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LIBRARIANS' NEW TASKS

Faculty library Arts & Philosophy: presentation of current "new tasks": projects, collaborations and library services

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LIBRARIANS' NEW TASKS

Digital humanities

Access to digital collections

Bibliographic management tools

Licencing

Evaluating information

Open Access

Linked & open data

Information literacy

Search skills

Research data management

Data repositories

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https://www.leancompetency.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/digital_learning_new.jpg

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UGENT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY = A NETWORK OF LIBRARIES

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BOOK TOWER: CENTRAL LIBRARY

https://beeldbank.ugent.be

- Part of the central *Research Department* of UGent
- Repository library
  - cultural heritage & archives collection
- Digital library
  - active digital collection & digital archives
- Focal points:
  - User driven
  - Webstrategy
  - Information literacy
  - Sustainability

Björnshauge, Lars. *The Network : the Reorganisation of Library and Information Services At Ugent : Summarising Report.* Gent: Universiteit Gent, 2003. p.13-14

Facilitating open knowledge creation: van visie tot actieplan voor de Universiteitsbibliotheek Gent (https://lib.ugent.be/fulltxt/RUG01/002/189/031/RUG01-002189031_2015_0001_AC.pdf)

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FACULTY LIBRARY OF ARTS & PHILOSOPHY

https://beeldbank.ugent.be

Aka ***Rozier 44***

Largest one of the 10 faculty libraries:

- Part of the *faculty of Arts and Philosophy*
- 2 library wings
- 13 km of paper books + large digital collection
- about 50 “Collections”
- 26 employees, 3 volunteers and 8 working students
- 1000 study seats

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ROZIER 44: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES…

2012-2018

2019

2020-2021

2021-

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SITUATION BEFORE 2009

- 50 different library collections
- 222 locations
- 49 classification systems
- Collection of 669.000 items: only 52% in Aleph
- No user statistics
- Different library rules, different opening hours
- Understaffing & demotivated staff
- No central library direction

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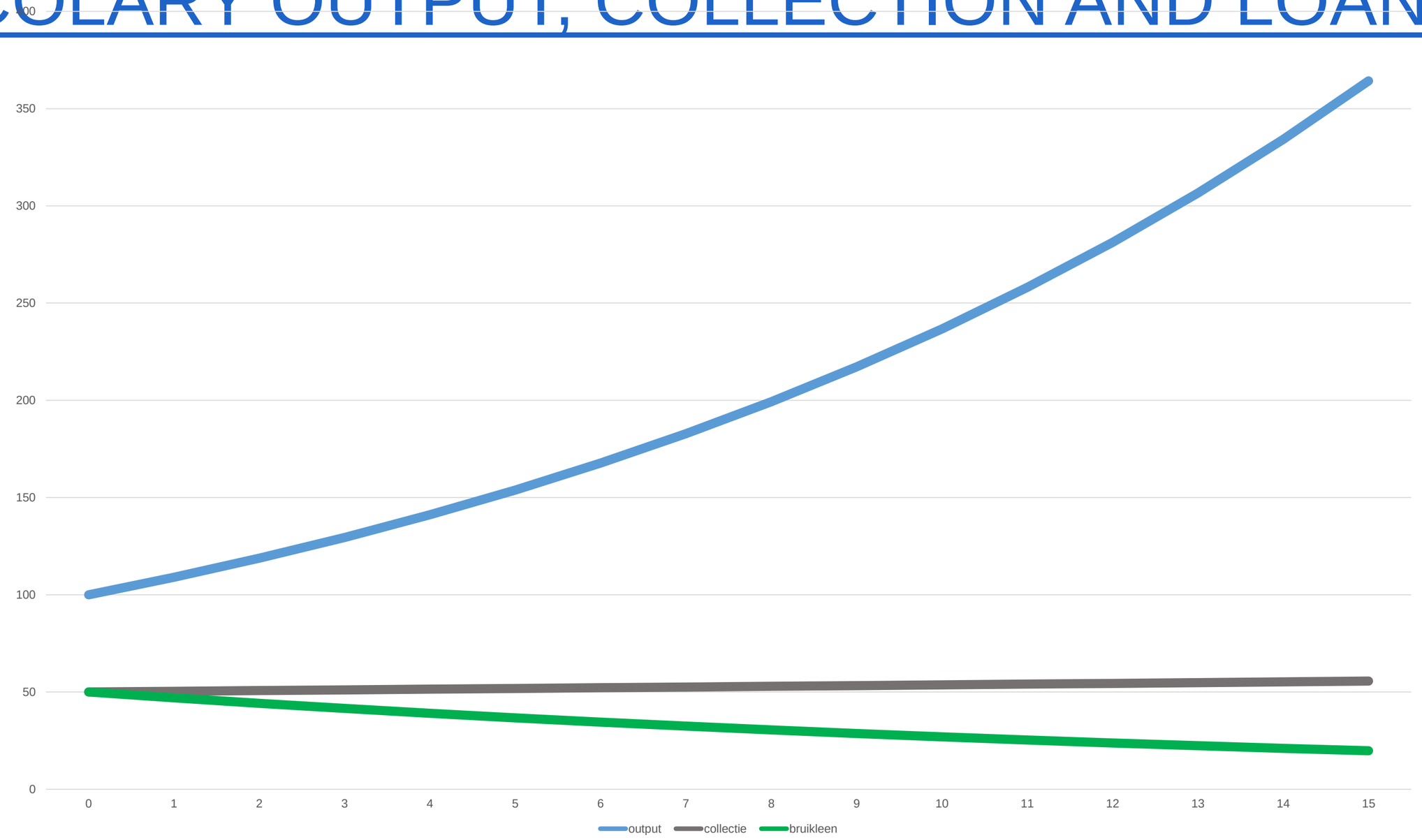
SCOLARY OUTPUT, COLLECTION AND LOANS



