



The Scientific Information Centre and Academic Library in Katowice

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Upper Silesia conurbation









Katowice





Katowice the capital of the Upper-Silesian region and formerly – a town identified with heavy industry and workplants is today a real European city where tradition meets modernity.

Katowice with the population of 320 thousand residents is a city of dynamic transformations, open to changes, attracting young people who associate their future with the city.



University of Silesia in Katowice

Established in 1968, US is one of the biggest public universities in Poland, enrolling nearly 28,000 students. It contains 12 faculties and several university-wide didactic units. The University has signed over 440 international agreements with over 300 institutions from all over the world. The University actively participates in the Erasmus+ programme and other initiatives focused on both educational and scientific development.



Art Faculty in Cieszyn



Faculty of Biology and Environmental Protection



Philological Faculty in Sosnowiec



Philological Faculty in Katowice



Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry Faculty





Earth Sciences Faculty in Sosnowiec

Social Sciences Faculty



Faculty of Education and Psychology



Faculty of Law and Administration



K. Kieślowski Faculty of Radio and Television



Theological Faculty



Scientific Information Centre and Academic Library





The University Library

The University Library was created in 1968 as a result of a merger of the Library of the Higher School of Pedagogy and the Library of the Branch of the Jagiellonian University in Katowice.



The Library is one of the largest scientific and university libraries in Upper Silesia.



The University of Economics in Katowice

was founded in 1937 and is the biggest and oldest business school in the region, one of the top universities in Poland. Each year over 13 000 Polish and international students follow degree programs at four faculties.

Its educational offer and lifelong learning programmes attract students from all over the world and from every generation.





The Library of University of Economics

The Library of University of Economics was founded in 1939. It is the biggest library housing books and periodicals on economics in the Upper Silesia.



The Scientific Information Centre and Academic Library(Polish acronym: CINiBA) is a joint project of the University of Silesia and the University of Economics in Katowice



The goal of the project

The goal of the project was the construction and opening of a modern scientific library which will meet 21st century standards, improving the quality of teaching by increasing the research potential, improving the availability of scientific literature in the region, as well as increasing the role of both Universities in international scientific relations.





Design of new library

The new library's architectural design was created by the studio HS99. With its external appearance, this functional building evokes the industrial architecture of Upper Silesia. The stone used for the facades are sandstone plates, whose color is composed with the context of the place and harmonizes with the red bricks on the existing buildings.







Basic data characterizing the facility:

Gross floor area: 13.260 m²

Floorage: 12.273 m²

Cubage: 62.560 m³

Project financing:

Value of the project: about **20 mln €**

Resources from the European Regional Development Fund: About **13 mln €**





Main conception

One open access area (which extends through 3 floors) where everything (collections, workplaces, computers, self-service equipment, consultancy) is available for the reader;

no walls, no separated reading rooms;

extensive traffic concentrated into the central part of the building, silent workplaces located at the border areas;

small window for reduction of bright sunlight (4004 windows);





New building – history:



- 2002 University of Silesia decided to organize competition for getting the architectural conceptual design for new library building;
- 2003 the best solution was selected by the jury;
- 2005 beginning of cooperation between the University of Silesia and the University of Economics with the intention of build a common library;





2009 – public procurement for getting constructor was announced

2012 June – libraries started to move into new building







2012 September – removing was completed





2012 October – library was opened for the readers





2015 November – library was visited millionth reader





Characteristics:

on the ground floor: the main hall (exhibition and event space) conference room, didactic room, reference desk, circulation desk, interlibrary loan;

on the 1st floor: computer lab, multimedia, reading room, individual work carrels, special collection study room, reference desk;

on the 2nd floor: seminar room, current press, reference desk;

on the ground, 1st and 2nd floor: open space for collections of books;

on the 3rd floor rooms for employees;

on the 4th and 5th floor storehouses closed for the readers, including rooms for storing special collections on the 4th floor, and rooms for protected collections on the 5th floor.







main hall (exhibition and event space)


reading room



media library







check-out equipment and check-in equipment



CINiBA in numbers:

number of reader seats – 500

number of seats with computer – 150

number of info-kiosks - 16

WiFi connection available everywhere

individual carrels - 14





CINiBA in numbers:

exhibition area - about 351 m²

learning lab – 30 seats

conference room – 90 seats

didactic room - 30 seats

seminar room – 40 seats

in addition to library: cafeteria, wardrobe, car-parking area (outside the building)





Self-services:

check-out equipment - 8

check-in equipment – 1

printers/copy machines - 4

scanning workstation – 4







Centrum Informacji Naukowej i Biblioteka Akademicka

Biblioteka otwarta.

