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LIBRARIES, 2022

Data on libraries that operated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia in 2022 were obtained by processing the administrative database of the National and University Library.

A total of 1 798 libraries were covered, which included one national library, 102 libraries at institutions of higher education, university and scientific libraries, 99 specialised libraries, 349 public libraries, 882 libraries in basic schools and 365 libraries in secondary schools.

In 2022, of the total number of libraries, 10% were autonomous, 9% were part of another library and 81% were part of another institution, enterprise or educational institution.

Increasing number of libraries with internet access

The modernisation of libraries with new media and technologies enables a direct access to all types of knowledge and information. Therefore, 95% of all libraries had an integrated reading room, 68% had a multimedia department and 96% had wireless internet equipment.

There were 4 039 persons employed in libraries, of which 85% were women. Of the total number of persons employed in libraries, 90% were professional library staff.

The most numerous members of public libraries and visitors to library events were children and youth up to 18 years of age

A total of 1 156 616 persons had a library membership in 2022, of which 74% were active users. Women accounted for 65% of the total number of public library users.

The members of libraries in basic and secondary schools accounted for 41% of all library memberships, followed by the members of public libraries with the share of 39% in the total membership. Children and youth up to 18 years of age accounted for 42% of public library memberships.

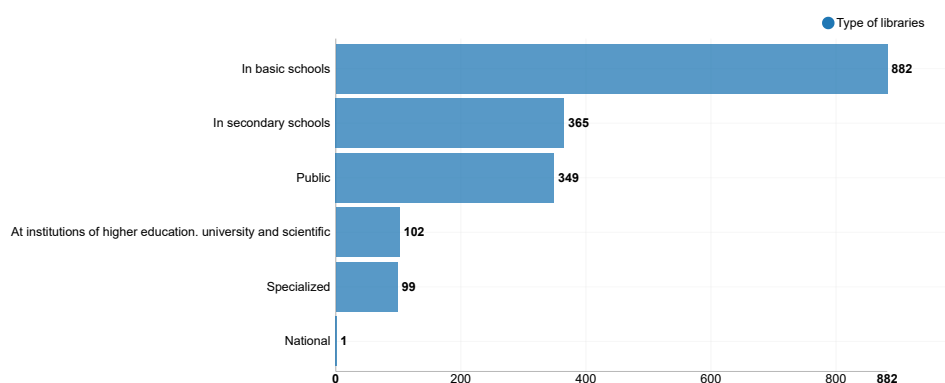
Observing the age structure of visitors to library events and workshops, 65% of visitors were under 18 years of age.

Virtual library visits – a growing trend among users

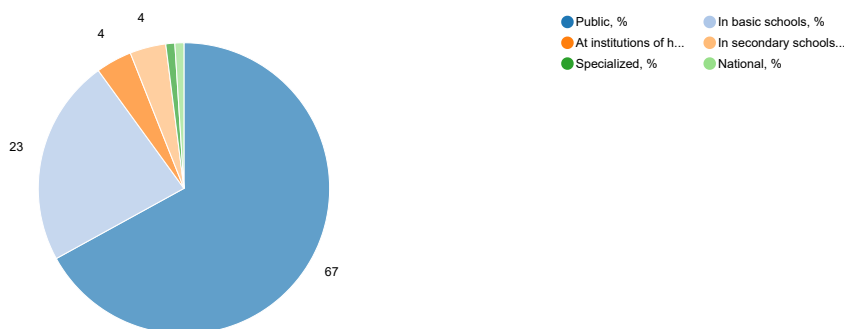
Due to the development of digital society, a tendency towards virtual library visits is noticeable, as this form of visits to libraries accounted for 65% in 2022. With the stabilisation of the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of physical visits to libraries increased to 35% in 2022, which was 11% more than in 2021. Of the total number of visits to libraries, those in basic schools had the highest share of physical visits, 91%, followed by libraries in secondary schools, 75%, and public libraries, 33%.

Return to libraries is also evident from the number of library events and workshops. In 2022, there were 46 993 library events, of which 38 340 were for children and youth. Furthermore, there were 22 214 educational workshops.

