THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
– A LIBRARY OF THE XXI CENTURY

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PROJECT

In recent years, The Jan Kochanowski University has been realizing a project no. POPW1.1-22 entitled “Development of the didactic infrastructure of The Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce – Second Stage of the construction of the University Campus” which was co-financed by the European Union from the European Regional Development Fund under the Operational Programme Development of Eastern Poland 2007-2013 within Priority Axis I. Modern economy, tasks I.1 Academic Infrastructure. Total project value is over 160 million PLN.

The aim of the project was to develop and modernize the educational and scientific infrastructure of The Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce. In particular, it covered such areas as: extension and endowment of a laboratory base of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences; construction of the University Library and the University Data Centre buildings, construction of the Foreign Languages Centre edifice; expansion of ICT infrastructure and implementation of the Integrated Information System.

New facilities have been erected within the perimeter of the University Campus of The Jan Kochanowski University on Świętokrzyska Street in Kielce, where, eventually, all units of the University shall be transferred.
EXTENSION OF THE FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences; through the expansion and modernization of its facilities, which endeavors were conducted within said project; expanded its premises by 4 lecture halls, several classrooms, laboratories, specialized and technical workrooms and the Centre for Modern Technologies. Thus, 17 new laboratories have been created, including several unique on the national level: Laboratory of Microbiology, Laboratory of Cytology and Electron Microscopy, Laboratory of Nuclear and Medical Physics and Laboratory of Geo-ecosystems. Moreover, further 27 laboratories were reequipped with top-class microscopes, spectrophotometers, electrochemical analyzers, experimental kits and computer software.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGES CENTRE

The Foreign Languages Centre edifice, a fine example of modern architecture, has been erected in the Area B of the University Campus on Świętokrzyska Street 21D. The usable area of the building is 3269 m².
On three floors there are housed: a large lecture hall and five classrooms with a total area of approximately 650 square meters; 16 conversation rooms, four language laboratories, a reading room, two computer labs, a radio studio as well as 18 didactic workshops and 16 administrative facilities. Laboratories have an electronic system for interactive learning and language self-study stations. Classrooms' interactive facilities promote use of modern didactic methods and materials including film, stage play and interaction.
The main hall has a professional simultaneous interpretation system featuring the state-of-art technical solutions for parallel work of several interpreters. Students of the university will not be, however, the only ones to benefit from the FLC. The Centre shall promote the idea of lifelong learning as the university plans to host language courses and specialized trainings here as well.

What is more, in the building there are registered offices of: Institute of Foreign Studies, Foreign Language Study Centre, Institute of Library Science and Journalism and Dean's office of the Faculty of Humanities.

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Speaking of the UJK campus and new projects being realized on its territory, it is also worth mentioning about the Centre for Business and Entrepreneurship for the Faculty of Management and Administration.

**CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The UJK Campus also has an interesting proposition for students of Faculty of Management and Administration - the modern Centre for Business and Entrepreneurship. It consists of, inter alia: Academic Preincubator of Entrepreneurship and Centre for Education and Monitoring of Integra-
tion Policy. They provide advice to businesses and business environment institutions and deal with the elaboration of cooperative relations with the economy. Under the auspice of the Centre for Business and Entrepreneurship, there are also the University Career Centre, University Centre for Training and Human Resources for the Industry as well as institute units of the Faculty of Management and Administration, all of which are engaged in the study of regional development and possibilities for economic cooperation. The two-storey building of the Centre, the floor area of which is 1,900 m², hosts: 15 rooms for educational institutions, 5 rooms for organizations providing support for the development of entrepreneurship, a lecture hall and conference room, five classrooms and two computer labs.

