# Need of content improvement and information update in academic library website design

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# Introduction



- Services (borrowing, traditional references)
- Collections (books, periodicals)
- Bibliographical tools



#### Customer User **Patron**





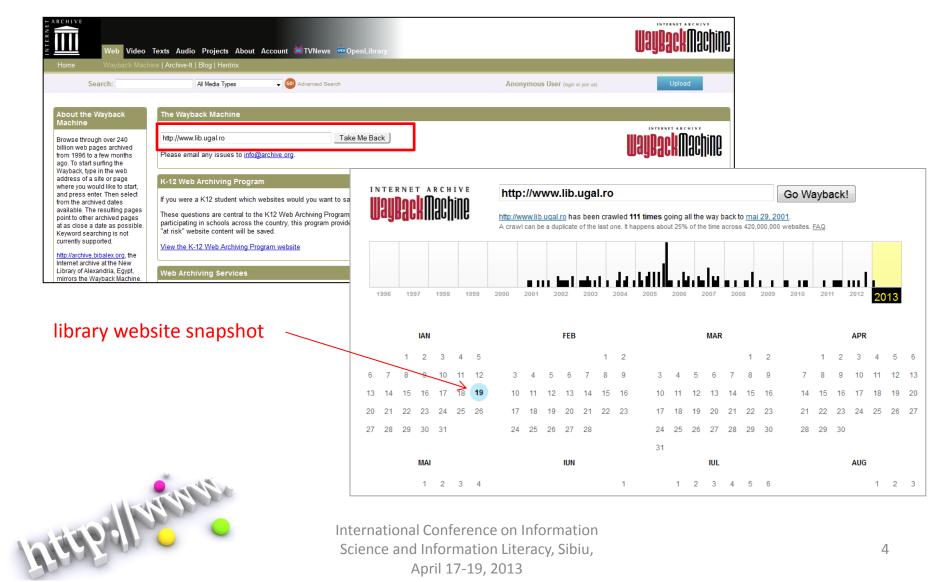
- Web-based services (chat, ymess, electronic delivery)
- **E-collections** (electronic documents, e-books, online databases)
- Library website



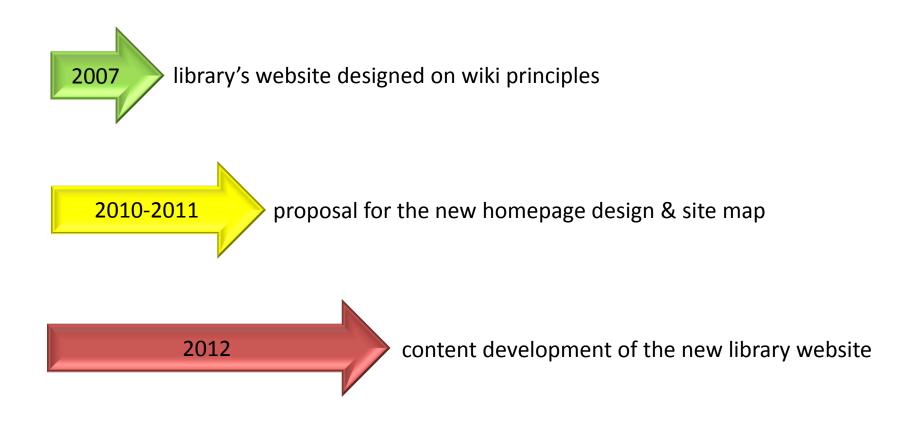




# **An Overview on DJUG Library Website**



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Layout of DJUG library website (2010)

Layout of DJUG library website (2011)







# Methodology of Investigation

| The library                                      | Content analysis  |
|--|---|
| Academy of Art University Library                | Help, Subject guides  |
| Australian National University Library           | E-resources, Help & training, Subject areas                             |
| Cambridge University Library                     | News, Information for, Digital library                                  |
| Cornell University Library                       | Research help   |
| Duke University Libraries                        | News, How to  |
| Library & Information Centre University of Crete | Online requests, FAQ, library tour                                      |
| Library of ATEI of Thessaloniki                  | Search tools, Information literacy                                      |
| The Library of the University of Gdansk          | E-resources, Online training  |
| Library of Warsaw School of Economics            | Library training online   |
| Princeton University Library                     | Research help   |
| UCLA Library                                     | Site map  |
| The University Oklahoma Libraries                | Resources by subject  |
| University of Oxford Bodleian Libraries          | e-resources, Locating resources   |
| The University of Sydney Library                 | Subject guides, Information skills                                      |
| University of Texas Library                      | Research tools, Resources for you, Ask a librarian, Cite your resources |



