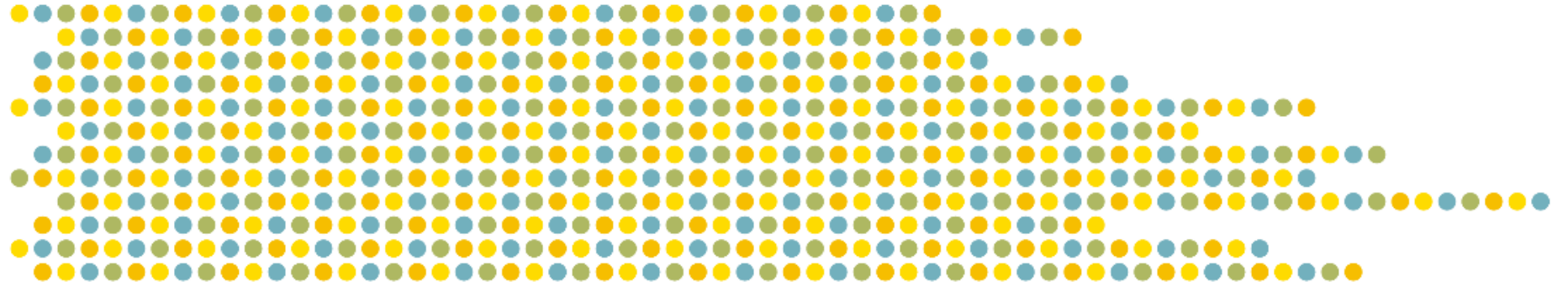
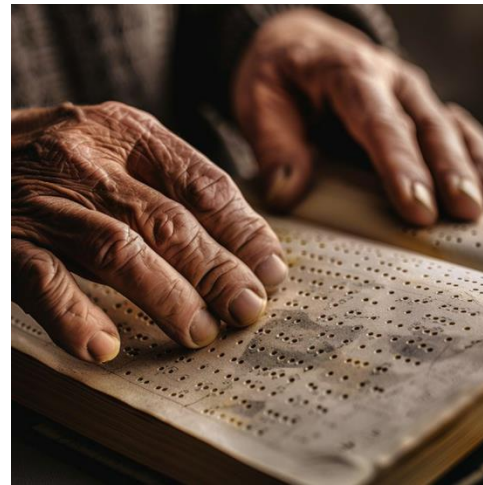




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# Our path to greater accessibility in Austrian libraries



# Commission of the Association of Austrian Librarians 'Accessibility in Libraries'



- Founded in January 2020 as VÖB Working Group
- became the VÖB Commission in November 2023
- Currently has over 30 members from 15 institutions
- Goal: to raise awareness and identify ways in which libraries can be made as accessible as possible
- Current focus: digital accessibility

# Auszeichnung für AG Barrierefreiheit




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Memorial Prize for  
Innovation,  
Audience Award

# Raising awareness



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Accessible virtual tours of libraries



Audio Library

# LIBRARIES WITHOUT BARRIERS?

*December, 9 2024 09:00 - 16:30*



# Programme



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**Videbis (Company):** Mobile Geräte, neue Vorlesungsgeräte – Grenzen der Geräte

**Beate Hattinger:** Library and media from the Federal Institute for the Blind in Vienna

**Sandra Hermann** (Lower Austrian Provincial Library): Personal experiences with accessibility in libraries

**Maria Guseva** (Vienna University Library): Accessibility in the project Shared RDM Services & Infrastructure

**Martin Steinreiber** (Vienna University Library): The Accessibility Working Group at Vienna University Library, a workshop report

