

# The Library of the House of Science as place to today's 24/7 culture

## Report

3 Baltic University Library Meeting (15-16 May, 2019)

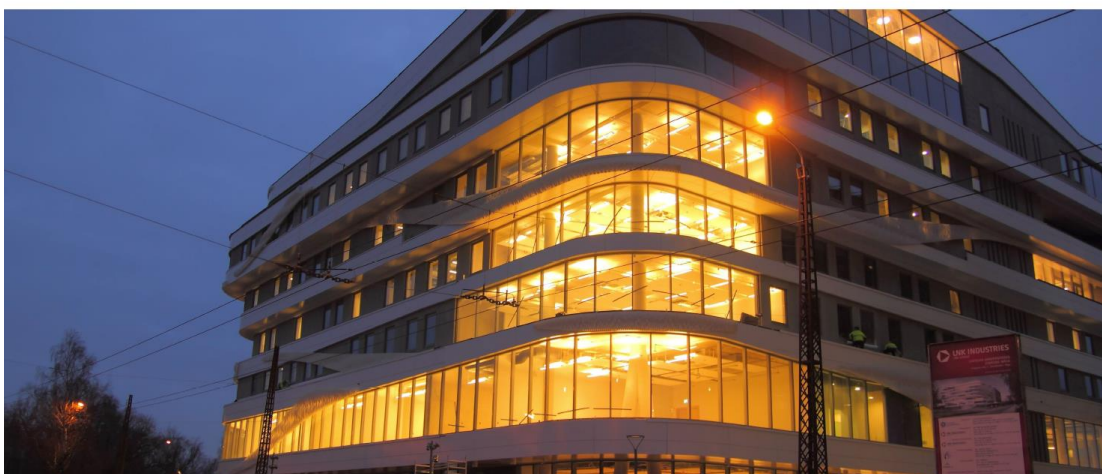
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### Executive summary

The report 3 Baltic University Library Meeting (15-16 May, 2019) at the Library of the University of Latvia (UL) to present the newest branch library of UL – The Library of the House of Science. The House of Science is the second building in the Campus of UL after the House the Nature. The House of Science contains all fields of exact, medical and life sciences thus ensuring efficient use of both infrastructure and human resources and promoting synergies between the studies and research.



## The House of Science



Construction was started in August 2017, completed in January 2019 (18 months). Total construction and equipment costs of the building, including purchase of equipment and equipment for scientific and research purposes – 36 million EUR.

Some facts: total area of the building: 20 018 m<sup>2</sup> and eight overground floors and one underground floor.



## The House of Science

August 2017 - January 2019

20 018 m<sup>2</sup>

8 overground floors

1 underground floor



The House of Science has eight UL departments:

- two Faculties: Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Physics, Mathematics and Optometry,
- six Institutes: Institute of Cardiology and Regenerative Medicine, Institute of Physics, Institute of Geography and Geoinformatics, Institute of Atomic physics and Spectroscopy, Institute of Material Mechanics, Astronomy Institute.



## The House of Science

2 Faculties

6 Institutes

2,000 students

450 work places

15 auditoria

78 scientific and study laboratories



The building can accommodate:

- up to 2 000 students (around 1 400 students daily are planned),
- 450 work places for scientific and academic staff,
- 15 auditoria (large auditorium with 386 seats, ix medium auditoria with 60-70 seats, eight small auditoria with a number of seats below 50),
- eight workshop rooms (10-20 seats each),
- 78 scientific and study laboratories,
- two computer classes with 48 work space.

Library of the House of Science: are to located on the 2nd floor of the building; has many study places for students and group work. The new library is already the second UL's library which is **open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**.



## Library of the House of Science

24/7

self-service computer wall

two self-service machines

110 work places

18 000 print resources



There are 18 000 copies of the most popular and up-to-date publications in physics, mathematics and medical sciences and over 170 000 electronic resources. Books can be taken home, returned or the booking can be extended at any time through two self-service machines (the latest models).



## Self-service computer wall

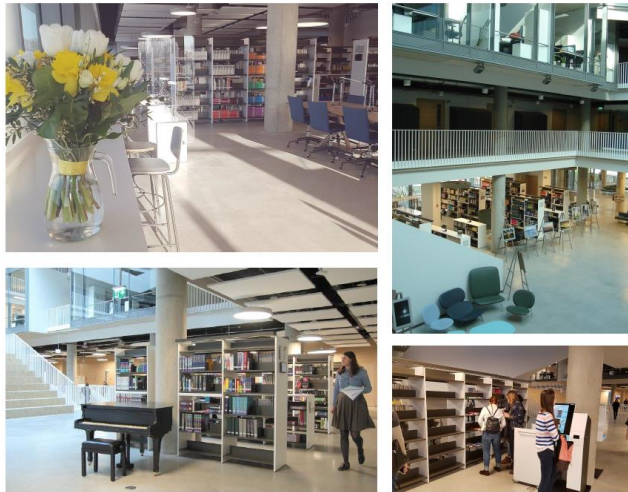
24/7

36 portable computers to LU students, staff



The uniqueness of the library is a **self-service computer wall with 36 portable computers**, the first service of this kind in Baltic. The service is offered to university students and staff. The service offered by the new library have already received positive feedback and popularity.