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Having successfully completed the development project of the Campus, the Jan Kochanowski University has placed itself among the best academic Centres with one of the finest on the national level, cutting-edge teaching and research infrastructure. Naturally, the innovative base contributed directly to improving the quality of education and strengthening the positive image as well as elevating prestige of the University, not only on the regional level, but also nationally and internationally. Completion and commissioning for use of the new building of The Library is yet another result of the project. This library will meet the standards of the twenty-first century, both in terms of sharing information necessary for the implementation of the UJK study programs; and improving the quality of education by increasing the research capacity of the university. Furthermore, the new library is meant to improve the availability of scientific literature in Świętokrzyskie region.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

LOCALIZATION OF THE LIBRARY

The University Library is placed in a building erected in the Area B of the University Campus on Świętokrzyska Street 21E. The edifice is located within walking distance from several different facilities of the Faculty of Management and Administration and the Foreign Languages Centre.
The architectural design of the University Library together with the Data Centre has been elaborated by Janusz Pachowski Design Studio “PPiP” based in Izabelin near Warsaw. The edifice of the Library is a compact, four-storey block, subtly fused into the hilly terrain. Adopting the natural topography, an amphitheatric square faces the front of the building. Thus, the path to the main entrance of the library is lead by a wide, almost monumental staircase. This unique and picturesque setting of the library,
including the amphitheatric square, will, undoubtedly, be used for organization of a variety of cultural and sports events that shall integrate different communities, not just academic ones. Verdure surrounding the building, the prevailing peace and tranquility here will not only foster intellectual work, but also relaxation. What is more, entire passageway is designed for people with disabilities. As befits a library named after a poet, Jan Kochanowski, in front of the building, to the right, a linden has been planted. The tree is a symbol and a reference to works of Jan Kochanowski and his famous linden tree growing behind his manor in Czarnolas. Said linden was often a subject of Kochanowski's writings but also a spot where he would relax and create. Hopefully, our linden will have the same magical, inspirational influence on anyone who may visit this library. What is more, large boulders stacked on the stairs leading to the building of the Library are a symbolic expression of the relationship of the university with the region famous for rock mining.

LIBRARY'S EDIFICE

The building is a fine example of a modern edifice. It is characterized by interesting architectural style and has been designed according to international standards, befitting the XXI century. The very outer walls of the building, embellished with several characteristic elements, inform about the purpose of this object. And so, on three walls, including the south one which is the front facade, plaster has been combined with colorful, elon-
gated, rectangle HPL panels meant to symbolize books' neatly arranged on shelves. They are separated by narrow vertical windows. Withal, the western wall of the building is decorated with bay windows with large letters of the alphabet placed in them.
Capacity of the library’s edifice amounts to 36,585 m³ with 7,480.5 m² of usable area. It is worth mentioning that it has gained much acclaim in the eyes of architects and readers of “Echoes of the Day” (“Echo Dnia”). It has been awarded the first prize in the third edition of the “Gold Crane” competition in 2012 for the best object in the category of public facilities.

**USERS OF THE BUILDING**

As planned, the primary user of the edifice is the University Library, which occupies three floors and a part of the fourth floor using a total of 6,961.6 m². The remaining space, 518.9 m², is designed for the University Data Centre. Latter unit provides access to the Internet and information for the entire University. Additionally, it deals with digitization of knowledge resources and ensures the network's security.

**LIBRARY BUILDING - functional and architectural solutions**

The Library is characterized not only by the modern, eye-catching exteriors, but also by interesting and functional architectural solutions within the building. Every of the four floors here has a slightly different spatial arrangement and offers different functionalities. **On the ground floor**
there are some public areas, including: a lobby, an information point, book rentals, a conference hall, a seminar room, a locker room and toilets. Additionally, beyond public access, there is also a Book Storage where most of the university volumes are kept.

**On the first floor** there are: computer catalogs, an exhibition hall (University Gallery), the monographs free-access department and a two-storey general reading room. This is the main part of the building therefore it has been crafted with special care for comfort and elegance; thus, the reading room has been lit from above through a glass skylight with a light scattering system; what is more, users' comfort is ensured by a ventilation system. This floor also houses: an advanced reading room for the visually impaired, Interlibrary Lending Department, a storage of nineteenth-century books, several labs, inter alia: Division of Science, Division of Teaching and Publishing and management and administration rooms.