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CHALLENGES

- Declining use of the paper collection
- Centralization digital collections (Book Tower)
- Importance of humanities is falling back, number of student enrollments is dropping
- Finances under strain
- *Library Genesis* and co
- 13 km of books???

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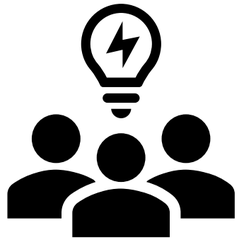

BRAINSTORM SESSIONS

BENCHMARKING & VISITS

LITERATURE

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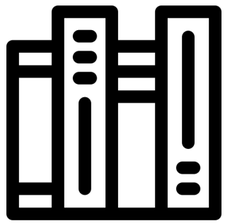
NEW MISSION STATEMENT



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NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The faculty library: an open platform:

- Creating knowledge
- Sharing knowledge
- Making knowledge sustainably accesible

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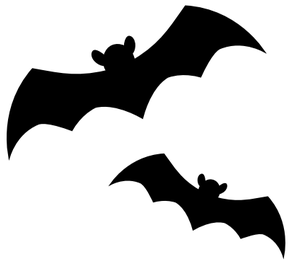
2020 - 2021



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2021

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PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF!

- New mission statement: a time for action
- Implementation of new organisational chart

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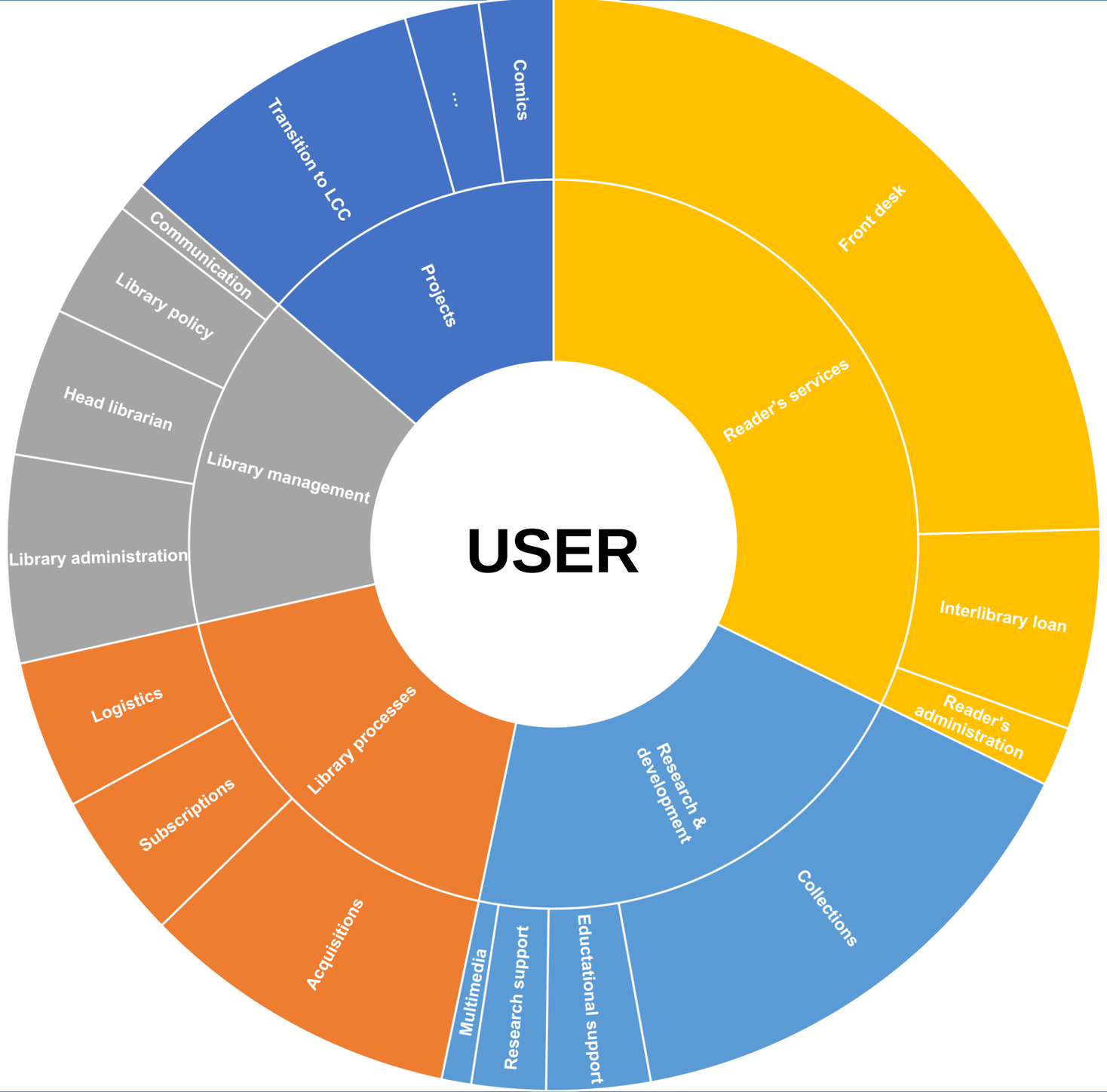
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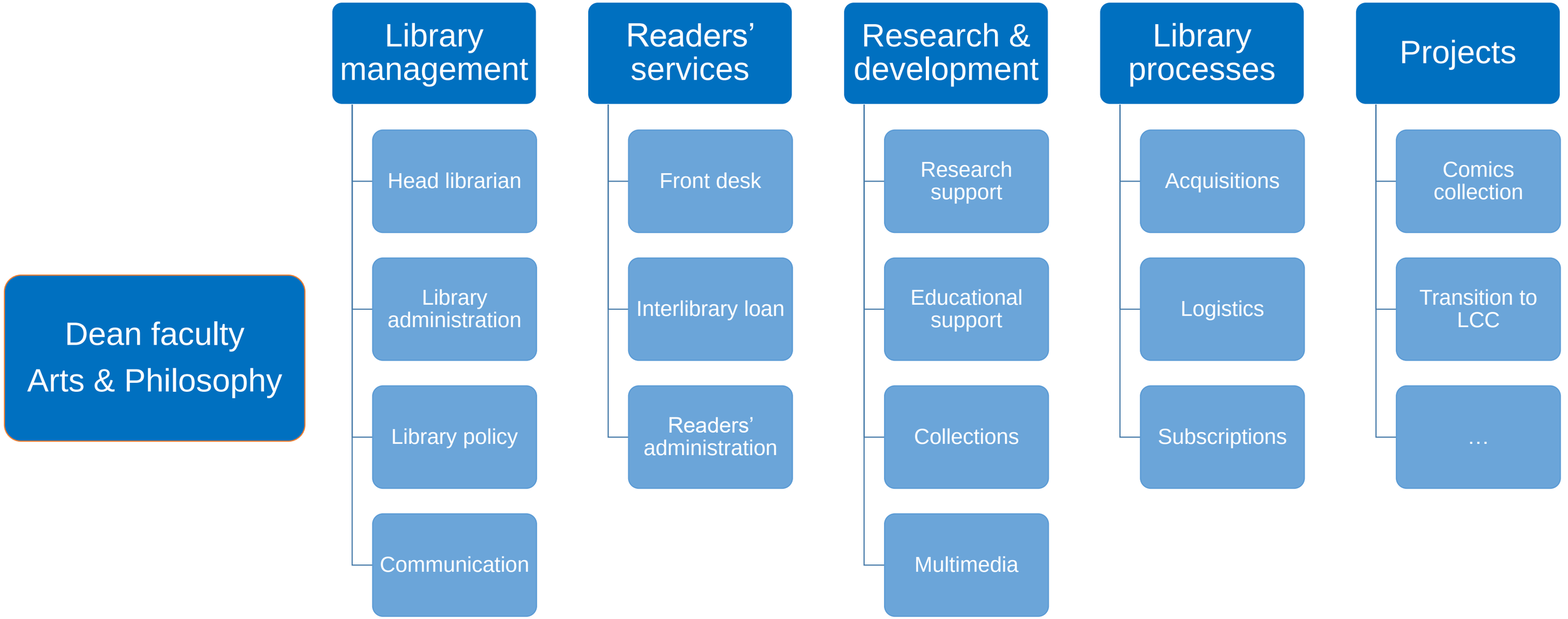