G-1 LIBRARIES, BY TYPE, 2022



G-2 USE OF BOOK MATERIALS, 2022



1 LIBRARIES, BY TYPE, STATUS AND ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS, 2022

Type of library	Status				Additional departments and services						
	Total	Autonomous	Part of another library	Part of another institution/enterprise	Reading rooms/seats for users	Multimedia departments	For visually impaired	Internet/WLAN	For children and youth	Playrooms	Library bus
Total	1 798	188	155	1 455	1 714	1 230	47	1 723	1 452	424	9
National	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	102	4	-	98	102	94	12	102	-	-	-
Specialised	99	1	-	98	92	58	4	93	-	-	-
Public	349	181	155	13	304	289	17	300	205	111	9
In basic schools	882	1	-	881	861	502	9	867	882	271	-
In secondary schools	365	-	-	365	354	286	4	360	365	42	-

2 PROCESSED BOOK AND NON-BOOK MATERIALS, 2022 (SITUATION AS ON 31 December 2022)

Vrsta knjižnice	Processed book materials, number of items						Processed non-book materials, number of items			
	Books (volumes)	Newspapers (annual files)	Magazines (volumes)	Manuscripts and graded papers	Toys and didactic games	Other book materials	Digitised book materials	Originally digital materials	Audio-visual materials	Electronic materials on removable media
Total	28 747 332	238 177	2 640 398	613 544	23 002	580 637	120 964	422 720	799 981	211 069
National	1 667 284	126 552	367 142	266 651	-	130 454	13 371	131 366	232 893	64 098
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	5 804 869	54 101	1 215 209	333 785	-	179 687	56 939	207 475	51 378	92 555
Specialised	2 079 535	21 830	861 807	13 108	-	93 368	32 915	75 951	16 769	8 554
Public	11 943 431	33 649	151 717	-	17 902	126 027	17 739	7 928	399 564	33 017
In basic schools	4 929 381	1 543	24 642	-	4 144	4 833	-	-	75 322	7 621
In secondary schools	2 322 832	502	19 881	-	956	46 268	-	-	24 055	5 224

3 USE OF BOOK MATERIALS, 2022

Type of library	Total	Use outside the library	Use inside the library	Use outside the library, by type of material					
				Total lending	Books and brochures	e-knjige	Audio-visual and electronic materials, and graded papers	Serial publications	Other
Total	12 045 601	9 791 643	2 253 958	9 791 643	9 576 308	55 868	114 796	12 672	31 999
National	114 231	7 435	106 796	7 435	7 435	-	-	-	-
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	450 789	267 971	182 818	267 971	267 971	-	-	-	-
Specialised	156 943	83 462	73 481	83 462	83 462	-	-	-	-
Public	8 052 762	6 800 397	1 252 365	6 800 397	6 616 597	55 868	103 865	12 672	11 395
In basic schools	2 798 468	2 245 162	553 306	2 245 162	2 218 781	-	10 157	-	16 224
In secondary schools	472 408	387 216	85 192	387 216	382 062	-	774	-	4 380

4 INTERLIBRARY LOANS, 2022

Type of library ¹⁾	Interlibrary loans							
	Total		Received requests		Submitted requests		Requests for electronic delivery of documents	
	Total	Resolved	Total	Resolved	Total	Resolved	Total	Resolved
Total	26 082	24 658	7 495	7 001	6 232	5 782	12 355	11 875
National	8 186	7 720	3 403	3 193	1 033	962	3 750	3 565
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	7 442	7 126	1 144	1 171	2 221	2 017	4 077	3 938
Specialised	6 083	5 441	845	534	1 230	1 055	4 008	3 852
Public	4 371	4 371	2 103	2 103	1 748	1 748	520	520

1) In libraries in basic and secondary schools, there is no interlibrary loan, but only additions to and weeding out of book and non-book materials. Therefore, they are not included here.

5 LIBRARY USERS, BY ACTIVITY, 2022

Type of library	Structure of library users				
	Total	Pupils/students	Employees	External users	Of that, active users
Total	708 304	554 482	117 458	36 364	476 104
National	8 795	8 795	-	-	8 795
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	151 813	129 146	13 082	9 585	64 053
Specialised	69 158	-	44 901	24 257	14 100
In basic schools	337 209	294 212	41 441	1 556	291 238
In secondary schools	141 329	122 329	18 034	966	97 918

