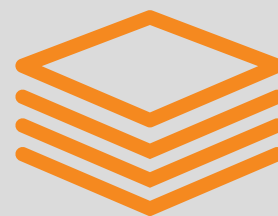


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I. PRESENTATION

A word from our Director General

Vilnius University Library in 2017 – changes and discoveries



The keynote of VU Library activities in 2017 were the discussions related to the implementation measures of VU strategic plan for 2015–2017 and VU Library strategic plan for 2016–2018 aimed at optimisation management and improvement of operational efficiency, with detailed consideration given to the future of VU Library, its strategy, strategic objectives both present and future, and the new organisational structure project corresponding to these objectives. It is pleasing that not only VU Library's management, but a considerable number of employees became involved in the planning processes, as well, showing

once again that they care about the future prospects of the organisation in which they work. Active involvement of Vilnius University Senate, Rectorate, Council, Students' Representation, and academic community as well as the Library's social partners in the strategic discussions witness the fact that the Library is viewed as an important participant in the scientific, educational and cultural processes.

VU Library's mission, vision, strategic directions and long-term objectives that were generated in the discussions as well as the new organisational structure (see page 6) confirmed in *Regulations of Vilnius University Library* approved by the Senate of Vilnius University on 13 June 2017 will be reflected in the Library's strategic plan for 2018–2020. The main strategic directions defined in the regulations are as follows: information infrastructure efficiently responsive to the needs of research and studies; favourable conditions for the growth of emotional, social, intellectual capital; scientific, educational and cultural heritage that is accessible and studied by researchers. The strategic objectives for the upcoming three years (*Customer Satisfaction Index and library services are an integral part of research and studies*) generated during the strategy sessions are orientated towards the improvement of service quality and adaptation of the library activities to the University's needs. Nevertheless, amidst all of the mentioned changes, the Library's values – traditions, openness, responsibility, partnership and drive – remain a stable and integral part of VU Library's strategy and the foundation of the organisation's culture.

When modelling VU Library's activities in the future, our international partners' experience and insights become extremely important. Next-generation research depositories and data archives, which should become certified high-quality components of scholarly communication in the near future operating in the common European Open Science Cloud infrastructure, were discussed in the annual seminar 'Open Science, Open University and Open Mind' for librarians from the University of Latvia, the University of Tartu and Vilnius University. In the seminar, which was organised in cooperation with VU Library's long-term partner the Goethe-Institut and led by director of University Library of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Prof. Andreas Degkwicz, the tendencies of university libraries' development in the digital age were presented.

VU Library's active participation in scholarly communication promoting Open Access ideas and implementing specific activities in 2017 brought tangible results. The governing bodies of Vilnius University approved 'Vilnius University Open Access to Science (Art) and Study Regulations', 'Rules for Scientific Research Data Management in the Information System MIDAS', and 'Communication Strategy and Plan of VU Research Data Management'. These changes are likely to encourage researchers to upload their research output to the Open Access repository eLABa and research data archive MIDAS, and open it to a wide circle of interested users. The increased need for scientometric and bibliometric research at Vilnius University this year confirms that VU Library's efforts to invest in its employees' competence development and encourage their involvement in the activities succeed and directly meet researchers' needs.

This year we have offered some innovations in user service: VU Library mobile app for devices running on the Android operating system, a fully functional interactive library plan on Virtual Library, catalogue records enriched with the scanned covers and contents of the Library's books. The first week of September, which was dedicated to the first-year students' orientation, was unusually intense. During a very short time – 5 days – half of all VU first-year students (nearly 1400) were given introductory lectures and short guided tours around SCIC and Central Library. In addition, with the aim of seeking higher quality of service, searching for new ways to ensure library users' satisfaction, and preparing to meet them after the summer holidays, VU Library organised a seminar 'User's Experience at VU Library' given by Dr Mantas Tvarijonavičius and Raminta Verseckaitė to employees working directly with library users.

