Polish Librarians' Association 'Performance Analysis for Libraries' impact study team

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The social and economic impact of **Polish public** libraries

Research programme design experience

AGENDA

- 1. Public libraries in Poland why it's worth/why we have to study their impact?
- 2. Development of research on the libraries' impact in Poland
- **3.** Aim of the project
- 4. Experience from previous studies (yours included!)
- 5. Cooperation with the librarians' community
- 6. Concept of the long-term research project
- 7. Survey questionnaire
- 8. Instead of conclusions ... our final thoughts

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- The same year 99 public libraries were closed



Development of research on the libraries' impact in Poland



study

translations into Polish



We are yours... IMPACT PALs



Main goals of the project:

- developing the methodology of the social and economic impact study,
- developing a research tool (standard survey questionnaire),
- selection of a sample scheme for pilot
- research organization framework

Secondary goal:

• promoting impact of libraries research in the librarian community

Experience from previous studies



Librarians' experience

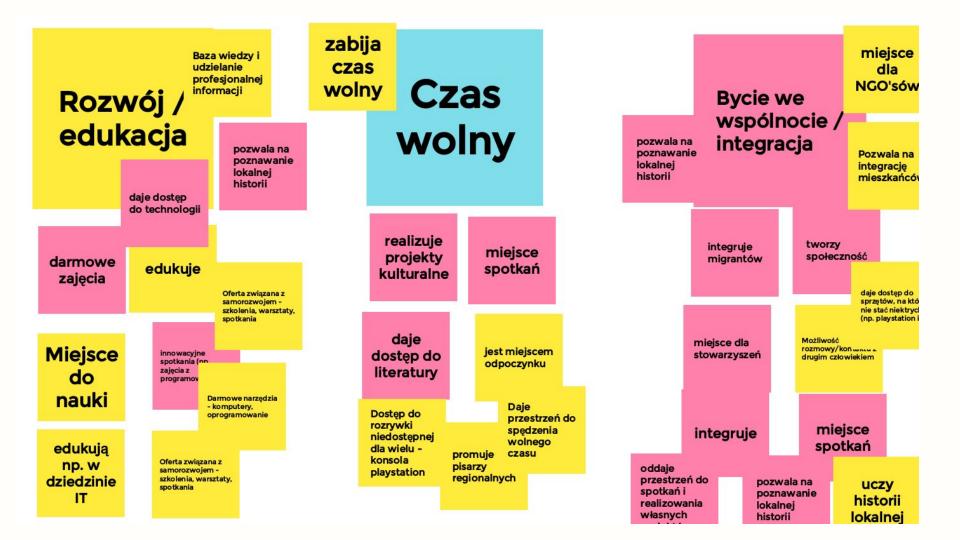


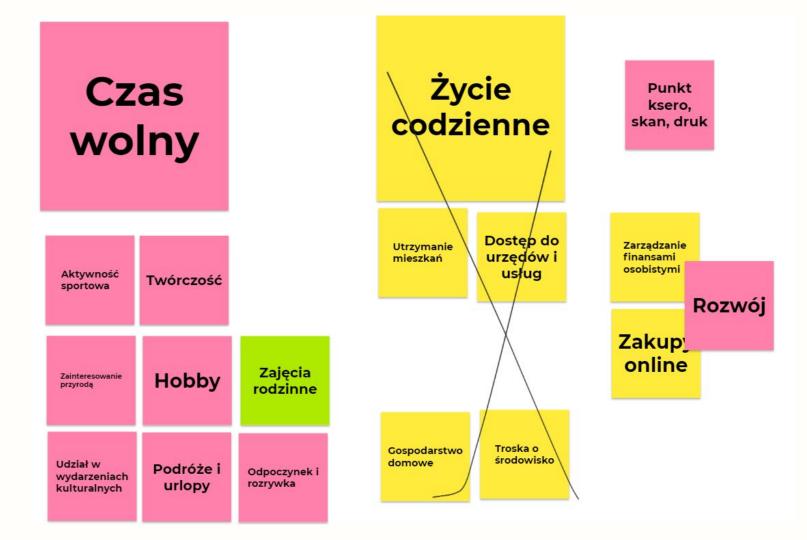
In June 2021 we organized three FGI's for:

- library directors
- library instructors
- library experts and innovators

We asked them about:

- changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and their potential relevance to library impact studies
- evidence for the social and economic impact of public libraries
- areas of public libraries' impact **as they see it**





Librarians' feedback

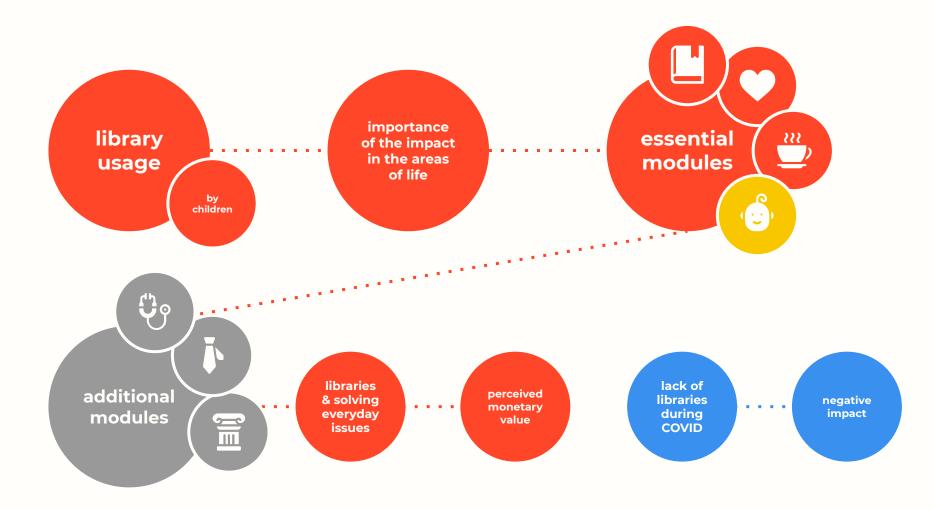




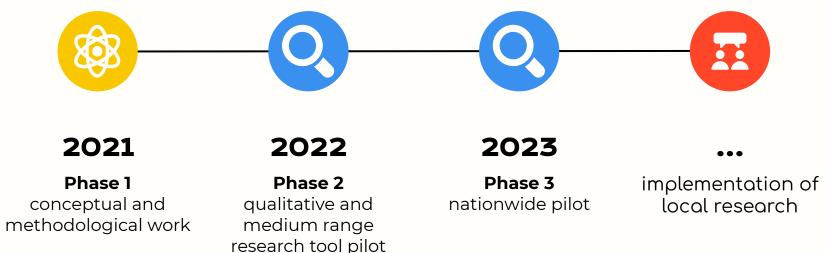
Survey questionnaire

(it's actually a *world* premiere!)

Link to the handout in the chat!



Concept of the long-term research project



FINAL THOUGHTS

- We are still at the beginning...
- ...the times they are a-changin'...
- ...and we have a lot to learn from the librarians' community and the patrons, and non-users!

THANK YOU

Let's talk about it!

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