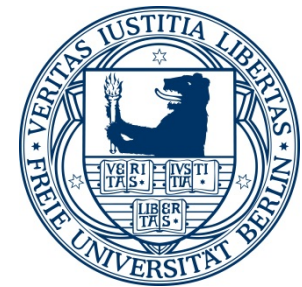




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- Libraries at Freie Universität
- Collections, facilities and library services
- The University Library: special tasks
- The department libraries



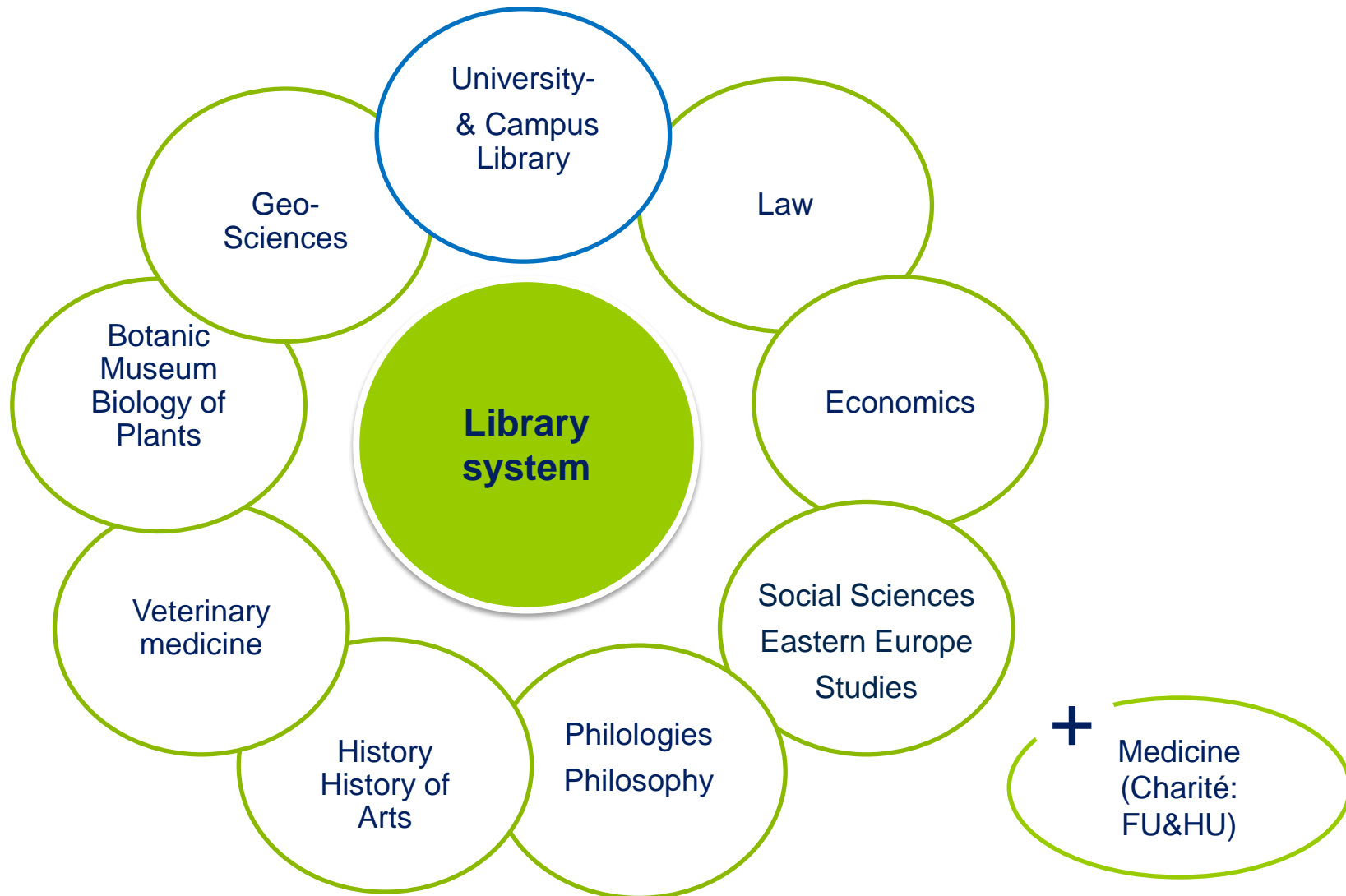


# Library holdings at Freie Universität

- ~ **8.5 m** items
- ~ **1,500** databases
- ~ **30,000** licensed e-journals
- ~ **32,000** Open Access e-journals
- ~ **600,000** e-books  
(including national licenses funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)



# library system



# Library facilities

a total of ~ 3,350 study spaces

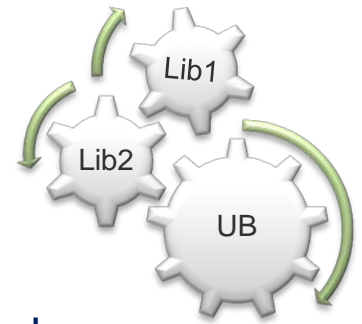


- University Library
- Campus Library
- Law
- Economics
- Soc. Sciences & East European Studies
- John-F.-Kennedy-Institute
- Philological Library



# Cooperation between FU libraries

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## Cataloguing / Search

Alma, FU Catalog, Primo / library portal

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## Acquisition

University Library: reference literature for all subjects,  
department libraries: subject-specific literature

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## Licensing of e-resources

Several libraries share fees for a resource,  
University Library is responsible for contract negotiations with publishers and administration.

