

Evaluating the Value of Library with "Return on Investment"

-Analysis of IFLA's Report Library Return on Investment-Review the Evidence from the Last 10 Years

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Abstract: On July 16, 2020, IFLA released the Research Report Library Return on Investment—Review the Evidence from the Last 10 Years. The report summarizes the research on Return on Investment (ROI) of public libraries, academic libraries and special libraries around the world in the past decade. These studies apply the Return on Investment in economics to the value evaluation of libraries and reveal different methods to measure the return on investment of various types of libraries. The interpretation of the report is helpful for domestic libraries to evaluate and demonstrate their social value and contribution through the analysis of return on investment and cost-benefit. By comparing the research differences at home and abroad, this paper also discusses how to better carry out the research on the value evaluation of domestic libraries.

Keywords: IFLA; Value Evaluation; Return on Investment; ROI; Cost-Benefit Analysis

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