The rising awareness of cultural heritage objects stored at VU Library and cultural events organised in cooperation with partners came to the attention of both university community and wider public. The commemoration event of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of Philomath Society which operated at the University; the traditional display of the first Lithuanian printed book *Catechism* by Martynas Mažvydas on the University's birthday and the presentation of its facsimile precisely created by Kamilė Kalibataitė and published by the printing house 'Petro ofsetas'; the commemoration event of the 100th birthday anniversary of Algirdas Julius Greimas; exhibition *Travelling Lithuania*; readings of Homer in Franciszek Smuglewicz Hall, while Antique thinkers from the frescoes were looking on at the readers; presentation of *Two Bibliography Books* by Joachim Lelewel in the White Hall, and *Bibliotheca Curiosa* by colleagues Sonda Rankelienė and Indrė Saudargienė held at the Book Fair; a visit to Zarasai and Raseiniai District Municipal Public Libraries with the ongoing project 'Lithuania at Vilnius University Library'; a unique Culture Night event organised by VU Library in university spaces; a play *The Book and Stars* performed by VU Students' Theatre MINIMUM in the White Hall – all these events reveal a rich history of the university, testifying its eternal values and telling the stories of people who, guided by those values, created the university and the history of science and culture of the whole country.

It is pleasing that people who have left a notable footprint in the history of VU Library are honoured with high state awards. On 16 February, President of the Republic of Lithuania awarded patron Prof. Ginutis Procuta the Cross of the Knight of the Order for Merits to Lithuania. A resident of Toronto (Canada), Prof. Ginutis Procuta is someone who sincerely appreciates VU Library and has donated a rich book collection necessary for research and studies.

At the end of the year, more good news have reached us: the restorers working in Joachim Lelewel Hall discovered a fresco in the hall's plafond that dates back to the times of Jesuit chapel. There is a record in 'Vilnius University Lustration Act' that this fresco depicted St Stanislaus Kostka, a patron of novices, pupils and students. For a long time it was thought that the fresco did not survive, thus the restorers' discovery is particularly pleasing and gives hope that after the whole fresco is uncovered, yet another element of the university architectural ensemble, which was considered lost until now, will be restored.

In 2018, Lithuania will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the restoration of its statehood. VU Library celebrated the eve of the anniversary in Franciszek Smuglewicz Hall with the opening of an exhibition 'Freedom Is More Precious Than Gold'. Visitors of the exhibition could discover new facts of Lithuanian history from the exhibited old books, unique manuscripts, hand-coloured maps and photographs. While celebrating the centenary of the Restoration of the State of Lithuania, we are glad to have the opportunity to contribute to the commemoration of this anniversary, which is precious to all of us. We appreciate the opportunity to work and create in a responsible way, responding to the information needs of free citizens of the free country.

Irena Krivienė

1. Vision, mission, values

VISION

Vilnius University Library as an environment which nurtures individuals into trailblazers

MISSION

We create an inspiring environment for the seeking, the intellectual, the curious, and, in this way, we contribute to the progress of the society.

- With the aid of technologies and unique spaces, we constantly change so that we could help any member of the academic community to achieve their objectives.
- By opening a global array of scientific information as well as unique heritage collections, we increase their dissemination and use, and promote lifelong learning.
- For more than four hundred years, together with the University we have cherished humanistic values, contributing to the strengthening of Lithuanian and global cognitive powers.

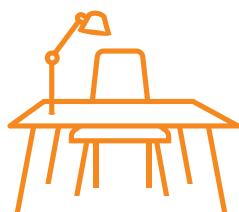
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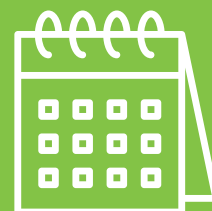
Traditions, openness, partnership, responsibility, drive



2. Facts and figures

- The total number of items stored in the Library - **5,065,013**
- Manuscripts Division has **331** archival collections and **330,349** different documents
- Collection of the Division of Graphic Arts contains **94,235** items
- Rare Books Division collection consists of **167,583** items
- There are **443,071** items in the open stacks
- The Library has **45,030** registered users
- **1,136,905** visits were paid
- Circulation statistics – **374,390** items
- On average, one registered user borrowed **8** items
- The total number of work spaces dedicated for users - **1,720**
- The total number of work spaces with computer access - **319**
- On 31 December 2017, the online catalogue contained bibliographic records of **864,761** titles (**1,901,521** copies in total)
- VU Library subscribes to **80** databases
- The databases were accessed **645,810** times
- **1,575,254** searches were performed in the databases
- Users were provided with **1,093,569** full-text articles retrieved from the databases
- In 2017, each member of VU community accessed the databases **32** times, performed **79** searches and used **55** full-text documents on average
- **30,812** pages of the 8th category were restored
- **32,577** pages of the 8th category were conserved
- **57,291** pages were digitised
- Users acquired **2,860** digital copies of various cultural heritage objects
- The Library had **204** employees
- **18** new staff members were admitted
- **€605,909.98** were allocated for the acquisition of information resources
- **704** guided tours around the old campus of Vilnius University and the Library were given; **10,468** people from **53** countries participated in the guided tours
- **47** guided tours around the Scholarly Communication and Information Centre with almost **850** participants were given
- Over **20,000** people visited Adam Mickiewicz Museum
- **6** foreign specialists undertook traineeships at the Library
- **6** students undertook traineeships at the Library
- Library had **5** volunteers
- The Library organised **118** events, **47** of which were exhibitions
- **122** members of the library staff improved their qualifications **330** times

