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Arts and Philosophy library



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Founded in 2008

Renovated 19th century
building (Institute of
Science)

500 000 print items

1000 study places

25 staff members

Aleph

Implementation of LCC:
4-5 years project

Arts and Philosophy library



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Before:
50 small separate
subject libraries
scattered over various
locations

Also known as ‘Seminar
libraries’ (part of
research group)

Each seminar library
had its own
classification

Arts and Philosophy library

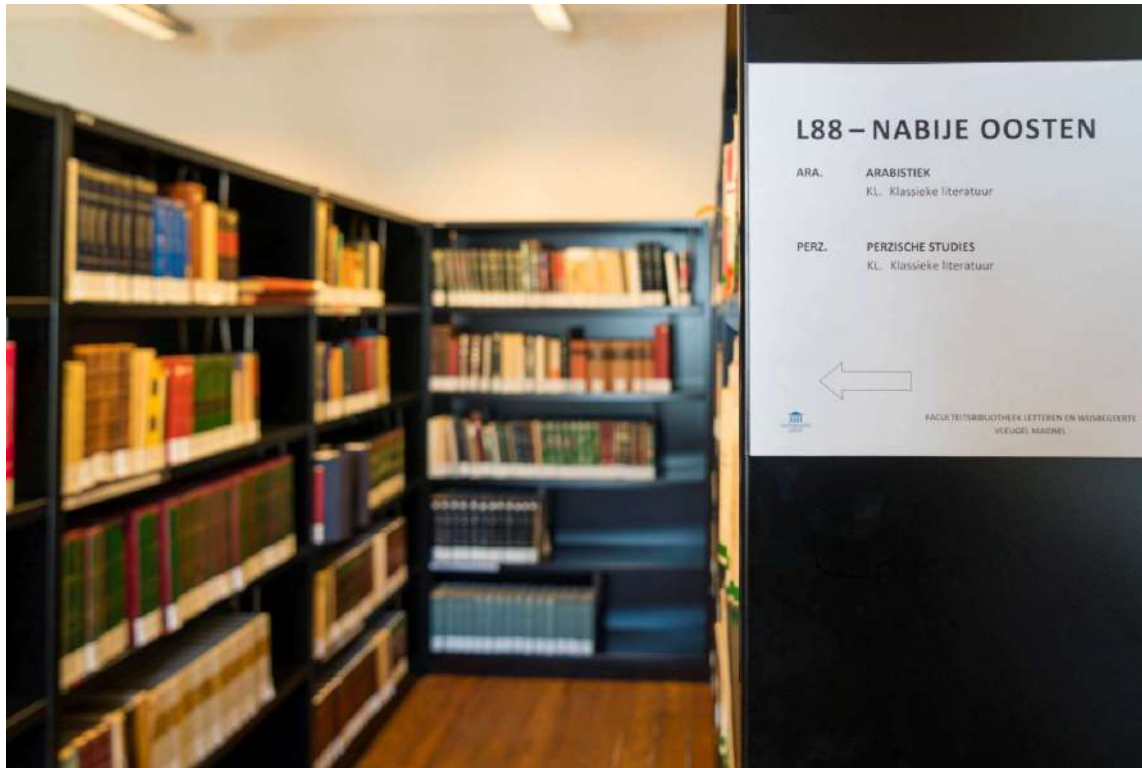


Now:
all collections integrated in
one building

Picture:
History collection room
(Middle ages)

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Arts and Philosophy library



Collections

History and archaeology

Art history, musicology and theatre studies

Anthropology, gender and diversity

Languages and cultures

Linguistics and translation studies

Literary Studies

Philosophy

Arts and Philosophy library



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Our library:

Member of Ghent University
Library network

Network:

11 faculty libraries +
1 central library (Book Tower)

Co-ordination of this library
network: 'Book Tower'

Book Tower:

Landmark in Ghent
Henry van de Velde
1933 - Modernism

Ghent University libraries



Ghent University libraries catalogue

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Started in June 2018

Before: ILL handled by our central library

Three staff members

Our ILL platforms / channels

Impala
(Belgium)

Rapid ILL
(Proquest/ExLibris)
May 2020

Subito &
Gateway Bayern
(Germany)

OCLC
(USA)
Juni 2019

Sudoc
(France)

E-mail
Purchase
Online available

Impala

Belgian ILL-platform

UniCat:
Union Catalogue of Belgian Libraries



Developed by Antwerp University

Large pool of membership ranging from Belgian university and research libraries, public libraries, reference libraries

Print books: shuttle between libraries (twice a week)

Chapters and articles: exchange via platform or email

Identification

Institution Universiteit Gent [863]
ILL-centre UGent - Faculteitsbibliotheek Letteren en Wijsbegeerte [ugentlw]

Quick Link to Impala requests

Impala number/reference:

