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OUR MISSION

The mission of the University of Cyprus Library is to maintain a comprehensive and up-to-date information environment that will support and enhance learning at the University of Cyprus as well as benefit the broader society. The Library also works to develop strategies and systems that facilitate access to and diffusion of its resources.

Our vision

Our vision is to become a center of excellence in scientific information, based on research, learning, culture and contribution to society.

OUR VALUES

Open Access to knowledge: We provide the opportunity to all our users to have access to up-to-date knowledge and information sources.

Encouragement of challenges and change: We believe in continuous progress and in change that comes as a result of the participation and involvement of our people.

Support of a culture of cooperation and excellence: We are committed to encourage and support systematically every effort towards best outcome through collaborative work and partnerships of mutual benefit.
The Library Collection consists of more than 350,000 book titles with an annual increase of 9,000 items.

The Library is hybrid: it contains print, digital and audiovisual material. All material is accessible through EDS, a federated search tool that provides easy access to printed, digital and audiovisual material, as well as to the full text of online articles and e-books through a simple search. Printed material can also be searched at the library catalogue, while electronic material is accessible from the library website.

Collection development policy

The Library collections cover all subject areas of interest of the UCY academic community. Library manages and coordinates the selection, acquisition, cataloguing, and processing of materials in all formats in support of teaching and research. The fund of the library is allocated amongst Departments which collaborate with the Library staff for the acquisition of publications. Also, all users may recommend books for purchases by completing the online form "Presentation market for book/ OA material" via library’s website.

The Library uses a range of suppliers and participates in consortia in order to make the most out of its budget.

A significant part of the annual collections budget is spent in acquiring and maintaining access to online journals, databases, and books.

Access to electronic resources is the result either of bilateral contracts between the University and publishers or between consortia of which the Library is a member and publishers, ensuring access to a wide range of electronic resources.
Donations

The Library from the first year of operation created a climate of confidence and thus many organizations and individuals who hold valuable libraries entrust to it these valuable in research and emotional value collections. A list of collections that have been donated can be found on the Library's website, accompanied by brief biographies of the donors.

Special Collections

Books held by the Library that were published before in 1890 are located in Special Collections. Special Collections also include material that because of its rarity or special research, historical and/or artistic significance requires special protection. This material comes either from donations or purchase. Much of this material can be made available to users after special arrangement. Some of the collections are: Dimitsopoulos, Milliex Tatiana and Roger, Eugene Michaelides, Elsie Mathiopoulos-Tornaritis, Robert Browning, Petrondas, Diamantis, Pallas Collection on Byzantine Studies, Halasi-Khun Tibor, Andrew Tieze and Louis Bazin.
Library: collections and branches

The Library collection is housed in six branches. Five of them are open-stacks and have reading rooms, workstations for access to the electronic resources (databases, electronic journals and books, digital collections), lending facilities, and photocopy machines for reproduction according to the copyright law.

Main Library

The Main Library is located in the Main (old) Campus at 75 Kallipoleos Street. It holds the largest collection of books and reference material, as well as numerous special collections including the Browning, Milliex, Diamantis, Dervis, Dimitsopoulou collections.

Periodicals Library

The Periodicals Library is located in the New Wing in the Main (old) Campus at 75 Kallipoleos Street. Its collection includes 5,400 print journals.

Archaeology Collection

The Archaeology Collection is housed at the premises of the Archaeological Research Unit (EMA), located at 12 Gladstone Street. This non-lending collection consists of 24,500 books and 440 journal titles.

Turkish Studies Collection

The Turkish Studies Collection is located at 10 Halkokondili Street, near the Main (old) Campus at 75 Kallipoleos Street. This collection comprises 26,500 books and 880 print journal titles. It also includes several special collections, such as those of Halasi-Khun Tibor, Andreas Tieze and Louis Bazin.
Larnakos Avenue Branch
The Branch is situated at 167 Larnakos Avenue, near the University (New) Campus. This branch houses material related to the Pure and Applied Sciences, Engineering Science, Economic and Management Sciences.

Strovolos Branch
The Strovolos Branch is a closed-stacks space, not open to the public. Material from this branch is transferred to the Main Library within one working day following receipt of an online application.
The Library has a wide variety of information resources: print, electronic and audiovisual. Electronic resources are available through the Library's individual subscriptions and participation in the Association of Cypriot Academic Libraries.

**Books**

The Library collection includes 350,000 books which are classified according to the Library of Congress Classification System and are searchable through the online public access catalogue.

