AdamNet
The Amsterdam Libraries Network
'A Capital Contribution for the Capital City'

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Five main features

1. About AdamNet
2. Co-operation
3. What makes AdamNet special
4. Ready for the future
5. Importance for the City of Amsterdam

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1. About AdamNet

Network was founded in 1996 and now 30 libraries are participating, for example:

- 2 University Libaries (UBA and UBVU)
- 2 College Libraries (HvA and HH)
- Eye Film Institute
- Atria, Institute of Gender Equality and Woman's history
- International Institute for Social History (IISG)

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1. About AdamNet

More participants of AdamNet

- Royal Institute for the Tropics (KIT)
- Institut Francais / Goethe Institut
- Amsterdam Public Library (OBA)
- Libraries from large museums (Rijks-, Van Gogh-, Stedelijk- and Amsterdam Museum)
- Public libraries from Amstelveen and Almere

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1. About AdamNet

Collection

- 7 million books
- 100.000 magazines
- Hundreds of digital databases from all over the world
- Thousands of study places

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2. Co-operation

Governance

- All libraries are member of the foundation of AdamNet
- 4 times a year boardmeeting
- 2 times a year member meeting

2. Co-operation

Technique

- All catalogues are admissable by www.adamnet.nl and by the libraries self, first regional libraries network in The Netherlands
- User can search in more catalogues at the same time
- Most of the libraries are intending to use 'Worldcat' in the future
- Website: www.adamnet.nl

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2. Co-operation

Content

- Adaptation of collections
- Agreements about delivery of magazines
- Sharing of knowledge
- Exchange of employees

2. Co-operation

Administrative

- AdamNet-card for users, to lend where possible (11 libraries) and to use all the collections in-house
- Fee is 40 euro a year
- Shared publicity: leaflet, website, etc.

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3. What makes AdamNet special

- Willingness to co-operate and to adapt
- Outstanding collections for the user
- Everything easy accessible in a few square kilometers
- Shared presentation
- AdamNet-card

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4. Way to the future

- Digital Libraries Services

- A lot of special databases:
- of all Dutch newspapers
- 'Picarta' / several public databases
- government information
- scientific databases

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4. Way to the future

- Parts of the collection full text
  on the internet
- Content curation
- User profiles connected to the collection
- Enriching of information

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4. Way to the future

Various new Library buildings:
-Amsterdam Public Library /
 Almere Public Library
-University Study centre
-Mediatheques of Colleges
-Atria
-Libraries of the Major Museums

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5. Importance for the City of Amsterdam

Part of knowledge infrastructure:
•Largest information network of Amsterdam
•Majority of inhabitants is user of one of the AdamNet Institutions:
-25% of the inhabitants is user of the Amsterdam Public Library
-all students are member of University- or College library
-a lot of inhabitants, students and researchers of all over the world use special collections

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5. Importance for the City of Amsterdam

Part of cultural infrastructure:
• A lot of cultural activities are organised by the libraries:
- lectures of authors
- special science week
- special week for promotion of adult- and childrensbooks

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5. Importance for the City of Amsterdam

Part of the social infrastructure:
• A lot of families go together to the library and meet eachother there
• Thousands of independent working people (zzp-ers) use the library as their office
• A lot of students work together in the library
• Specially the Public Library is very important for the integration of the new population with collections, users and employees of all cultures

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5 Importance for the City of Amsterdam

Part of economic infrastructure:
•International companies choose Amsterdam as a hub for their office, for instance Cisco
•Libraries like the OBA are important for development of new parts of the city
•Libraries deliver special services for companies:
-Public Libraries offer special subscriptions
-University Libraries work together with companies in special projects

Conclusions

1. AdamNet has an outstanding collection
2. AdamNet has a very good technical infrastructure
3. AdamNet is easy accessible for the user
4. AdamNet is ready for the future
5. AdamNet: "A Capital Contribution for the Capital City"!