

# INTRODUCTION

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## INTRODUCTION

Once again this year, we are pleased to present a new volume of the **Anuari de Biblioteques, Llibres i Lectura**. This eighth edition follows the lines of its predecessors, maintaining its objectives of presenting an overview of the corresponding two-year period (in this case the years 2021 and 2022) and of reporting the most important developments in the journal's three areas of specialization: libraries, books and reading.

The 2023 yearbook follows the model of the most recent volumes: the papers will be published individually and periodically and the issue will be completed during the 2024 calendar year. As a novelty, the yearbook will now be published every year but with fewer contributions than before and alternating the usual topics. With the aim of maintaining this broad view, this issue will include an article reviewing the role of libraries in prisons, a subject we have not treated before. We trust that the article will be a useful starting-point for further appraisals of this area.

Readers will see that in this year's **Anuari** there are some new authors, researchers and professionals who maintain strong links with the subject they present. Some of them are presenting their work for the first time, and others are replacing our previous contributors. For example, Marga Losantos, who has written the article History of libraries and archives in Catalonia since 2012, has now handed over to Anna Gudayol, who will recover the initial focus of the section, incorporating the most important developments in the history of documents, publishing and the graphic and book arts. The article on specialized libraries is also changing hands and will now be the responsibility of Miguel Navas, who had already participated in the **Anuari** in previous years. Readers will also find other new features as the articles published.

Once again, we want to thank the authors of the papers for their commitment to the **Anuari**, because we know how difficult it is to find time to compile the data needed for their articles.

As always, we hope that readers will find these studies interesting, and we will work together to make sure that the information they contain will reach as wide an audience as possible.

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