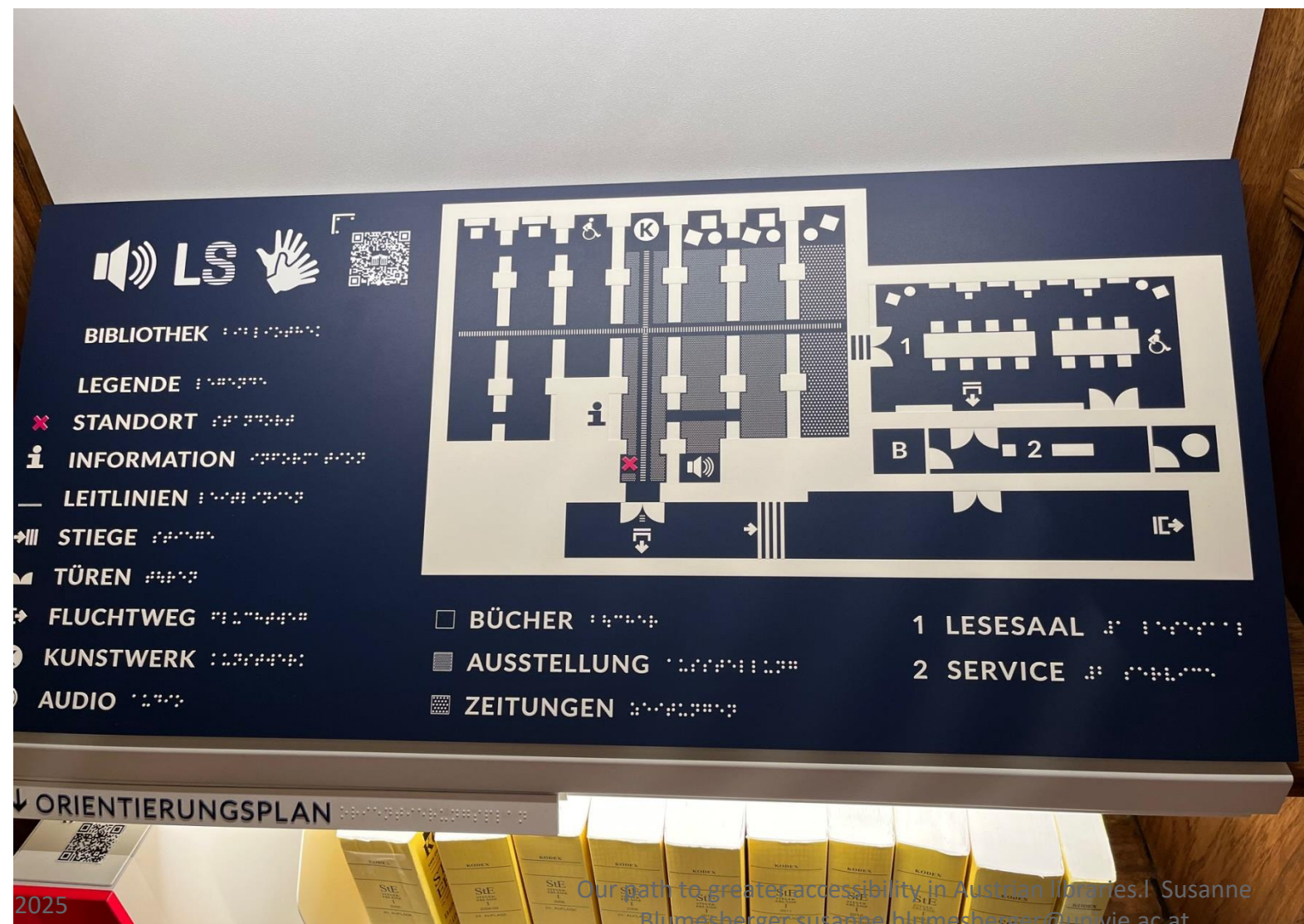
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**Exchange at several networking tables**

