Summary

University of Tartu Library in 2006-2009

The Budget

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total income (thousand of EEK)	**49727,4**	**57442,2**	**84512,9**	**78394,6**
from the university budget	33236,7	40963,7	46119,4	47512,3
from the state budget	13200,0	12765,2	29700,0	22201,3
income from the services for a fee	1799,3	2185,6	2734,9	2120,0
other income (projects, agreements, sponsoring by institutions and private persons)	2460,4	1527,7	5958,6	6561,0
Total costs (thousand of EEK)	**40837,1**	**42518,7**	**58723,0**	**63224,6**
a) current costs	40129,9	41674,0	57863,9	56923,3
salaries	16374,1	19524,2	24778,1	24220,7
acquisition costs	16982,1	13916,9	21517,6	21810,4
information technology costs	552,7	600,0	300,0	450,0
maintenance costs	3685,8	3942,0	4284,2	4592,1
other costs (training, travel, office and other costs)	2534,9	3690,9	6984,0	4470,7
b) investments	707,5	844,7	859,1	6301,3
building and major repairs	706,4	844,7	609,1	6301,3
IT investments	1,1	0	250,0	0

The Library and Its User

By the end of 2009, the library had 45 588 registered users; 18 380, or 40.3%, of them had no connections with the University of Tartu. Among the users, the students (incl. the Open University) amounted to 68%; professors, lecturers and doctoral students – to 6% and others – to 26% of the total number of users.

The number of physical library visits has been falling since 2007, as the electronic services via the library homepage have become more and more heavily used. The number of electronically submitted loan requests, and requests for renewals and reservations grew considerably in 2006-2009.

Availability of electronic research information is of essential importance for the research and development activities of the University of Tartu. In 2009, the library provided the members of the UT with access to 109 online databases with full texts or abstracts of 20 160 scientific journals (in 2008 – 20 100 electronic journals; in 2007 – 19 200 electronic journals; in 2006 – 18 100 electronic journals), and to a number of important reference works and electronic versions of monographs published by the world's leading scientific publishers.

In 2006, subject librarians Kärt Miil and Vilve Seiler created a course in information search in the WebCT environment. In 2007-2008, the already existing courses in information search were developed further and, in cooperation with the university teaching staff, integrated into different

subject courses. The number of people who passed these courses proved to be much larger than it was initially expected.

In 2006-2009, the library strived to make the access to the library easier for people with special needs. Two projects for library users with special needs were initiated in 2008:

• "University library without walls", offering people with reduced mobility the opportunity of requesting home delivery of library books.

• "Talking textbooks", installing a computer with a special screen reading programme JAWS and a MLX Reader screen reading system for visually impaired people.

In 2006-2009, "The Night Library and The Mom-Student Library Project", providing the children's play room Nimmik-Nummik were continued. "The Night Library and The Mom-Student Library Project" was given the IFLA International Marketing Award in 2007.

Public services

	2006	2007	2008	2009
No of registered users	42730	46246	51518	45588
TU(Tartu University) students	13293	15175	16801	16576
TU master's and doctoral students	3269	4055	3749	3300
TU Open University Students	3738	3496	4597	4438
TU faculty members and researchers	906	1047	1175	1207
EULS (Estonian University of Life Science) students	4238	4352	4754	3721
EULS faculty members and researchers	180	184	195	198
Students of other universities and colleges	3978	4142	4940	4206
Faculty members of other universities and colleges	84	83	96	96
Others	11372	12004	13407	10159
No of visits (physical)	244401	422763	403767	380118
virtual visits				800000
Total number of loans	808880	931328	959893	1060741
renewals	419490	484038	656753	735664
reading- room lending	17697	16828	20582	39631
home lending	181738	178686	210419	208103
ILL partner libraries	80	86	51	87
in Estonia	55	71	39	69
in abroad	25	15	12	18
Materials sent by ILL				
orders from Estonia	1155	1216	1268	1072
orders from abroad	50	32	25	23
Materials received by ILL				
ordered from Estonian libraries	1305	924	733	473
ordered from foreign libraries	2628	2157	1781	1587
Searches in on-line databases				
no of searches	922500	952567	829752	1031051
no of downloaded full texts	474704	554739	646018	802540
User training (hours)	41	306	512	486

	2006	2007	2008	2009
no of participants	1317	1928	2967	2969

Development

The main development objectives in the years 2006-2009 were as follows:

• development of e-library;

• cooperation with the ELNET Consortium member libraries in the implementation of the information system INNOPAC and the creation of common databases (e-catalogue ESTER, the database of the Estonian articles ISE, The Estonian Subject Thesaurus EMS);

• cooperation with the ELNET Consortium member libraries in the acquisition of electronic journals and databases;

• improvement of the quality of the services and the development of new services;

• development of information technological infrastructure;

• renovation of the library building.

Implementation of electronic check-out of library materials was continued in 2006-2009. At present, items from all collections, with the exception of journals, can be checked out electronically.

The part of the e-catalogue, My ESTER, makes it easier for the library users to search and request literature, save their catalogue searches, see their borrowed books and renew due dates, and to change their contact information.

To meet the needs of teaching and learning more exhaustively, in the late 2008, the pilot project of Estonian e-textbooks was initiated. 35 e-textbooks had been set up in the Ebrary environment for e-books by the end of 2009.

The online bookshop started to work in September 2008. It is open to everybody via the Internet and sells books that are no longer of use for the library.

