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Lappeenranta Academic Library

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Premises, budget and staff

Just a brief history since 2011

- Premises
- Staff
- Budget

- Some trends the way we see it now

Lappeenranta Academic Library

- Founded 2011
- Joint library of Lappeenranta University of Technology and Saimaa University of Applied Sciences
- Library is part of the university of technology organization
- Library units are located in Lappeenranta Skinnarila campus and in Imatra Linnala campus
- Serving nearly 10.000 students and staff members + citizens who need academic library services
- Library staff ~ 16 persons, yearly budget ~ 3 M€

Library premises

- Nearly 3000 square metres, from which nearly 90% is dedicated to open collection and customer use
- Library unit in Skinnarila is open for customers 24/7 as a DIY library (self service), the library can be entered by using the personal electric key
- More silent study space has been arranged lately
- Less space for individual staff members, more space to staff team work
- ‘Students’ wish list include e.g.
 - More sockets for laptops, tablets and cellphones
 - More spots for roundtable conversations and group assignments

Library staff

- Number of staff has gone down about 30% since 2011
- Crucial change in library services
 - More services concerning various research activities
 - Considerable need to reform and advance information skills education at all levels
 - Open science as a megatrend (i.e. open science seen as a cluster or ecosystem that must be approached from many directions) -> a real challenge for libraries
- -> A remarkable switch in essential skills and know-how in libraries
- -> Encourage staff to training (continuing, updating, on-duty etc.)

Library budget

- Distribution of expenses in the library budget 2011 -> 2016: premises, staff and literature
 - Premises 22% -> 26%
 - Staff 32% -> 32% (There has been a 30% cut in the number of employees.)
 - Literature 29% -> 33%
- No remarkable reductions in the absolute yearly budget in six years
- All costs have risen, especially the rents and literature

Just a few landmarks and signals

- As things become more complicated all the time, it is more fundamental to focus our efforts on networking and collaborating with e.g. other university libraries -> networking competence is one of librarian's essential skills
- New library information system is being under consideration together with 45 other academic library organizations in Finland -> changes to processes along the new system
- Open access has become a quite heavy objective in literature negotiations with publishers -> depending on the results, this may have major consequences to libraries
- Open science is being promoted on national level and we are deeply in that process
- Some initiatives to create larger organizations in higher education are under construction in Finland (universities and universities of applied sciences are co-operating more)
 - Also a broader group of three universities (LUT, Saimaa, Lamk) is being incorporated 2018



Thank you!

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