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## Case studies template

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## Introduction

This document provides the template for the development of the Case Studies on digital transformation in libraries.

The ADELE project aims to contribute to the internationalisation of organisations that choose a path of digital transformation. Through the network they can connect, collaborate, compare, and exchange ideas with organisations across Europe and beyond.

The 100 case studies are aimed at initiating the digital transformation of libraries and inspiring libraries that want to improve their performance on certain areas of the tool.

The areas of the ADELE tool cover the use of digital technologies in libraries from different perspectives: management, infrastructure and equipment but also lifelong learning, users training opportunities and community and stakeholders involvement.

The case studies may be linked to an activity, a service, a new professional profile, an initiative, a place or a library infrastructure in line with the areas and the statements of the ADELE tool. We aim to create a database of good practices to foster innovation and the adoption of digital practices in the library.

Library presenting the case study  
(Name, city, website and contact  
details)

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Title of the case study	Book-in-Time: a bookcrossing website
Area of ADELE tool illustrated by the case study <i>Please underline the selected area</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Management</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Infrastructure, Equipment and Support</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Continuing Professional Development</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Self-reflection on digital competences</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Learning opportunities on digital competences for users</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Collaboration, Networking, and Community</i>
Description of the experience: aim, methods and outcomes	<p>The purpose is to promote reading beyond the boundaries of the library. It is a web space dedicated to the project called Book-in-Time, a territorial bookcrossing initiative that takes off in the city of Nichelino, serving as the starting point for books to embark on a journey around the world. The project is carried out in collaboration with the Banca del Tempo of Nichelino, a non-profit association whose activities transmit values such as solidarity, reciprocity, and exchange. Hence the name of the project, Book-in-Time. Volunteers from the Banca del Tempo "package" the books, fill out a card for each book, and assign it a progressive identification code. Each book has a logo on the cover and a sticker inside explaining the project and the procedures for participation. Additionally, a group of disabled young people takes care of scattering the books in high-traffic locations, such as bus stops, or in places where people linger, such as dentist waiting rooms. The website serves as a platform to track the "journey" of each book that is found by a reader and then released in another location. Some books have reached Asia, South America, and Northern Europe. Every reader can access them and leave comments, reviews, messages, thus creating a community.</p>
Resources needed to implement the idea Please, provide any link and/or send them in attachment	<p>The necessary resources are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website hosting</li> <li>• Webmaster</li> <li>• Material for packaging books: adhesive labels, bookmarks</li> <li>• Staff to input data</li> <li>• Staff to distribute books in the territory</li> </ul>
Target groups	People of all ages, in every place, including from other countries.
Elements of innovation	It represents an opportunity to bring readers closer together, to introduce them to a book, and to invite them to read it. It provides a chance to breathe new life into used books, which would otherwise be sitting on a shelf, by allowing them to travel the world. It's like an open-air universal library.
Tips to other library staff using this idea	<p>To collect second-hand books</p> <p>To seek collaboration with local volunteer organizations as partners</p>
Keywords	#bookcrossing #readingpromotion
References	website: <a href="https://www.bibliotecanichelino.it/bit/">https://www.bibliotecanichelino.it/bit/</a>