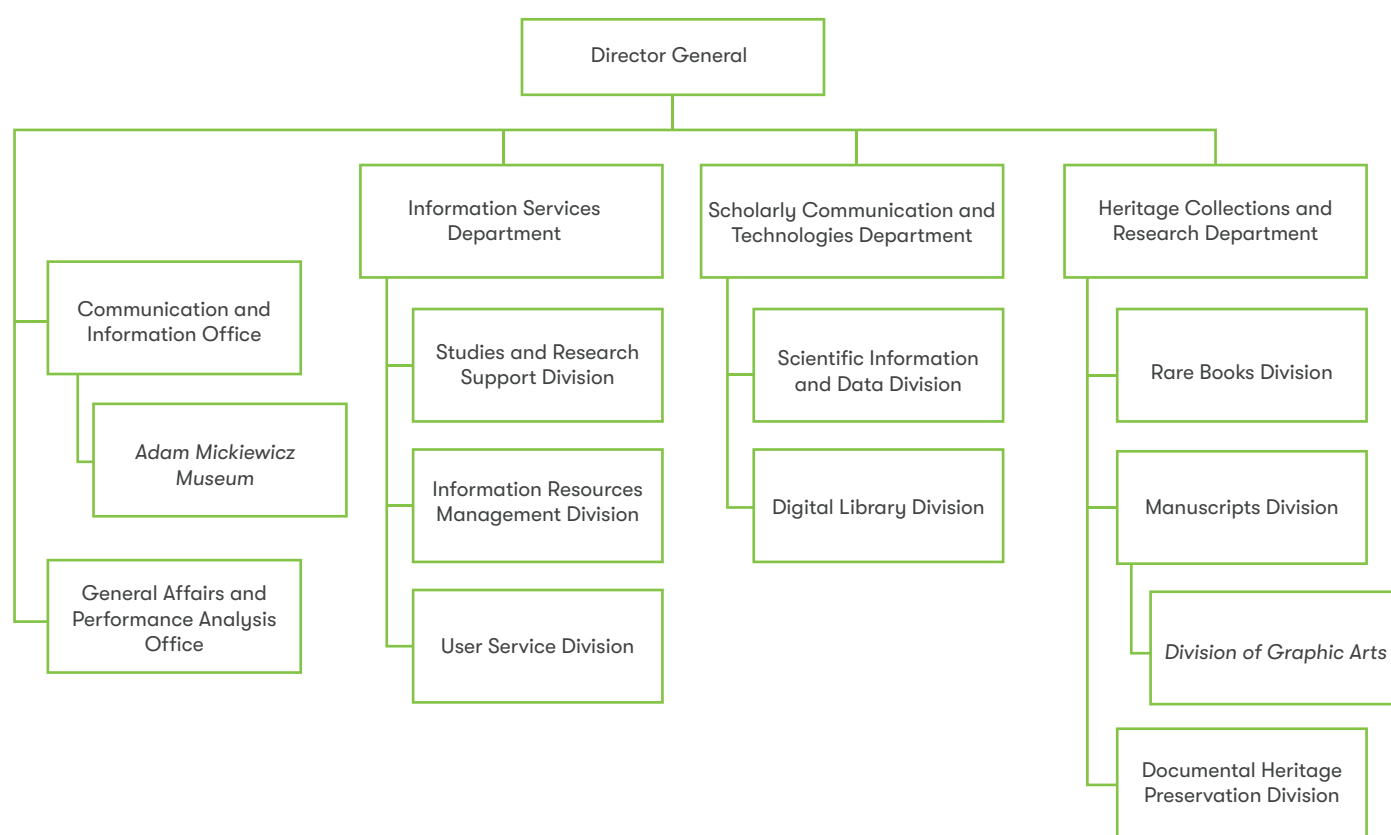




II. OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF 2017

1. Presentation of the new structure of VU Library

In 2017, the structure of the Library was reviewed and reorganised; it was reduced by 4 structural units. On 13 June 2017, Vilnius University Senate approved a new organisational structure and regulations of the Library. The objectives of the Library's activities indicated in the regulations were formulated to contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the VU strategic plan.



