

OBITUARY
FOR**HEIKE VOM ORDE**

Heike vom Orde, for many years head of the library and documentation of the International Central Institute for Youth and Educational Television at the Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation (BR), passed away on 26 July 2024.

In her 23 years at BR, she expanded the documentation of academic literature for journalistic purposes, creating one of the world's largest specialised libraries and the largest database in the German-speaking world in the field of children's, youth and educational media, references and texts of which are largely open access. Heike had a special gift for summarising the current state of research in a generally understandable way and presenting it in articles and international lectures.

Through her many years of networking in national and international documentation and library associations as well as in UNESCO working groups on information literacy, she succeeded in making the work of the IZI usable and known far beyond the borders of BR. A particular concern of hers was the promotion of information literacy among children and young people and the exchange between the generations.

With her profound knowledge of the state of research in media communication, media literacy and various other sciences, she played a central role in shaping the work of the IZI. Her in-depth knowledge, her expert perspective and her critical view of texts, event planning and study approaches were invaluable. We will miss her dry sense of humour and her reliable, high-quality work, which she carried out with joy and dignity.

The 35 articles in which Heike vom Orde has summarised the current state of research on the respective topic of TelevZlon since 2011 will be published together as a special edition of TelevZlon digital at www.izi.de.

We still can't believe she's gone. Thank you Heike for many years of goal-oriented, exciting and cheerful teamwork and cooperation.

Maya, Andrea, Birgit, Margit, Michelle, Alessia, Alexandra, Sélène, Caroline, Kirsten, Paulina, Martina, Manda