

SibFU's Research Library has a new web site

New web site for SibFU's Library and University Press was launched on 1 February 2014.

According to Ruslan Baryshev, the library's director, the web site changes resulted from new library challenges outlined by the university administration.

«We have moved away from traditional stereotypes. SibFU's Library positioned itself as a Siberian intellectual centre. We have two million books and we invest a lot in digital content and distant technologies», — Ruslan Baryshev said.



«The web site's previous interface had its own advantages, we had 120, 000 visitors a year from almost 70 countries. However, it had several drawbacks, — the Library's director said. — Our visitors' complaints were about strange locations for navigation links, too much information on the home page, and difficulties while searching and browsing».

The web site was updated after a year of hard work. New library web site was benchmarked against distinguished libraries and research institutes and it has a mobile version. Every device has its own operational system and users prefer all sorts of browsers and search engines.

The updated web site relies on several usability principles. Less important information is rarely featured, there is a feedback field and opportunities for modernization. The web site is integrated with social networks.

Each visitor may have their own reading room with a history of requests, basket for commercial orders and a list of borrowed books.

The web site is about three divisions: research library, university press and publishing house. It gives the information on their services and functions.

«The updated site relies on advanced technologies and we start designing a new generation of services, so called smart technologies., — резюмировал Ruslan Baryshev said. — We will continue working on the web site including new resources and services».

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