

Title: New Library and Health Sciences Information Centre in Lithuania

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A new hybrid type Library and Health Sciences Information Centre was opened at Kaunas University of Medicine in 2008, where traditional, advanced and virtual services are provided for users. A new architectural project has been made taking into account international standards for libraries. The main goal was to transform a traditional library into a “learning tool”, where learning and research process could be performed at the library – starting from search for information up to typography of the research work.

The objectives for physical library were to reorganize the closed library holdings to the open access holdings and periodicals; to implement security control, self-checking and sorting systems; to organize a wide range of services (training, word processing, copying/printing, binding; to arrange problem-based study rooms, auditoriums for user training, workshops, staff meetings and additional facilities for users and the staff;

The advanced 3M RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) Library system has been implemented for self-checking, sorting, open shelves inventorying, and security control.

The objectives for a virtual library were to implement modern LIS and integrate the University information resources into the national and international databases and search engines.

The advanced LIS Aleph and other Exlibris products SFX, Metalib, Primo have been implemented.

The Library building has been awarded with national and international architecture prizes, and included into LIBER libraries’ architecture catalogue.