The Library continues to consistently follow and improve its established staff management procedures and oversee the management of the staff processes.

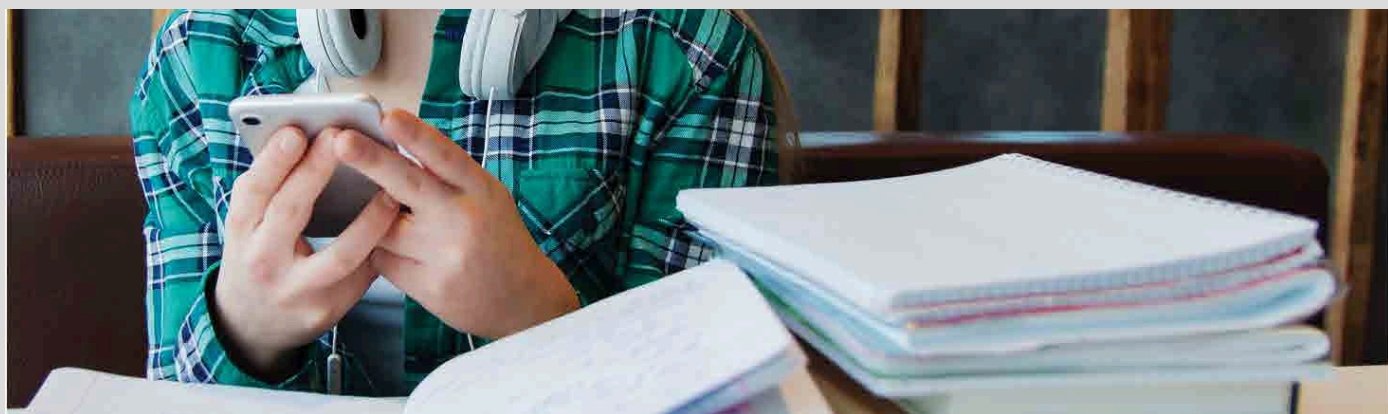
2. VU Library mobile app finished development

The beginning of the academic year saw the new VU Library mobile app which can be installed by anyone that has mobile phones using Android operating system.

This app allows VU community members to check their loans, extend their loan periods by a single touch of the screen, receive notifications of upcoming due dates, search in the library catalogue, and check the availability of items.

The app provides the library users not only with information about items but also about the changed opening hours of reading rooms, events and other relevant information presented on the Library's website. All these notifications can be sent directly to the library users' mobile phones.

The app supports both Lithuanian and English languages, thus it can be used by foreign readers as well.



3. Updated Virtual Library

In 2017, Virtual Library was updated. It became richer, more functional and convenient to use.

- From now on, the search results can take users straight to the library plan where a preliminary storage place of the item is indicated.
- Virtual Library was supplemented with 73 Open Access resources
- The interface between Virtual Library and its mobile version was improved (from now on, users can check their fines for the overdue items on their mobile devices, the data output on the screen was edited)
- Virtual Library address was changed into the institutional domain virtualbiblioteka.vu.lt.

4. Active participation in scholarly communication

Open Access

Vilnius University Library actively participated in the dissemination of Open Access:

- On 21 November 2017, the Senate of Vilnius University approved 'Vilnius University Open Access to Science (Art) and Study Regulations'.
- A means of communication how to self-archive a postprint or print in eLABa was prepared.
- Open Access Week was celebrated, with scientists as Open Access ambassadors; postcard 'I am open because...'

