A TIRESOME EXERCISE, OR A FIRST STEP IN LIBRARY LEADERSHIP?
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My perspective – a quick biography

- Public libraries, professional committees, academic manager
- Projects, research, journal editing, columnist
The problem

❖ Why do libraries and librarians receive insufficient recognition?

❖ Could one reason be that practitioners cannot effectively communicate their impact on society?
Professional goals

- Sharing knowledge
- Demonstrating professional commitment
- Continuing professional and career development
Employers’ expectations

- Communication skills
- Task management skills
- Creative thinking and problem solving skills
- Self-appraisal skills
- Action-centred leadership skills
Assessing work (1)

- Investigation has been based on a thorough gathering of evidence
- Analysis and findings are credible
- Results are understandable and create confidence
- Practical implications have been considered
Assessing work (2)

- Depth, coherence and clarity
- Fulfilling instructions, on time
- Creativity
- Presentation
Student Paper competitions

- IFLA Student Paper Award
- LILAC

Libri annual Best Student Paper
  - €500, a year’s subscription and [Open Access] publication
  - Winners from Austria, Canada, China, Germany, UK, and USA
  - Originality, topicality, and depth
Libri winning topics

- Comparative studies
- User studies
- New technologies
- Professional philosophies
- Ethical issues
Options for others

- Competitions for practitioners
  - Incentives for writing
Library leaders?

- Academic progress
- Successful practitioners
- Professional and community leaders
New courses and new careers

- Writing for the web
- Support for literacy and information literacy
- Courses in writing and communication skills
- New opportunities need new approaches?
Thank you for your attention
Questions?
Comments?

http://www.rgu.ac.uk/abs
• IFLA LIS Student Paper Award 2010 – URL

• LILAC (Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference) – URL
  http://www.lilacconference.com/dw/awards/student_award.html

• Libri Best Student Paper – URL:
  http://www.librijournal.org/ OR
  http://www.reference-global.com/