

Universitätsbibliothek der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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Humboldt University



Humboldt-Monument in front of Humboldt University
Photo: Rudi Heim

- Established in 1810
- The oldest of Berlin's three universities
- Considered the „mother of all modern universities“
- 28,000 students (excluding Charité)
- Undergraduate and graduate programs

Humboldt University Libraries



Branch Library of Law

- Until 1831, library materials were supplied by the Royal Library
- The University Library was founded in 1831
- Today, the library is one of the central institutions of the University
- The Library is open to the public; library cards are free

Structure of the library



Branch Library of Theology

- Currently 13 locations (incl. the Archives and the Art Collections of Humboldt University)
 - Central Library (Grimm Centre)
 - Natural Sciences
 - Law
 - Theology
 - ...
- Concentration process is in progress
- One track library system
 - Common acquisition budget
 - Central personnel administration
- Integrated Library System: Aleph 500 (Ex Libris)

Shelving / Classification System



Branch Library of Classical Archaeology

- The majority of the books and journals are sorted by the "Regensburger Verbundklassifikation"
- Some collections are (still) sorted by other classification systems that were historically used by some branch libraries
- Open access to the stacks
- Grimm-Centre: largest open access collection in Germany (about 2 million volumes)

The library at a glance



Study spaces in the Grimm Centre
Photo: Lewandowski

- Locations: 13
- Staff: 192
- Area: 40.748 m²
- Volumes: 5,969,991
 - open access: 2,993,553
 - textbook collection: 58,798
- Expenditures on acquisition (2010): 4,434,629 €
(incl. 900,000 € from the Siemens-Foundation)
- Oldest printed book: Biblia. Mendelin,
Straßburg 1466

Main locations of the library



Exterior view of the Grimm Centre
Photo: Stefan Müller

Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum (I)

- Opened in October 2009
- Architect: Max Dudler (*1946)
- Has won several architectural awards
- Arose from the merger of the central library and 12 branch libraries
- Collections comprise Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Economics

Main locations of the library

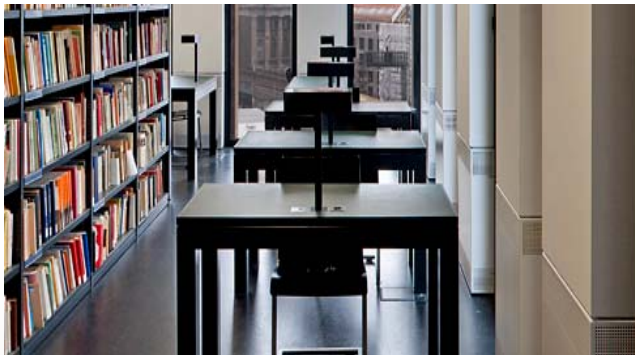


Reading terraces in the Grimm Centre
Photo: Stefan Müller

Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum (II)

- Reading terraces form the core of the Grimm Centre
- Nine terraces cover five floors
- The Grimm Centre is frequented by 4,000 - 7,000 people daily
- The Grimm Centre is the second most visited library in Germany

Main locations of the library



Work stations in the Grimm Centre;
Lounge area in the ground floor
Photos: Lewandowski; Heyde

Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum (III)

- The Grimm Centre provides more than 1,000 work stations
 - 450 Public computer work stations
 - 51 Study carrels
 - 8 Study rooms for groups
- Lounge areas with red armchairs offer opportunities to relax
- Separate room for users with children on the 7th floor
- „Homezone“ for Humboldt students and staff

Main locations of the library



Reading Room of the Erwin-Schrödinger-Zentrum

Erwin-Schrödinger-Zentrum: Branch Library of Natural Sciences

- Campus Adlershof
- University Institutes of Sciences
- More than 400 technology-orientated companies
- The Branch Library of Natural Sciences houses the collections of Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics and Psychology
- Driverless transportation system

Main locations of the library



Branch Library Campus Nord

- Opened in October 2009 in the former Central Library building
- Houses the collections of Agricultural Sciences, Economics and the Social Science of Agriculture and Forestry, Biology, English and American Studies as well as Sports Science
- Further collections will be integrated



Building of the branch library Campus Nord;
Former lecturehall at Campus Nord that is now used as a
reading room

Special collections and eod



Books of the private library of the Brothers Grimm
Photo: Zappe

- Private library of the Brothers Grimm (6,000 volumes)
- Libraries of several famous scholars from Berlin of the 19th century
- Collection of nearly 1,400 autographs
- Collection of documents
- Incunabula and manuscripts
- Biggest collection of doctoral and postdoctoral theses in Germany
- Special focus on Folklore, Ethnology and Higher Education
- Digitization via e-books on demand (eod)