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Challenges:

►"Old tasks"

► Centralization

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THE LIBRARY: A SERVICE

- ✓ **Creating knowledge** by bringing (future) researchers into contact with the right tools from the world of information and digital humanities so that experiments and discoveries become possible.
- ✓ **Sharing knowledge** by building networks and being up-to-date with the developments in the world of information gathering, access and sharing. We will inform and advise.
- ✓ **Making knowledge sustainably accessible** by further training of staff members will keep our services up to date.

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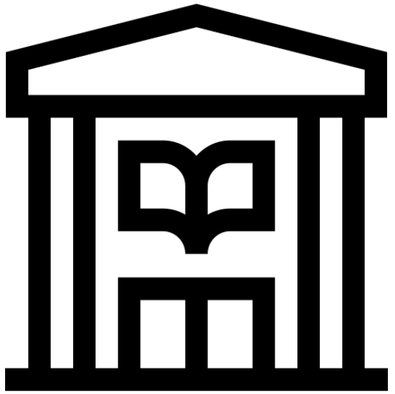
THE LIBRARY: A PLACE



✓**Creating knowledge** by providing well-equipped facilities in the library that inspire and invite collaboration.

✓ **Sharing knowledge** by using the library as a meeting and teaching space where researchers, students and others can meet and where research can be conducted.

✓**Making knowledge sustainably accessible** by making optimal use of the space, making it permanently accessible to all and promoting the library as a heritage monument.

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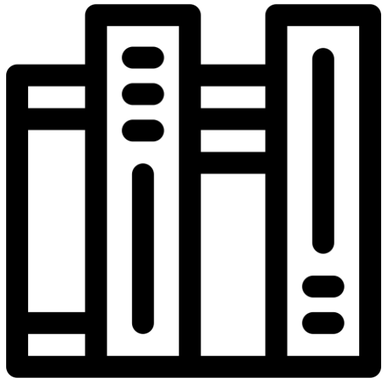
THE LIBRARY: COLLECTIONS



- ✓ **Creating knowledge** by building relevant collections through close consultation with the researchers. To do so, we focus on basic, key and special collections, both analogue and digital.
- ✓ **Sharing knowledge** by focusing on easy access to information. We include research data, results and output in the collection and make them visible, shareable and reusable.
- ✓ **Making knowledge sustainably accesible** by developing the collections according to the principles of FAIR Open Access: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable. Now and for the future. The information is offered where the researcher (virtually) works.