Going up, **on the second floor**, one shall find the following: card catalogs, Reference Reading Room, Multimedia Reading Room, a reading room on the entresol, Special Collections Reading Room and Press Reading Room. A substantial part of this floor is dedicated for the periodicals free-access department. Finally, **the third floor**, inaccessible to visitors, holds, apart from the University Data Center and servers room, also a library IT branch dealing with computerization, informatisation and digitization of library collections. One final room on said storey is reserved for doublets storage.

Modern spacial design of the Library, functionally crafted and well-lit interiors provide comfort for users and the staff.
TRADITIONAL COLLECTIONS

University Library collects all kinds of traditional collections, including: books, periodicals (magazines: Polish and foreign), special collections (rare books, manuscripts, cartographic documents, iconographic documents of social life) as well as scientific literature on disciplines taught in the University. Overall, our collection comprise ca. 600,000 items (books, periodicals and special collections).

ON-LINE COLLECTIONS

Apart from traditional, printed books, the library offers access to electronic resources, interdisciplinary databases (I.a EBSCO – Academic Search Complete, Science Direct (Elsevier), Springer, Scopus) and to specialized, branch-oriented databases (Agricola, MEDLINE, GreenFile).
Our library offers, simultaneously, scientific literature in traditional, that is printed, and electronic, on-line, versions, therefore it is a hybrid library.

STORING COLLECTIONS

Library collections are deployed in:

- a restricted storage on the ground floor - 922 squared meters on 14 km of shelves (about 500 thousand books),
- the monographs free-access department on the first floor - 847 squared meters on 3 km of shelves,
- the periodicals free-access department on the second floor - 823 squared meters on 3 km of shelves,
- a restricted storage on the first floor for collections of the XIX-th century, and Scandinavian literature,
- the special collections storage (most valuable items are placed in the treasury) on the second floor,
- the doublets storage on the third floor.
Our books are stored under appropriate microclimatic conditions (we make sure to keep relatively constant temperature and humidity in our warehouses) with limited daylight access; the collections are placed on specially designed for the purpose shelves; both sliding and fixed. Storage placement, adequate air-conditioning, shelving and manner of deployment create safe conditions for all types of library items.

One last part of the library's collection (accessible in the Pedagogical Reading Room) is located on Krakowska Street 11, where the Faculty of Pedagogy and Arts is placed.
CATALOGS

Online catalog (ALEPH system) is the primary source of information about collections of the University Library. The information it contains is comprehensive for all the books published since 1992, and for a large portion of those issued earlier. Moreover, it covers nearly all the magazines the library posses.

To enter the catalog, please visit: lib.ujk.pl

While using the online catalog, you can: perform multifaceted search by title, author, subject headings, signatures and keywords; moreover, you may access your individual library account where it is possible to, among the others: order books, check account status or make prolongation of books already borrowed.

While in the library, online catalog can be accessed from any computer intended for our readers. Majority of these terminals have been set on the ground floor, in front of the Book Rentals Desk, and on the first floor, in the lobby leading to the general reading room.
CARD CATALOGS

Complementarity to the online catalog, there are also card catalogs, which contain:

- an alphabetical list of monographs published between 1801-1992;
- an alphabetical list of periodicals and series.

These catalogs are located on the second floor in the lobby leading to the reading room on the entresol. Supplementarily, there is a card catalog of special collections. It can be browsed in the Special Collections Reading Room.

LENDING COLLECTION

The library renders its resources available: locally, in reading rooms; lending them for home use, making them available for interlibrary circulation, by performing microfilms, photocopies, scans and other forms of reprography; offering access to electronic versions of journals and databases on optical discs and via the Internet.
On the premises, a reader can search and use the library resources in the following places:

- General Reading Room: free access to monographs available - 118 seats,
- Reading Room on the Entresol - 36 seats,
- Reference Reading Room - 29 places,
• Special Collections Reading Room - 16 seats, including 2 seats for microfilms reading,
• Press Reading Room - 16 seats,
• Multimedia Reading Room - 20 seats.

One last part of the library’s collection is made accessible in the Pedagogical Reading Room which is located on Krakowska Street 11, where the Faculty of Pedagogy and Arts is placed.

