



History of the Main Library

2013 – 2017

In 2013 the IDS UZH library catalogue is successfully integrated into the NEBIS library network. Main Library – Study Center opens in 2014 and the Main Library's sites are given new designations. In 2015 the MediZone of the Main Library – Medicine Careum opens its doors and the Main Library organizes the Open Access Days. In 2016 the HOPE platform is introduced and an evaluation of UZH library services is carried out. In 2017 relocations to the Kooperative Speicherbibliothek are completed and the Medical History Library is integrated into the Main Library – Medicine Careum.

2017

Initial relocations to the Kooperative Speicherbibliothek (Büron/LU) are carried out in September. The freed-up space in the Main Library – Medicine Careum allows the Medical History Library to be integrated. The Data Pilot project (UZH research data management) and the technological and content-related redesign of the Main Library's website are brought to a successful conclusion. The Main Library takes an active role in supporting the Switzerland-wide SLSP (Swiss Library Service Platform) and National Open Access Strategy (swissuniversities) projects. The Main Library also has a central role in the UZH Library of the Future project (led by the Office of the Vice President RWW), which aims to reorganize library services at UZH following the result of the evaluation carried out in 2016. The internal reorganization prepared in 2016 focusing on the areas of media editing and document delivery is implemented successfully. A one percent cut to the 2018 budget leads to adjustments in the media offering and personnel.

2016

The HOPE publication platform (Hauptbibliothek Open Publishing Environment) for scientific journals is introduced and the SLSP (introduction of Switzerland-wide services for libraries) project is supported. Following the opening of the building in Büron (LU) in December, the Speicherbibliothek project sees the first books relocated from the Main Library and the departments' libraries. The Medical History Library is merged into the Main Library's organization and a project to integrate it into the Main Library – Medicine Careum is started. Internally, the media editing and document delivery processes are analyzed and their merging into one Main Library site each are prepared. With regard to research data management, the UZH-internal Data Pilot project (cooperation between S3IT and ZB) and the participation in the national DLCM project are continued. Budget cuts (1.5%) result in a reassessment of the offering, in particular with regard to e-media. A self-evaluation as well as a site visit by experts are performed in the context of evaluating UZH's library services.

2015

Conclusion of the Überdachung Studierhof project and opening of the MediZone study and information area of the Main Library – Medicine Careum. In turn, use of the reading rooms in the Careum 2 building is discontinued.

The operational plan of the Main Library – Study Center, which opened in 2014, was evaluated using a survey among students and a report; initial optimization steps are introduced.

In the context of swissuniversities' SUC P-2 program, the HOPE project (Hauptbibliothek Open Publishing Environment) is launched with the goal of introducing a publication platform for academic journals. The Main Library also gets involved in the Data Lifecycle Management (DLCM) project, focusing on basic principles of research data management, and the Swiss Library Service Platform project (also SUC P-2), which aims to introduce a joint national library network as well as further services. In the Kooperative Speicherbibliothek project (Büron/LU), the various organizational, technological and financial processes are defined together with the partner libraries. In September, the Main Library holds the Open Access Days event at UZH, with approx. 270 participants.



2014

The renovation of the east wing of the former Strickhof building is completed, and the Main Library opens its Study Center on 28 April 2014, featuring considerably extended opening hours and additional study areas. In addition, the new website optimizes the provision of library services and the Main Library's sites are given new designations.

old	new
Study Library Irchel	Main Library – Study Center
Research Library Irchel	Main Library – Science
Medical Library Careum	Main Library – Medicine Careum

June: The planning phase of the Zusammenarbeit Bibliotheken project is concluded, with the Executive Board of the University deciding to realize only a significantly reduced version through individual projects at own cost.

In fall, the unexpected insolvency of the Swets subscription agency requires a short-term reorganization of UZH's journal subscriptions (central management through the Main Library).

The Überdachung Studierhof project at the Main Library – Medicine Careum is continued and an EU project, OpenAire2020 (follow-up project to OpenAirePlus), is started.

2013

At Easter the IDS UZH library catalogue is successfully integrated into the NEBIS library network of the ETH (Project INUIT). The Main Library has since been sharing in the responsibility in the committees of the NEBIS library network and has been managing the HUB UZH for the libraries of the University and other partners. The Instandsetzung und Einrichtung Lernzentrum building project (the former Strickhof) is continued and the Überdachung Studierhof project starts on the Careum campus. In addition, work on the Zusammenarbeit Bibliotheken project (Main Library, Zentralbibliothek, department libraries of the University of Zurich) and on the EU project OpenAIREplus continues. In September, the library of the Institute of Mathematics is integrated into the Main Library, Research Library. The building project to build a roof over the Studierhof (Überdachung Studierhof) begins in November.

2005 – 2012

In 2006 the Main Library of the University of Zurich takes over additional university-wide duties, and the newly-established Coordination Open Access group sets up the ZORA document and publication server. The reorganization of the Main Library pools the holdings of the libraries on the Irchel campus into the centrally-located Main Library, Research Library Irchel. Work on the conversion of the Main Library, Study Library Irchel into the Study Center begins in 2012.

