The University Library and Archives of the Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), honoured with the Hungarian Heritage Award in 2018, is a scholarly institution enhancing education, teaching, and research at the Eötvös Loránd University. It is a special library open to the public, and at the same time the centre of the network of libraries belonging to the University, managing the IT background of library services. It is coordinating shared cataloguing and database building, the development of online services, and supports cooperation by counselling, and internal training. For further information on services available in a particular library, pricing, opening hours, and contact details see the portal of the University Library Service (ULS), or the homepage of the individual libraries.
The University Library was founded as the ‘bibliotheca’ of the Jesuit College of Nagyszombat (now Trnava, Slovakia) by Miklós Oláh, the archbishop of Esztergom. It was transformed into a university library when Péter Pázmány, archbishop of Esztergom, founded the Jesuit University of Nagyszombat in 1635. Following the dissolution of the Jesuit order in 1773, both the university and the library became state institutions, and in 1779 they were moved to the Royal Castle in Buda. Upon Maria Theresa’s 1780 order, the university library received legal deposit copies, and from this time on it also functioned as the national library for a long time. In 1784 the university moved to Pest by the order of Joseph II. The library palace in Ferenciek tere (Ferenciek Square), in which the institution has been working ever since, was built in 1876 as one of the first important investments in higher education after the Austro-Hungarian Compromise (1867). It was also the first public library of the capital.

The female figures on the walls and ceiling of the Reading Room, the former Assembly Hall, painted by Károly Lotz, symbolize sciences and arts.

The only major collection of guilds’ letters patent can be found at the University Library.

Photo: Ágnes Ágai

Every Hungarian or foreign citizen who has passed the age of 18, and secondary school students older than 14 may become registered members of the library. Registration is free for all citizens (employees and students) of ELTE and PPKE (Pázmány Péter Catholic University) and secondary school students. 50% reduction of the registration fee is offered for students of other academic institutions.

By the ‘virtual library card’ mobile application it is possible to manage your loans, to extend the loan period, to follow your orders, to enter the catalogue. Besides you may also purchase a card enabling you to use the electronic printing and copying facilities online.

Any book from the core collection (published after 1801), either printed or electronic, can be read for free in the reading rooms together with the periodical collection consisting of about 15 thousand titles. Patrons can consult the information service, use the catalogues, bibliographies, e-services.

The portal of the University Library Service (ULS), based on the cooperation of the network of libraries, offers full-scale information on about 50 libraries of ELTE. Using the search box right on the opening page, it is possible to use the shared catalogue (OPAC) or ELTEfind, the discovery search tool covering the contents of the university’s repository (EDIT), too. The homepage provides you not only with up-to-date news, but also with lots of useful information such as a guide to the use of the library, different aids, video presentations, descriptions of books or collections, etc. Clicking on “Contact” or on “Chat” in the left side menu you may send us your questions or comments directly.
THE COLLECTION

With its almost 2 million documents, the University Library is the third largest one in the capital. Until 1949 its collection interest covered works from all disciplines taught at the university, later it was limited to:

- philosophy,
- medieval and early modern times world history,
- religion and history of religion.

Since then the library has nation-wide responsibility for the collection of publications in these fields.

Furthermore the library collects and stores:

- theses defended on the Eötvös Loránd University (which can be searched in the OPAC, and those written in the last few years are available full text in the institutional repository, EDIT),
- documents about the history of the university,
- outstanding works of Hungarian and world literature,
- all sorts of reference works, handbooks, dictionaries, scholarly works in Hungarian or in several foreign languages needed for research.

The old book collection of the library is a part of the National Cultural Heritage of Hungary and is acknowledged all over Europe.

The collection includes:

- 185 codices (14 of them from Bibliotheca Corviniana),
- 1200 incunabula,
- 11000 works from the 16th,
- 15000 from the 17th and 75000 from the 18th century.

There are several early Hungarian language relics, medieval charters, guilds’ letters of patent, autograph manuscripts of outstanding persons, engravings, and maps in the manuscript and rarity collection.

Petrus Apianus, Astronomicum Caeaeurn, Ingolstadt 1540, Ant. 3541, B3r.

AND THE CATALOGUES

ONLINE CATALOGUE
opac.elte.hu

The OPAC contains records of almost 1.5 million copies of documents such as books, journals, special and electronic documents, and dissertations of the University Library and other libraries belonging to the ELTE network. The collection of the University Library acquired since 1996 is searchable in the online catalogue. Several personal e-services are available after login, e. g. online book ordering from the stacks, extending the loan period, Special Request.

