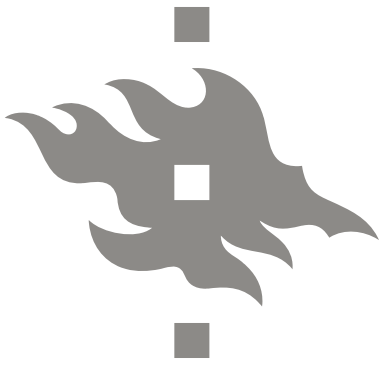


# **Viikki Info Centre- the heart of the Viikki campus**

**15th Seminar of the LIBER Architecture Group**

**Fit for what purpose?**

**Planning libraries for the users of the future**



# Overview

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- University of Helsinki, Helsinki University Library and Viikki Campus
- Viikki Info Centre Korona
- Library cooperation in the Info Centre
- Changing environment and changing needs of the customers



# University of Helsinki in Brief

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- Established in Turku 1640, moved to Helsinki in 1828
- 11 faculties
- 35,000 degree students
- 8,200 employees, including almost 4,000 researchers and teachers
- Operates on 4 campuses in Helsinki:
  - City Centre Campus for Human Sciences
  - Kumpula Science Campus
  - Meilahti Campus for Medicine
  - Viikki Campus for Life Sciences



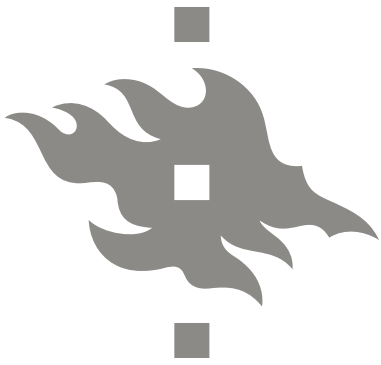
# Viikki Campus – A Dynamic Centre for Life Sciences

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- Four faculties of the University of Helsinki:
  - Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry
  - Faculty of Pharmacy
  - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
  - Faculty of Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Institute of Biotechnology
- Neuroscience Center
- 6,500 students and 1,600 teachers and researchers
- Research institutes
- Businesses
- Viikki is also a growing residential area emphasising ecological values and the natural surroundings.



## Viikki Campus

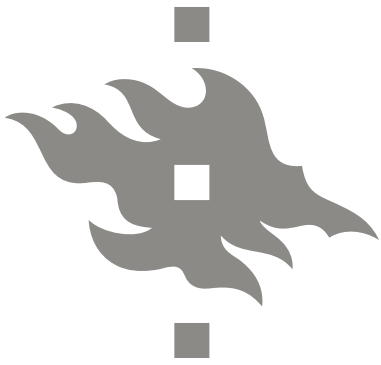


# Helsinki University Library

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- The Helsinki University Library began operating as an independent institute of the University of Helsinki on 1 January 2010.
- The Library comprises Viikki Campus Library, City Centre Library, Kumpula Campus Library, Meilahti Campus Library Terkko and centralised services.
- Approximately 250 employees, annual budget of over €21 million.
- Finland's largest multidisciplinary university library
- The library is open to all, not only students and staff of the University and offers open access to the sources of scientific knowledge.
- The National Library of Finland is also an independent institute of the University of Helsinki.





# Info Centre Korona - Key building in the heart of the Viikki Campus

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- Architectural design: ARK-house Architects
- The building was completed in 1999
- Floor area 11,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- The info centre was named Korona after the double outer wall that surrounds the circular building.
- The facade is like a shimmering corona of the sun both day and night.

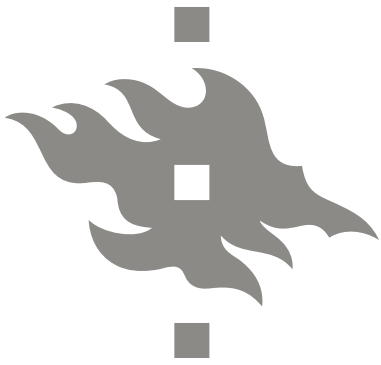




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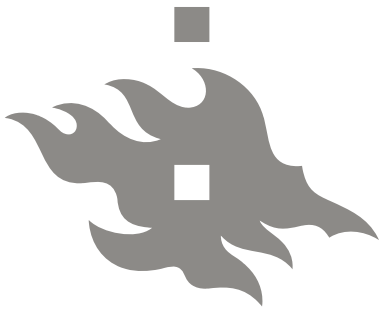