New requests

Manual requests: [book](#) | [article](#) | [object](#)
Request from search: [Anet](#)
[Antilope](#)
[UniCat](#)
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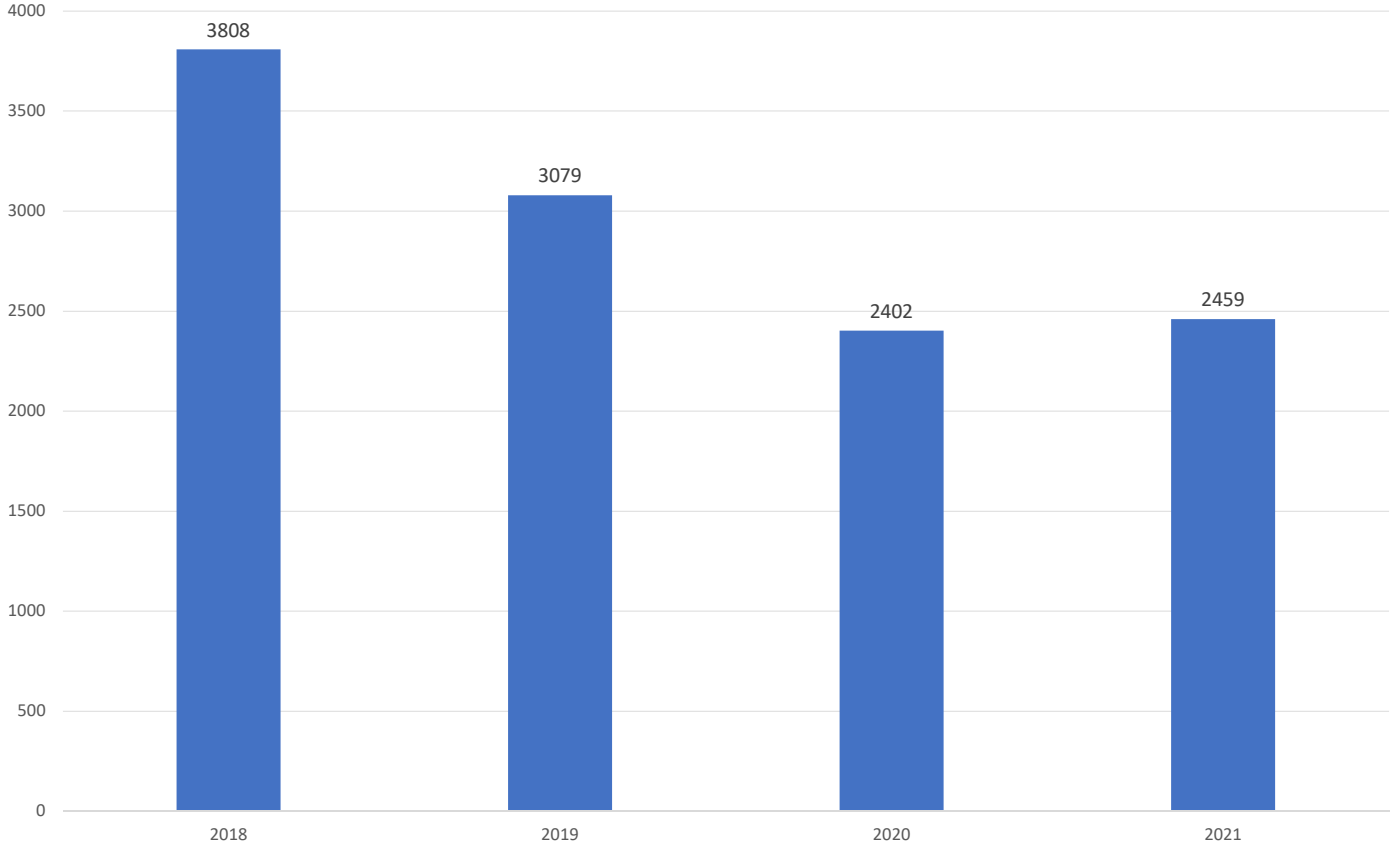
Own requests

Answers to questions with regard to old requests	Total 0, unread 0
Request with a question for information	Total 0, unread 0
Successful requests	Total 19, unread 18
Electronically delivered requests	Total 1, unread 0
Failed requests	Total 0, unread 0
All pending requests	Total 25

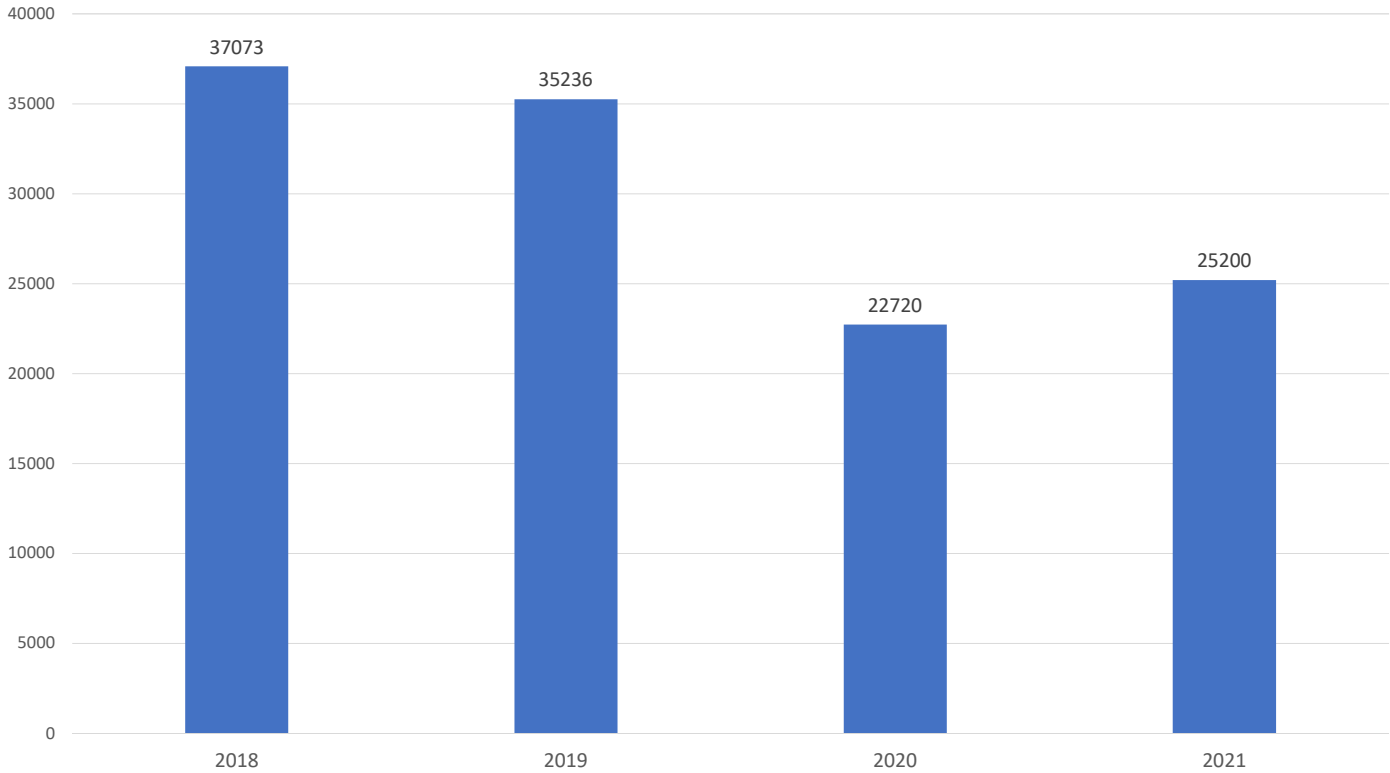
Received requests

Requests with demand for cancellation	Total 0, unread 0
Questions with regard to old requests	Total 0, unread 0
Requests with an answer to a question	Total 0, unread 0
New requests	Total 0, unread 0