6 PUBLIC LIBRARY USERS, BY SEX, AGE AND ACTIVITY, 2022

Type of library	Total	Male	Female	Members, by age groups				Active users	New users
				14 and under	15 - 17	18 - 64	65 and over		
Public libraries	448 315	158 965	289 350	153 002	34 023	217 484	43 806	380 207	67 343

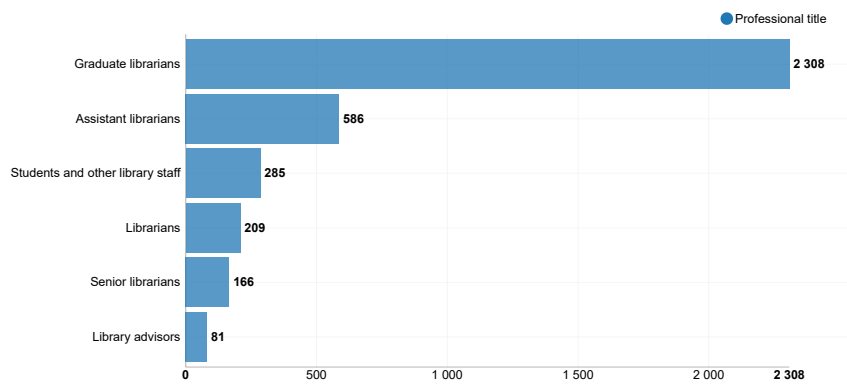
7 VISITS TO LIBRARIES AND ATTENDANCE OF LIBRARY EVENTS, 2022

Type of library	Visits to libraries and attendance of library events								
	Visits to libraries			Library events				Workshops	
	Total	Physical	Virtual	Number of library events		Attendance of library events		Number	Attendance
				Total	Of that children and youth	Total	Of that children and youth		
Total	32 558 091	11 370 594	21 187 497	46 993	38 340	1 102 145	712 419	22 214	407 197
National	1 176 815	132 404	1 044 411	24	-	2 630	-	112	2 847
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	7 621 959	1 429 604	6 192 355	294	-	11 066	-	646	9 694
Specialised	2 860 556	89 272	2 771 284	97	-	65 539	-	227	4 011
Public	15 838 883	5 273 881	10 565 002	29 281	21 043	617 308	306 817	3 653	86 493
In basic schools	4 073 079	3 700 531	372 548	14 835	14 835	330 475	330 475	14 614	249 250
In secondary schools	986 799	744 902	241 897	2 462	2 462	75 127	75 127	2 962	54 902

8 LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, 2022 (SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022)

Type of library	Employees			Professional staff							Other staff
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Library advisors	Senior librarians	Graduate librarians	Librarians	Assistant librarians	Students and other library staff	
Total	4 039	611	3 428	3 635	81	166	2 308	209	586	285	404
National	302	102	200	266	22	22	72	11	56	83	36
At institutions of higher education, university and scientific	527	114	413	473	23	49	188	26	79	108	54
Specialised	182	28	154	156	11	10	94	11	14	16	26
Public	1 737	252	1 485	1 449	23	82	723	126	435	60	288
In basic schools	896	76	820	896	2	-	870	23	1	-	-
In secondary schools	395	39	356	395	-	3	361	12	1	18	-