**On the spot, there are, so called, zones of free access to the library collection where readers can use a substantial section of the resources available.** On the first storey, there is monographs free-access department, on the second storey: periodicals free-access department.
Monographs Free-Access Department combines two functions - storing and sharing collections. Items placed here are the latest and the most sought after, selected on the basis of frequency of loans, henceforth, these are the most valuable books in terms of teaching and research. Said section offers over 45 thousand volumes.
Collections for the free access zones are properly secured and labeled, therefore readers are allowed to search for interesting positions on the shelves and to borrow them by themselves. A system of colorful label on the books spines provides an intelligible information on volumes accessibility. Moreover, details regarding labeling and information and distribution of our free access collections are to be found in a specially prepared information leaflets.

Readers are free to move within the free access departments, but these zones are protected by a system of security gates.

PERIODICALS FREE-ACCESS DEPARTMENT

The department provides access to about 1,700 scientific journals and popular science series, both Polish and foreign. Collections have been arranged on the shelves according to scientific field they represent. Within every subsection, volumes are ordered alphabetically. In this department, readers may use not only new periodicals, but also a selection of archival
issues (humanities are exceptionally well represented here). Selecting titles for the periodicals free access zone, we have taken into account volumes' usefulness to students and researchers, which was assessed on circulation statistics from previously existing faculty and institute reading rooms.

For the convenience of our guests, literature on the topic of scientific reference has been placed on the second floor, near Reference Reading Room. What is more, reading large formats has been made easy thanks to specially designed tables with sloping tops.

MODERN LIBRARY – EQUIPMENT BEFITTING THE XXI CENTURY

The library has been fitted out with various state-of-art devices including modern computers and audiovisual equipment as to guarantee seamless functioning of its various areas.

ADVANCED EQUIPMENT FOR READERS

On the premises, our guests can freely use as much as 57 workstations based upon modern computers Dell OptiPlex 7010, featuring the latest version of Microsoft Office suite. All of these PCs are connected to high-speed broadband Internet, which makes browsing the on-line catalog or the word wide web fast and reliable. All the enthusiasts of mobile technologies may access a free wireless network and surf the web the way they like: on screens of their own smartphones, tablets or laptops. If they desire so, our readers can borrow one of six laptops (Dell Latitude E6330) or tablets (Samsung Galaxy Tab P5100) the library has made available for their exclusive use.

Additionally, the readers have three specialized scanners Zeutschel Zeta (also known as Eco-photocopiers) at their disposal. With these, our guests can scan whatever materials they need onto their pen-drives, export the scans to PDF or JPEG files, save money and time since the operation is fast, free of charge and really easy to perform. The library also provides three self-service photocopy terminals.
MODERN EQUIPMENT FOR COLLECTION LENDING

In order to allow our readers to borrow books all by themselves, we have installed two terminals for self-service book borrowing ("Self-Check") on the first floor, right in Monographs Free Access Department ("SelfCheck" by Arfido).
What is more, our readers can now return their borrowings more conveniently than ever before. Right at the library's main entrance, there is an self-service books return terminal ("Book Drop" delivered by Arfido); it has user friendly touch interface and it works round the clock making retuning books simple and fast.
HIGH-TECH DEVICES IN AID OF DIDACTIC PROCESS

Hosting multimedia conferences, giving lectures and speeches, conducting conversational classes; it been made easy with the library's modern audio-visual equipment:

- automatic screen: Adeo Motorized Elegance White Vision Pro,
- interactive whiteboards: QOMO QWB100WS,
- multimedia overhead projectors,
- plain paper whiteboard: Panasonic UB-5815 bundled with a laser printer (copying on plain paper during conferences, lectures; eliminates the need for taking notes).

Preparing and conducting various types of interactive knowledge tests, quizzes or voting polls is an easy task with the QRF300 system. It is bundled with special software compatible with MS Power Point and there are 32 pilots for participants and one for a host / teacher. QRF300 may be used for surveying users of our library, to list one of potential uses for this solution.
MODERN EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR DIGITIZATION OF COLLECTIONS

Collections digitalization lab is one of the novelties in the new library edifice. Its task is to digitize both: valuable and unique collections in order to protect our cultural heritage; but also teaching materials and publications on Świętokrzyskie region. The lab has been equipped with an advanced scanner Zeutschel 14000 which is suitable for processing varied materials, document and collections, bounded and stapled. Said device is well geared towards digitalization of special collections, such as manuscripts, maps, atlases or XIX century volumes. Technical specification of the scanner make working with delicate, old materials perfectly secure.