Number of ILL requests by our faculty patrons

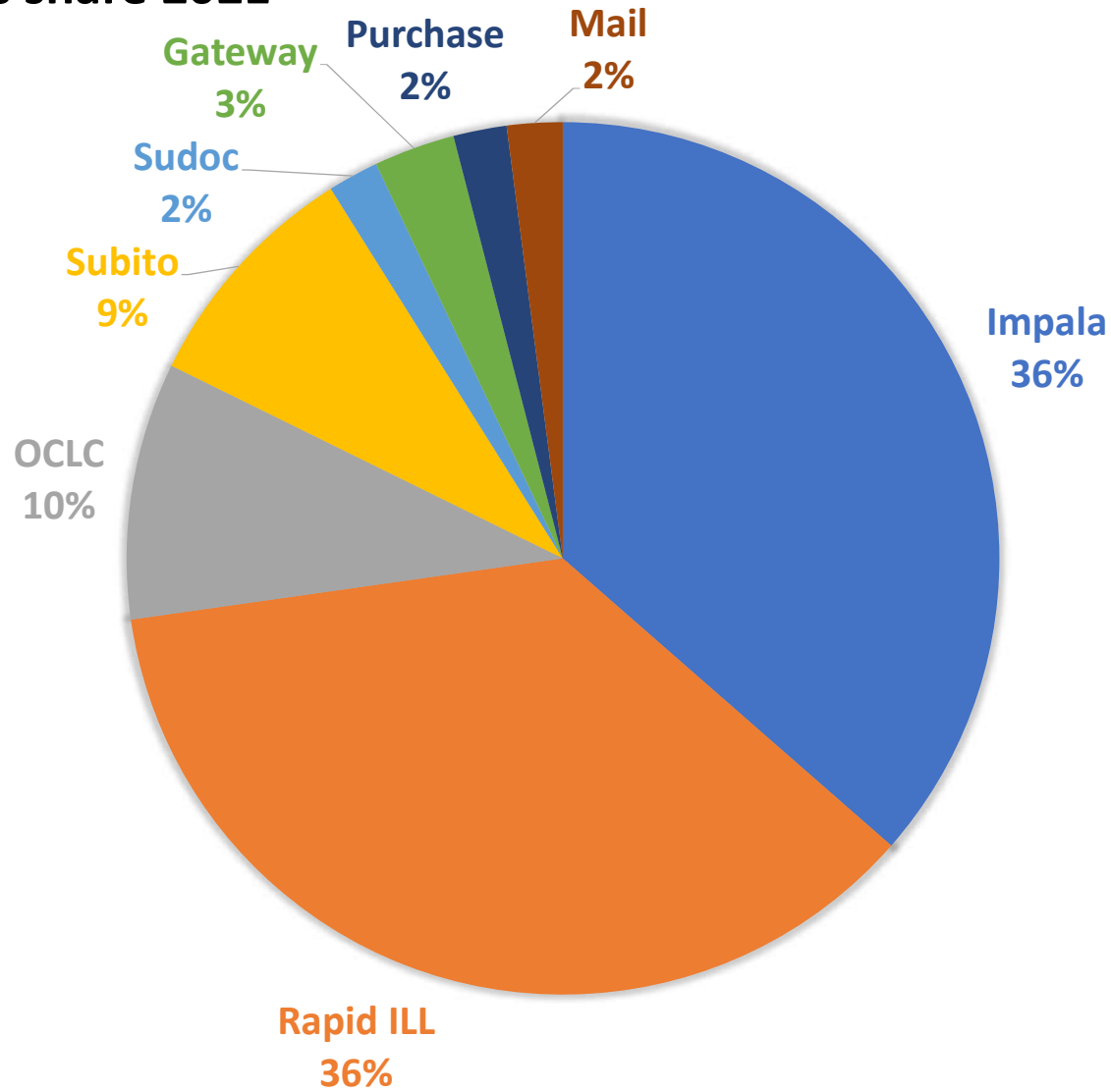


Our Faculty library overall borrowing trend 2018-2021

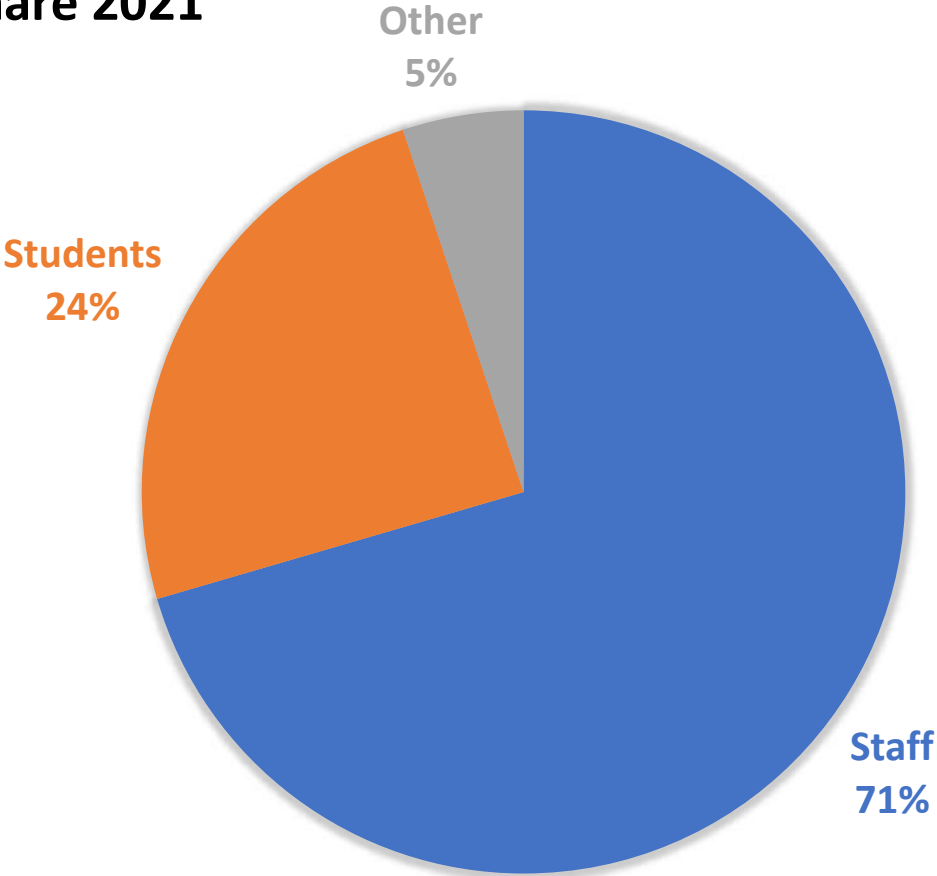


Platforms share 2021

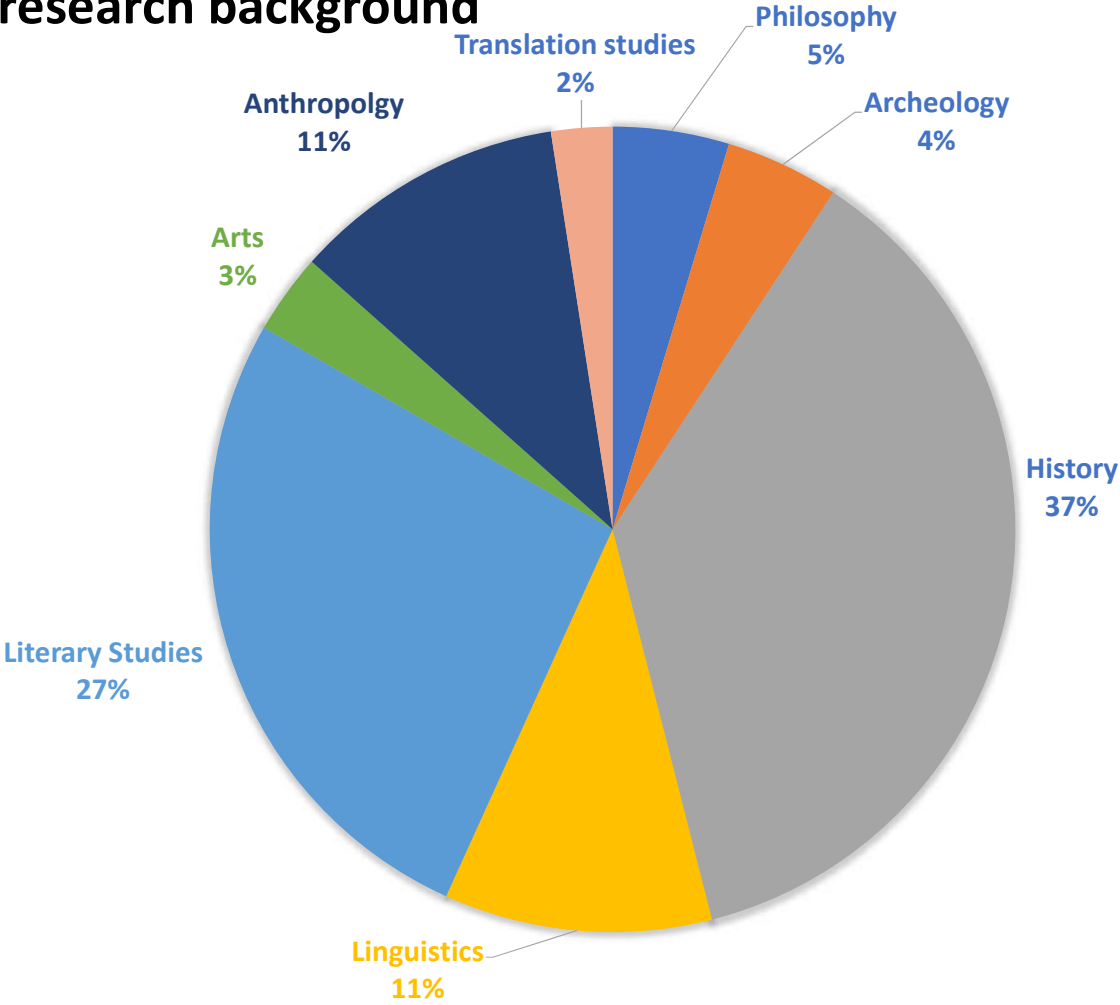
