In his presentation, Rolf will look at the library as a part of the social infrastructure, touch upon the importance of the physical spaces and programs in the light of the transforming “business model” of libraries, discuss the consequences of the digital development, and sketch some possible paths for the future of libraries. Participants will also work in groups on issues related to the physical library, using the Danish-developed thinking model of the library called the 4 Spaces Model as a starting point.

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