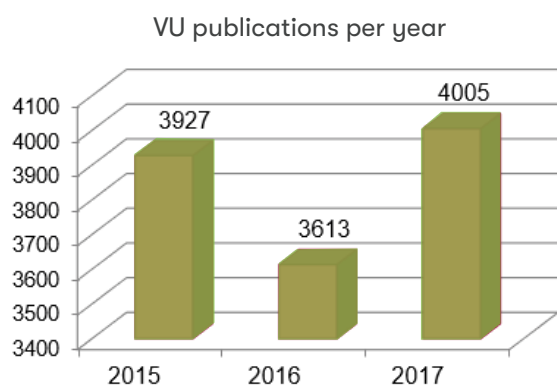
Scientometrics

- A bibliometric analysis of publications written by VU researchers in 2016 based on 'Web of Science' data was performed.
- 4 bibliometric analyses of publications written by VU academic community based on InCites data have been carried out:
 - VU researchers' publications registered in 'Web of Science Core Collection' from 2012 to 2016;
 - Publications prepared by the Atomic Theory Department;
 - Publications written by the Department of Bioelectrochemistry and Biospectroscopy;
 - Publications produced by the Department of Anatomy, Histology and Anthropology in the Faculty of Medicine.
- A video about 'InCites' has been created in Lithuanian in collaboration with Clarivate Analytics.
- 'InCites User Manual' was translated into Lithuanian and placed on the Library's webpage in the section 'Scientometrics'.

5. eLABa repository

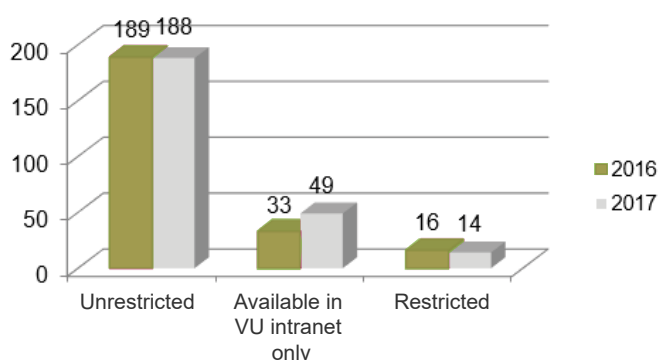
eLABa is a national information system launched in 2015 after the implementation of the EU Structural Funds project 'Development of the Integrated Services for the Electronic Information System eLABa'. During the project, a repository for the collection and administration of theses and research publications together with a plagiarism detection subsystem was created. It brought an opportunity to accumulate, organise, store, and provide Open Access to VU research output and theses.

In 2017, 4,005 VU researchers' publications were uploaded to eLABa and confirmed.



In 2017, 127 doctoral dissertations and 124 dissertation summaries were uploaded to eLABa and confirmed. 75 per cent of them are freely accessible.

Access rights set by authors in eLABa VU ETD in 2016 and 2017



At the end of 2017, the total number of records in eLABa repository was 63,608. 55,984 of them – VU publications, 7,624 – VU theses.

6. Research data management

On 28 April 2017, the Rector of Vilnius University approved 'The Rules for Scientific Research Data Management in the Information System MIDAS' by the decree No. R-168.

MIDAS is a unified national Open Access digital archive enabling the provision of e-services, collection and storage of scientific research data and other related information in all fields of knowledge. The archive allows users to have free, easy and convenient access to the data via MIDAS Portal (<https://www.midas.lt>).

On 26 May 2017, Pro-rector of Vilnius University for Research approved 'The Communication Strategy and Plan of VU Research Data Management' by the decree No. R-2112.

In 2017, Vilnius University Library ran a campaign 'Choose MIDAS – Win Twice'. The patron of the campaign was Pro-rector of Vilnius University for Research, Prof. Dr Rimantas Jankauskas. During the campaign:

- The number of studies registered in MIDAS increased from 99 to 148;
- The number of new MIDAS users increased from 158 to 235.

Andrius Merkys, a junior researcher at the Life Sciences Center, was among participants who published the most scientific research data sets during the campaign. He said, "I was most motivated by the need for the data to be archived and easily accessed. The results of the work group led by Dr Saulius Gražulis are usually published openly. Undoubtedly, I was also encouraged by the campaign 'Choose MIDAS – Win Twice' and the additional 100 GB given to newly registered MIDAS users during 'Open Access Week 2017'".

7. Expansion of students' information competences development

In 2017, 87 academic hours of lectures-seminars on information literacy were given to different groups of library users: BA and MA students, PhD students and VU staff. Some of the lectures were delivered in English to MA students from Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science and the Faculty of Law, and full-time foreign students.

