

## Biography

Alica Kolarić, PhD, is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Information Sciences since 2021. She earned her MA degree in philosophy and comparative literature and an MA degree in LIS at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia. She earned a PhD in Social Sciences, the field of Information and Communication Sciences at the University of Zadar. Her scholarly interest is in human information behavior, media and information literacy, and children and young adults as information users. She is a member of the Laboratory for interactive systems and user experience (UX Lab). She is a member of the Standing Committee of IFLA Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section.

The lifelong learning programs she attended include *Reading and writing for critical thinking* and *Law in everyday life* by Forum for Freedom in Education, Croatia and *Training in debate club coaching* by Croatian Debate Society, and numerous courses organized by Professional Training Center for Librarians.

Her working experience includes many years of work in school and public libraries. She has been working on the position of the school librarian at Sveti Križ Začretje Elementary School and Velika Gorica Grammar School, and on the position of a librarian, the head of branch libraries, the head of library services and the head of children's department at Rijeka City Library. She held the course *Reading promotion among children and young adults in the digital environment* at the Professional Training Center for Librarians. She is an active member of the Croatian professional community. She was the chair Children and Young Adults Library Services Committee at the Croatian Library Association 2018-2020, and now is and associate member. She is an associate member of the Reading Committee of the Croatian Library Association.