



Bibliothek der Universität Konstanz

Library Profile

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1. Generalities

1.1 Structure:

The library is the university's single source for document supply - there are no other subsidiary or faculty libraries on the campus.

The library's opening hours during the semester are:

Monday 8.00 – Friday 23.00 round-the-clock

Saturday 9.00-23.00

Sunday 9.00-23.00

All the books, both lending collection and non-lending collection, are systematically arranged in an open-access area. We offer our students about 1000 desks for reading and studying.

1.2 Special collections:

Our collection of literature about the region is the "Bodensee-Sammlung" (Lake Constance Collection); publications of the European Communities are to be found in the "European Reference Centre" (shelf number: edz) which is part of the library.

In 2000 the local Wessenberg-Bibliothek was given to the University for loan.

In addition we collect literature about Jan Hus and the Hussites, about Abraham a Sancta Clara and Laurentius von Schnüffis (Schnifis).

2. History

The library was founded in 1964, two years before the University of Konstanz opened its doors.

1972/73: transfer of the library administration, the information services department and the stocks for the humanities from their temporary accomodation in a warehouse to their final location on the Giessberg.

Fall 1976: completion of the "social sciences section"

Fall 1982: completion of the "sciences section"

1985: completion of the media resource center

Autumn 1993: opening of the new entrance

March 2003: opening of the book section J

3. Some architectural characteristics of the library

The university with its compact construction is conceived as a "campus under one roof", having the library with the social sciences and the humanities section at its very centre. The open-access area spreads to various parts of the complex, the focus being in the information centre, the reference and bibliography section. Only the "science section" is located in a separate building, not far away from the main building, close to the science laboratories. .

The administrative part of the library - including the book processing departments - is situated in a special tower block.

4. Departments

4.1 Readers' Services Department:

Our catalogue is available via our internet homepage. Koala is the catalogue for all media (books, periodicals and other media) with loan status and possibility to reserve.

The catalogue database and the circulation database are linked.

Most of the databases are offered campus-wide.

At *the information desk* we offer assistance with anything concerning the library as well as other matters.

Most of the non-book materials are housed in the *Mediothek* (media resource center) in open access. Most of the media can be borrowed. For every media there is also technical equipment for in-library use.

4.2 Book processing:

The acquisition and cataloguing of the new books is done in several book processing teams which specialize in the different sciences.

Acquisition:

Monographs are online ordered within the SWB network (Südwestdeutscher Bibliotheksverbund = South-West German bibliographical network). The print-out of orders and printed budget summaries are produced with the local LIBERO system.

Cataloguing:

Since 1986 the University Library of Konstanz has been a member of the SWB which took the data of Konstanz (1 million entries) as a basis for its database. The SWB online cataloguing uses the data of the Deutsche Nationalbibliographie, the British National Bibliography and other libraries belonging to the network. The new entries of the SWB are transferred into the local online catalogue.

5. Cooperation with other institutions

- 1) Participation in the National Serials Database (ZDB)
- 2.) Participation in the Electronic Journals Library (EZB)
- 3.) Member of the SWB (electronic union catalogue of the southwest German libraries)

6. Some statistics (2006)

Statistics about the library are to be found in the internet:

<http://www.ub.uni-konstanz.de/bibliothek/wir-ueber-uns/statistik.html>

Stock: (2006) 1,661 031 volumes (monographs)

about 400.000 volumes periodicals

49 016 other media (DVD, CD-ROM, videotapes etc.)

Library clientele:

The library serves about 1700 academics and about 10 000 students; as well as many residents from the region. All residents of the member countries of the European Community and of Switzerland are admitted.

Active user population in 2006: 15 893 persons (at least 1 circulation per year).

Library staff: (in 2006) 96

(about half of them are librarians)

7. Special activities and services

7.1 User instructions:

At the beginning of every term we offer guided tours in the use of the library.

Every first Wednesday in a month there is a guided tour at 14.15. Groups can ask for extra tours at the information desk.

The subject specialists are engaged in the field of information literacy.

7.2 Special activities:

The "Bodensee-Bibliographie" (Bibliography of the Lake of Constance) is published in the library and is an expression of the strong relationship between the Lake Constance region and the library.

KOPS, a service of the Library, is an online publication system for all members of the University (staff and students).

The electronic catalogue of the Lake Constance region offers the possibility to search simultaneously in library catalogues of the region. We cooperate on this catalogue.

7.3 Publicity:

"Bibliothek aktuell" is published by members of Constance University library, providing information about the library and giving an insight on actual discussions of many fields

7.4 Sponsoring:

Sponsors are always welcome to support special activities such as readings or the acquisition of journals or valuable books.

8. Further readings

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