**Electronic Books**

The collection includes 403,146 electronic books and is accessible through the Library website. Access to the actual content of the collection is possible only within the University network.

**Journals**

**Print Journals**

There are 6,540 Greek and foreign print journal titles which can be searched through the online public access catalogue.

**Electronic Journals**

The collection consists of 30,000 titles with full-text data via publishers or databases, of which a few thousand are back issues within a time span between the past 40-100 years. The collection includes the Greek Literary Magazines of the 19th and 20th Century (digitized by ELIA). Access to the content of the collection is possible only within the University network.

**Databases**

Users have access via the Library website to 186 bibliographic, statistical and economic databases, full-text collections, etc. These databases are organized and searched in alphabetical order and by subject. Access to the content of the collection is possible only within the University network.

**Digital Collections**

The digital archive of the Library includes rare print and audiovisual sources. The Library aims to preserve the sources and provide access to all members of the UCY academic community and the general public.

**Reference Material Collection**

Apart from the electronic reference collections, print reference material such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc. is also available. The reference material is located in the Main Library, near the Library entrance. Users can search the material through the online catalogue.

**Audiovisual Material Collection**

The collection is located at the Main Library and includes CDs, DVDs, maps, audio cassettes, microfilm, microfiche, etc., as well as the equipment required for educational and research use of this material. The collection in total comprises 9,000 titles that are searchable through the Library catalogue.
**Web-OPAC**

It is the open access public catalogue to library’s collections through the Web.

**E-Journal Portal**

Provides one-stop search interface to retrieve electronic journals from across all subscribed electronic databases through a browsable A-to-Z title list, title/ISSN searching, and subject browsing functionalities. The search results include links to the electronic journal.

**Federated search tool (EDS)**

Allows the simultaneous search of multiple searchable resources, providing easy access to printed, digital and audiovisual material, as well as to the full text of articles, through a simple search.

**RefWorks**

A Reference Management Tool that is accessible through the Library website. It can help users import bibliographic references directly from databases and websites to their own database, create and organize them in a personal database, standardize citations (MLA, APA, Chicago Manual of Style) and create bibliographies for papers, articles, projects, etc.
All members of the University of Cyprus as well as external users are free to use the Library facilities, services and collections.

**Lending Services**

Lending Services manage the circulation of Library material: issue, renewal, return, reservations, recalls, handling enquiries and defaulting borrowers.

A member of the UCY Library is any individual holding a Library ID. The ID gives the right to check out books and other material.

External users not affiliated with the University of Cyprus may use the reading areas and open-access collections. They are given borrowing rights upon registration as library members and payment of an annual fee.

**Inter-library Loan Service**

The service undertakes to provide users with books, articles, conference proceedings, etc., that are not available in the Library collection and are essential for research. For this purpose, the Library has established collaboration with various international networks including the Interlibrary Loan Network of Hellenic Academic Libraries, the Interlibrary Loan Network of the National Documentation Centre (NDC), SUBITO in Germany and the British Library. The Library also assists other libraries in Cyprus and abroad to fulfil their users' information needs.
The University of Cyprus Library aims to render all its services and sources available to all users. It tries to predict and satisfy the special reading needs of visually impaired users, contributing to the development of a comprehensive learning environment at the University of Cyprus.

Before the beginning of every academic semester the Library, in collaboration with the academic staff and the School for the Blind, converts instructional material to a format that makes it accessible to visually impaired users.

In 2000 the Library installed an adaptive workstation for blind users, as well as a portable magnification device for visually impaired users. The workstation is equipped with software and devices that enable blind users to use the digital library without the mediation of sighted persons.

In 2011 the Library acquired SARA (Scanning and Reading Appliance), a scanner that enables the reading of a wide variety of printed material including books, documents, mail, newspapers, and magazines for those with low vision or blind. SARA uses the optical character recognition (OCR) technology to scan text and then read it aloud in crisp, clear speech in a variety of voices and languages.

In 2005 the Library joined the DAISY Book Consortium.
Information Literacy

The Library holds educational seminars to familiarize users with its collections, resources and services. The seminars aim to help Library patrons develop and enhance their information literacy so that they can benefit fully from the Library’s resources.

Ask a Librarian...

The service is accessible via the Library website and is available to the UCY academic community and external users.

... AskLive

Patrons can use the AskLive Service to ask brief and specific reference questions related to the collections, resources and services of UCY Library. Replies are sent via real-time chat. The service is available from Monday to Friday, 8:30-13:30, excluding holidays.