G-3 LIBRARY EMPLOYEES, 2022 (SITUATION AS ON 31 DECEMBER 2022), BY OCCUPATION



9 ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY MATERIALS, 2022

		National library	Libraries at institutions of higher education, university and scientific	Specialised libraries	Public libraries	Libraries in basic schools	Libraries in secondary schools
Books (number of volumes)	Total	16 214	67 970	15 490	533 708	124 223	36 691
	Purchase	216	20 861	4 136	286 988	94 900	28 072
	Mandatory items	13 536	21 224	-	3 177	-	-
	Donation	2 153	25 136	8 577	119 190	29 117	8 562
	Replacement	309	749	2 777	8 340	206	57
	Purchase by the Ministry of Culture	-	-	-	86 578	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	29 435	-	-
Magazines (number of volumes)	Total	8 121	18 771	5 489	3 477	4 354	1 451
	Purchase	33	2 253	824	1 407	3 542	1 008
	Mandatory item	7 975	7 846	-	69	-	-
	Donation	80	5 862	1 362	1 030	805	443
	Replacement	33	2 810	3 303	10	7	-
	Purchase by the Ministry of Culture	-	-	-	25	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	936	-	-
Newspapers (number of titles)	Total	179	397	410	543	130	46
	Purchase	-	40	394	133	121	38
	Mandatory item	179	299	-	194	-	-
	Donation	-	15	3	205	9	8
	Replacement	-	43	13	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	11	-	-
Manuscripts and graded papers	Total	976	9 258	235	-	-	-
	Purchase	-	514	180	-	-	-
	Mandatory item	976	2	-	-	-	-
	Donation	-	8 720	54	-	-	-
	Replacement	-	22	1	-	-	-
Other book materials	Total	1 067	4 032	764	2 926	101	355
	Purchase	13	1 080	446	1 019	82	180
	Mandatory item	281	1 271	-	544	-	-
	Donation	770	1 681	217	948	19	175
	Replacement	3	-	101	11	-	-
	Purchase by the Ministry of Culture	-	-	-	4	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	400	-	-
Audio-visual materials	Total	1 245	982	560	6 647	1 285	230
	Purchase	4	78	537	4 271	1 008	89
	Mandatory item	1 018	541	-	34	-	-
	Donation	218	363	21	1 188	277	141
	Replacement	5	-	2	-	-	-
	Purchase by the Ministry of Culture	-	-	-	54	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	1 100	-	-
Electronic materials on removable media	Total	61	2 737	8	518	30	38
	Purchase	-	155	3	298	22	34
	Mandatory item	53	672	-	23	-	-
	Donation	7	1 910	4	110	8	4
	Replacement	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Purchase by the Ministry of Culture	-	-	-	5	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	82	-	-
Toys and didactic games	Total	-	-	-	1 161	101	68
	Purchase	-	-	-	965	82	53
	Donation	-	-	-	98	19	15
	Replacement	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	98	-	-
Digitised materials	Total	1 940	16 766	1 022	3 127	-	-
	Inside the library	1 940	13 178	481	1 391	-	-
	Outside the library	-	3 588	541	1 736	-	-
Originally digital materials	Total	39 048	178 079	73 301	3 128	-	-

E-books	398	101 694	59 052	3 128	-	-
E-magazines	2 150	38 876	12 946	-	-	-
E-graded papers	27 933	32 227	332	-	-	-
Other e-documents	8 567	5 282	971	-	-	-

10 LIBRARY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, 2022

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		National library	Libraries at institutions of higher education, university and scientific ¹⁾	Specialised libraries ²⁾	Public libraries	Libraries in basic schools	Libraries in secondary schools
Expenditures	Total	9 519 443,01	87 640 505,91	30 535 847,51	348 261 301,08	119 696 361,81	54 093 710,63
	Acquisition of book materials	459 558,57	10 937 928,37	4 405 561,93	35 657 770,97	7 773 537,68	3 211 288,40
	Education of library staff	225 362,88	318 889,03	92 178,69	804 768,19	313 731,49	103 894,86
	Expenses of employees' gross earnings	45 299 956,55	65 533 508,21	23 551 714,10	227 628 542,88	110 385 033,19	49 718 805,44
	Other expenses	49 210 065,01	10 850 180,30	2 486 392,79	84 170 219,04	1 224 059,45	1 059 721,93
Revenues	Total	97 196 114,53	18 117 143,45	-	376 062 571,78	129 020 569,58	62 871 894,67
	Revenues from the budget/parent institution ³⁾	87 406 769,29	12 351 797,68	-	289 970 020,57	120 651 516,59	59 018 284,72
	Own revenues	7 216 823,44	1 701 219,25	-	20 178 817,98	899 263,51	447 679,57
	Other sources of revenues	2 384 714,03	4 064 126,52	-	29 342 604,93	936 233,22	195 318,16
	Revenues for acquisition of materials	187 807,77	-	-	36 571 128,30	6 533 556,26	3 210 612,22

1) As regards libraries at institutions of higher education, university and scientific libraries, the revenue of autonomous libraries is presented as own revenue and as revenue from other sources, while the revenue of libraries that are part of institutions of higher education or universities is presented as the revenue of the parent institution.

2) Specialised libraries have no revenue data, but only expenditure data. The revenue of specialised libraries is a part of the total revenue of the parent institution, of which the library is a part, so it is not presented separately.