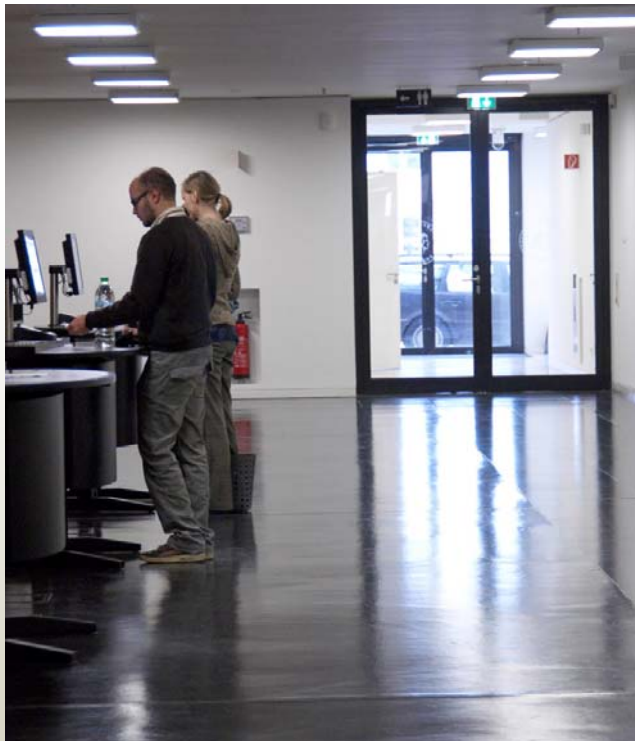
Campaign „My Grimm ... must be repaired“



Books of the Private Library of the Brothers Grimm
Photo: Zappe

- The private Library of the Brothers Grimm is one of the most important private libraries of the 19th century
- Extensive renovation work is necessary to preserve the books
- Maintenance work is funded by the Campaign „Mein Grimm“ („My Grimm“)

RFID: Radio-Frequency Identification



Check-out-machines in the Grimm Centre

- Since 2008 implementation of the RFID Technology
- Promoted by the European Union
- Implemented in the check-out and return machines (incl. fee payment)
- Two functions of the RFID-Tags: issuing and saving books and other resources

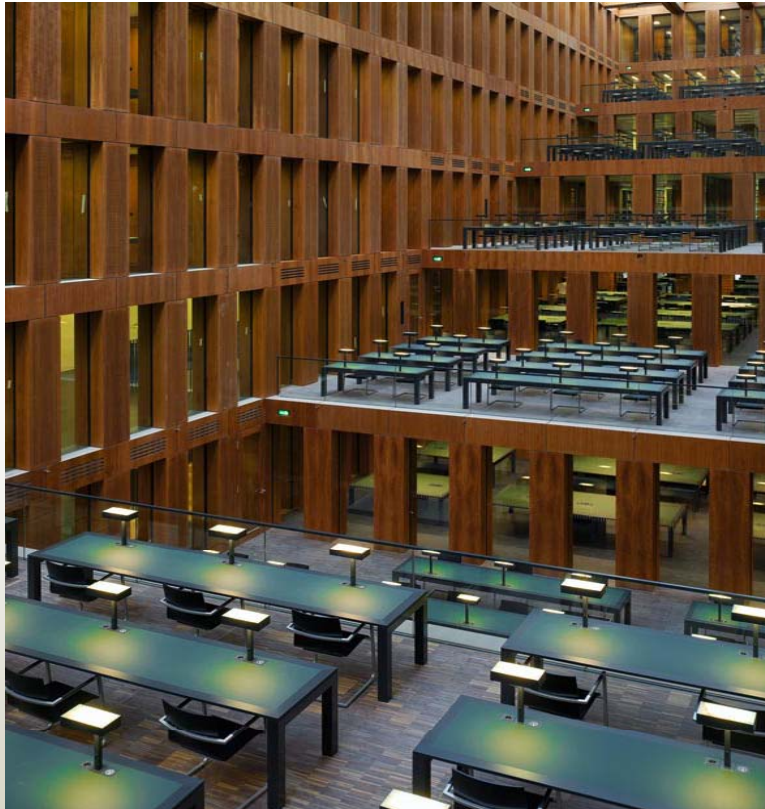
Primus – The new Search Portal



Screenshot of the Search Portal Primus

- Primus (Primary University Search) is the new search portal of the University Library
- „One-stop shop“
- Searches the catalogue as well as many other databases
- Simultaneous search for books, journals, articles etc. in print as well as electronic resources
- Direct access to full text

Thank you very much / Vielen Dank!



Reading Terraces in the Grimm Centre

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