

Public Libraries and Social Construction of Reality

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Abstract

In the present paper, subsequent to expressing the theoretical approaches which explain the episteme-methodological basis of encountering and interpreting the social events, and by taking advantage of the social constructivism approach which culminated with publication of the well-known work by Peter Burger and Thomas Luckman, and combining its common aspects with those of other interpretive approaches and considering social linguistics topics and using citational method, function of public libraries has been elucidated in forming desirable structures such as national identity, self-belief, national unity, and preventing westernization with the aim of determining the strategic situation of public libraries for making policy in this field.

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