3) The revenues covered by this First Release refer to direct library revenues from all levels of the budget of the Republic of Croatia (central, government and local bodies), revenues for the acquisition of materials, own revenues and other sources of revenues.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

Data on libraries are the result of processing statistical data from the administrative database of the National and University Library (NSK). Pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Library and Library Activity Act (NN, Nos 17/19 and 98/19), libraries are obliged to collect statistical data on their operations and enter them into NSK's system of unique electronic collection of statistical data on library operations in accordance with the standards referred to in Article 12, paragraph 2 of the aforementioned Act.

The collection of data from administrative sources is in line with the recommendations from the European Statistics Code of Practice relating to the use of administrative and other data whenever possible in order to reduce the burden on reporting units and to reduce the costs of collecting, processing and publishing statistical data.

Coverage and comparability

The statistical survey covers all libraries that existed on the territory of the Republic of Croatia on 31 December 2022. Data are comparable to those from previous years.

Definitions and explanations

Library is a legal entity that performs the library activity in accordance with the provisions of the Library and Library Activity Act.

According to the purpose and library contents, libraries are categorised as follows: national library, libraries at institutions of higher education, university and scientific libraries, specialised libraries, public libraries and school libraries.

Specialised (professional) library is a library that covers one discipline or a particular area of knowledge. The name "specialised library" is sometimes used to indicate a library intended primarily for a special category of users (e.g. patients) or focused on a particular form of documents (e.g. music, sound and video library, photograph library, cinematic arts library). It may be public if the founder is the Republic of Croatia or a legal entity predominantly owned by the Republic of Croatia, or private if the founder is another legal entity or natural person.

Administrative unit is a library or a group of libraries that operate under a single library administration. An administrative unit may consist of a central library and its branches.

Autonomous library is an independent public institution, that is, a registered legal entity, which performs the library activity in accordance with the Library and Library Activity Act.

Library that is a part of another library is an organisational unit of an institution or another legal entity that performs the library activity in accordance with the Library and Library Activity Act.

Library branch is an organisational part of the administrative unit of a library situated on a separate location, which provides services to users.

Library bus is a mobile library department, that is, a specially equipped vehicle for delivering library materials and providing services directly to users.

User area (net user area) is usable area for user services. It includes area for reading, learning (individually or in groups), lending, providing instruction, information and other services, areas where users use the library independently (borrowing and returning materials, automatic recording of book returns and lending), as well as areas for recreation and communication/rest and socialising, multipurpose halls, rooms for people who have suddenly fallen ill, the entrance hall, and areas with open access materials that are integral parts of user services.

Seats for users are seating places for users (excluding seating places for rest).

Library materials consist of each textual, visual and audio document, on easily transferable material or in electronically readable form, of informational, artistic, scientific or professional content, produced in several copies and intended for the public, including manuscripts. Games, toys, etc. are also considered library materials if they are part of the library fund.

Book materials are physical library materials that are not in digital form. They include books, serial publications, manuscripts, graded papers, brochures, didactic games and other book materials (maps, photographs, art reproductions, etc.)

Fund includes overall library materials in all formats.

Book is a non-periodic printed publication of at least 49 pages, not including cover pages.

Brochure is a non-periodic printed publication of at least five and no more than 48 pages, not including cover pages.

Magazine is a periodic publication in several volumes whose publication is not limited in time, that is, which is established with the intention of being published in an unlimited number of volumes. It is published at more or less regular intervals.

Volume is a physical unit of any printed or manuscript work contained in one binding.

Newspaper is a serial material unit that is published at frequent intervals, usually daily, weekly or semi-weekly, which reports on current events and topics of public interest.

Manuscripts are original handwritten or typewritten materials.

Graded papers are papers that are required for completing a study and acquiring a certain academic title or degree of tertiary education. In the Republic of Croatia, they include a doctoral thesis or dissertation (at the end of postgraduate university study), graduate thesis (at the end of graduate and integrated graduate and undergraduate university study) and final thesis (at the end of all other studies, but often means the final thesis of undergraduate study).

Digitised materials are copies of the originals made by the process of digitisation, that is, conversion into digital form. Different forms can be digitised, such as text, audio, video materials, etc.

Digitised materials in originally digital form are materials that were originally created in digital form, such as e-books, e-magazines, e-newspapers, and other digital documents processed and stored in the repository of an institution.

