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ADJUST SETTINGS

COUNTRY DATA

Search by Country

 **Germany**

 **9,490**  
Total Libraries

LIBRARY TYPE	TOTAL	YEAR
 National	3	2019
 Academic	725	2019
 Public	4,716	2019
 Community	3,862	2019
 School	-	
 Other	184	2019



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 **Netherlands**

 **1,151**  
Total Libraries

LIBRARY TYPE	TOTAL	YEAR
 National	1	2019
 Academic	74	2016
 Public	1,076	2019
 Community	N/A	
 School	-	
 Other	-	





# Role of the national library I

- A new library law came into effect in 2015
- This law defines the role of the KB towards public libraries
- The KB has two central roles





## Role of the national library II

- Integrate the public library system with the services of the Dutch National Library (KB)
- **Better coherence** within the decentralized sector
- Tailor the current legal framework for public libraries to the **digital age**
- Define the core functions of public libraries.





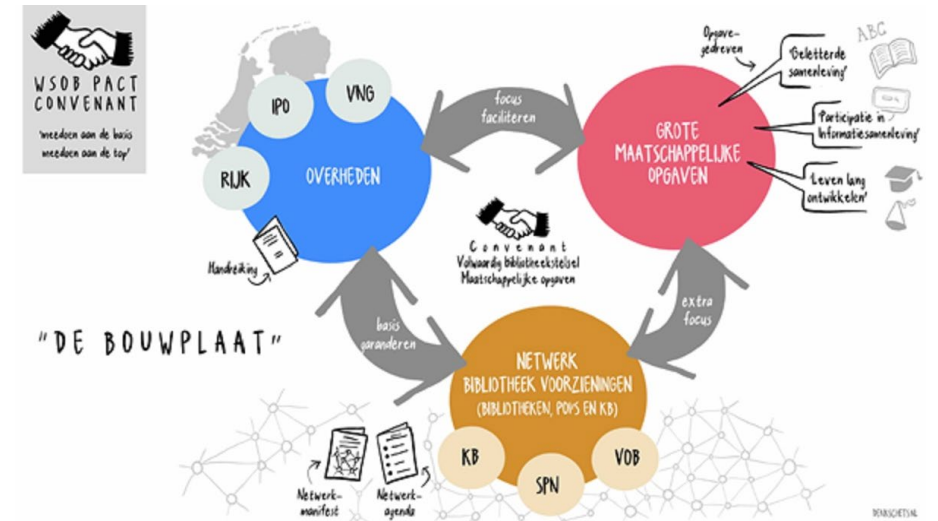
## Digital services

- For public libraries / network
  - Website as a service
  - Central catalogue
  - Central login
  - Datawarehouse
  - Interlibrary loan
- For patrons / members:
  - E-book platform
  - Audiobooks app
- For every Dutch citizen:
  - Reading app with limited access during the summer holiday (VakantieBieb)



# Recent developments I

- Working less as a central body and more as a network partner
  - Social challenges are too big for one organization
  - This is a challenge for the network as a whole
  - The network signed a covenant in 2020 which focusses effort on the following challenges:
    - Low literacy (adults) and reading promotion (youth)
    - Digital inclusion
    - Live long learning



## Recent developments II

- Response to corona pandemic
- Some examples how we worked as a network
  - Launch of “crises library” (crisisbieb)
    - Example schrijverscentrale
  - Launch of home library app (thuisbieb)
  - Sharing digital material / services
  - Support of customer service



## Recent developments III

- Less central, more flexible
- Less them and us, more we
- More together than apart (example biebtobieb)
- More sharing knowledge and lessons learned than keeping it for yourself (example national conference)
- Less aimed at role of the organization, more focus on the challenges







Thank you for your attention!

There is time for questions after Oke's presentation.

Oke, the floor is yours.