Arts and Philosophy library – ILL service – Formats – Case – Concluding thoughts



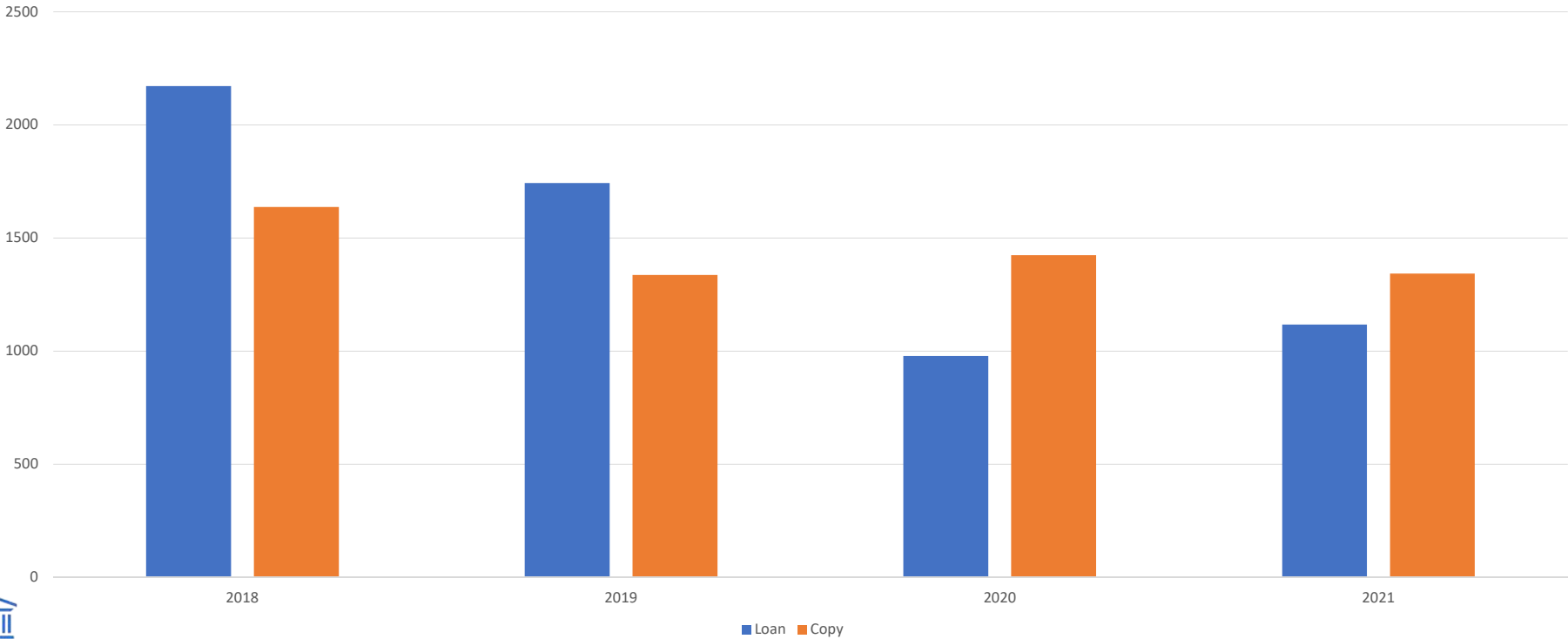
Patron share 2021



Staff research background



ILL: loan vs e-copy trend 2018-2021



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Journal article requests: a pathway for future ILL

