



Planning a New Library for Humanities and Social Sciences

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Helsinki University Library (HULib) - City Center Campus Library

- ❖ Arts and Humanities, Theology, Social Sciences, Law, Behavioural Sciences
- ❖ Now in 11 different places, next year in two houses.
- ❖ About 1,5 million printed volumes.
- ❖ About 500 000 loans and 2,3 million loans and renewals per year
- ❖ 1,1 million library visits.
- ❖ Students: 20 000
- ❖ Teachers, researchers and other staff: 3 000



Library services based on digital resources vs. services based on print resources

- ❖ Arts and Humanities and Social sciences students say that they want to read printed books – book-intensive fields.
- ❖ But, there are more and more digital resources!
- ❖ Our services in City Center Campus Library are focused mainly to manage lending, reservation and collection of books.
- ❖ 1,2 million textbook home loans and renewals in 2009.



Digital library services

- ❖ Students' message now: more printed textbooks – e-books are extra service
- ❖ Library in City Center acquires 8000 textbooks/year printed and 1000/year e-version.
- ❖ Changes in some fields: students of economics strongly favour e-material – same trend in other fields of social sciences.
- ❖ Most print-oriented are students (and teachers) of law!
- ❖ Key issues are how educational methods will change in our fields – and what kind of material is available.



E-books and reading devices

- ❖ Helsinki City Library loans reading devices.
- ❖ We don't in HULib currently loan – there is not one or two strong leading device in market.
 - ❖ There isn't one standard for devices and e-books
 - ❖ Usability – may be better in next generation?
 - ❖ Limited textbook titles – especially in Finnish and Swedish
- ❖ What will be our role in future – licences, pricing?
- ❖ E-book policy of HULib in the making.



Research library – library for researchers

- ❖ Researchers need and use e-material, especially articles and reference material.
- ❖ "Heavy reading" fields need printed books.
- ❖ Only few e-material for some fields – especially in linguistics and culture research.
- ❖ E-materials gain more and more ground!
- ❖ Using e-services and printed services needs inspiring space – both physical and virtual.
- ❖ How to support research networking in library?
- ❖ Research culture is changing!



Students – are they changing?

- ❖ Students need guidance on information literacy
 - ❖ both printed and e-materials
 - ❖ and their use
 - ❖ especially important in master degree phase (quality of theses)
- ❖ They need premises where it is possible to work together and meet fellow students.
- ❖ They need more individual ways of studying and using services.
- ❖ They are more demanding – political pressure to rapid graduation, economical issues – term fees in future?
- ❖ Digi-native generation – what does it mean to libraries?



Library services in future

- ❖ More staff for field specific information services.
- ❖ Information literacy training further integrated into the curriculum – also for the post-graduate students and researchers.
- ❖ New library building and inspiring premises for study and research.
- ❖ Better support for research groups – from teams to knots (project led by Prof. Yrjö Engeström under way 2010-11)
- ❖ New challenges and research services: Open Access, research data services, bibliometric analyses.
- ❖ Fully automated circulation (RFID, Radio Frequency IDentification).



