

# The Model Programme for Public Libraries

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## Danish strategy report The Public Libraries in the Knowledge Society (2010)

- **From collection orientation to user orientation and involvement**
- **Recommendation:  
New concepts for the physical library space  
should be developed continually**



Odense Library  
Photo: Mette Krull



# Objective

- To **develop the public library** as a central institution that contributes to ensuring Denmark's position as a highly developed society with a special focus on quality
- To create the foundation for **developing libraries in a changed cityscape and in a changed national landscape with new challenges also in sparsely populated areas**
- To clarify **how architecture itself can support the public library as the central meeting place that invites the citizen inside and is open to the citizens' networking and learning needs**

# Challenges Example

**Focus area:** Inspiration space (for experiences)

**Challenge:** How can the library guide new as well as experienced users to new experiences, access to literature, art, film, music, entertainment and games, to events with artists etc.?

*Design ideas:*  
Experiences can be made accessible

The red band in  
Hjørring guiding  
users through  
the library



# Challenges Example

**Focus area:** Urban space

**Challenge:** How to create linking spaces between the library and the town, contributing to a vibrant urban space, and ideally attracting more visitors to the library?







## Public Library of the Year

Handed out at a award ceremony at the annual IFLA Conference in Lyon 2014

Assessment criteria:

The library must be newly-built

6 criterias for Quality of the building and the functions

We are planning to award the prize in 2015 and 2016





## Craigieburn Library

Australia

Architect: Francis-Jones Morehen Torp

Photo by Trevor Mein

### Nominated for:

High design quality and beautiful use of local materials

High functional quality in an inviting, informal and human scale

With its open and flexible spaces the library transforms into a democratic space inviting diversity and interaction

A driver in urban development

# The address:

- <http://modelprogrammer.kulturstyrelsen.dk/en/>
- New cases and proposals for new design challenges are welcome. Find the template on the website
- We have a Facebook account that you are welcome to utilise