- What students say about the new library? Some answers from short interviews: I like that books can be freely picked up from the shelves and work with them at the another places in the building.
- There are plenty of places to work in the library.
- (about the computer-wall) Very cool thing! We pick up computers and make homework!



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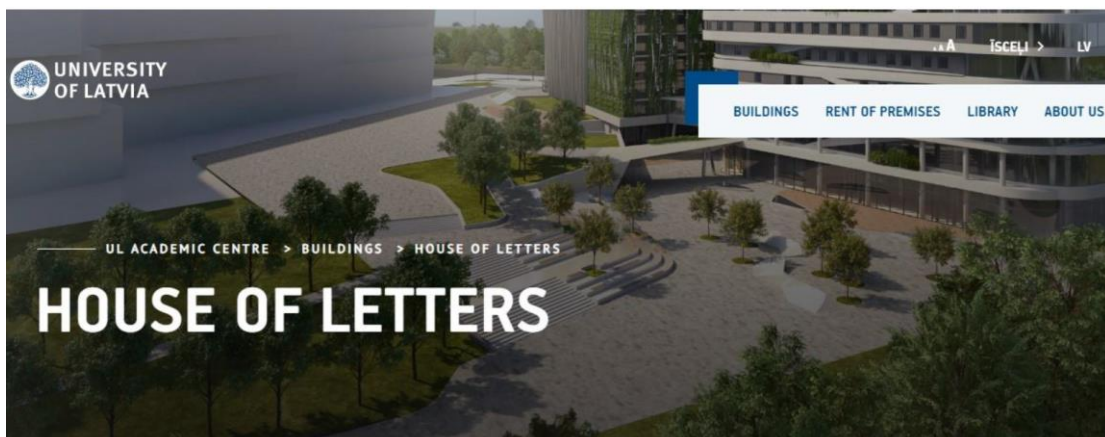


As librarians, the goal is to support and promote student success while providing optimal physical and virtual environments catering to today's 24/7 culture.

The next house of the campus of UL will be House of Letters.



6 Faculties / 11,000 students  
4 Institutes / 1,100 staff  
Library



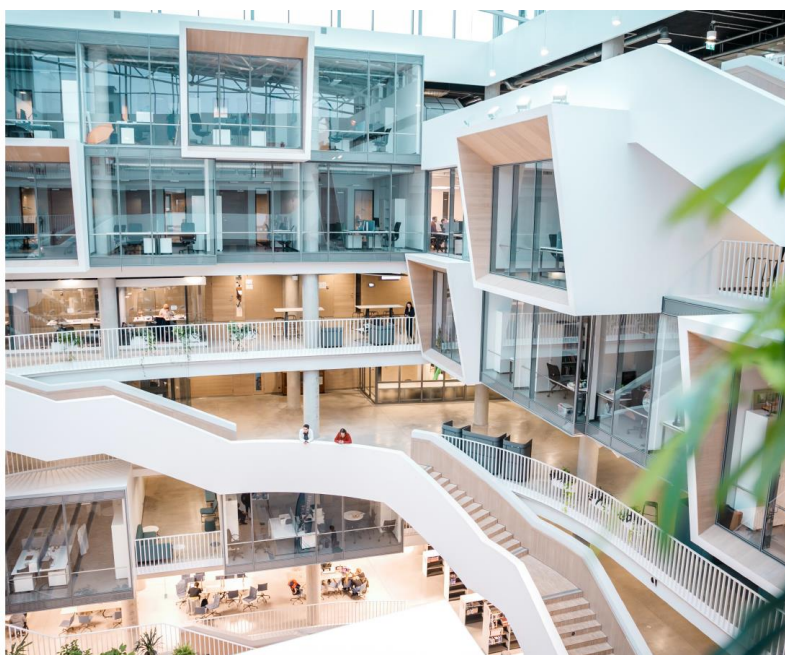
The opening of the House of Letters is expected in 2023, and this third building of Academic Centre will accommodate. House of Letters will provide study space for 11 000 students and 1 100 staff members.

The House of Letters has ten UL departments: six Faculties and four Institutes and Library:

- Faculty of History and Philosophy,
- Faculty of Education, Psychology and Art,
- Faculty of Social Sciences,
- Faculty of Humanities,
- Faculty of Business, Management and Economics,
- Faculty of Theology,
- Institute of History of Latvia,
- Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,
- Institute of Latvian Language,

- Institute of Literature, Folklore and Art,
- Meditation Room.

Thank You!



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