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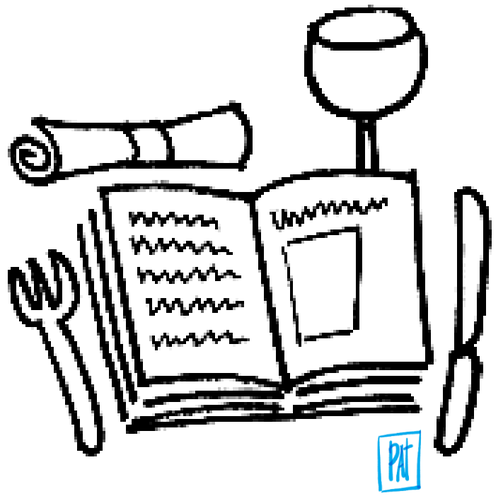
DIGITAL HUMANITIES @ROZIER 44

- Ghent Center For Digital Humanities
- Library Lunches & workshops
- DH Learning paths available for students, researchers and lecturers on online platform



FACULTEIT LETTEREN EN WIJSBEGEERTE

Faculteitsbibliotheek LW en Ghent CDH serveren: 2021-22

LIBRARY LUNCHES WITH A TASTE OF DH

SEP 7 "Een showcase van de faculteitsbrede Ufora-cursus Digital Humanities" door Davy Verbeke

OKT 5 "De rol van bibliotheken in Humanities onderzoek" door dr. Demmy Verbeke (Artes, KULeuven)

NOV 9 "Crime Scenes: van collectie naar expo" door Prof. dr. Marjan Sterckx

DEC 7 "Een open access tijdschrift oprichten: het verhaal van de Journal of European Periodical Studies" door Prof. dr. Marianne Van Remoortel

FEB 1 "Research Sprint#1: een nabeschouwing"

MAA 8 "Computational Literary Studies: exploring the infrastructural possibilities with Labs" door Prof. dr. Julie Birkholz (KBR en UGent)

APR 19 "Waarom data in de toekomst je belangrijkste bezit wordt" door Prof. dr. Erik Mannens (imec en UGent)

MEI 10 "The Alain Van Passen Collection: from house to library" door Prof. dr. Maaheen Ahmed

12:00 – 13:30 @Library Lab Magnel
Faculteitsbibliotheek Letteren en Wijsbegeerte, Rozier 44

Inschrijven via https://eventmanager.ugent.be/LibraryLunchesLWBib

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V.U.: Paul Buschmann - Niet op de openbare weg gooien a

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Research data management & open science

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► 2016: UGent policy framework for research data management

► 2020: every PhD student is required to write a Data Management Plan

Central *Open science & Data stewards team*

- Good RDM practices (FAIR and Open data principles)
- RDM questions
- 5 data stewards (Faculty clusters):
    - Law, Arts & Humanities
    - Social and Behavioural Sciences
    - Natural Sciences
    - (Bioscience) Engineering
    - Life Sciences & Medicine

https://mobile.twitter.com/boekentoren

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FACULTY LIBRARY RESEARCH SUPPORT TEAM

Identifying faculty researchers' needs

RDM workshops for masterstudents

Organisation of DataTeds in collab with central data steward

CENTRAL DATA STEWARD (LAW, ARTS & HUMANITIES)

Specific RDM support for researchers

RDM training sessions & talks (DataTeds) for researchers

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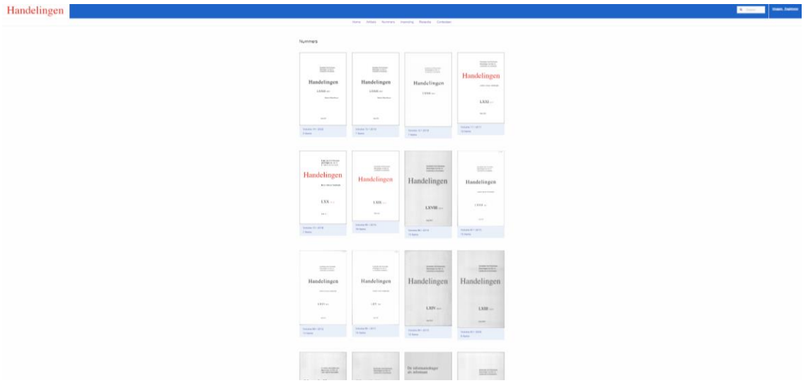

Full text disclosure of the journal *Handelingen - Royal Southern Dutch Society for Language and Literature and History* on the platform:

- adding OCR
- splitting digitized issues into articles
- uploading pdfs
- adding metadata