# Info Centre Korona – characteristic

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- Flexibility: collection areas and office rooms
- Clear and easy orienteering
- Open space
- Open atmosphere
- Energy saving and ecologically sustainable solutions
- Accessibility





# Info Centre Korona



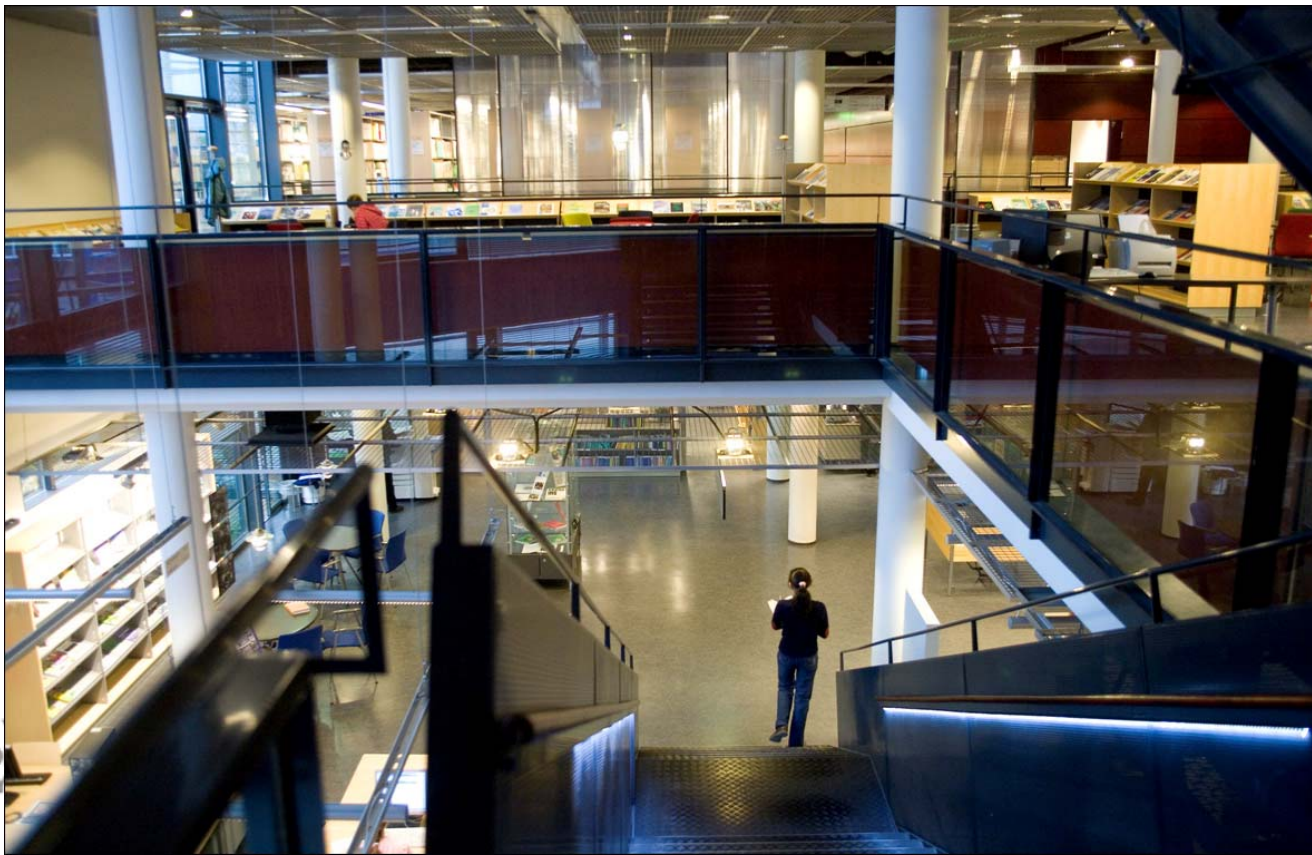
- Two libraries
- Auditoriums
- Lecture rooms
- Computer classrooms
- Cafe
- A branch of the University Press
- Helpdesk and User Account Office of the IT Department
- University Services (Personnel Services, Project Services, IT Services)
- Three winter gardens: Egyptian garden, Japanese garden, Roman garden
- The building has become a meeting point for the people.