... By appointment

Through the ‘Ask a Librarian by Appointment’ Service, users can schedule a research consultation appointment for personal assistance in a variety of areas: to find appropriate print and electronic information on a particular topic; to become familiar with the UCY Library catalogue and collections; to learn how to use library resources and tools, including library catalogues, databases, electronic resources and RefWorks.
The European Documentation Centre (EDC) of the University of Cyprus was established in 2012 as a member of the European Documentation Centre Network, an initiative of the European Commission that had started in 1960 and currently includes about 400 EDCs all over Europe. EDCs aim to ensure that information concerning the activities and policies of the European Union is available to all its citizens.

The EDC of the University of Cyprus is a library service located at the Main Library. It is open to members of the academic and the broader community during the working hours of the Main Library.

The EDC collection includes printed material and access to electronic resources on the European Union and its policies, such as: official publications, annual reports, journals, statistical and economic databases, bibliographies, textbooks and pamphlets etc. The monographs and print journals have been included in the Library collection and are searchable through the Library online public access catalogue.
The Library participates in several projects in Cyprus, Greece and Europe that concern either the overall library’s activity or an individual service.

**OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe) and OpenAIREplus**

As a partner with 37 other organizations from 27 countries of Europe, participated in the European project OpenAIRE (Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe).

The program aimed to promote the concept and practice of open access to scientific information via the construction of an electronic repository, which includes scientific publications from research funded programs of FP7.

OpenAIRE ended in 2011 and continues with OpenAIREplus, funded by the EC 7th Framework Programme in order to further facilitate access to the entire Open Access scientific production of the European Research Area, providing cross-links from publications to data and funding schemes. This large-scale project brings together 41 pan-European partners, including three cross-disciplinary research communities.

**Consortium of Cypriot Academic Libraries**

Participates in Cypriot Academic Libraries Link and through this partnership established common policy and cost allocation of subscriptions of journals, databases and acquisition of automated information management systems. The goal is the rational collection development among partners, saving sources and accessing a greater number of resources in order to meet the educational and research needs of the participating institutions.

**Cyprus Libraries Union Catalogue**

As an active member and a main coordinator, in close cooperation with the main Support Team of the Hellenic Academic Libraries Union Catalogue, has contributed to the creation of the Cyprus Libraries Union Catalogue.
Hellenic Academic Libraries Union Catalogue

The UCY Library is member of the Hellenic Academic Libraries Union Catalogue.

Library as a member in Organizations

The Library is a member of the Cyprus Association of Librarians - Information Scientists (CALIS), the Association of Greek Librarians and Information Scientists, and International Organizations UNICA, IFLA, LIBER, Daisy Consortium and EBLIDA.
Construction work on the new, modern building of the "Stelios Ioannou" Learning Resource Centre", so named in honor of the donor’s wife, slowly Elli Ioannou, is in progress and is expected to be completed and to be fully operational in 2017. The building was designed by the famous French architect Jean Nouvel.

The new building, which will house all internal functions and services of the Library, will be divided into five levels combining stacks, reading rooms, workstations, special collections and workspaces.
A user of the UCY Library is any individual who visits the premises in order to use its material and services, regardless whether these require demonstration of Library ID or not.

A member of the UCY Library is any individual holding a Library ID. The ID gives the right to check out books and other material.

Members are divided into the following categories:

**Members of the University of Cyprus community**
- members of teaching and research staff, special teaching staff, visiting professors
- undergraduate students
- graduate students
- doctoral students
- degree equation students
- mobility program students (e.g. Erasmus)
- pre-service training program for candidates for secondary education teachers
- special academic collaborators
- administration staff

**External members**

**Individuals not affiliated with the University of Cyprus**

Individuals not affiliated with the University of Cyprus wishing to obtain a Library ID may submit an application. Once the application is approved by the Library Director, the user becomes an external member. External members pay annual subscription and may borrow books and other material to take home.

**University of Cyprus alumni**

Alumni of the University of Cyprus wishing to remain Library members may submit an application upon graduation. Once they apply, UCY alumni become external members of the Library at no subscription charge for the first three years following their graduation and may check out material as other external members.
Students of other universities: Open University of Cyprus, Technological University of Cyprus, University of Nicosia

Students of Open University of Cyprus, Technological University of Cyprus, and University of Nicosia may become Library members once they submit an application to the library of their own institution. If approved, they are given external membership and may borrow material from the UCY Library by showing their ID of their own library. This arrangement is the result of an agreement between the libraries of the University of Cyprus and the above universities. According to this agreement, UCY students may also become members of the other three participating libraries.
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