Journal data

Ghent University libraries network:

circa 2500 subscriptions (2021)
66,8 % = e-only
20% less subscriptions (over last 5 yrs)

General trend:

20, 15 % journal price increase (2017-2021)
for college and university libraries
(source: Ebsco)



The screenshot shows the journal website 'Communication & Sport' with the IACS logo. The navigation bar includes 'Journal Home', 'Browse Journal', 'Journal Info', 'Stay Connected', and a 'Submit Paper' button. The page is titled 'OnlineFirst' and 'Last updated January 15, 2022'. It displays 'Articles: 1 - 20 of 67' and a 'Sort: Date (Newest First)' dropdown menu. A research article is featured with a lock icon, the title '"Willpower knows no obstacles": Examining Neoliberal Postfeminist Messaging in Nike's Transnational Advertisements for Women', and authors Anna Posbergh, David L. Andrews, and Samuel M. Clevenger. The article was first published on 15 Jan 2022, with a DOI link provided.

Journal article requests

Case: Rapid ILL

Colorado State University > Libris/ ProQuest

Resource sharing based on reciprocal lending

May 2020: Rapid ILL membership

Now: our first resort for articles and book chapters

In 2021: net lender

4537 lending requests (fulfillment rate = 86 %)

883 borrowing requests (fulfillment rate = 94 %)

average delivery time of less than 12 hours



Journals

Requesting Branch

Faculty of arts and philosophy

Request Information

Journal Title

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies.

Article Title

Queer counterpublics and LGBTQ pop-activism in Jordan

Article Author

Mahadeen, Ebtihal

Volume

48

Issue

1

Month

Year

2021

Journal article requests

Case: Rapid ILL

Findings:

Proofs that reciprocal borrowing/lending works

Rapid ILL = commercial product

Annual subscription fee may be not in reach of all libraries

Rapid request form: adding DOI field would be welcome. E-publications = faster turnaround.

Challenges:


Using ILL-data as factor when renewing subscriptions

Cooperative collection development



Organize serial subscriptions on inter-university level

Taking into account that 4 Belgian universities participate in Rapid ILL





RapidX (7) 







Faculty of economics and business administration (1)

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Faculty of arts and philosophy (1)

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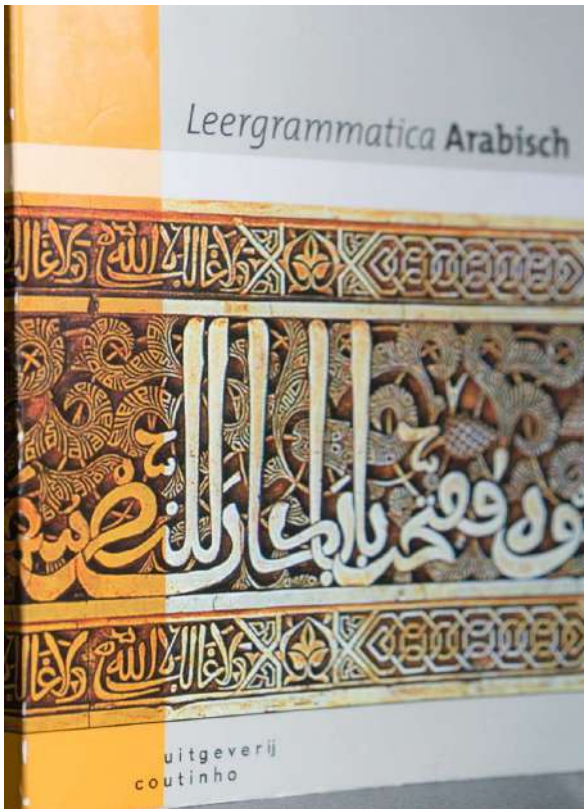
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Rapid #: -19064261 X-Ref: 219562	 

Faculty of law and criminology (2)

Rapid #: -19037713 X-Ref:	 
Rapid #: -19060065 X-Ref:	 

Print books



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ILL – data:

45 % of ILL requests in 2021 (= 1117)

44 % is fulfilled through the Impala network (Belgium)

55 % abroad

Many publications are still print-only

Novels

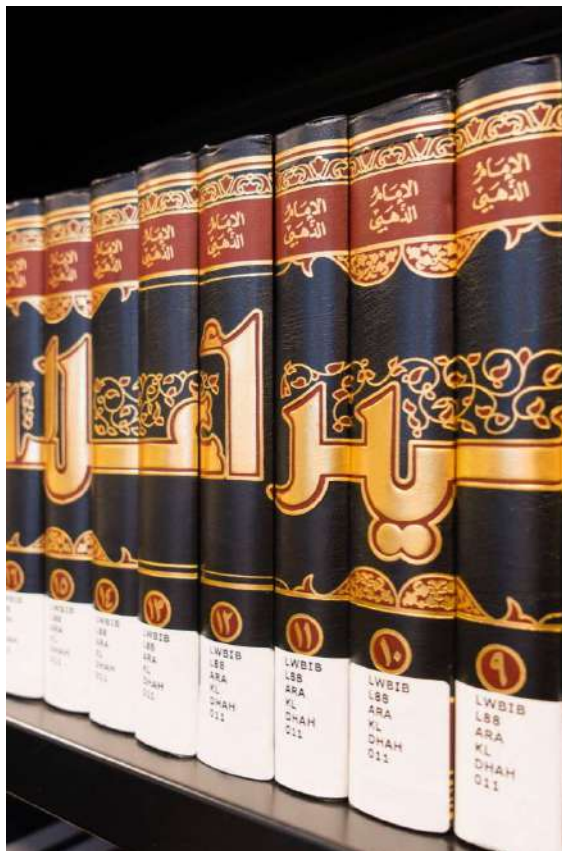
Small publishers

Local history publications

Pre-2000 books

Other languages than English

Print books



Disadvantages for ILL

- Books can get lost during sending
- Rejected because: old / rare / very recent / damaged
- Outside EU: risk of import taxes
- Expensive: sending costs
- Slow delivery time
- Ecological footprint

Alternative :

Buy a print copy, when:

- ILL cost and sending are higher than book price
- not available at any library but still on the market
- repeated ILL requests for same title