Open library! CINIBA is open for everyone



The open character of the Centre consist of factors such as:

friendly architecture,

free access to books, journals, electronic databases,

professional and reliable help of the library staff.





















Main information (2015):

annual visits – reach 305 000

daily visits – 1500-2000

home loans - 248 830

registered readers – 44 565

total library staff – 110 persons (including administration, IT)





Librarians:

providing information about electronic and printed resources

recommending book or journal titles for purchase

giving consultations about using e-catalogue OPAC, databases and library services

organizing information skills courses for students

preparing tutorials on information retrieval

organizing book exhibitions







Open Access

Holdings are divided into subject areas, according to the Universal Decimal Classification (UKD) schedule.

In this part readers can find most books published after 1990, along with others, which are important to particular branches of knowledge.

Holdings also include frequently used serials (placed in alphabetical order in the specific subject area).



Books in free access are divided into nine broad areas of knowledge (each color-coded) grouped into 447 thematic sections. They are spread over three levels of the CINiBA building.

Level 0















Information literacy:



e-learning course for 1st year students in Moodle e-learning platform;

traditional courses: information sources, information search skills





E-resources

access to e-books (titles) – 67 207

access to e-journals (titles) - 18 668

access to e-resources – 89 617

serches in e-resources – 118 038

downloaded from e-resources - 604



Collections:

printed collections – over 920 000 vol. (570 000 BUŚ + 350 000 BUE)

total capacity of shelving – about 2 million vol.

in closed stacks – 570 000 vol. (compact storage + traditional storage)

in open access storage - 350 000 vol.

received printed books – 15 921 vol. (2015)

received printed journals – 2289 titles (2015)







Special collection

In our special collection we have got:

early printed books and manuscripts;

rare books (collection of first editions and low-editions pices);

Polish underground press (in Polish: bibuła, lit. semitransparent blotting paper or, alternatively, Polish: drugi obieg, lit. second circulation);

















The Archive of Franciszka and Stefan Themerson

The collection is based on the material donated by Jasia Reichardt and Nick Wadley from the Themerson Archive in London. The collection includes Themersons' books, publications of Gaberbocchus Press, original drawings by Franciszka and Stefan, designs for books, photographs, and rich collection of vanguard reviews completed by Stefan; manuscripts and typescripts, posters and memorabilia.

The aim of Themerson Archive in Katowice is to do research on original work of Themersons. The Archive is accessibile to scholars and students, organizers of exhibitions, journalists, anyone whose curiosity or interest has led them to the Themersonian world.







Cooperation and projects

Nukat (union database showing information on the holdings of Polish research and academic libraries);

ARTON – Polish Humanistic Literature

ARIANTA – Polish Scientific and Professional Electronic Journals

Bibliography of the University of Silesia

Bibliography of the University of Silesia has been created in the Scientific Information Department of the Library of the University of Silesia since the 1970s. Works on its electronic form commenced in 1997 and are carried out in cooperation with specialist libraries.

This event marked a new stage in a history of the University of Silesia.

Digital Library Federation

Digital Library





University of Silesia Digital Library is making available in digital version an academic publications and textbooks which scientists and students often use. Number of publications – 12 814 Total number of users since Feb 13, 2010 – 95 179



The Silesian Digital Library

SDL was established by the agreement between the Silesian Library in Katowice and the Silesian University signed on 20th July 2006. The mission of the project is to present online the cultural heritage of Silesia in its historic and contemporary diversity, publish the scientific property of the region and support teaching and educational activities; it's an open access repository

Number of publications - 217 138

Total number of users since Aug 1, 2006 – 48 779 179