# **Methodology of Investigation**



"Eugen Todoran" Central University Library of Timisoara

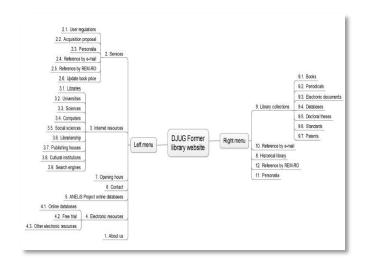
"Lucian Blaga" Central University Library of Cluj-Napoca

"Carol I" Central University Library of Bucharest

National Library of Romania





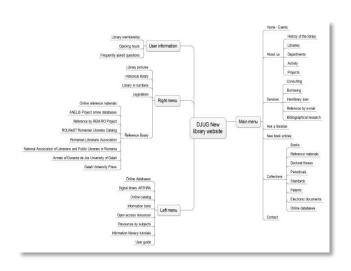


- rigid design
- poor web content management
- lack of web-based reference services
- electronic and Internet resources poorly organized



- flexible design
- rich web content management
- web-based reference services (chat online, RCB website)
- subject guides
- information literacy tutorials









The map of the Reference Department contributions





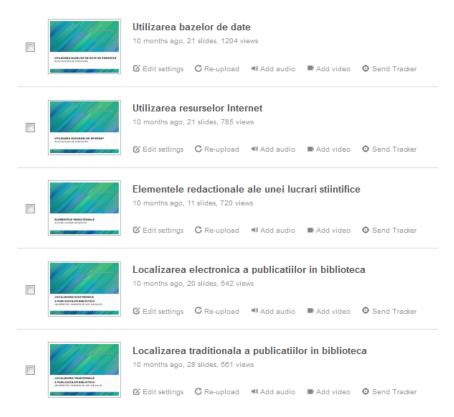
#### General information

- the calendar of organizing/participating events of DJUG Library
- Departments description (organizational chart, procedures, statistics etc.)
- Library activity (policy, statistics, published & unpublished papers etc.)
- Librarians corner (contact, CVs, pictures)
- New book entries
- Contact (interactive Google map)
- Library in images and numbers

www.lib.ugal.ro



#### Information literacy tutorials



How to develop a research topic
Information sources used for research
Use of Internet resources for research
Use of periodicals databases for research
Traditional searching of information at DJUG
Library
Electronical searching of information at DJUG
Library
Traditional locating of information at DJUG

Traditional locating of information at DJUG Library

Electronical locating of information at DJUG Library

Citation of information sources
Bibliography creation
Editorial elements of a scientific paper.



#### New resources

Reference materials (print & online)

Online databases (fee-based and OA)