Print books

Perspective: Controlled Digital Lending (CDL)

Aim:

“Access to Older books (pre-2000) still under copyright but unlikely to be ever offered digitally “ (source: <https://controlddigitallending.org/>)

Finding:

2021: 46 % of our ILL-book requests are pre-2000 publications

CDL-principles:

Digital lending of a digitized paper copy your library owns

Based on ‘fair use’ principle:

only one copy can be lend out (either print or digital)

Controlled, technological protection to:

prevent copying and downloading

limit the length of loan period

Print books

Challenge:

Legal basis : copyright laws vary from one country to another

Install an institutional repository on library level: to store digital copies

Prospects:

Ex Libris company is planning to market CDL

OCLC is:

is working on CDL workflows

willing to integrate a CDL-record of the digital copy in WorldCat

Publishers are against CDL : lawsuit against Internet Archive

“If CDL is declared legal in the US, attention is likely to shift to other countries”
(IFLA-statement)

E-books

Libraries have become more e-book oriented:

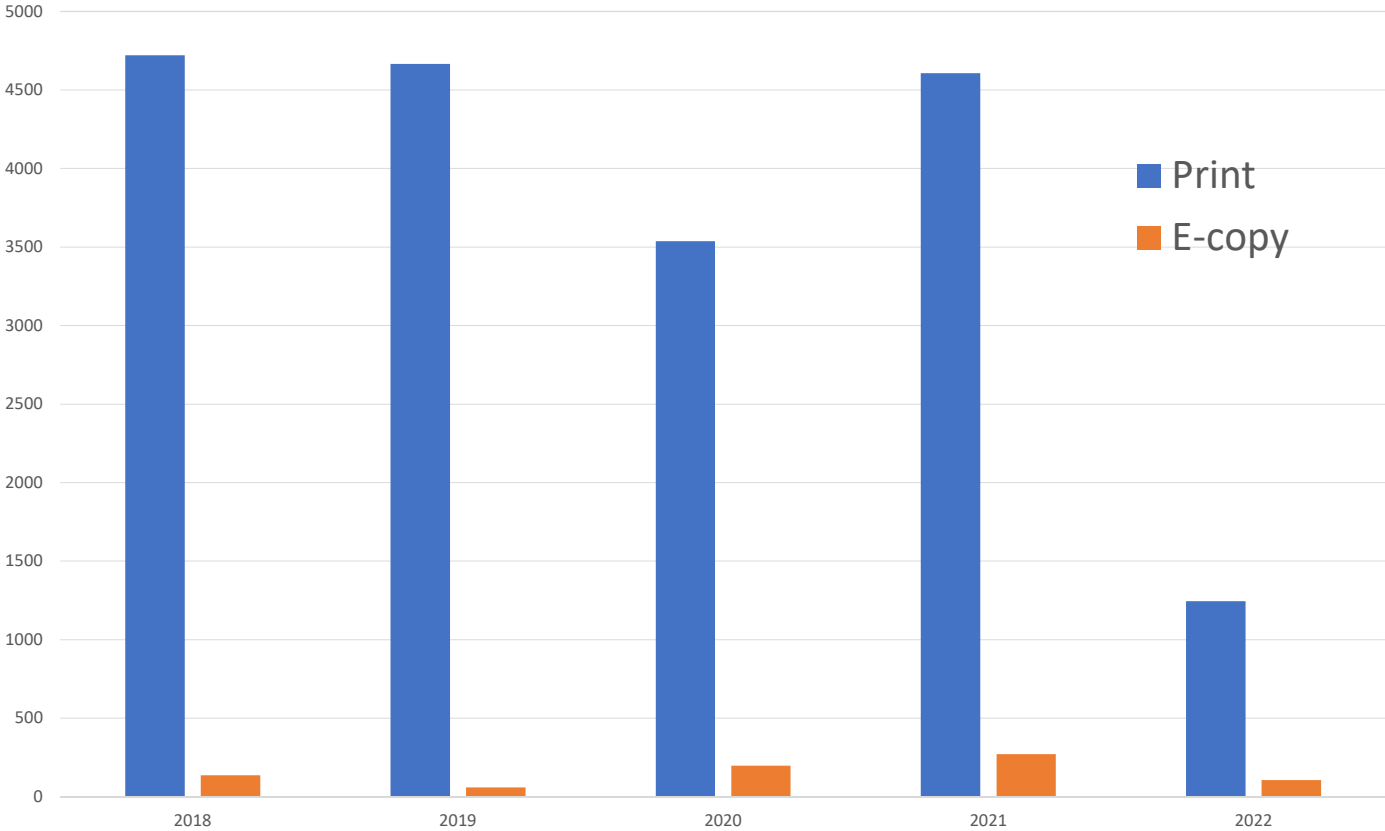
Impact of the pandemic

Marketing efforts of the publishing environment

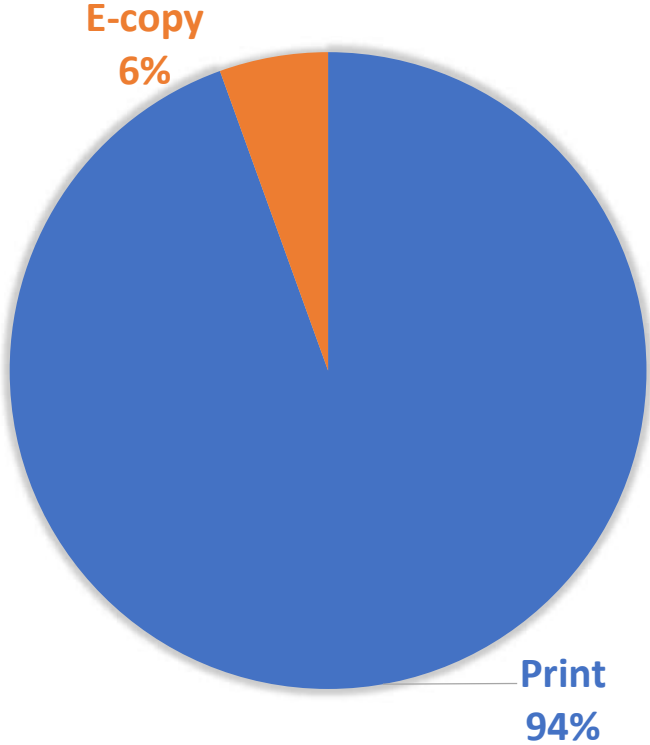
Wide variety of purchase and rental options:

subscription, package deals,
pick & choose , DDA and EBA, STL (short term loans)
Purchase of databases