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## Contract negotiations

e.g. copy service, bookbinding

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## Working groups Wiki

e.g. fulfilment, cataloguing, head librarians' meeting

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## Information literacy

as part of general professional-skills courses for undergraduates

# Services provided by the University Library

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## Library portal Primo

library resources,  
mega-index of 500 m records, supplied by  
publishers or other information providers  
(JSTOR, Thomson Reuters, ProQuest etc.)

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## Databases via DBIS

National Database information system in which  
we present our reference databases, full-text  
databases and encyclopedias

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## FU Bibliography

self-listing platform SEP  
bibliometric services

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## Open-Access Services

institutional repository,  
fund to support OA publications

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## Information-literacy courses

~ 150 courses per year for participants from all  
disciplines: literature search, (bibliographic)  
databases, citing sources correctly, citation-  
management software, individual tutoring on  
request

# Special tasks of the University Library

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## External cooperation

External representation, e. g., in consortia, in library networks, Berlin universities (e. g., FAK, KOBV, Alma, RVK)

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## IT services for all FU libraries

Primo, Alma, Verde, SFX, MetaLib, CD-ROM, search terminals / thin clients, support for libraries and patrons

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## United Nations and European Union Documentation Center

United Nations Depository Library since 1956  
European Documentation Centre since 1963

- publications and documents published by, and related to, these two international organizations
- separate reading room area and information services

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## Restitution of looted books

Project sponsored by the Bureau for Provenance Investigation at the German Lost Art Foundation

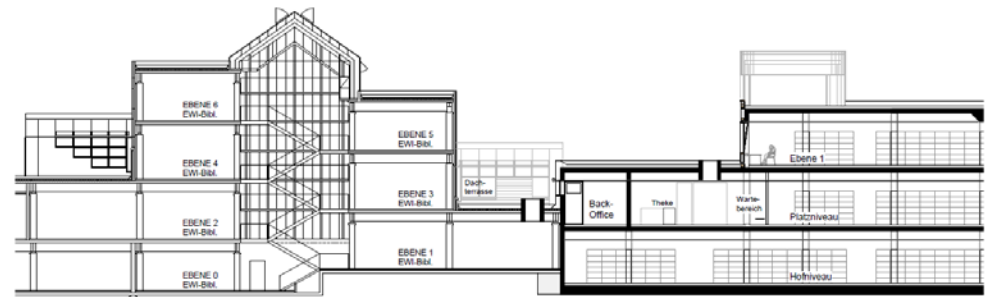


# head librarians



# Impressions: Campusbibliothek

- New construction and reconstruction 2012 – 2015
- Integration of 24 libraries
- (~ one million items)
- into one classification



# Impressions: Law

- 1.7 in CHE college and university ranking 2014
- Reconstruction 2009 – 2011
  - New facilities
  - Rooms for teamwork
  - Family room
- PC pools: specialized law databases





# Impressions: Economics

- Special services for academic department staff
  - Literature-search services
  - Support in listing publications in the FU publications database
- Special services for students: individual tutoring, consultation in managing citation lists, following citation rules, etc.





# Impressions: Social Sciences and Eastern European Studies

- The largest Social Sciences department library in Germany
- Fusion of five libraries in 2008
  - Social- & Cultural Anthropology
  - Political Science
  - Sociology
  - Media and Communication Studies
  - Eastern European Studies



# Impressions: John F. Kennedy Institute

- Special collection: North American newspapers
- Popular primary sources: comics, films, TV series
- Media room





# Impressions: Philological Library

- Opened in 2005
- Architect: Lord Norman Foster
- Holdings in European Languages and Literature combined from 11 former institute libraries



# Impressions: History / Art History

- Art History
  - Western
  - East Asian
  - South Asian (previously Indian)
  - African
- History
  - Middle and Western Europe
- Legacies, collections of facsimiles





# Impressions: Veterinary Medicine

- In 1992, fusion of Humboldt University and Freie Universität Veterinary Medicine
- Library in former riding hall in Düppel since 1998
- Despite war losses, still various rare books (15th to 18th c.)



# Impressions: Library of the Botanical Garden Botanical Museum

- Funded in 1819 as herbal library and herbarium
- Almost totally destroyed in World War II
- Reconstruction of holdings by acquisition of second-hand books after the war
- End of the 1990s: Integration into FU and integration of eight FU Biology institute libraries





# Impressions: Earth Sciences

- One of the largest collections of topographic, geological and thematic maps and atlases in Germany
- Geography
- Meteorology
- Geology
- Space Science



# The End



Thank you very much

..... and to Anna Kaiser and Sean Nowak