Organisational changes and a new media policy
meeting user demands at The Royal Institute of Technology
OUTLINE - SUBJECTS

- KTH – The Royal Institute of Technology (briefly)
- The role of the academic library
- Examples from the surrounding world
- Local changes – present and future
KTH – THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1 FACULTY
10 SCHOOLS
13 400 STUDENTS
1 900 PhD
4 900 STAFF

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SCILIFELAB
KTH – THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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OR - WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE LIBRARY TODAY?
DELIVERY of scientific information
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SUPPORTING scientific publishing
delivery is partly what we do here…

…but mostly we provide for students.  
[and store printed books]

and how about the rest?
"Below are five possible starting points for research. Typically, when you are conducting academic research, which of these five starting points do you use to begin locating information for your research?" Percent of respondents who indicated that each option is the starting point for their research, by disciplinary grouping.
The development during the time period we have studied (1988-2012) has lead to that the libraries have moved from collecting, organising and supplying scientific material in-house to offering access to relevant literature in digital format via digital services.

"We do not longer build collections – we subscribe for knowledge"
“University libraries have lost their role in the discovery of scientific information. They better focus on delivery.”

Simone Kortekaas, Utrecht University Library, UKSG 2014
Trends search behaviour Utrecht University

relative increase / decrease in use

![Graph showing trends in search behaviour at Utrecht University](image-url)
Title: Physics.
Type: Journal article
ISSN: 08873763
Abstract: The article reviews several books including "Physicists: Epoch and Personalities" by E. L. Feenberg, "Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equations and Geometric Optics" by Jeffrey Rauch, and "Doing Physics with Scientific Notebook: A Problem Solving Approach" by Joseph Gallant.
Keywords: PHYSICISTS: Epoch & Personalities (Book)
Delivery, delivery, delivery!

- What we “have” doesn’t matter, what matters is how fast we can deliver
- Suggested acquisitions, ILL, stack retrievals – what’s the difference?
- From link resolver to “delivery hub”
The landscape of higher education institutions is changing rapidly. The library is becoming a central information hub for its institution and the library services need to be well integrated with the relevant institutional systems.

Ken Chad (2012), Specification for a unified (next generation) library resource management system
How do I search for new papers?

Identify

- **Google Scholar** profile tracks papers of interest based on my own publications
- Specific **PubMed queries** transformed in RSS feeds and sync on **Feedly**
- **Emails** from colleagues and F1000 alerts

- Checking **Mendeley Suggest**
- One-click selection of most **Related** papers present in the >3M article database of Mendeley

Digest

- article’s URL
- Save PDF in a **watched folder**
- Automatic import

Guilhem Chalancon, PhD, LBM, Cambridge University. UKSG 2014
“When you think about the journal articles and monographs that you routinely use — for research as well as teaching — how important are each of the following sources?%” Percent of respondents indicating that the following sources are very important, by disciplinary grouping.
Circulation of printed books

- 2002: 112,630
- 2013: 43,146

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Printed material

Electronic material

Staff acquiring and handling print

Staff licensing e-resources
Need for revising acquisitions policy
Need for organisational changes
Need for competence to spread and develop
The challenge to implement and establish changes

Starting point – a media plan
The library has focus on Demand Driven Acquisition

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- E-version is always purchased ahead of print
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- 100% demand driven?
- e-books vv e-journals
- ILL ahead of purchase
- Time aspect!

- Main goal: DELIVERY
New start page

- One entry for all orders of material
- ILL and purchases integrated in organisation
- Procurement for new LSP
Order material

New main page at the KTHB website

As you may notice, our main page has a new design. We’re using the same layout as the main page at kth.se which we hope makes it familiar and easy to navigate.

KTHB Primo is still in focus to facilitate your searches.

We welcome your input!

http://www.kth.se/en/kthb
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THANK YOU!
Questions?

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