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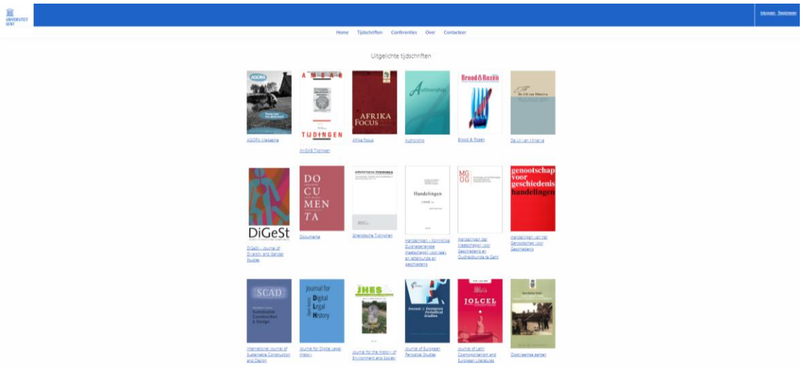

UGent Open Access Journals Platform

Available to faculties or staff members of UGent for the publication of journals and conference proceedings.

Costs (online hosting, platform updates, managing and paying for DOI's, durable archiving): borne by the University Library

https://openjournals.ugent.be/kzm/

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Information literacy

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INFORMATION LITERACY @ROZIER 44

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

LANGUAGE & TEXT

SPATIAL HUMANITIES

FACULTY ARTS & PHILOSOPHY

3 DIGITAL HUMANITIES LEARNING PATHS

Online faculty course about DH
Based on 15 transdisciplinary digital competences

3 learning paths: modules with DH tools & methods

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
LANGUAGE AND TEKST
SPATIAL HUMANITIES

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***INFORMATION MANAGEMENT* LEARNING PATH:**

- Finding information
- Organizing information
- Analyzing information
- Storing information
- Publishing information
- Digital turn: reflection

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INFORMATION MANAGEMENT LEARNING PATH

FINDING INFORMATION

- Searching: Google Scholar, Library catalogue, search strategies & methods, re3Data.org,…
- Using information: CRAAP-test, image search, the Internet Archive, Ccsearch,…

PUBLISHING INFORMATION

Open science
Ghent University policy Framework on RDM
Creative commons
Omeka S,…

STORING INFORMATION

DMPonline,
Excel / Word (data encryption)

ANALYSING INFORMATION

Excel (statistics)
Nvivo,…

ORGANISING INFORMATION

Zotero
Tropy,…

THE DIGITAL TURN: REFLECTION

A critical reading list about the digital turn

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- Instruction sessions on information skills and guided tours of the library for groups of students (requested by teachers)
- Individual support for students (*Drop-in sessions*)
- *Research Task Toolkit:* workshops for secondary school pupils

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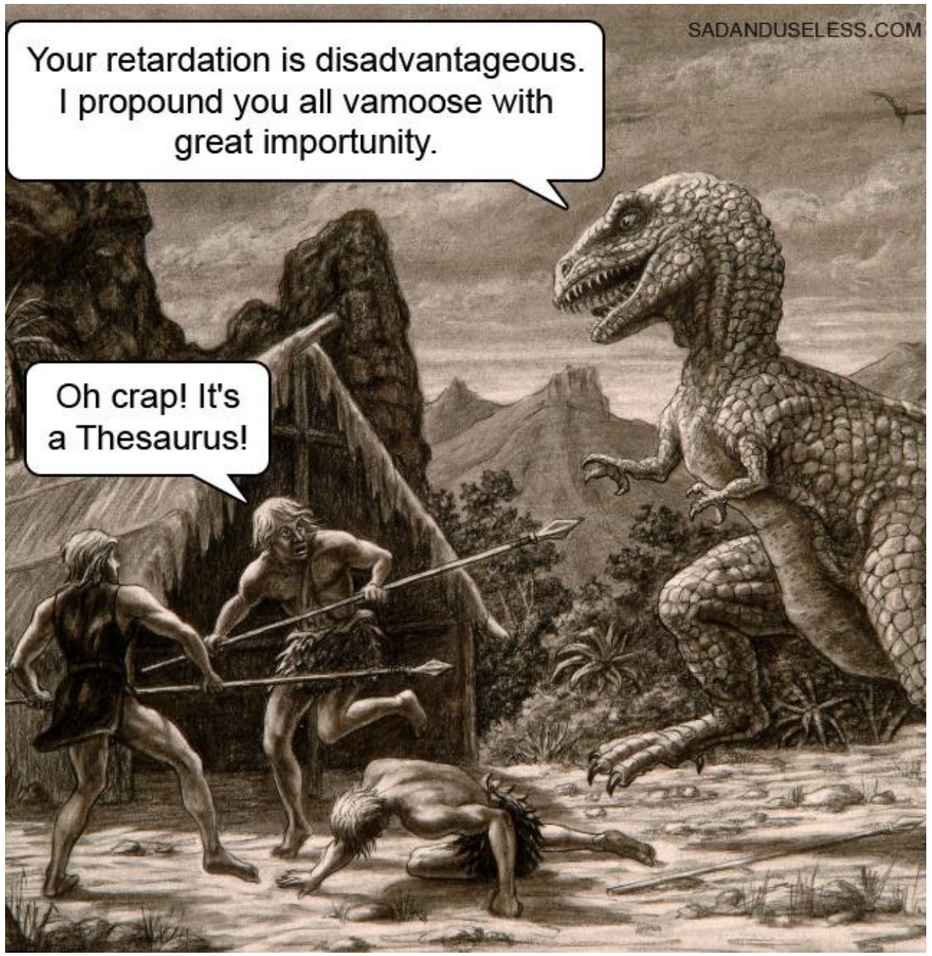