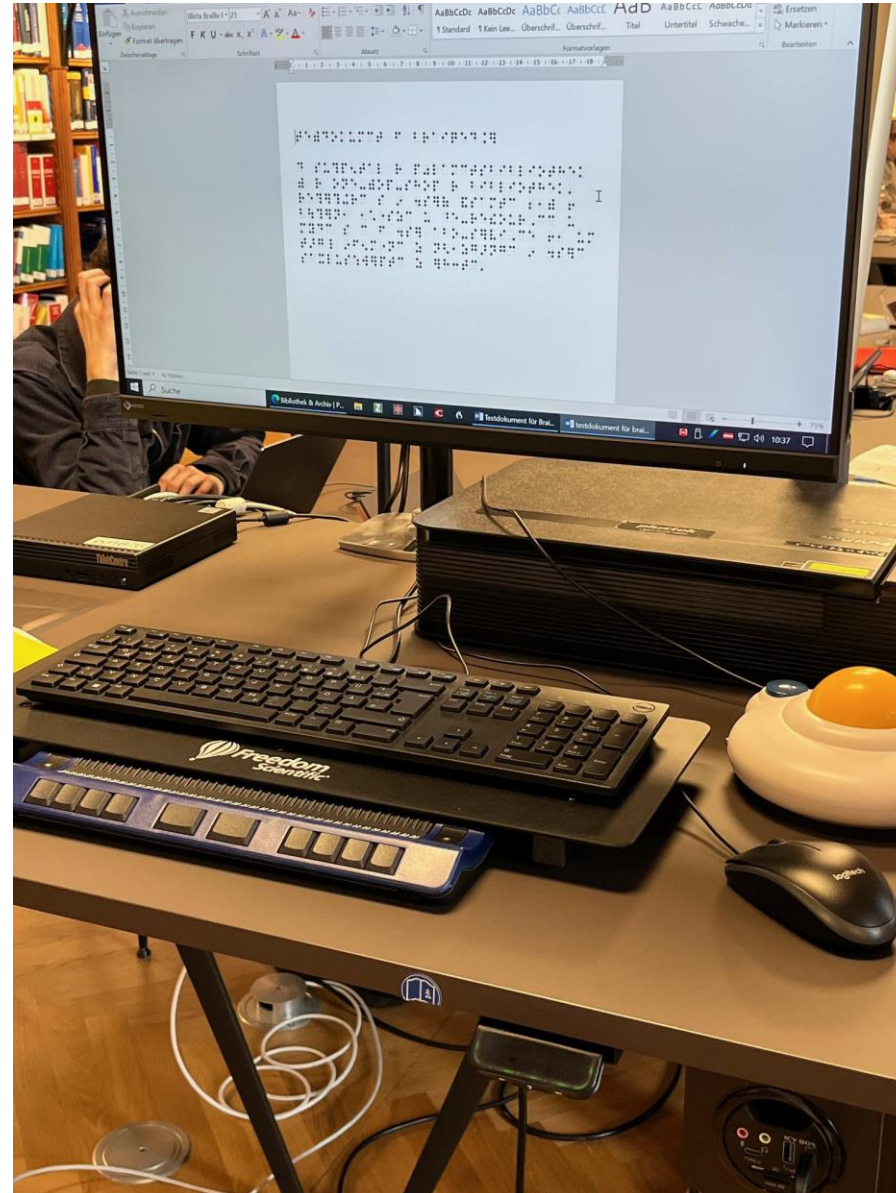
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# How is the work organised?

- Regular meetings every 2-3 months, mainly virtual
- Exchange via a mailing list
- Collaborative work in the wiki



# Previous topics

- What does 'accessible' actually mean?
- Implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty
- How can libraries share accessible content? - Visibility of accessible media and sharing procedures
- Labelling of accessible media in library catalogues
- Survey on the status quo 'Accessibility in Austrian libraries'
- Networking and contacts with German initiatives
- Training and further education

# Further considerations

- Strong focus on blind and visually impaired people → Focus on other limitations (e.g. deafness, mobility impairments, cognitive disabilities, short stature, chronic illnesses, etc.)
- Diversity in libraries → Multilingualism, appropriate media selection, older people, different educational backgrounds...
- Passing on content via different channels

# Contact



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