The laboratory is also equipped with a quality microfilm converter Zeutschel OP500 that allows transferring digital files onto a microfilm tape which is, subsequently, developed in Microform FP505 developing machine. Finally, a special microfilm rewinder is used for checking of finalized tapes.
With the modern equipment and software we were able to create a digitization workshop which will serve the goal of creating a digital library. Thus, we hope to provide our university with, among others, teaching materials for students, publications relating to the University, our city and the region.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY – A LIBRARY WITHOUT BARRIERS

The University Library is a friendly place for people with disabilities. A wide driveway is suitable for wheelchairs, besides, the building has the following amenities:

- automatically opened doors,
- elevator cabins have a hands-free system installed and are adapted for people in wheelchairs, the blind and visually impaired,
- toilets for people with physical disabilities
- corridors' and rooms' floors are layered with a special non-flip surface, thus, they are safe for the movement in wheelchairs.
The library offers ten computer terminals adapted to the needs of people with various impairments.

Desiring to provide equal access to information to all, the University Library has several computer stations to facilitate acquisition, storage and playback of information to the visually impaired. Special computers and accessories are located in reading rooms on the first floor. These include:

- Focus 40 Blue – a wireless braille display,
- Index Everest D – a braille embosser,
- an auto-reader (a device that automates the process of converting written text into audio formats, ready to be listened to on one’s computer, phone, mp3 player, etc.),
- portable electronic magnifiers,
- fixed-screen enlargers.

Naturally, all disabled readers can always count on friendly and professional assistance of trained library staff.
Apart from fulfilling core library tasks, that is, these jobs related to: collecting, describing, storing, conservation and circulation of the library materials; we, as a scientific unit, operate in the fields of:

- information promotion,
- bibliography,
- scientific research,
- teaching,
- publishing,
- exhibition,
- provision of services.

**VARIOUS FORMS OF LIBRARY ACTIVITY**
The University Library, sure, is the place to broaden one's horizon and deepen knowledge, but, it may as well be an excellent place to relax and spend your free time attractively. There are several dedicated leisure zones with double red and black sofas placed in various spots on three floors of the library. Moreover, for those of our guests who want not only
to relax, but also to enjoy a snack, we have prepared a special place: it is situated between Book Rentals and a seminar room on the ground floor. For our guests' comfort, the place has been furnished with sofas and round tables with comfortable chairs.

Yet another important spot on the library premises is the University Gallery. It is placed on the second floor and has been equipped in modern multimedia and exhibition devices. The gallery hosts temporary exhibitions on various topics. Said shows are often opened with official vernissages. Therefore, it is not unlikely that participant may have an opportunity to meet in person authors of exhibited works.

The library also organizes other cultural events.
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY OFFERS:

- comfortable working conditions and friendly atmosphere in a modern and functional building;
- broad access to printed books and journals;
- free access to more than 45 thousand of books;
- free access to the latest periodicals and newspapers;
- short waiting time for books ordered from our online catalog;
- quick and convenient access to desired materials;
- self-service terminals both for borrowing (“Self-Check”) and returning books (“Book Drop” self-service books return terminal is operational 24/7);
- access to microfilms and multimedia materials;
- access to global information resources;
- access to electronic resources, computer databases, electronic journals;
- help in using online resources and electronic databases critically and effectively;
• unlimited Internet access time at terminals in the Library;
• specially designed areas to connect one’s private computer to the Library Internet wireless network;
• tutorial on how to use the Library and its resources;
• high quality library services;
• friendly, professional and qualified personnel providing both practical and professional information.

The University Library in Kielce shall develop as a center of education, information and culture, in which we care for cultural heritage of Poland and Europe. For these purposes, we will use the most modern forms of information transfer and presentation.

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