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Library Instruction sessions

- Introduction to the library
- Information sources for academic research
- Introduction to Research Data Management

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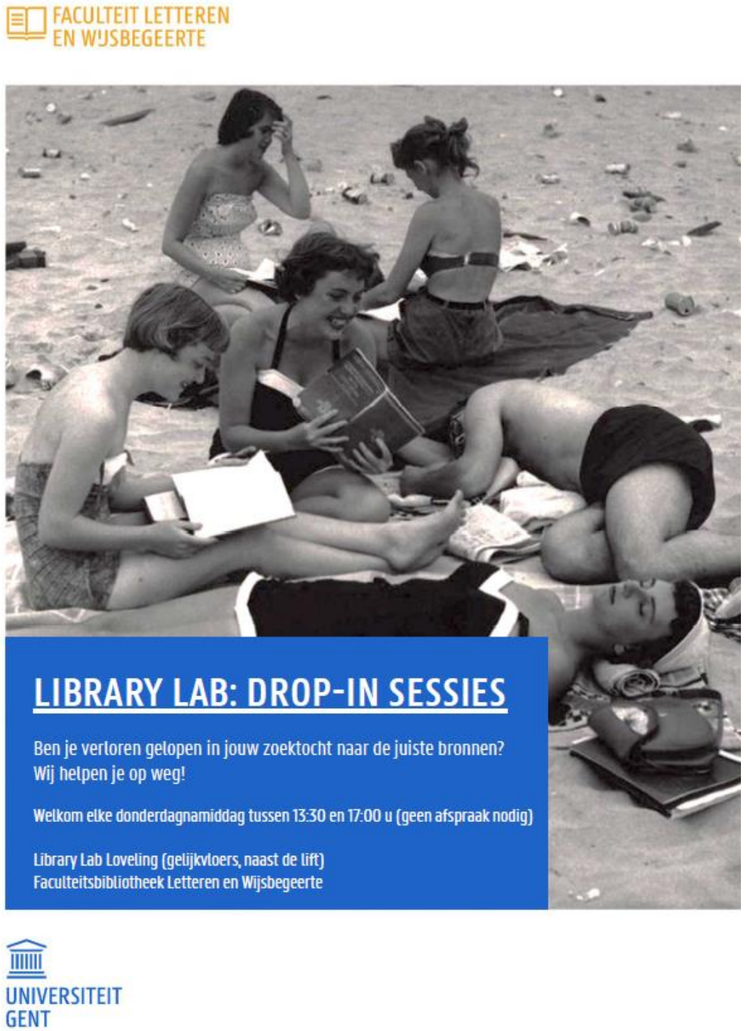
Drop-in sessions

- Individual support for students

- Low threshold:
  - no appointment needed
  - every Thursday afternoon in the library



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New ideas for our collections

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Renumbering process to Library of Congress Classification

Why?

- Legacy after moving more than 50 department libraries from 222 different locations: dozens of classification systems in 1 library
  - Confusing for students and staff
  - Outdated classifications

Advantages:

- user-friendliness
- switch can be done semi-automatically
- huge number of libraries worldwide use this classification system
- system is always kept up-to-date centrally

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Renumbering process to Library of Congress Classification

How?

