Digitization with the
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– 6,800 manuscripts
– 1,800 incunabula
– 4,500 charters
– 90,000 historical printed books from before 1800
– Bibliotheca Palatina, monastic libraries of Abbey Salem and Abbey Petershausen
– Over 150 bequests of significant people / scholars
– Manuscript Reading Room (LSH)
– Alternating exhibitions

DIGITIZATION DEPARTMENT HEIDELBERG

– Use of innovative digitization technology: scan robots, overhead scanners, **»**Grazer book cradle**«**
– Management and development of the software DWork – Heidelberger Digitization Workflow
– Collaboration with national and international partners such as the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz, the Getty Research Institute and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
– Numerous digitization projects such as
Bibliotheca Palatina – digital,
Bibliotheca Laureshamensis – digital: Virtual Monastic Library of Abbey Lorsch,
Monastic libraries of Abbey Salem and Abbey Petershausen,
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The Heidelberg University Library is one of the oldest academic libraries in the German-speaking region. It was first mentioned in a document dating from 1396. Prince elector of the Palatinate Otto-Henry (1502-1559) brought together selected book collections, laying the foundation for the famous Bibliotheca Palatina (»Palatinate library«) of Heidelberg. After the library was transported to Rome during the Thirty Years War, Heidelberg's University Library rose again in the 19th century. Essential for its development was the reorganisation of the University as well as the acquisition of the libraries from the secularized Abbeys Salem and Petershausen.

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With a tradition spanning more than 600 years, the Heidelberg University Library provides the university and its region with modern library services.



HEIDELBERG'S LIBRARY SYSTEM

– Library services for over 100 subjects taught at Heidelberg University
– Heidelberg University Library is the central management body of over 34 faculty and medical libraries
– Branch library in Neuenheim for Medicine, Natural and Life Sciences
– Departmental libraries, such as the Campus Library Bergheim and the library of the Centre for Asian and Transcultural Studies (CATS)
– Central online catalogue for all libraries

THE LIBRARY IN NUMBERS

– 3.2 million books in the University Library, 2.9 million books in the departmental libraries
– 165,000 e-journals
– 1.16 million e-books
– 568,000 circulations per year

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