During 'The Orientation Week' held at Vilnius University for the first time, 11 lectures were delivered to students from 8 departments: Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences, Faculty of History, Faculty of Philosophy, Kaunas Faculty, Life Sciences Center, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, and VU Business School. The lectures were attended by approximately 1,580 students.

In 2017, VU Library organised 30 Information Days lectures which attracted around 560 students.

VU Library provides PhD students with training during generic competences development classes for doctoral students or upon their request.

8. Accumulation, maintenance, and digitisation of scientific and cultural heritage collections

Accumulation

In 2017, the Manuscripts Division had 331 archives and 330,349 documents of various types.

The following personal collections stored in the Manuscripts Division were supplemented with groups of documents or individual documents: Viktoras Bergas (F223), Jonas Bulota (F176), Birutė Butkevičienė (F302), Pranė Dundulienė (F193) and Bronius Dundulis (F255), Aleksas Stanislovas Girdenis (F316), Vytautas Girdzijauskas (F175), Henrikas Horodničius (F300), Zenonas Ivinskis (F198), Valerija Karužienė (Čiurlionytė) (F153), Domas Kaunas (F179), Jonas Kubilius (F130), Ipolitas Ledas (F263), Juozas Lingis (F247), Juozapas Lukoševičius (F10), Elena Moncevičiūtė-Ėringienė (F262), Rolandas Pavilionis (F290), Antanas Stravinskis (F260), Ieva Šenavičienė (Dundulytė) (F330), Ona Šimaitė (F286), Barbora Vileišytė (F184), Vladas Žukas (F141) and others. The collections of Reform Movement Press (F233), Lithuanian Association for Nature Protection (F303), Vilnius University lecturers' documents (F98), Vilnius University Ethnographers' Club 'Ramuva' (F169), Vilnius Medical Association (F26) and others were expanded as well.

In 2017, the **Division of Graphic Arts** collection contained 94,235 items.

In 2017, the archive of **Rare Books Division** had 167,583 items.

The archive of Rare Books Division is usually divided into two groups. The first group (165,350 items) contains the old collection of items from the 15th to beginning of the 20th century and the rare collection of Cimelia and Minimalia. The second group (2,233 items) includes new items, i. e. reference literature, a collection of copies, microfilms and CDs.

Maintenance

In 2017, 62 thousand pages of 8th category were planned to be conserved and restored. The achieved result was 63,413 pages of 8th category.

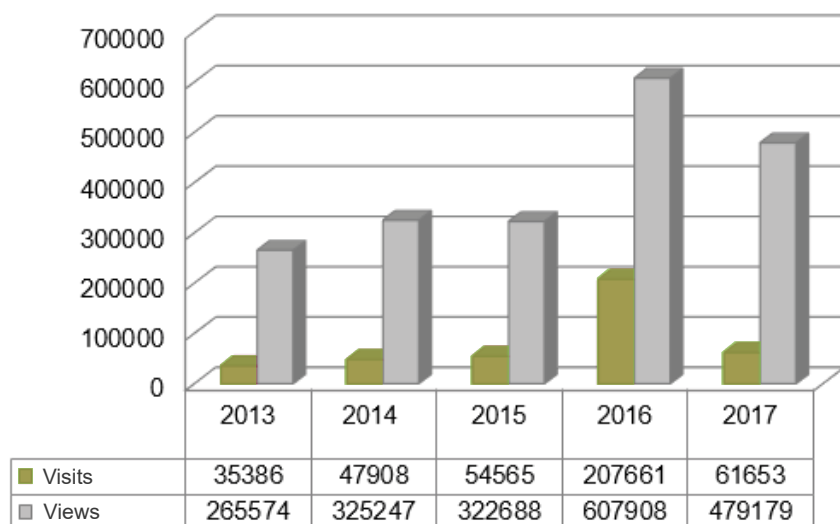
Paper conservation and restauration efforts went in a few directions:

- Preparation of selected documents for display
 - Preparation of selected documents for digitisation
 - Continued conservation and restoration of documents previously taken to the division
- 85 documents were newly bound
 - 122 bindings were restored (conserved)

Digitisation

- In 2017, 57,291 pages of various cultural heritage documents were digitised and prepared to be archived.
- 2,860 digital copies were made upon users' request.
- The Library's 'Digital Collections' webpage presented two new collections: 'Historical Sources of Lithuania and Neighbouring Countries' and 'Science at Vilnius University'.
- The 'Digital Collections' website has offered 1,765 new digitised documents to library users.
- At present, the 'Digital Collections' website contains 20 collections and presents 3,436 various cultural heritage documents.

