

ECODOC: When Libraries Become Citizen Labs

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Citizen science project in the social sciences on the conditions for the appropriation of scientific information in regions undergoing climate transition.

Research work with information professionals and citizens to co-develop services/tools that improve access to scientific information as it is being produced.

Libraries have a special place in this project.

Why Libraries?

Information vulnerability is often underestimated in climate transition projects. However, it is a key factor in helping residents adapt to change in their local areas.

Libraries are not only **information specialists**, but also **institutions that are attentive** to barriers to access, disruptions, and inequalities, and therefore very sensitive to vulnerabilities.

Their role as **institutions aimed at empowerment** through information makes them essential community laboratories where **informed adaptation strategies** can be developed.

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Participating Libraries

Three libraries have joined the steering committee: two public libraries and one university library.

They are actively involved in the governance of the project, from defining research methodologies to joint publication.

The librarians are citizen scientists committed to the project for its entire duration, bringing their expertise in information and in places that welcome and facilitate the circulation of people, ideas, and knowledge.



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Places to meet Citizens

The libraries hosted the project during **research residencies** and made their spaces available so that we could meet with local residents:

- To present our project: conferences and exhibitions
- To work with local residents: science slam workshops and game design workshops based on scientific data
- To better integrate into the local community: networking with local partners (social centers, naturalist associations, tourist offices, etc.)



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Science, Society and Information



For example, we organized slam poetry writing workshops based on the project's scientific data, enabling all participants to better understand the subject and its challenges.



The library thus served as a bridge between citizens and scientists through information and words. It presents itself as a place where science can be demystified and “profane” access to it legitimized, and as a place for building collective knowledge and collective memory in areas where time and change are accelerating.

Thanks!!!

More information about our project ? Come and see our poster !



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