DIGITIZED CARD CATALOGUE
oldcatalog.elte.hu

The old card catalogue of the University Library, covering the book collection from the foundation of the library till 1995 was digitized.

- Alphabetic Author Catalogue (documents acquired up till 1995): oldcatalog.elte.hu
- Subject catalogue (documents acquired between 1949–1995): subject.elte.hu

CATALOGUES OF THE MANUSCRIPT AND RARE BOOK COLLECTION

The catalogues of the special collection are available for researchers as searchable PDF files.
WIFI

**ELTENET** wireless internet is available in most of the libraries belonging to the University Library Service. The service can be used after personal identification using a WiFi ID that can be requested online through the Client's Gateway of the IT Directorate. Non-ELTE users, whose parent institution belongs to the Eduroam system, may use the WiFi network called **EUROAM** with their own ID. At the University Library there is also a free WiFi network.

**THE USE OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

The old document collection (codices, fragments, manuscripts, guilds' letters of patent, collections of letters, incunabula, items from the Old Hungarian Library, engravings, maps, small prints, and 16–18th century prints), as well as dissertations may be used in the researchers' reading room with a library card or a researcher card. Documents must be requested at least one working day before their use personally or by e-mail to info@lib.elte.hu.

**REPROGRAPHY**

Self-service printing and copying are available for our readers in the journal reading room. It is also possible – if copyright regulations allow – to order a digital or paper copy, or a printout of documents personally or by means of the online form. You can also make digital pictures with your own camera after buying a photo ticket.

**BOOK HOUR**

As a unique service, book lovers and collectors may bring their own items to the University Library for a bibliophile consultation free of charge.

**COMPUTER USE**

Computer use is free for the staff and students of the university, while other users have to pay for it. Use of the readers' own data carriers is allowed. Dissertations and online journals available with password only can be used at dedicated terminals.
You can place a hold on books which are on loan free of charge. After the book has been returned to the library, you will get a notice that it is available.

Registered members of the library are eligible to request documents from the stacks online. Having logged into the OPAC a direct request may be sent to the stacks from anywhere, any time by filling out the electronic request form. Requested items may be picked up at the desk within two days.

It is possible to renew the due date of books borrowed after login to the OPAC.

Readers may suggest the acquisition of publications missing from the collection after login via the OPAC using the ‘Special Request’ form.

Documents not held by the library can be requested by interlibrary loan from national or international sources, either in original or in copy. Our library also fulfils many interlibrary requests both from Hungary and abroad. Information: kk@lib.elte.hu

The reading room is a classical library hall of more than 200 sqm floorspace with a gallery. Its natural illumination comes from the three huge windows and from its glass roof. Mór Than’s oil-painting depicts the middle-aged Francis Joseph, who supported the erection of the building from his private property considerably, dressed in traditional Hungarian Hussar-uniform.

Photo: Peter Toth
SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED
Adapted materials for students with special needs, provided by the University’s Disability Centre, are available through the institutional repository EDIT for those registered through the faculty disability coordinators. An accompanying person is available for the visually impaired, and a computer, equipped with screen reading software, headphone, Braille printer is provided in the reading room as well as a video magnifier. Those with hearing impairment may use a chat window that can be found on the website, and a sign language interpreter can help them after previous registration. A library presentation tour in sign language is offered for groups. Until the barrier-free accessibility of the building can be provided for, the disabled may use our services through their representatives.

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For more information: oa@lib.elte.hu

LITERATURE SEARCHING
Literature searching in the topic specified by our reader in internet resources and special databases subscribed by the Eötvös Loránd University is offered for a fee. A reference list is compiled of the assessed and selected information which is handed over to the requester in print or electronic format.
For more information: literaryresearch@lib.elte.hu

VISIT TO THE LIBRARY
The palace of the library was designed by Antal Szkalnitzky and built in 1876 in the spirit of eclecticism. The walls of its reading room are decorated by frescos by Károly Lotz and Mór Than. The entrance hall, the stairway, and the reading room can be visited during the opening hours of the library. A guided tour of the building is available upon request both in Hungarian and in foreign languages. The library has a book bindery and book restoration laboratory of its own. Their work is presented on open days of the library, or upon request on special occasions. The University Library and Archives participates regularly in national cultural events such as the Night of Museums, the European Heritage Days, or the National Library Days. Registration and information: titkarsag@lib.elte.hu

Sgraffito decorating the portico of the entrance hall.
It is possible to access the databases, e-books and e-journals subscribed by the university on computers available for readers, and through the internal network. E-books are searchable in the online catalogue as well.

