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• Role of the national library (KB)
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**Germany**

- **Total Libraries:** 9,490

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**Netherlands**

- **Total Libraries:** 1,151

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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)

More info on: https://www.bibliotheeknetwerk.nl/landelijke-digitale-infrastructuur-ldi
Recent developments

• 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.