

Chandos Information Professional Series

Joint-use Libraries:

Libraries for the future

Sarah McNicol



CHANDOS PUBLISHING

Contents

<i>List of figures and table</i>	ix
<i>About the author</i>	xi
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	xiii
<i>List of acronyms</i>	xv
<i>Introduction</i>	xix
1 What are joint-use libraries?	1
The origins of joint-use libraries	2
The spread of joint-use libraries	3
Models of joint-use libraries	4
Types of joint-use library facilities	10
Co-location with other services	21
Notes	22
2 Why a joint-use library?	23
Efficiency and economy	23
Policy initiatives	25
Social concerns	31
Geography	35
Demographics	37
Professional attitudes	39
Organisational goals	41
Institutional structures	42
Personalities	43
Conclusions	44
Notes	45

3	Joint-use library design	47
	Location	49
	Access and entry	50
	External signposting	51
	Internal design and furnishing	52
	Taking account of users in library design	57
	Virtual design	62
	Conclusions	63
	Note	64
4	How does a joint-use library operate?	65
	The agreement	65
	Governance	68
	Management	68
	Communication	69
	Budgets	71
	Staffing	73
	Collection development and management	81
	Borrowing rights	84
	Technology	85
	Access	86
	Conclusions	87
	Note	87
5	Joint-use libraries and partnerships	89
	Building on firm foundations	90
	Potential partners	90
	Collaboration between public and education libraries	101
	Opportunities	102
	Obstacles	107
	Success factors	109

Conclusions	112
Notes	112
6 Joint-use libraries and communities	115
Some definitions	116
Joint-use libraries and social inclusion	118
Joint-use libraries and community cohesion	122
Community engagement	127
Communities and joint-use libraries in developing countries	130
Social capital at Mount Barker community library, South Australia	131
Conclusions	132
Notes	133
7 Expanding horizons	135
Lifelong learning	138
School-public joint-use libraries	143
Linking formal and informal learning	145
Supporting literacy	149
Developing information literacy skills	150
Intergenerational learning	152
Widening the horizons of library staff	153
Widening horizons within the library profession	154
Conclusions	155
8 How good are joint-use libraries? (And how do we know?)	157
Existing joint-use library evaluation models	158
Examples of evaluation in practice	162
The difficulty of evaluating joint-use libraries	164
Library standards	168
Guidelines and checklists	173

Conclusions	179
Notes	180
9 The future	181
Joint-use libraries in developing countries	182
New models of joint-use library provision	190
Final comments	192
Notes	193
Appendices	
I Joint-use libraries featured in this book	195
II Single-sector library standards	199
References	203
Further reading	221
Index	225