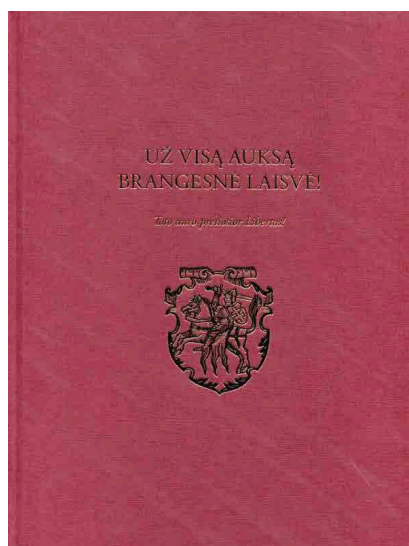
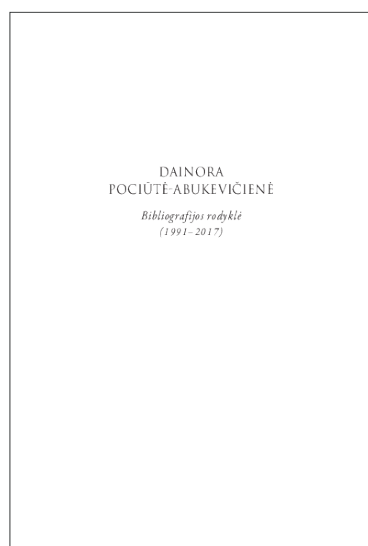
The dynamics of usage of VU Library's digitised cultural heritage



9. Scientific production and publications of the Library

In 2017, the following items were published or accepted for publication:

- Dainora Pociūtė-Abukevičienė: Bibliography (1991-2017). (2017). Vilnius: Vilnius University Press. (compiled by B. Gudalienė, R. Kivilšienė, S. Peciulkienė, edited by E. Urbonavičienė).
- The catalogue of the exhibition dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the Restoration of the Independent State of Lithuania 'Freedom is more precious than gold' was prepared for publication.
- In 2017, 28 articles were produced and published in Lithuanian and foreign press, 9 reports were presented at scientific conferences discussing VU Library cultural heritage and its research.
- The Library actively participated in the process of inserting records into the database 'Material Evidence in Incunabula' (MEI) initiated by the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL).



10. Significant projects

National projects

- Since 2009, VU Library has been participating in the implementation of eMoDB.LT project as a partner. Since 2016, the 3rd stage of the project has been in progress.
- eLABa Consortium

EU, RCL, VU, state and other projects

- International programme COST: opportunities to integrate the cultural heritage of VU Library into a common European space (Reassembling the Republic of Letters, 1580-1800)
- Investment project 'Reconstruction of the Old Vilnius University Library' – €500,000
- Inventorisation of heritage collections – €50,000
- MES investment project (eLABa Consortium) – €105,580

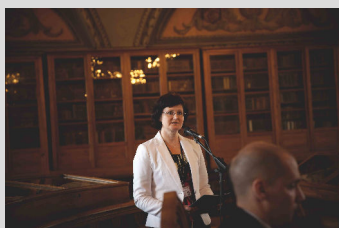
Projects funded by the Ministry of Culture

- Lithuania at Vilnius University Library III, €2,700

11. Outstanding exhibitions and events in 2017

Exhibitions

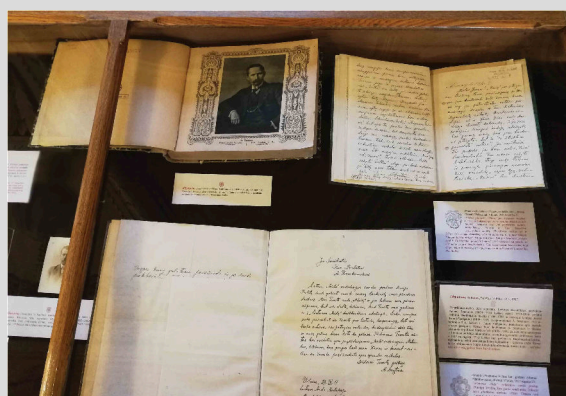
- Exhibition 'O tempora! O mores! (Oh the times! Oh the customs!)'
Presentation of the catalogue 'Bibliotheca curiosa'