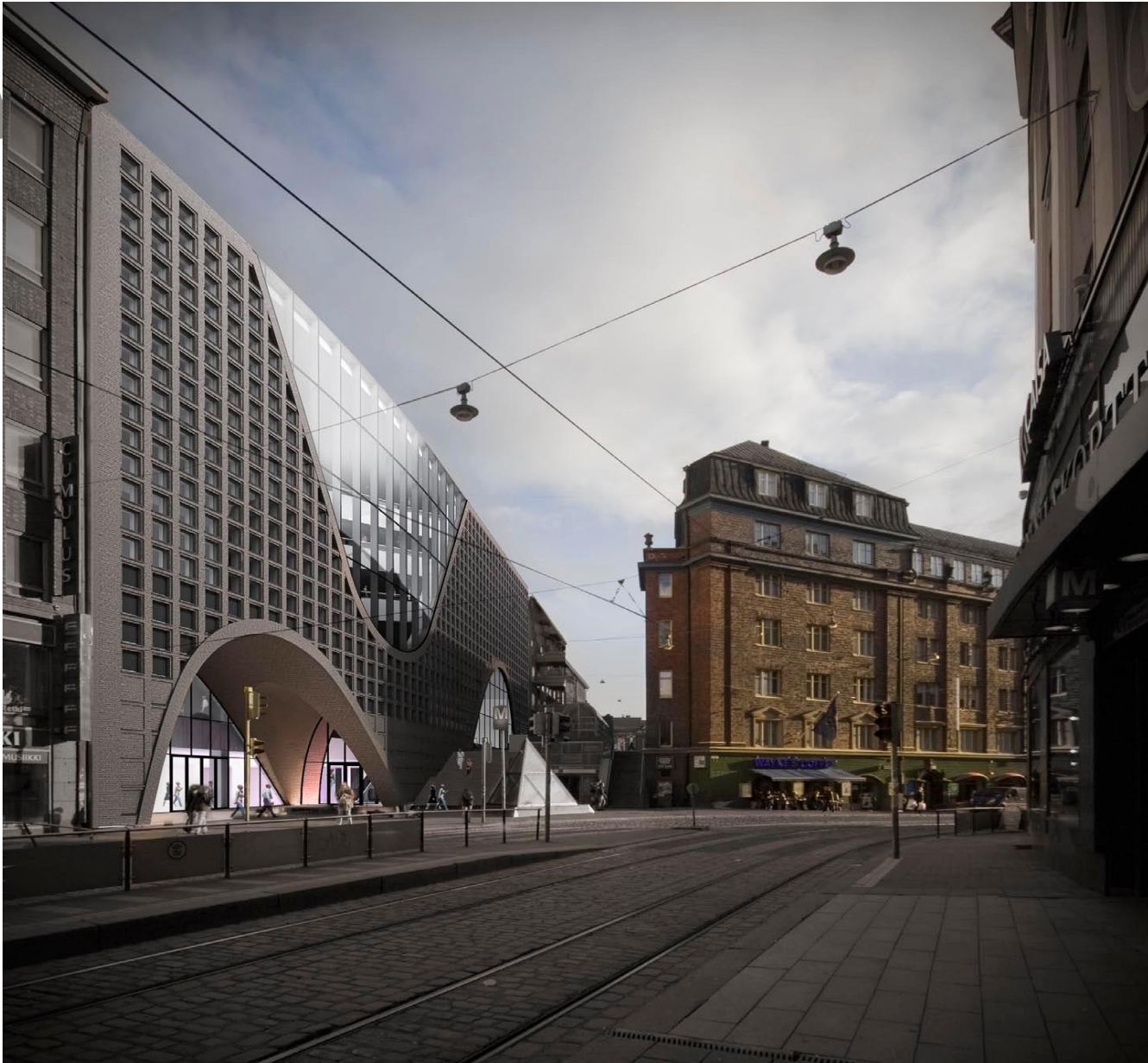
A new vision – possibilities of the new building

- ❖ Physical space - library building
- ❖ Virtual space – networks, learning platforms, Moodle, and social media?
- ❖ Materials, resources – both printed and digital
- ❖ Equipment – blackboard, smartboard, computers, workstations, group work rooms, reading rooms...
- ❖ Advice, guidance, and training by library staff
- ❖ Possibility to meet other students
- ❖ Academic coffee salon – cosy and inspirational

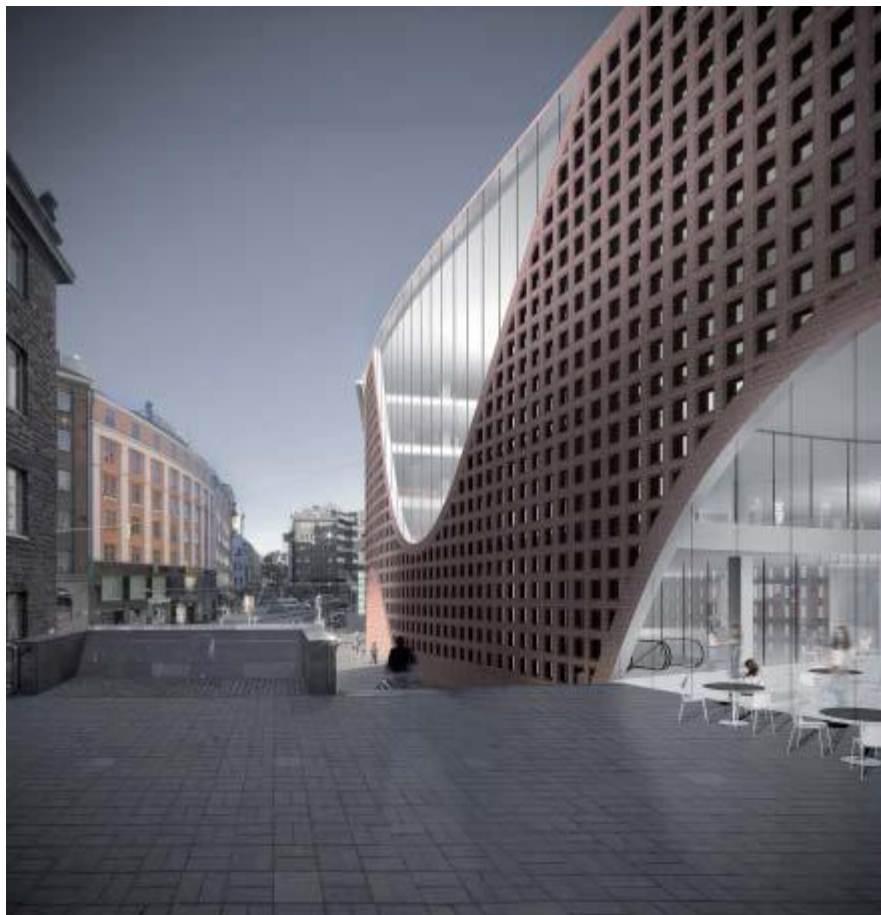
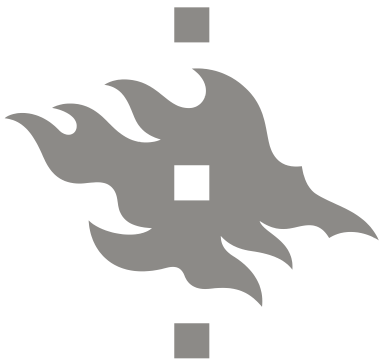