E-copy vs print copies purchase



E-copy vs print copies purchase (2021)



E-books and ILL

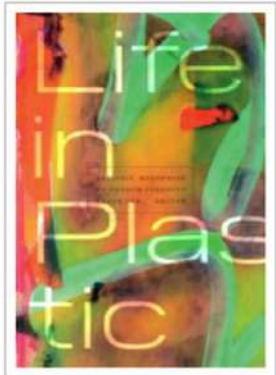
An example of a title search in OCLC

ILL e-book request results in : “automatic deflection”

 <p>The Cambridge handbook of Romance linguistics door Ledgeway, Adam; Maiden, Martin Gedrukt boek, Engels Uitgever: Cambridge, UK ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2022. ISBN: 9781108485791 (hardback) OCLC-nr: 1267383962 Zoeken naar versies met dezelfde titel en auteur</p>	<p>Niet in bezit door mijn bibliotheek Staatsbezit Regionaal bezit Alle bezitsgegevens (2)</p>
 <p>The Cambridge handbook of Romance linguistics door Ledgeway, Adam; Maiden, Martin Digitaal boek, Engels Uitgever: Cambridge, UK ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2022. ISBN: 9781108580410 (epub) OCLC-nr: 1286674046 Zoeken naar versies met dezelfde titel en auteur</p>	<p>Niet in bezit door mijn bibliotheek Staatsbezit Regionaal bezit Alle bezitsgegevens (31)</p>

2 print books vs 31 e-books

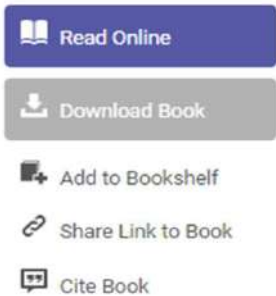
E-books and ILL



Unfortunately:

E-books do not qualify for ILL due to license restrictions
(= lack of e-book ownership)

These restrictions are even more enforced by digital rights management
(DRM)



E-books and ILL



Occam's Reader (USA)

ILL-system for e-book sharing

A consortium of US research libraries started this project in 2011

15 US universities have subscribed so far

In collaboration with Springer Verlag:

collaboration between academic libraries and a major publisher

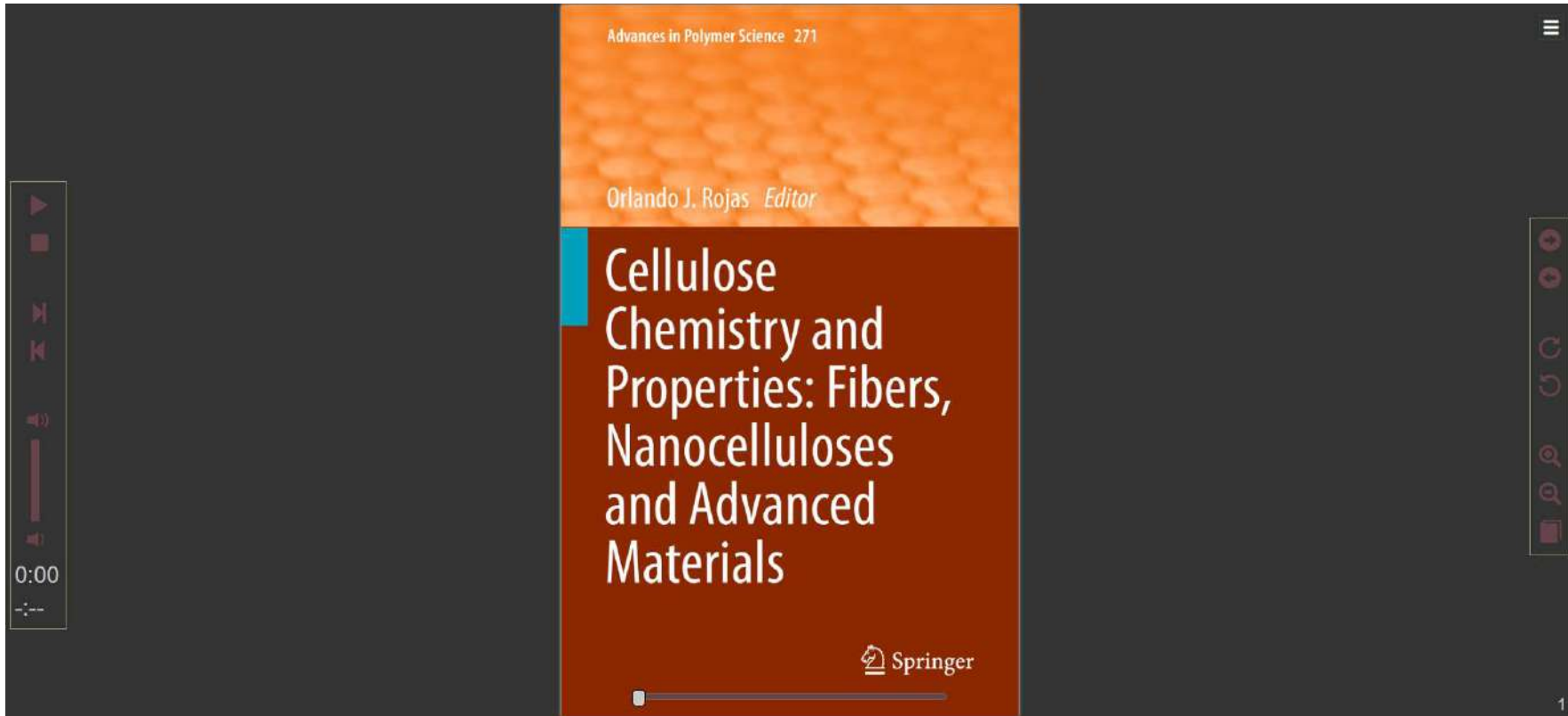
Technical architecture is fully in place:

- system is entirely web based

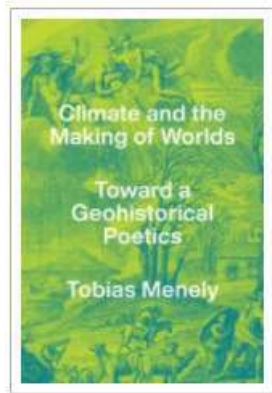
- a transparent DRM policy: read-only viewer

A CDL option has been included in the system

E-books and ILL : Occam's Reader (USA)



E-books and ILL



Challenge for these innovative projects:
getting more publishers on board

Other solutions?

