Customer Orientation as a Key Factor in the Strategic Management of Information Centres

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Variety of Media

**Electronic Media**
- Multimedia
- Floppy discs
- Online information
- DVD
- CD-ROM

**Print Media**
- Journals
- Books
- Loose-leaf

**Microforms**
- Microfiche
- Microfilm
- Microcard
**Traditional Library**
- Repository for books
- Mainly print holdings
- Traditional processing steps
- Central access to information tools

**Electronic Library**
- Mix of print and electronic media
- Flexible processing steps
- Decentralized access to information tools
- New management
Perspectives of the Balanced Scorecard
- The Most Important Corporate Goals -

- Customer perspective
- Supplier perspective
- Shareholder or creditor perspective
- Public perspective (region, local authority)
- Staff perspective (perspective of learning and development, information system)
- Communication perspective
- Introduction perspective (software etc.)
- Organization perspective
- Mission/Vision Strategies
- Internal perspective
- Human-oriented perspective
- Operational perspective (innovation, goods and services, customer service)
- Financial perspective (shareholders' perspective)
- Process-oriented perspective
Inverted library hierarchy

- Customer
- Staff
- (Controlling)
- Management
- Director
Definition of Customer Relationship Management

“CMR is defined as the design, preparation, continuous maintenance and monitoring of efficient customer orientation and customer retention”

Instead of finding customers for the products...

允发products and services for the customers!!!
New perspectives??...!!!
Library Marketing is:

- Defining the tasks of a library facility
- Identifying the requirements of users and nonusers
- Regulating and incorporating the library's own range of services
- Examining efficiency and effectiveness in providing services
What To Do

• Data acquisition and interpretation
• Range of services
• Pricing
• Market cultivation
• Distribution
Library Marketing: Tasks

**Market analysis**
- Library customers
- Market competitors
- Pricing policy

**Resource analysis**
- Range of services, holdings
- Demand situation
- Publicity
- Distribution policy
- Communication policy
The various types of libraries and their specific user groups / task groups

- Public libraries
- General libraries
- Special libraries
- Research libraries
Library Types I

General libraries
- National libraries
- Regional libraries
- University libraries

Public libraries
- Local authorities
- Church organizations

Bonn, regional library
Library Types II

Special libraries

- Libraries of associations, societies
- Libraries in churches, government authorities, state parliaments
- Libraries in museums, research institutions etc.
- Department libraries at universities with special collections

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Requirements of our task group

Scientist’s position
- rapid results
- industry-oriented
- innovative
- cost-conscious

Library's position
- rapid provision of information
- latest research data
- to the scientist’s place of work
- physical processing according to individual needs
Characteristics of special libraries

Mix of media:

- Monographs and periodical articles
- Historical content stored on traditional media (microforms)
- Electronic information, e-journals, databases
- Further online information
- “Grey literature”
Characteristics of special libraries

Collection profile:

- Few media of general interest
- Small textbook collection
- Limited number of special subjects
- Comprehensive coverage of the special subject areas
- Collection of national and international literature
- Collection of very specialized books
- High-quality cataloguing of the holdings
## Characteristics of special libraries

### Range of services:

- Dissemination and exploitation of information
- Literature supply
- Documentation
- Creating the knowledge space
- High standard of support
- Publishing activities
- Support controlling activities by higher management
- Expanding the sphere of library activities
- Archiving
- Determination and maintenance of efficiency parameters
- Providing value-added information
Characteristics of special libraries

**Staff qualifications:**

- Know the fields of activity of the parent company
- Identify and satisfy information requirements
- Market value-added information
- Convince executives of the importance and significance of information services
Characteristics of special libraries

**Features of activities/services I:**

- pioneers in the creative utilization of new technologies
- first to use modern communications technology
- high impact of cost factor
- availability of information may decide the fate of the operating organization
Characteristics of special libraries

**Features of activities/services II:**

- Great importance of professional and relevance-verified information
- Great importance of targeted provision of information (i.e. correct information at the right time for the relevant person)
- Flexibility through continuous adaptation to the corporate goal
Characteristics of special libraries

Organizational structure:

- Flexible structures
- Appropriate know-how
- Good technical boundary conditions
- Lean structures/flat hierarchies
- Organizational structure

rapid, flexible action
and response to changes
The World
Europe
Location of the Research Centre in Germany
Science and Research in Germany - Some General Remarks

- Industrial Research
- Academic Research
- State Research and Private Non-profit Organizations

Federal Government: Research

Federal State level: Education, Science
Public Funding of Research and Science

Funded by the respective federal state alone
- All universities

Jointly funded research institutions
- Helmholtz-Association of National Research Centers
  Overall budget: approx. 3.7 Billion €
- Fraunhofer Society
  Overall budget: approx. 1.4 Billion €
- Wilhelm-Leibnitz-Community
  Overall budget: approx. 1.2 Billion €

Federal Government funded only
- Max Planck Society
  Overall budget: approx. 2.1 Billion €
Helmholtz Association of National Research Centres

15 institutions (scattered throughout Germany)

Fields of research

- Energy
- Earth and Environment
- Health
- Key Technologies
- Structure of Matter
- Transport and Space
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**Strategy**

- Long-term research goals
- Internal coordination and cooperation
- Establishment of fixed-term, issue-oriented research groups
- Cooperation with universities
Research Centre Juelich, Germany
The Central Library
The Central Library

- Special library for scientific and technical information (STM)
- Responsible for the acquisition and provision of all kinds of media and information required at the Research Centre
- Provides a lot of add-on services:
  - scientific publications for the Research Centre
  - press clipping service
  - bibliometric analysis
  - translation service
Collection Profile

- Structure of Matter and Materials Research
- Information Technology
- Life Sciences
- Environmental Precaution Research
- Energy Technology
Collection Size

190,000 printed books
500,000 reports
   (paper, microfiche, microcard)
1,700 licensed electronic journal titles
21,000 electronic journal titles accessible
300 databases
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Position and Services

Central service facility for:
- acquisition of literature
- cataloguing
- documentation
- document delivery

Supplies all staff members:
- R&D
- infrastructure
- diploma candidates, doctoral students, trainees
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**Services and Information**

**Traditional services**
- General information
- Document delivery
- Documentation
- Publishing activities
- Acquisition of literature

**Electronic information**
- OPAC
- CD-ROM network
- Information on WWW
- E-journals
- On-line searches
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Our activities for customer relationship management

- Attractive presentation of literature in the Reading Room
- Institute libraries
- Contacts via the subject specialists
- Outreach service
- Newsletter
- Regular training courses (databases)
- Bibliometric studies
CRM: Attractive Reading Room
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CRM: Institute Libraries
CRM: Contacts via the Subject Specialists
CRM: Outreach Services
CRM: Outreach Services
CRM: Newsletter

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... contains about 500 articles on the entire spectrum of biological chemistry.

The titles of the individual chapters are:

- Lipids, Carbohydrates, Membranes and Membrane Proteins
- Metabolism, Vitamins and Hormones
- Cell Architecture and Function
- Protein/Enzyme Structure, Function and Degration
- Bioenergetics
- Molecular Biology
CRM: Regular Training Courses
CRM: Bibliometric Research

Eugene Garfield

report

message
Summary

The facts:
- The customer is king
- Essential to keep customers loyal
- CRM will help

What we have done:
- ✓ Established CRM
- ✓ Raised staff consciousness
- ✓ New business segments /proactive
- ✓ Professionalization of marketing

What’s to be done:
- ➢ Permanent checking of customers' wishes
- ➢ Continuous review of the portfolio
- ➢ Permanent staff motivation
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