2012

Reorganization of the Main Library II: In summer 2012, the holdings and services of the Research Library Irchel and the Study Library Irchel are reorganized. The holdings that can be borrowed and therefore circulation services are relocated to the Research Library Irchel, which at the same time extends its opening hours to Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 8:00pm from August 2012. The number of study areas in the Research Library Irchel is increased to 200. The Study Library Irchel is



to be converted into a Study Center, resulting in a total of 420 study areas (beginning of building work in January 2013, re-opening in spring 2014)

The University of Zurich and the Zentralbibliothek Zürich approve the project Zusammenarbeit Universitätsbibliotheken (ZUBI), which aims to create an overall library concept for all participating libraries (May/June).

The Main Library department Coordination Open Access receives its third post focusing on IT requirements, the Institute of Forensic Medicine transfers 0.1 posts to the Main Library and the committee for information literacy is strengthened with 1 additional post through the conversion of existing Main Library resources: The Main Library organizational table thus includes 31.00 posts (36 staff and 7 students as evening supervisors, including all temporary appointments, the Main Library employs 54 people)

Change in the HBZ management at the end of 2012: After 24 years, Heinz Dickenmann hands over the reins to his successor, Wilfried Lochbühler.

2011

Reorganization of the Main Library I: The Research Library Irchel and the Study Library Irchel are combined under a single management, with e-media coordination and open access coordination now managed as separate departments.

The large-scale project Integration Bibliothekssystem Universität Zürich (INUIT) is launched in June. Its aim is to merge the two Aleph catalogues in the university arena in Zurich (ETH/ZB and UZH).

In December, the Coordination Open Access department is involved in the EU project OpenAIREplus, which supports open access for publications and research data resulting from EU-funded research.

The e-lib.ch project Information Literacy at Swiss Universities concludes at the end of the year after three years.

2010

In March, the Main library relaunches its website, which is aligned with UZH's new corporate design in November; 30 years of the Main Library (15 years FBI – 54 years USZB/MBC)

2009

ZORA (Zurich Open Repository and Archive), the document server of the University of Zurich which records all scientific publications of the UZH, is set up. The central editorial office of ZORA is provided with a position, bringing the Main Library's organizational table up to 28.90 posts.

2008

The module exams at the end of the semester increase the pressure of studying on students: The Main Library responds by extending its opening hours before examination dates for two months in the Fall Semester (December/January) and in the Spring Semester (May/June), the Study Library Irchel opens its doors on Saturdays for the first time, joining the Medical Library Careum, with opening hours of 73 hours/week.

The Main Library is evaluated under the program of regular evaluations at the UZH, with an international team of experts visiting and reporting back.

The University Children's Hospital Zurich (KISPI) transfers its 0.5 library staff position of the KISPI Hospital to the Medical Library Careum of the Main Library (Main Library now with 27.90 posts).



2007

Allocation of the Main Library to the Division of Academic Services within the Office of the Vice President for Law and Economics as a result of the new 2007 structure of the Executive Board of the University, headed up by the Vice President for Law and Economics from July 2007.

The Medical Library Careum extends its opening hours on Saturdays to 4:00pm, increasing its opening hours to 68 hours/week

The Main Library takes over the administration of the post of the IDS Network Coordinator, which is financed by members of the IDS Network (Informationsverbund Deutschschweiz). The Main Library's total posts are now at 27.40 posts

2006

Open Access project – establishment of a document and publication server for the University of Zurich, new post of Scientific Coordinator Open Access, Main Library organizational table: 27.40 posts, simultaneous reduction of a post as part of the 2006 planned measures for a balanced budget, the Main Library now counts 26.40 posts.

2005

Launch of the new intranet in the information network of the University of Zurich: URSI (UZH Retrieval Systems Information), with network celebration (25 Years of the Main Library)

2001 – 2004

The UniversityHospital Zurich (USZ) Library (established in 1956) is integrated into the Main Library (based on the resolution of the executive boards of the USZ and the University of Zurich in June 2003) and the Hauptbibliothek Universität Zürich-Irchel (HBI) is renamed as the Main Library of the University of Zurich (HBZ).

18 October 2004

Opening of the Medical Library Careum (MBC, former UniversityHospital Library) as a branch library of the Main Library of the University of Zurich (HBZ). Renaming of the Research Division into Research Library Irchel (Forschungsbibliothek Irchel, FBI) and the Teaching Division into the Study Library Irchel (Studienbibliothek Irchel, SBI)

The new HBZ website is launched and the search portal of the University of Zurich is introduced.

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2003

New post of e-media technician, expansion of the network coordination to support of IT and reorganization: New IT/Network division, in addition new evening supervision with 0.30 posts, Main Library organizational table now 15.60 posts

2002

Incorporation of systematic maintenance of holdings, participation in the Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek Regensburg (EZB).