OA journals by subject

Internet resources by subject

Library legislation

#### New tools and services

Bibliographies in ARTHRA repository

Library user guide

Information literacy tutorials

Frequently asked questions

Ask a librarian service

Facebook page

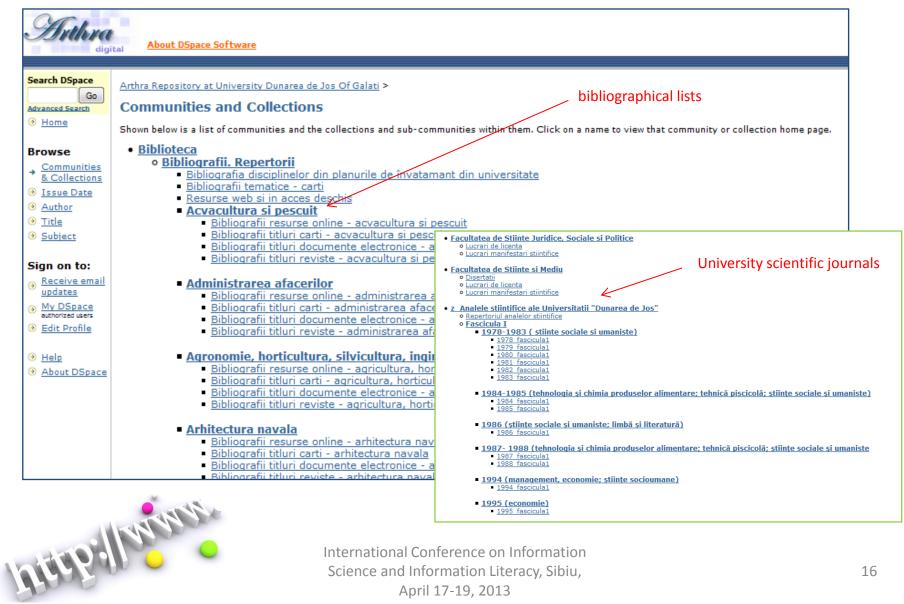
Reference Department webpage





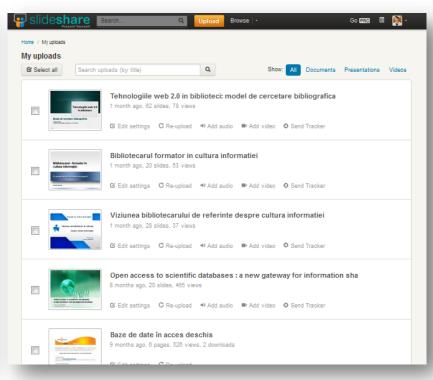
OA databases
Institutional repositories
OA journals by subject





#### DJUG library on Web 2.0 platforms







#### Ask a librarian service

# Referințe prin E-mail Înainte de a expedia cererea vă rugăm să consultați condițiile de desfășurare ale acestui serviciu. \*Nume: \*Prenume: Telefon: \*E-mail: Profesie: Instituție: Localitate: \*Domeniul cererii: \*Cerere: Vă rugăm să formulați cererea concret, oferind cât mai multe informații, eventual, menționând ce alte surse ați mai consultat: Informațiile furnizate de dv. sunt confidențiale și nu vor fi puse la dispoziția unei terțe părți. \* - câmpuri obligatorii Timite

#### Întreabă bibliotecarul

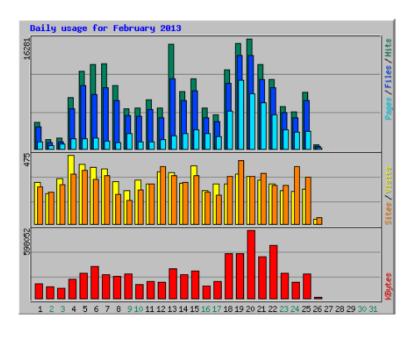
Este un serviciu care permite interacțiunea directă sau indirectă a bibliotecarului cu utilizatorul, în scopul furnizării de referințe privind colecțiile și serviciile Bibliotecii Universității "Dunărea de Jos" din Galați.

|   | Telefon<br>+40 336 130 134                                     |
|---|--|
|   | Poștă<br>Str. Domnească nr. 47, cod 800008, Galați,<br>România |
|   | Fax<br>+40 236 461 353   |
|   | Ymessenger<br>id: budjg_referinte                              |
| @ | E-mail<br>formular solicitare referințe <sup>*)</sup>          |

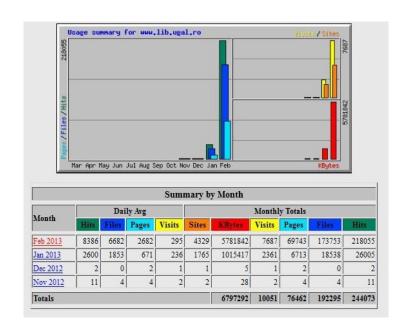




#### Statistics of library website usage



Statistical usage (February 2013)



Comparative statistical usage



#### **Library Website Metrics**

**Hits** = the total number of requests made to the server

**Files** = the total number of hits (requests) that actually resulted in something being sent back to the user

**Sites** = the number of unique IP addresses/hostnames that made requests to the server

**Visits** = when some remote site makes a request for a *page* on your server for the first time

Pages = URLs that would be considered the actual page being requested

**KByte** (KB) = the amount of data that was transferred between the server and the remote machine, based on the data found in the server log

**URL** = an object somewhere on your server, that is accessable to the remote user

**Referrers** = URLs that lead a user to your site or caused the browser to request something from your server

**Search Strings** = obtained from examining the referrer string and looking for known patterns from various search engines

**User Agents** = a fancy name for *browsers* 

**Entry/Exit** pages = pages that were the first requested in a visit (**Entry**), and the last requested (**Exit**) **Response Codes** = codes generated by the server that indicate the completion status of each request made to it



# **Further Investigations**

- Graphic website (banner and menu buttons)
- Periodical review of the links
- Live chat with reference librarian
- RSS feeds
- Guidelines for adding new electronic documents within digital repository
- Bibliometrics and scientific research
- Library Scientific Council's webpage
- Information literacy tutorials based on interarctivity
- Access to the bibliographical records of the library via Internet (Koha)



# **Conclusions**

New book entries

New reference services

Information literacy tutorials

Library departments

New information sources

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