Cyberspace, Multilingualism, and School Libraries

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Question

- Who did attend a secondary school with a school library?
To survive, relax, develop, perform tasks, solve problems etc.

People, organisations and nations need knowledge on:

- Themselves
- Their physical environment
- Their social environment
Information Space

- Observation: objects & processes
- Conversation: persons
- Consultation:
  - Stored / recorded information in Libraries, Archives, Museums, Information institutes etc.
  - ‘memory institutions’
- Both real and virtual
Personal information space
Barriers

- Economic
- Political
- Affective
- Cognitive
- Personal characteristics
Cyberspace

- Technization
  - Ongoing use of technology

- Differentiation
  - More and more specific items/services/institution

- Globalization
  - Expansion of relations to networks worldwide
Effects

- Exponential growth of information, information media, information channels and information services
- Growth of technology, tools and applications to retrieve, process and disseminate information
- Changes in communication behaviour
- Being ‘connected’ 24/7
21\textsuperscript{st} century

- Working ‘In the Cloud’
In how many clouds?
Need to be able to work time, place and hard/software independence.
JOACHIM'S WEBSITES

- joachims website
- Katikaze Fashion & High Fashion Accessories
- joachim op linkedin
- joachim op facebook
- joachim op twitter
- joachim op chiliwire
- joachim op art-profiles
- joachim op virtual gallery
- joachim op tumblr
- joachim op muttonline
- joachim op artisan direct
- joachim op behance
- joachim op the creatorsproject
- joachim op adweek talent gallery
- joachim op youtube
- joachim op leapdirect
- joachim op GallerymeetArtist
- joachim op meetingplace for artists
- joachim op mijnbestseller
- het Ritsjas gevoel op facebook
- the Wanderbach Illustrations
- joachim op boekenliefde
- joachim op goodreads
- joachim op bukisa
- joachim op pulpfiction
Information inequality

- Participating majority
- Information elite
- Excluded
Top ten languages internet
March 2017

Estimated total Internet users are 3,739,698,500 for March 31, 2017
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Whatever the world’s linguistic diversity at the present, it is steadily declining, as local forms of speech increasingly become moribund before the advance of the major languages of world civilization. When a language ceases to be learned by young children, its days are clearly numbered, and we can predict with near certainty that it will not survive the death of the current native speakers.

https://www.linguisticsociety.org/content/how-many-languages-are-there-worldnt native speakers.
How: by learning

In the socialisation process:
- ‘By doing’
- Formal education
- Informal education
Governments

- National governments have a specific responsibility and role in formal education.
  - They are taking care of the infrastructure and content in which the ‘unknowing’ become ‘knowing’.
  - They determine the goals of education and often the way they are to be achieved. Also the physical infrastructure in which the education takes place: building facilities, sport fields and among others the school library.
Languages

- Children learn better in ‘Mother tongue education’
- But, to participate in international networks a ‘lingua franca’ is needed
A school library is a school’s physical and digital learning space where reading, inquiry, research, thinking, imagination, and creativity are central to students’ information-to-knowledge journey and to their personal, social, and cultural growth.

This physical and digital place is known by several terms:
- (e.g., school media centre, centre for documentation and information, library resource centre, library learning commons)
School libraries

- A school library is an educational concept ... Not a room with books and or computers.
- It enables access to information by learning how to have access, evaluate and use information in an efficient, effective and ethical way (fact finding)
- Are the heart of the educational system
- Needs close collaboration between teachers and librarians
The Mission of the School Library

- The school library offers learning services, books and resources that enable all members of the school community to become critical thinkers and effective users of information in all formats and media.

IFLA School Library Guidelines, 2nd edition

- by IFLA School Libraries Standing Committee, Dianne Oberg and Barbara Schultz-Jones (Eds.)
- Translations
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  - Norsk (Norwegian) [PDF] | [EPUB]
  - Português (Portuguese) [PDF] | [EPUB]
  - Svenska (Swedish) [PDF] | [EPUB]
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School libraries ...

- 94% of schools in South Africa have no school library ..... 
- Brasil .. In 2020 all schools have a school library .....
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