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The Main Library of the Pedagogical University of Cracow

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Main Library in numbers

- one of the eldest and biggest educational libraries in Poland
- established in 1946
- 400,000 volumes (books and journals) held at the Main Library alone
- Altogether 12 branches of the Main Library of Pedagogical University of Cracow:
  - the whole collection is estimated at over 650,000 volumes
Acquisition

- 5,000 books acquired per year:
  - Bought - 64%
  - Donated – 28.4%
  - Exchanged – 8.1%
  - Other – 0.26%

Methods of acquiring books

- Bought
- Other
- Exchanged with other libraries
- Donated
Cataloguing

- 1993 – online cataloguing was introduced
  - library management system – VIRTUA
  - MARC 21 - Machine Readable Cataloguing standards (set of digital formats for description of items catalogued by librarians, such as books, developed at the US Library of Congresss)

- 2002 – cooperation with the union “Catalogue of Polish research libraries” NUKAT began

- 6 librarians:
  - cataloguing
  - registering all materials that are enriching our collections and updating the register.
  - organising student work placements
  - supervising cataloguing activities of all branch libraries
  - organising training in cataloguing for staff at our library
Information Services
Circulation

- Borrowed books

- 2010/2011 - 156,096
- 2011/2012 - 154,862
- 2012/2013 - 155,181
- 2013/2014 - 138,077
Readers

- **6 450**
  - students and staff of our university
  - students from public universities of Cracow
    - including the University of Economic, Jagiellonian University...
  - teachers or employees of cultural and educational institutions of Cracow
  - as well as students from secondary schools in Cracow!
Reading Room

10,996 visitors

29,575 viewed books
Interlibrary Loans (1)

Books and the copies supplied for the Readers

- 2013/2014: 320
- 2012/2013: 165
- 2011/2012: 250
- 2010/2011: 200
- 2009/2010: 400
- 2008/2009: 290
Interlibrary Loans (2)

Transactions during academic year 2013/2014

- Sent
- Received
IL (3) Partners from abroad

- **AUSTRIA**
  - Pädagogische Hochschule – Graz
  - Universitätsbibliothek – Salzburg
  - Universitätsbibliothek – Wien

- **GERMANY**
  - Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
  - Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
  - Bayerische Staatsbibliothek – München

- **SWITZERLAND**
  - Universitätsbibliothek – Zürich
  - Universitätsbibliothek – Basel
  - Université de Gèneve Bibliotèque

- **UK**
  - Bodleian Library – Oxford
Erasmus exchange
Thank you!

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