If licences allow, e-books, e-journals and databases subscribed by the University are made available for the staff and students of ELTE also from home.

Courses in database management, literature searching, publishing, and library use are organised regularly with the aim of fostering the independent use of library services and information resources, and basic research activities.

The Digital Institutional Repository (EDIT) of the University is a repository, certified by the Hungarian National Scientific Bibliography (MTMT), for the archiving of digital materials and making them available. Research papers, students’ documents, unpublished materials from the institution are all organised and made retrievable here. By means of a variety of indexing systems, uploaded documents become part of the international scientific network. The repository also contains an ever increasing number of documents from the collection of the library which are digitized and made freely available. Information and administration: editadmin@lib.elte.hu

MTMT (Magyar Tudományos Művek Tára = Hungarian National Scientific Bibliography) is a database of publications by Hungarian authors, and related citations. The academic staff and students of the University may register on the homepage of MTMT on their own, and may ask for help in uploading, and checking their data from MTMT coordinators at faculties, institutions and the administrators. Central information and administration: mtmt@lib.elte.hu

It is a system enhancing the open access publication of a journal issued by a department of the University. In addition, journals can be included in DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), which allows publications to become visible and even available in the search engines of many international database service providers. Information: oajournals@lib.elte.hu

DOI (Digital Object Identifier) serves the unique identification of online objects and is the trademark of the International DOI Foundation. DOIs may be requested through agencies, which also register the DOI in the central database. The University Library and Archives works with the CrossRef agency. Information: doi@lib.elte.hu
The University Archives has three functions:

• It collects and preserves the historic documents and museum objects of the Eötvös Loránd University as well as the legacy of late professors. Today there are about two thousand shelf running meters of records, including 30 legacies.

• The records are made available for historical research and serve as bases of certification for private persons and official organizations (certification of studies).

• It conducts research on the history of the university, higher education, and the history of sciences, and publishes its findings in studies, monographs, source publications, and databases. So far approximately 60 volumes in four series have been published by the Archives.

There are many valuable records in the collection of the Archives, that has been working since 1958, such as the charter of foundation issued by Péter Pázmány in 1635, or the new deed of foundation by Maria Theresa from 1780, which has determined the organization and operation of the university for a long time; or the more than one hundred charters and codex fragments from before 1526, the battle of Mohács, used in the training of historians. The Archives also gathers museum objects, and images related to the history of the University.
SAVARIA LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

OPENING HOURS
Monday 10:00 – 17:00
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The library, founded in 1959, a member of the library network of ELTE since 2017, was awarded the title “Library of the Year”, and became a “Qualified Library” in 2014. Connected to the Savaria Centre of Regional Pedagogical Services and Research, it is available to the teachers of the region, while as a public library it is also available for the interested population of the town and county and aids them in the process of lifelong learning.

COLLECTION

Parts of the collection of regional significance are especially important:
- the Austrian Library, consisting of 7000 volumes that serve as one of the most important pillars of the teaching of German;
- the Regional Centre and Library for Teachers of English, founded by the British Council;
- the European Documentation Centre founded in 1997.
Special collections, serving research are also important:
- Devecseri Gábor Library offering the bequest of the writer and translator for research;
- Hadrovics László Library consisting of 1900 volumes in Slavic Philology that belonged to the linguist, Member of the Academy.

TRAINING AND LEARNING SUPPORT

The library has contributed to the presentation and support of teaching at the Savaria University Centre by lending video packages (podcasts), processing more than 1000 video recordings (such as lectures, conferences, events) and making them available for the wider audience.

VIDEO SERVICE
sek.videotorium.hu/en

The Ephorus/Turnitin plagiarism checker effectively aids lecturers in the assessment of student essays.

PLAGIARISM DETECTION

Theses, which have been defended at the institution since 2003, can be read on the computers of the reading room.

COLLECTION OF THESIS

The library has been participating in the training of students of library and information science, in the teaching of different subjects and the use of IT equipment, in the innovative development of digital methods in teacher training.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TRAINING

The library provides support to lecturers in the use of the e-learning system, and the compilation of e-learning materials.

E-LEARNING SUPPORT

The library digitizes materials for the lecturers of the institution, and also with the aim of archiving the documents of local, and institutional history.

DIGITIZATION
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