# Scientific and public library in the Info Centre

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- Viikki Campus Library
- Viikki Library (a branch of Helsinki City Library)



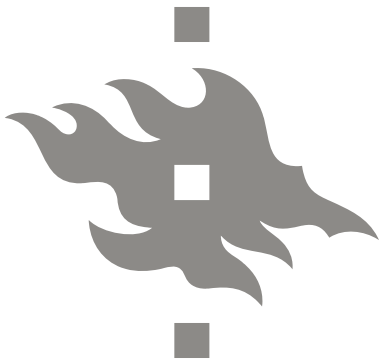




# Viikki Campus Library



- 250,000 local visits (year 2009)
- 800-1,200 daily users
- 180,000 loans and renewals
- 29 employees
- The space of the library is 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> in four floors
- 12,500 running metres of literature
- Electronic collection
- Rooms for group work (booking on the internet), computers, working spaces, study carrels, 24-h reading room

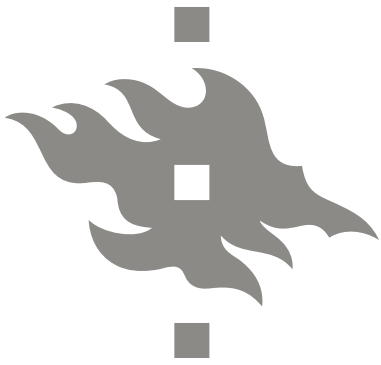


# Viikki Library

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- Viikki Library is one of the 35 branch libraries in Helsinki City Library
- In addition to ordinary city library services the special interests are ecological matters and nature preservation.
- 190 500 local visits (year 2009)
- 281 500 loans (30 % children's books)

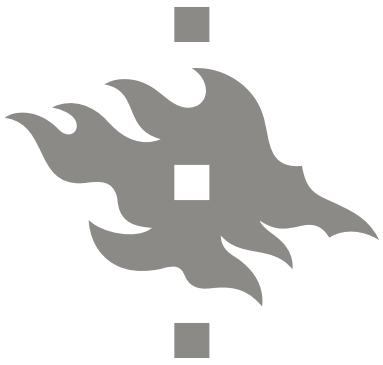




# Library collaboration

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- The customers have open access from one library to the other.
- Science has been brought closer to the residents of the city.
- The public library offers fiction for the students and researchers. Also text books!
- Joint premises: the reference book room and the reading room for journals – functional solutions
- Collection collaboration – less nowadays (e-collection)
- Employee exchange



# Library collaboration

- Book and art exhibitions, happenings, presentations





# 10 years period - Viikki Campus Library in Info Centre

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- Good and largely used library services, collections and cosy working spaces especially for the students (learning centre)
- Redesigning: loan desk, Viikki Campus Library has given up some spaces
- Good collaboration with the City Library and the University



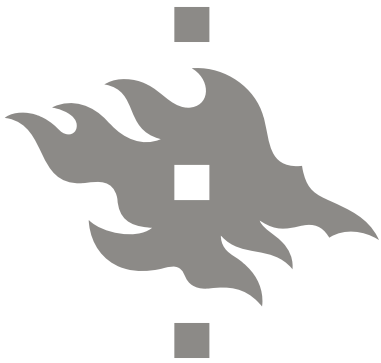


# New challenges and partners

## Fit for what purpose?

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- The new University Act (2010)
- Strategic Plan for the University 2010-2012
- The new Helsinki University Library
  - Strategic plan: library services for the researchers is one of the objectives.
  - Collection policy of the library: electronic collection
  - More research institutes will move to the Viikki campus: need for library services for the research institutes.

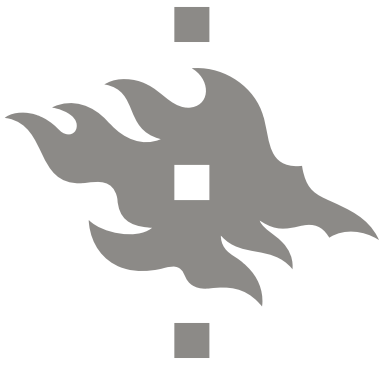


# Fit for what purpose?

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- Services for the research groups – “Knot-project” last autumn in Viikki Campus Library
  - Prepare the way to a new partnership between research groups and the library
  - Model, test and evaluate the partnership between two research groups and the library
  - Services and service products to support the work of the researchers
  - Library space was not an issue.





# Fit for what purpose?

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- Learning centre and social aspects – meeting point
- Redesigning: zoning, computer classrooms, information desk, working spaces of the employees of the Viikki Campus Library...

