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SOUTERRAIN DE LA COUR
EST CELUI
DE LA COUVERTE PRIMITIVE
ÉLEVÉE EN 1326
PAR ROBERT DE SORBON

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS AND MISSIONS

Part of the University Paris I – Panthéon-Sorbonne

**Common library defined by a memorandum of understanding (2000)
between universities :**

Paris I , Paris III , Paris IV , Paris V and Paris VII

Ruled by a Library council (chair : President of University Paris I)

Social sciences : history, philosophy, literature

Research level (L3 and more)

ORGANIZATION (WORK IN PROGRESS)

DIRECTION

Director : Philippe Marcerou

Deputy Director : Pascale Issartel

COMMON SERVICES

Administration : N...

Head of electronic documentation : Marie-Joëlle Tarin

Head of informatics : Françoise Pina-Mironneau

Head of preservation : Géraldine Péoc'h

BRANCHES

Head of acquisitions : Marie-Thérèse Petiot

Head of cataloguing : Emmanuel Jaslier

Head of public services : Agnès Rogeret

Head of ancient collections : Jacqueline Artier

Head of geography library : Rachel Creppy

THESE PERSONS ARE PART OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

MEANS (2009)

3.8 million € : general expenses

documentation : 2 million €

4.5 million € : expenses for staff

150 people (131 civil servants)

9'976 m2 in Sorbonne

+ 594 m2 in Institute of geography (refurbished, 2000-2004)

RESULTS (2009)

2.2 million volumes / 3.5 million items

1'350'000 books

780'000 volumes of serials / 2.1 million items

100'000 varia

Inscriptions : 13133

L3 : 20%

M : 50%

D : 15%

Teachers and researchers : 15%

Opening hours : 2574h per year

+/- 9h – 19h every day except Sunday

closed 3 weeks / year (Christmas, New Year Day, Easter)

Loans : 197'233

New books : 17'298

Serials : 4'130

Electronic documents : 12'441

HISTORY IN BRIEF (1)

1215 : University foundation act

1257 : opening of Collège de Sorbon

Around 1265 : opening of a library in Collège de Sorbon

1'000 books in 1300, 5000 in 1500

bibliotheca parva / bibliotheca communis

1630-1642 : construction of Sorbonne University by Richelieu

1770 : opening of the Library of Sorbonne (100'000 volumes), first university library in France

1808 : foundation by Napoleon of the « Université »

HISTORY IN BRIEF (2)

1880-1886 : laws Ferry and Goblet about primary, secondary and higher education

**1895-1902 : second construction of Sorbonne by Henri-Paul Nénot
a general university for humanities and sciences
a fragile Eiffel structure
a small library (200'000 volumes)**

**1930-1932 : refurbishment of the library
construction of 2 towers of stacks (1'000'000 volumes)**

HISTORY IN BRIEF (3)

1970-1972 : refurbishment of the library

construction of underground stacks (1'000'000 volumes)

science collections are moved to Jussieu Universities

1994-2007 : partial restructurations :

refurbishment of ancient books reading room (1994)

the frescoes of the main reading room are washed (1996)

refurbishment of serials reading room (2000)

refurbishment of catalogues reading room (2007)

2. RE-BUILDINGS AND REFURBISHMENTS

NOWADAYS

Pictures for a wordless cartoon...









**CETTE PORTE
DOIT RESTER
FERMEE POUR
RAISON DE
SECURITE !**







PLANNING THE REFURBISHMENT (2003-2010), 1

Sorbonne is a property of Paris City Council (+/- 100'000 m²)

Security systems on behalf of the Universities Chancellor

August 2003 : security and safety commission

lack of :

- safety systems
- evacuation systems
- protection against fire
- access for disabled people

electric failures

insufficient ventilation

dangerous and deficient plumbing system

The Chancellor is urged to close the Library (September 2003)

PLANNING THE REFURBISHMENT (2)

End of 2003 :

the Chancellor manages to delay the closure

the Chancellor is urged to conceive a project of refurbishment in cooperation with Paris City Council

2004-2005 :

project of building new stacks underneath the courtyard

2005 :

the project is abandoned

PLANNING THE REFURBISHMENT (3)

2006-2008 :

a new project of refurbishment is planned :

- security purposes**
- restructuration of the reading rooms and the stacks**
- loss of 38% of storage**
- a new building for stacks in Marne-la-Vallée (CTLes)**

March 2008 :

first validation of the new project of refurbishment

April 2009 :

final validation of the project of refurbishment

June 2009 :

« impact survey » about the consequences of the works

PLANNING THE REFURBISHMENT (4)

June 2009 – June 2010 : movings

October 2009 – January, then March 2010 : invitations to tender

Spring 2010 : definition of the contracts

April, 9th 2010 : the library closed in Sorbonne

May, 10th 2010 : the library will open in Sainte-Barbe Library

July, 5th 2010 : the works start...

MOVING (June 2009 – June 2010)

35'000 m of stacks

occupancy in June 2009 = 99,8%

Repartition of the collections :

- Centre technique du livre de l'enseignement supérieur in Marne-la-Vallée (32 km from Paris, 17'000 m of stacks)**
 - Crypt of Notre-Dame du Liban Church (8'000 m of stacks, 500 m from Sainte-Barbe Library)**
 - Sainte-Barbe Library (12000 m of stacks, 1'000 m in open access, reading rooms)**
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DURING THE WORKS (May 2010 – Spring 2013)

Opening in Sainte-Barbe Library : May 10th, 2010

80'000 documents in open access

600'000 documents in stacks

Opening hours : 60h (Monday-Saturday, 10h-20h)

**Shuttle system for document delivery between the different sites
delay : 24h**







REFURBISHING AND MOVING BACK

July 2010 – October 2012 : complete refurbishment

- Normalization of evacuation system

- Normalization of protection against fire

- Complete changes in electric and plumbing systems

- Partial changes in ventilation systems

- Partial (80%) re-building of the stacks

- Refurbishment of new spaces and creation of 2 new reading rooms

September 2012 – March 2013 : moving back to Sorbonne

Spring 2013 : re-opening in Sorbonne

34 million € (including movings and new shelves)

3. BACK IN SORBONNE (SPRING 2013)

A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

SPECIALIZATION OF ADQUISITIONS OF COLLECTIONS

PRESERVATION OF THE COLLECTIONS

MODERNIZATION OF THE ACCESS TO THE COLLECTIONS

NEW SERVICES

BUILDING A NEW LIBRARY

Direct communication from and to ground floor in Sorbonne

Loss of storage in Sorbonne : 38%

2 new reading rooms

Free access : 60'000 documents / Open stacks : 400'000 documents

Specializations : history, philosophy, literature

**New services to the users : « ask a librarian », scan on demand,
personal researches in bibliography, bibliographic researches
for researchers, etc.**

New skills for the personal

NEW STACKS IN MARNE-LA-VALLEE

Initially (2006) :
consequence of Sorbonne library refurbishment program

Eventually (2014) :
common storage facility for university libraries, extension of
CTLES' buildings in Marne-la-Vallée

108'000 m of storage

30 million €

2010 – 2013 : planning and building
2014 : opening

A new way of using collections

THREE YEARS LATER IN SORBONNE...

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