Introduction

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Once again, we are pleased to present a new volume of the Anuari de Biblioteques, Llibres i Lectura. This seventh edition continues in the line of previous issues with the objective of bringing together the most relevant actions and developments for the corresponding biennium, in this case the years 2020 and 2021, in the publication’s three areas of specialization: libraries, books and reading.

This edition’s contributions will undoubtedly be very special as this two year period has been unique. The time period corresponds to the years of the pandemic and confinement, which radically changed the day-to-day lives of people and institutions, and therefore transformed all the related activities. We hope, however, that the Anuari fulfils its immediate objective of evaluating and reflecting on the most recent past, which is clearly necessary and hopefully profitable. The long term aim is to leave a record of this time period that may be useful for documenting history in these three areas.

In this issue, faithful to our aim to maintain a broad view and to do this with significant data, we have included some articles that cover longer periods of time, and provide the opportunity to read what has happened in our country with periodical publications, such as newspapers and scientific journals, from 2018 to 2021.

The Anuari 2022 follows the distribution model of the previous volumes. Therefore, the collaborations will be published individually and periodically, a process that will not be completed until 2023, and which maintains the coherence between the four axes that are our reference topics: books and editing, libraries, and reading.

Thus, by the time the publication is complete, the Anuari will be structured in the three usual thematic blocks. There will be an introductory chapter that reviews the developments of the two-year period in the history of libraries and archives and which leads to the first block focused on books and publishing, including contributions on collaborations between publishers and libraries, publishing for children, teenagers and young adults, studies and research on publishing and reading habits, easy reading, periodic publications, electronic publishing, the book trade and translation. A second block is dedicated to libraries, with contributions that have become costumery, on public, school, university and specialized libraries as well as heritage centres. Finally, there is a block oriented towards reading, with specific chapters for readers, another designed for digital reading, in addition to studies and research on reading and the promotion of reading in public libraries and bookstores.

Since the beginning, our collaborators have always had a strong link with the topic they present, either from a professional or research perspective. Some are debut authors and others are taking the place of collaborators who have left us. In this case, we would
like to mention the loss of the collaborators Teresa Colomer and Teresa Mañà who have been fundamental parts of the Anuari since its beginnings. They have made an important change in their lives and, with their retirement, will be dedicating themselves to other activities. We would like to thank you both in the warmest possible way for your dedication and involvement in this publication.

We would also like to thank the authors of the contributions of this edition for their work and effort. We know it has been particularly problematic due to the complexity of the situation of this two-year period and the difficulty in locating the information.

We hope that our readers will find these contributions of interest and will help spread the word about the publication so it can reach everyone who may be interested.

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