Turn an ILL request into an e-book purchase

Take into account that:

With DRM = less user friendly (e.g. restricted download)

When DRM-free: price is higher

According to a study 63,7 % publications had cheaper print versions (The Electronic Library Journal)

Read Online

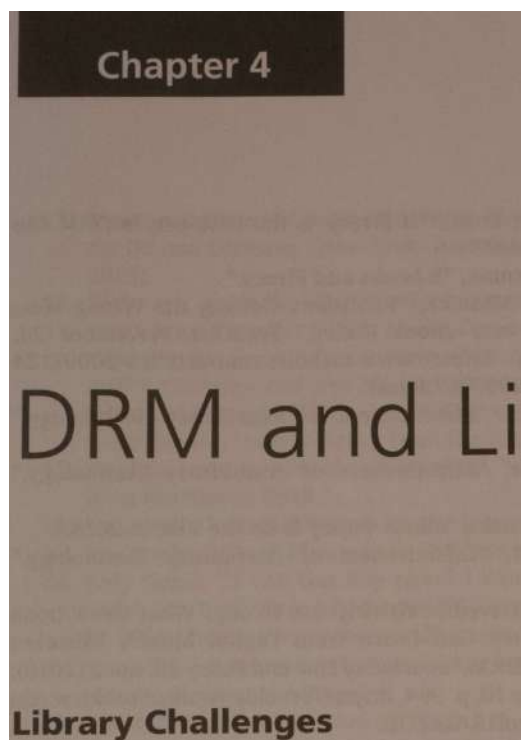
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Cite Book

Book chapters



Format : e-copy

2021

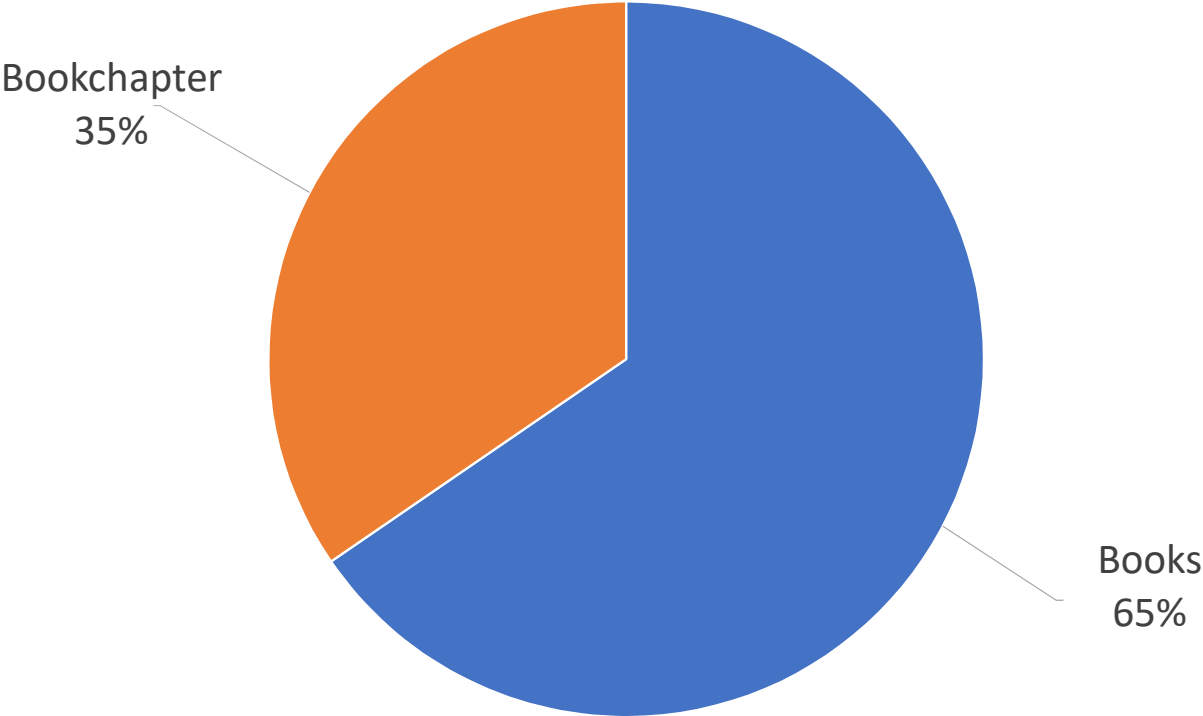
590 book chapter requests by our patrons
= 24 % all ILL-requests

Chapters from e-books: no license restrictions

Substitute for e-books?

Depends: e.g. edited books, conference papers, encyclopedia

Books vs book chapters requests



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Paper

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University catalogues

National thesis repositories

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tesionline.it

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Availability for ILL

Unpublished: copyright belongs to author

Bookformat: traditional ILL

ProQuest Dissertation & Theses: purchase

Circa 2% to 4 % of ILL requests

Tendency towards open access

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Current situation:

Downward tendency of ILL and loans in general

Gradual shift from print to e-resources

Increase of online and open access initiatives:

Google Scholar, HathiTrust, Internet Archive, Scribd, Knowledge Unlatched, shadow libraries

Rise of E-books and databases

Drawers of the Mundaneum's Universal Bibliographical System (Mons, Belgium), source: Wikipedia

Concluding thoughts



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How to deal with this ? Advocate information sharing and ILL through:

Negotiating with publishers:

- More impact through partnerships and consortia
- Being pro-active in domain of copyright and licence legislation
- Role of library organizations such as IFLA

Collaboration between ILL and library collection

Participating in cooperative collecting:

- New collection development models

Conclusion:

Digital information area involves new challenges, interlibrary co-operation and initiatives to ensure future of library resource sharing and ILL.

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<https://sparcopen.org/our-work/controlled-digital-lending/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controlled_digital_lending

Occam's Reader (USA)

<https://occamsreader.lib.ttu.edu/about/index.php>



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Things learned:

Repository for uploading public domain publications + incoming ILL publications. (Isàvena Opisso-Atienza, ILL Manager (Isàvena Opisso-Atienza, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain))

Libraries are thinking about keeping ILL free (partly or fully) for patrons. This free policy was offered since beginning of Covid-19. (Fabienne Prosmans, François Renaville Université de Liège, Belgium)

Hermes : a last resource ILL platform aimed to help libraries during the pandemic. A librarian's initiative: EU funded, a request for extension is likely to be approved. Carmen Lomba, Librarian Responsable of ILL-DD Service (Carmen Lomba, Universidad de Cantabria, Spain)

Things learned:

E-book acquisition via EBA and PDA programs. Show complexity of these programs (Marion Favre, EPFL, Swiss)