- Exhibition dedicated to the 100th birthday anniversary of J. Greimas 'Persistent search for meaning. Algirdas Julius Greimas (1917–1992)'

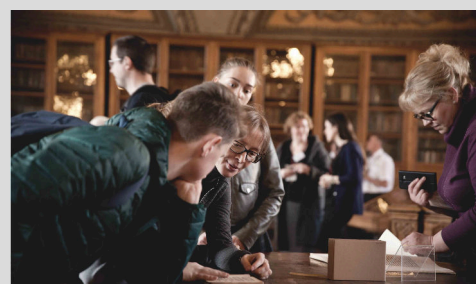


- Introductory exhibition '100 Years of Lithuanian Independence'

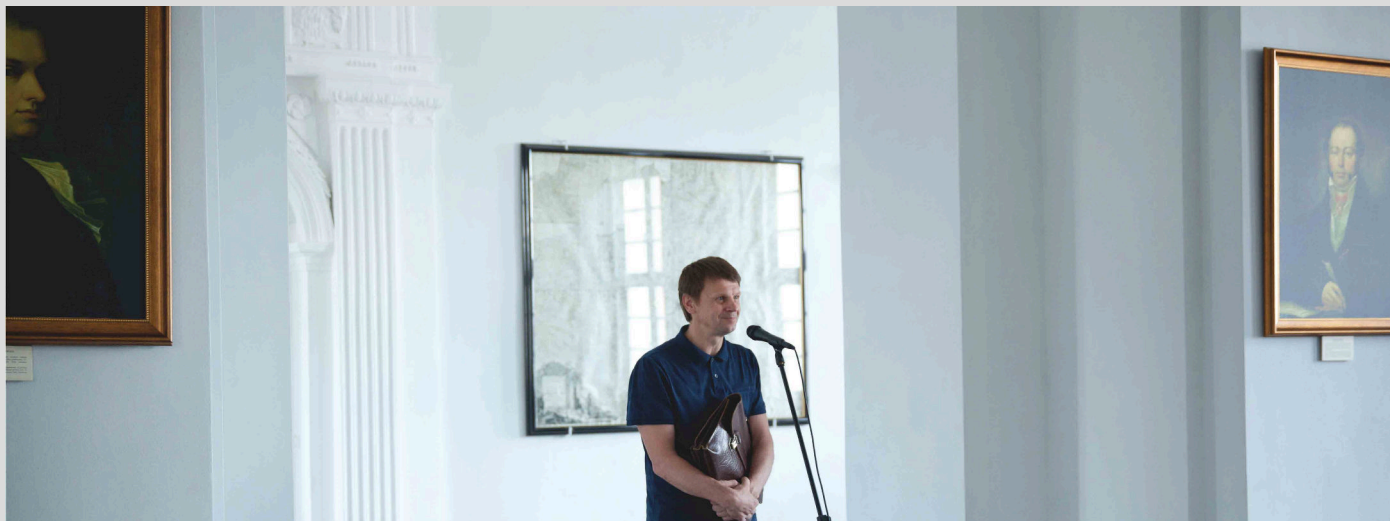


Events

- Display of Martynas Mažvydas' Catechism



- Rolandas Kazlas Reads the Poetry of Vladas Šimkus



- Culture Night at VU Library



12. Certification and awards

- In 2017, Head of the Manuscripts Division Dr Inga Liepaitė and Director of A. Baranauskas and A. Vienuolis-Žukauskas Memorial Museum Antanas Verbickas received Antanas Baranauskas literary award from the Municipality of Anykščiai District for their study 'Antanas Baranauskas' Personal Library'.
- Restorer of the Documental Heritage Preservation Division Sigitas Tamulis acquired a qualification category of restorer-expert.

13. International cooperation

Membership of international organisations

- Association of European Research Libraries (LIBER)
- Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL)
- Bibliotheca Baltica (BB)
- Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR)

Cooperation with the Goethe-Institut

- Seminar 'Libraries' Development in the Digital Age'



- Exhibition 'The Country of Inventors – Scientific Research in Germany'



VU Library maintains ties with Jagiellonian Library of the Jagiellonian University (Poland).



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