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## Experiences and examples from the Ruhr-area



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## **Experiences and examples from the Ruhr-area**

- ✓ **From steel company to service society**
- ✓ **Impact on libraries**
- ✓ **Examples of modern libraries**
- ✓ **Actual and future problems**

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Industrial area

Citizens from 140 different countries

1850 – 1960 Industrialisation

1960 - De-Industrialisation

??? post-industrial metropolis

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1960 Industry 61%

1999 Industry 33%

1960 Services 36%

1999 Services 64%

1990 > 2000 Research +7,2%

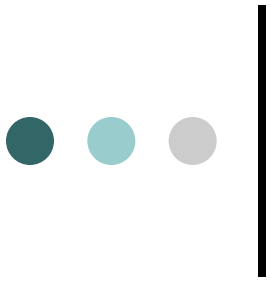
Marketing +15,9%

Consulting +57,7%

IT + 66,8%

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Urbanization

Unemployment with industrial wasteland

Recultivating, living environment

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47.000 workers  
Coal, steel



Centro – Europe's  
largest shopping centre

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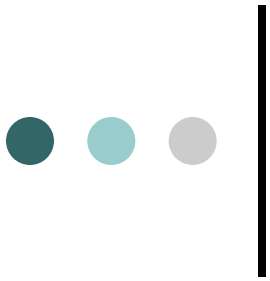
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T Telecommunication  
I Information  
M Media  
E Entertainment

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Image of public libraries

**Coincidence and luck**

New kinds of types of business

Cultural education

Networking

New kinds of cooperation

Link to urban development

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# Libraries in the Ruhr-area

5 University libraries + 2 private Universities

10 libraries at universities of applied sciences

ca. 250 spezial, company libraries and lib.at  
authorities

At least 230 ecclesiastical libraries

52 public libraries

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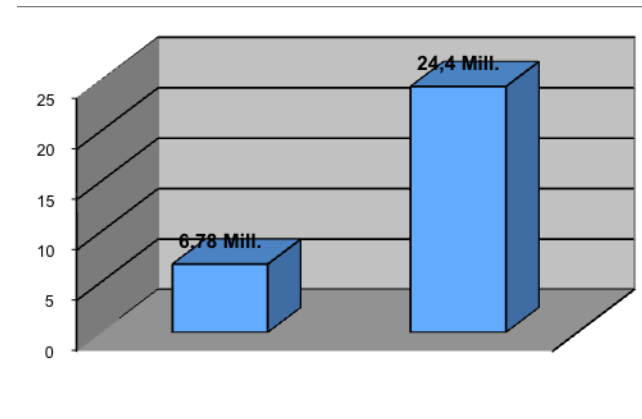
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52 public libraries

with 97 branches

6,78 mill. stock

24,4 mill. loans p.a.



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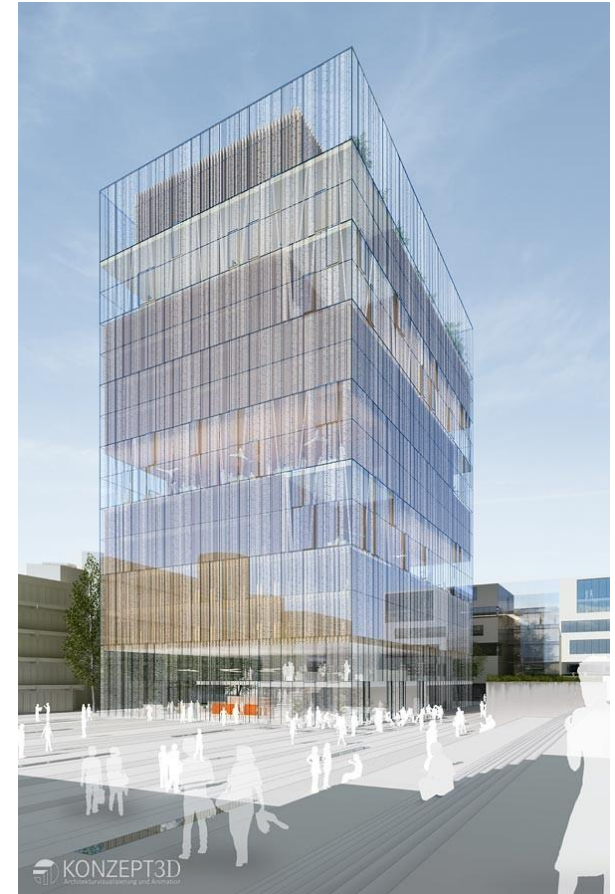
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