To further the digitising of library materials, an overhead scanner was purchased in 2006. Different software solutions for archiving and managing digitised objects were researched and compared, and DSpace was finally selected. (http://dspace.utlib.ee) Today, dspace.utlib.ee is quite well visible in the web metrics of the universities of the world.

The initial task of the library renovation project was set up in 2006 and a draft project was made in 2008. Work with the renovation plan was continued and in summer 2009, renovation of the catalogue hall and neighbouring areas, as well as the building of the café in the ground floor of the library was started.

Collections

The budget share allocated for purchasing e-information and foreign monographs and journals has been increasing year by year. More important scientific databases and e-journals are accessible at the UT Library and there is no noticeable difference in comparison with leading European universities. A number of important interdisciplinary handbooks and reference works were added to the reference collection, and the acquisition of documentary and music films was started in 2006-2009.

As of 31.12.2009, the collections of the UT Library contained 3 741 244 units of account. The active collection contained 3 407 913 items and 66 220 new items had been added in 2006-2009. The open collections of the library contain ca 300 000 items; the quality of open collections is continuously improved. By the end of 2009, the electronic catalogue ESTER contained 1 881 888 item records or 51% of all of the university book collections, (49% in 2008; 36.3% in 2007; 33.8% in 2006). Libraries of 40 structural units of the university have joined the e-catalogue ESTER.

Library collections (ISO 2789-1991)

	31.12.2006	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2009
Active collections (items)	3464798	3526069	3361830	3407913
linear meters	59340	60786	57963	58767
Books	2544301	2577043	2387457	2407535
incl. dissertations	514200	514912	516170	518684
Serials	670938	682767	695030	707276
incl. journals (complete sets)	189793	191938	195576	199661
newspapers (complete sets)	15012	16228	17476	19009
serials	466133	474601	481978	488606
Manuscripts	36578	36860	38443	38950
Cartographic documents	12974	13545	14328	14817
Printed music documents	4866	5184	5738	6347
Graphic documents	57473	59373	61205	68339
incl. art collection	14990	14991	14977	15218
incl. photos	42483	44382	46228	53121
Small prints	95194	107136	111370	114819
Audiovisual documents	23561	25108	28689	31350
Electronic documents	6957	7096	7614	7830
Microforms	11956	11956	11956	10650
incl. microfiches	7341	7341	7341	7339
microfilms	4615	4615	4615	3311
Reserve collection	302718	302468	302431	300339
linear meters	4761	4758	4757	4727
Exchange collection	29081	28827	31510	32992
Electronic collection				
incl. databases	100	106	108	109
e- journals	18100	19200	20100	20160
TOTAL (items)	4009746	4098254	3956875	4013118

Cooperation

Cooperation with Estonian libraries and the Consortium of Estonian Libraries Network targeted the coordination and specification of acquisition plans, problems of financing of research libraries, application of the information system INNOPAC, development of common databases (e-catalogue ESTER, the database of the Estonian articles ISE, The Estonian Subject Thesaurus EMS), collections development, and purchases of common licences for accessing electronic scientific journals.

Exchange of publications, interlibrary loans and information exchange were the traditional areas of international cooperation.

In 2006-2009, the library participated in the following projects:

- eIFL Electronic Information for Libraries — for making electronic information accessible for the libraries of Central and East Europe and developing countries

- Gesangbuchbibliographie – aimed at the creation of a general database of German-language hymnals, led by Deutsches Institut and Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz, in 2004-2007.

- EOD – eBooks on Demand, a project led by the University of Innsbruck Library.

Tartu University Library is a member of the following international organisations:

- European Information Association (EIA) and its branch for Baltic and Nordic Countries

- League of European Research Libraries (LIBER)

- European Association for Health Information and Library Association (EAHIL)

- Association of Libraries of the Baltic Area Bibliotheca Baltica

- International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML)

- International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives (IASA)

- International Association of Law Libraries (IALL)

- The Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL)

- Baltic Audiovisual Archival Council (BAAC)

Library director Martin Hallik is a member of the LIBER Architecture Expert Group; Collections Director Kristina Pai is a member of the LIBER Collection Management Section.

By the decision of the LIBER Council, the LIBER Annual Conference 2012 will be held at the University of Tartu Library.

Research

Traditional research areas were as follows:

- University of Tartu history, its scholarly relations with European universities and research institutions;
- history of the library, the contents and development history of its collections, history of the book;
- problems of modern librarianship

In 2006, the Science Centre was established at the University of Tartu Library for researching topics that are either of genuine interest for Estonian culture (e.g. literature studies, history of ideas in the Baltic region), or focus on a specific scientific field (e.g. studies of the history of life sciences).

Carried out in close collaboration with researchers and scholars from Estonia, Europe (including Russia), Canada and the USA, the transdisciplinary and international character of the Centre's projects should be viewed as a part of the broader challenge to institutionalisation of science studies in Estonia.

Staff member

	31.12.2006	31.12.2007	31.12.2008	31.12.2009
Number of staff members/FTE, among them	183/160,85	180/159,85	192/164,8	181/158,7
a) professional staff members/FTE, among them	151/133,6	131/ 115,6	151/130,8	143/126,95
had university degrees	103	95	110	113
university degrees in librarianship	11	13	14	17
had scientific degree	12	12	18	18
had finished secondary schools	45	36	37	36
b) number of other staff/FTE	32 /27,25	32 /27,25	41/34	38/31,75