The new library building – Kaisa-talo

- ❖ In Kaisa-talo building:
 - ❖ Social sciences and humanities
 - ❖ Centralised library services (administration and development, acquisitions and metadata services, and digital services)
 - ❖ Cafe, bookstore...
- ❖ Zones for different scientific fields: collections and services.
- ❖ 7 upper floors, 4 underground floors
- ❖ Opening in autumn 2012
- ❖ ***Welcome to IFLA 2011 in Helsinki!***

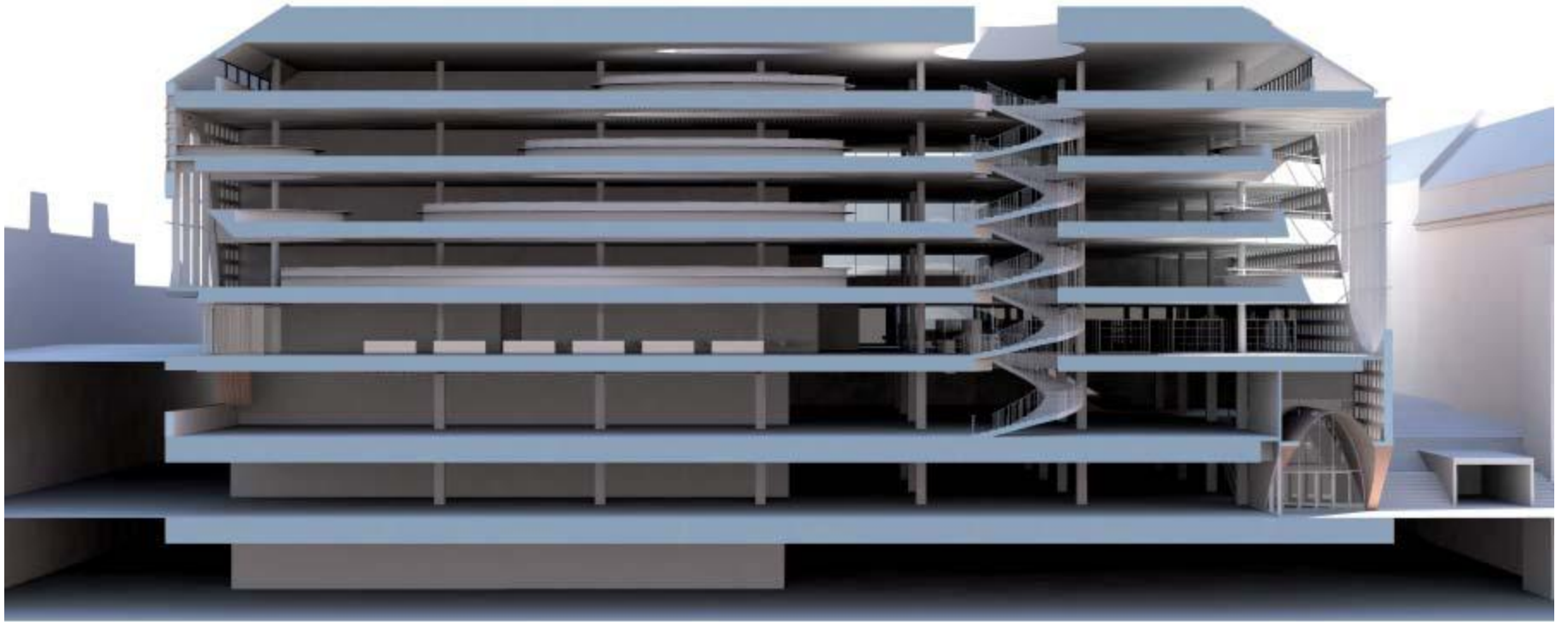


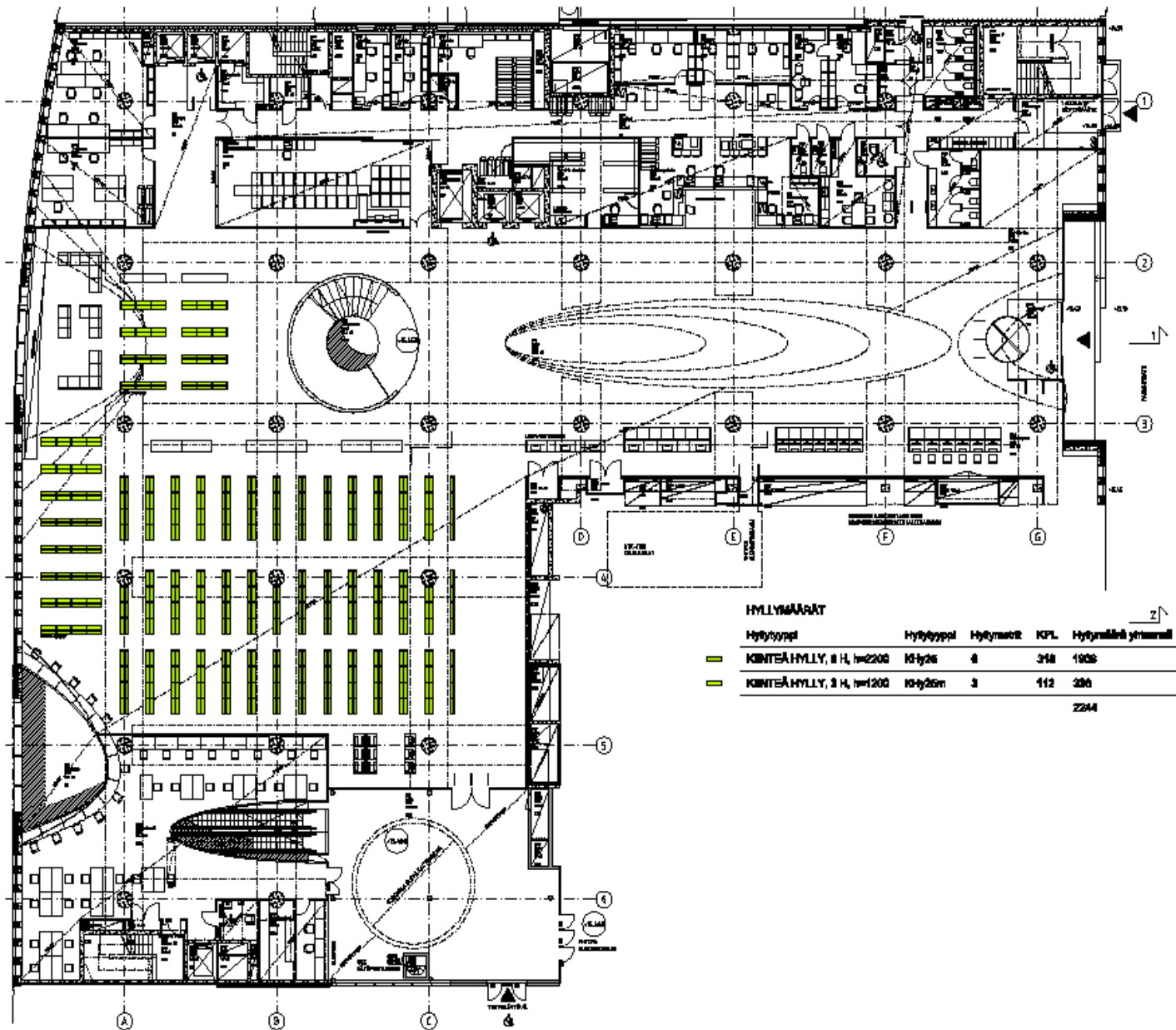
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