E-Resources Subscription: Library of the University of Latvia scenario

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Vision for e-resources - Provision of e-resources

▶ The **goal** of the Library of the University of Latvia is to purchase and maintain subscriptions to e-resources necessary and vital in support of students and scientific community of the University of Latvia to supplement with the e-resources within the University of Latvia budget framing.

▶ It is based on: T**he University of Latvia Strategic Plan 2010 – 2020**, **Library of UL Strategic Plan 2010-2020**, **University of Latvia finance division order for purchase and subscription of information resources**.

▶ It is reglamented by the frame document of the **Library of The University of Latvia on work with e-resources at the Library of UL**.

University of Latvia Strategic plan 2010-2020

The Library :

▶ creates collections according to all UL study and research directions, increasing the number of publications and noticeably increasing the proportion of electronic resources.

▶ ensures accessibility to research databases and increases the scope of the library's on-line services: remote accessibility to databases 24 hours a day.

▶ promotes the development of information literacy of the UL staff, ensuring consultations and lectures by library specialists, participation in implementing study and further education programs, as well as preparing and implementing information of e-study courses for searching the resources.
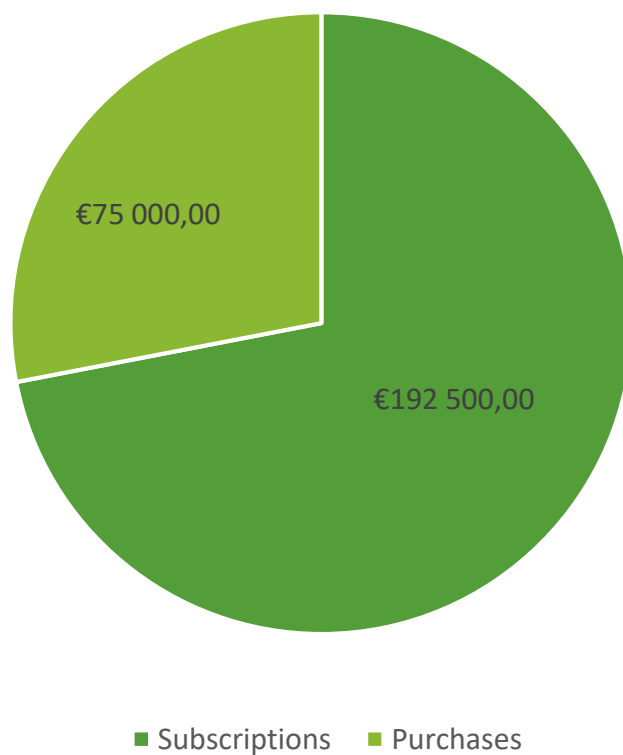
Library of the University of Latvia Strategic Plan to enforce the University of Latvia Strategic Plan 2010-2020

▶ Mission: to enhance the vast access and effective usage of all available e-resources at the University of Latvia which meet the needs of the scientific community.

▶ 40 % of all Library collections (stock items) must be available in electronic version.

▶ Includes: databases, single purchased e-books, digitized Library items etc.

Division of Budget Finances for multi-disciplinary resources in 2019
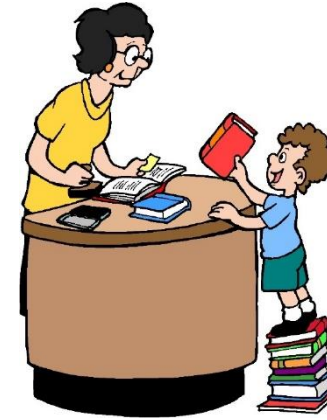(*Euros, approximate value*)

€75 000,00

€192 500,00

■ Subscriptions ■ Purchases

	Budget per student in 2019
E-resources	13.80 Euros
Other resources	5.75 Euros
Total resources	19.18 Euros

The e-resource lifecycle at the Library

explore → choose → subscribe → evaluate → renew/break

Explore and choose:
need of e-resource

▶ E-resources enable the librarian to provide better service to the University academic and scientific community. Selection is the responsibility of librarians in cooperation with faculty.

▶ The selection of e-resources is done according to the need and demand of the scientific community of the University of Latvia (regular surveys).

▶ Criteria: relevant, peer-reviewed and unique content acceptable for the UL audience and support for studies and research at UL by any language or geographical issues, accessible in vast ways, with no embargo period (if possible), with technical support etc.

▶ Encourages co-operative efforts to save and share the investments in research resources.

▶ With educational support and training.

Subscribe:
licencing challenges

▶ The licensing terms must be in accordance with the library's needs.

▶ Considerations include, but are not limited to, subscription cost versus annual access fee, subject, and long-term scholarly value of the material.

▶ Reflection on next period subscription costs.

▶ High responsibility with both sides involved: Library Administration, University Legal Department officers, University Finance Department officers, University Administration and Supplier (Vendor).

Evaluate:
to be or not to be

▶ Usage statistical information gathered from the vendor in last three years period

▶ Survey done among UL academic staff and students

▶ Feedback from the scientific community members with new proposal /pros and coins on the existing subscribed content

▶ For the Faculty subscribed databases: ask the opinion

Conclusion

- The advent of e-resources has changed Library scenario from physical to virtual

- Challenge to meet all needs and requirements of scientific community of the University of Latvia

- Challenge to fit all needs in the budget

- Subscription of e-resources at the Library of the UL is strongly under reglament

- Always consider 3 or 5 years subscription proposals to ensure the future perspective

- Regional and national collaborations are must-have for more beneficial and effective

  e-resources offers

Some materials in focus:

- **University of Latvia Strategic Plan 2010–2020** / by University of Latvia. 2009.

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- **Key Issues for e-Resource Collection Development: A Guide for Libraries** / By Sharon Johnson, with Ole Gunnar Evensen, Julia Gelfand, Glenda Lammers, Lynn Sipe and Nadia Zilper. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions , 2012.

- **What is ERM? Electronic Resource Management Strategies in Academic Libraries** / by Marshall Breeding. Computers in Libraries, 2018.

Looking forward to the fruitful discussion!

Thankful for your attention!

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