an easy way to meet and share with others librarians:** each form describes the notable points (text and photos) of the library and proposes library and librarians involved in professional associations contacts.
- **a way to collect very interesting experiences** such as a library in a station (Haarlem, The Netherlands), in a church (Quebec), reading in hairdressing salon (National Library of Ivory Coast), etc.
- **an advocacy tool for easier discussions between librarians and politicians**, showing real-life example from around the world.

The map serves as an incubator for creative solutions for libraries on the topic of « library buildings » and « space design », but also for all kind of services (« service design », « play and gamification », etc.). It also serves librarians in need of new ways to share ideas and practices at the international level because of budget cuts, competition factor due to digitisation, decrease of patrons attendance...

One example?

Recently, a colleague working in a favela (Brazil) exchanged « ideas, methods and practices » with a colleague from a library in Paris (France) on children left alone without familial care in public spaces.

Everybody is welcome for:

- filling a form for his/her library and the libraries he/she visited.
- share this information with his/her contacts.