Audio-visual materials are a type of non-book materials that can only be used with a certain device, such as a projector, reader, magnifier, etc. Audio-visual materials include films (video cassettes, boxes, reels and loops), microforms (microfilms, microfiche), video recordings (videotapes, videocassettes, video boxes and video discs), visual projections (filmstrips, slides, transparencies, stereographs and microscopic preparations) and sound recordings (gramophone records, compact discs, audiotapes, audiocassettes and loudspeakers).

Electronic collection includes sources in electronic form as part of the library collection, which are originally digital or have been digitised.

Electronic book is one or several computer files of limited content, which are publicly available online (online book) or in physical form (on CD ROM and DVD).

Other book materials are all materials other than books, periodicals, manuscripts, microfilms and audio-visual materials. This includes materials such as maps, charts, art reproductions, photographs, technical drawings, toys, multimedia, etc.

Additions include documents or material units that are added to the collection in the reporting period.

Library user (library member) is any person registered with the library as a user of its materials or services in the reporting year.

Active user is a library member (registered user) who visited or used the library or its services in the reporting year. The use may also include the use of electronic services inside or outside the library.

Visit is the act of entering the library premises or accessing the library website in order to use one of the services provided by the library.

Physical visit is the act of entering the library premises in order to use one of the services provided by the library.

Virtual visit is an individual external virtual visit to the library website and catalogue.

User education includes education programmes with an elaborate lecture plan for the acquisition of knowledge and skills for the use of the library and other information and technical services. It may include a guided tour of the library, as well as lessons on information technology and online services with educational content.

Workshop is an activity organised by an expert employee of the library for users. User education is defined as a programme with a special lecture plan aimed at teaching users how to use the library and other information and technical services. It also includes a guided tour of the library, as well as lessons on information technology and online services with educational content. Educations within the project are included only if the project is intended for library users.

Library events are activities organised for users for literary, cultural or social purposes, such as visits by authors, reading groups, literary meetings and exhibitions.

Interlibrary loan is a loan of documents in the material form (books) or delivery of documents as copies from one library to another that is not under the same management. It also covers electronically delivered documents.

Library advisor is a person who has at least five years of work experience in the library profession after acquiring the title of a senior librarian and who has expert knowledge due to which he/she has acquired at least 500 points in accordance with the "Criteria for Assessing Professional Competence".

Senior librarian is a person who has passed the qualifying exam for a graduate librarian, at least five years of work experience in the profession after passing the qualifying exam for a graduate librarian and expert knowledge due to which he/she has acquired at least 400 points in accordance with the "Criteria for Assessing Professional Competence".

Graduate librarian is a person who has completed an undergraduate and graduate university study in the field of information and communication sciences with at least 60 ECTS credits from the librarianship programme, or a librarianship study by which a university degree was obtained in accordance with the regulations that had been in force before the Act on Scientific Activity and Higher Education was in force, or who has completed another study by which a university degree was obtained in accordance with the regulations that had been in force before the aforementioned Act was in force, with the obligation to acquire 60 ECTS credits from the librarianship programme within three years from the day of employment and to pass the qualifying exam for a graduate librarian.

Librarian is a person who has completed an undergraduate university study in the field of information and communication sciences with at least 30 ECTS credits from the basic librarianship courses, or another study by which a non-university college degree was obtained in accordance with the regulations that had been in force before the Act on Scientific Activity and Higher Education was in force, with the obligation to acquire at least 30 ECTS credits from the basic librarianship courses within three years from the day of employment and to pass the qualifying exam for a librarian.

Assistant librarian is a person who has completed a four-year secondary school and has passed the qualifying exam for an assistant librarian.

Other library staff consists of all library employees who do not have a professional library title.

Students are university students who work part-time in libraries or who perform practice in libraries as part of certain courses.

Library revenues are the financial resources provided for the regular activity of the library.

Own revenue is the revenue generated by the library. It refers to revenues from the provision of services and/or delivery of goods on the market, such as the sale of own publications or renting premises, revenues from the main activity of the library, such as revenue from membership fees and late fees, revenue from property (interest) and revenue from aids and donations.

Library expenditure is the expenditure incurred by managing the library. It includes the purchase of book materials, employees' gross earnings, education of library staff and other library expenditures

Abbreviations

CD ROM	compact disc read-only memory
COVID-19	COrona Virus Disease-19
DVD	digital versatile disc
ECTS	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
WLAN	wireless local area network
'000	thousand

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