Project competition for a language and learning center (expansion of the Teaching Division)

2001

Drawing up of and commitment to the 2005 aims of the Main Library: Re-alignment of the training offered (provision of information literacy skills) and development of an information portal

1996 – 2000

***Coordination of the electronic media (e-media) available in the University's network.
Conversion of DOBIS/LIBIS database to ALEPH: Catalogue IDS Zurich University.***

2000

August: First apprentice post Informations- und Dokumentationsassistent/in, URB 18/2000:

Suspension of the supervisory commission HBI, reclassification of the Main Library's organizational table

November: Cocktail reception with music ("Apéro mit Häuserband") to celebrate 20 years of the Main Library

1999

Head of the Main Library named as director, incorporation of the Chemistry and Zoology Libraries into the Main Library, Research Division (with posts), replacement of Novell network by an NT server

Launch of a new Main Library website (redesign by Verein InterWEB)

Conversion of DOBIS/LIBIS database to ALEPH: Catalogue IDS Zurich University, information network of the University of Zurich, expansion of the network coordination unit by 2 posts, Main Library organizational table now at 14.30 posts

1998

Main Library assigned to the Office of the Vice President for Teaching in the now independent university, incorporation of the Library for Brain Research, Research Division (with posts)

Coordination of the electronic media (e-media) available in the University's network

Completion of diploma by last Main Library trainee, first practical training for interns as Informations- und Dokumentationsspezialist/in FH



1997

Personnel cuts: No replacement of the last trainee posts and suspension of evening opening hours in the Teaching Division, evening hours then reinstated following protests: Opening hours now 60 hours/week

Evaluation and decision to replace the system for DOBIS/LIBIS: ALEPH

1996

Incorporation of the Physics Library into the Main Library Research Division (with posts)

1981 – 1995

In 1987 the Main Library becomes a training library.

1989 – Installation of the DOBIS/LIBIS network with all UZI departments.

1995 – Opening of the Main Library Research Division: Physical and administrative split of the Main Library into the Teaching Division and Research Division, incorporation of the Biochemistry and Physiology Library into the Main Library.

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Launch of the first homepage and a separate one for the DOBIS/LIBIS network

4 November: Open day UZI including Main Library Research Division (15 years of the Main Library)

1995

Novell network HBI, trainee program: Change to spring start in May.

New function due to post conversion: Head of Research Division

1994

New function due to post conversion: PC specialist

1993

Introduction of control of incoming journals on DOBIS/LIBIS

1991

Appointment of a network coordinator for the DOBIS/LIBIS network, bringing the Main Library organizational table up to 10 posts

Management of an external CD-ROM station in the Vorklinik

1990

CD-ROM databases available to users; new information sheets for the Main Library; opening hours now 56 hours/week

4 November: Open day (10 years of the Main Library)



1989

Installation of the DOBIS/LIBIS network with all UZI departments and first participants of the University of Zurich Centre (UZZ); expansion of the Main Library's role to the entire university CD-ROMs for internal use; new evening opening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays

1988

Start of the extension of the old opening hours (41 hours/week) until 1990; Main Library organizational table: 9 posts

1987

OPAC - available internationally via NUZ; online reservations and querying of user account by users possible; mailing function.

Start of planning for the new Research Library Irchel (Forschungsbibliothek Irchel, FBI) and for the expansion of the Strickhof building to become the Lernzentrum Irchel (LZI)

New training library: First trainee in October

1986

The Main Library is awarded department status with RRB 2407/1986 as an interfaculty institution with its own organizational table (9 posts); appointment of a new head (in parallel with the supervisory committee): delegate for the Main Library, new function through post conversion: Vice Head of the Main Library

1984

Start of online database searching for Irchel departments

1983

Introduction of the OPAC

1982

Start of cataloguing of the UZI journal titles

1981

Introduction of the acquisitions module of DOBIS/LIBIS: Integrated library management system introduced, start of cataloguing of UZI department holdings



1974 – 1980

5 November 1980 - Opening of the Main Library of the University of Zurich Irchel (Main Library).

Installation of DOBIS/LIBIS.

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Opening of the Main Library University of Zurich Irchel (Main Library)

Lending services with DOBIS/LIBIS

1980

Installation of DOBIS/LIBIS; start of cataloguing with DOBIS/LIBIS

Move into the Strickhof building (former Kantonale Landwirtschaftliche Schule Strickhof)

1979

RRB 4064/1979: Main Library has coordinating function for libraries of the University of Zurich Irchel (UZI) and mandate to build up textbook collections; introduction of a supervisory commission of the Main Library

1978

Book acquisitions; cataloguing on catalogue cards

1977

Appointment of first staff members, Main Library University of Zurich Irchel; part of the Central Management of the University (ZUV)

1974

RRB 6307/1974 regarding the Main Library of the University of Zurich Irchel (UZI): post as library employee.