1. Removal of duplicates (internal & central library) and outdated publications
2. Virtual enrichment and renumbering
3. Every book gets a new label, RFID tag and a new location

Result:

- A user-friendly, relevant printed collection
- More breathing space for a currently overcrowded library

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Inside-out narrative:

- Sharing our own (unique) information with the outside world
- Not only endlessly adding to an ever-growing collection that is used less and less

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The special collections department in the central library:

- heritage items
- valuable / rare items

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Characteristics of special collections in the faculty library:

- made up of elements that each have little value in themselves, but which acquire a unique value when offered together under one roof and as a (virtual) whole
- no full digital alternative
- actively used for current research

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Inside-out narrative: identifying some special collections in the faculty library

- *Fanie Olivier* collection: South-African literature
- *Daeleman-Van Bulck* donation: books from Congo, compiled in languages that are now extinct
- *Suze Esberg* collection: a bookcase that brings together the collection of a 20th century Jewish family and tells an eventful history
- *Alain Van Passen* collection: a unique collection almost all French and Belgian comic strip magazines and fanzines from the 1930s to the late 1980s
- Chinese, Japanese and Korean Manga collection
- Music Scores from donations of *Herman Sabbe*, *Jan Broeckx* and *Denise Tolkowsky*, including autographs

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Other (non traditional) library sevices

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A MULTIMEDIASTUDIO @ROZIER44

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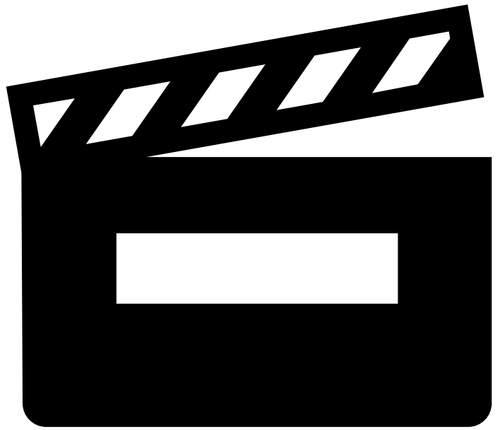
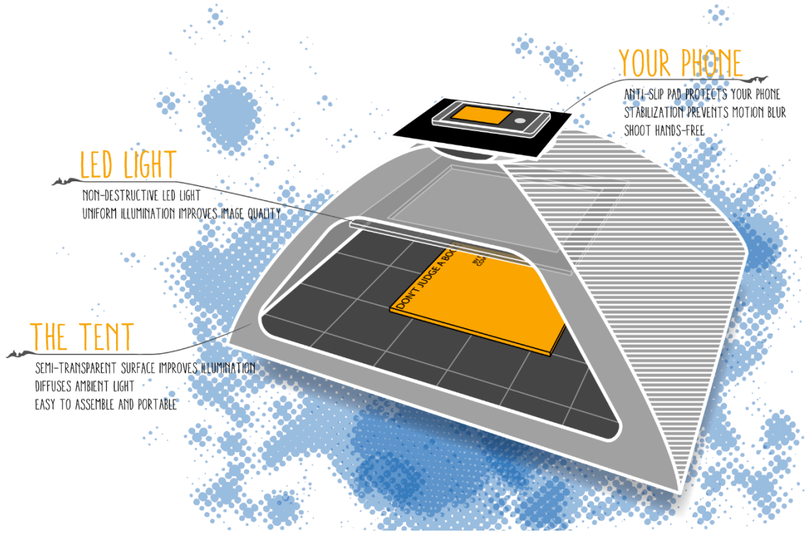


Recording studio

Available for students , teaching staff and researchers



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Knowmadic workplace #1

A quiet place to work, available for all faculty staff

Research-in-Residence

A place for researchers to work with (part of) a collection

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EXAMPLE OF LIBRARY'S NEW TASKS: CUNE-IIIF-ORM

- Initiated by the library:
  - The idea
  - Creating the platform internally and externally
- Presenting information (collections) in a new way
  - IIIF
- Connecting knowledge in a new way
  - The old and the new
- The challenges
  - 3D makes OCR difficult
  - The script
  - The language
  - Machine learning
- Curated by the library
  - DMP
  - Exhibition

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