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Interlibrary Loans and Resource-Sharing in Israel

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A. ILL services for University of Haifa faculty and students:

- The Interlibrary Loan department supplies photocopies and books to the University of Haifa students and faculty from other library collections in Israel and abroad.
- The main fields requested are pre-1998 humanities/social sciences/sciences as the University of Haifa library has a strong electronic journal collection in health, business humanities and social sciences and a fast-growing collection of electronic books.



- The library is a member of three national and one international resource-sharing consortia for ILL purposes:
1. **Israeli university library network** - consisting of eight university libraries whose main objectives are:
 - to ensure standardized prices/delivery times/quality
 - to make improvements to ILL software “Aleph”
 - to purchase upgrades of “Ariel” document delivery software jointly
 - to encourage a national database of Israeli digital dissertations – like UMI’s Dissertation Abstracts



Israeli university library network - objectives cont.

- to supply photocopies of table of contents of Israeli dissertations free to member libraries
- to encourage the establishment of a national Document Supply Center - like the UK's BLDSC
- to encourage the establishment of a proper union catalog of books, journals and e-journals - like OCLC's WorldCat
- to inform and train ILL librarians of new developments in the field
- to share information on recommended foreign suppliers



2. **Northern Forum** - consisting of 10 academic college libraries and the University of Haifa whose main objectives are:
 - to allow free ILL among colleges
 - to purchase books and periodicals jointly at reduced prices

3. **Medical libraries consortia** - consisting of 10 medical libraries in the Gush Dan central area of the country and the all the eight universities whose main objectives are:
 - to allow expedited and cheap ILL
 - to allow discounted journal subscriptions via MALMAD as many are teaching hospitals
 - to train ILL librarians in the use of ILL management and DD software



4. **OCLC** - the University of Haifa library has partial membership only, due to the fact that about 30% of the material in the University of Haifa library collection is in Hebrew and Arabic and therefore cannot be entered into the WorldCat without transliteration. As a result we are ILL borrowers only, not lenders.









B. ILL services for academic, medical and special libraries:

- In addition, the University of Haifa library supplies photocopies and books to over 100 other libraries in Israel and abroad
- Due to the size of our collection and as it is centralized, we nearly receive twice as many requests from other libraries as we send to them



C. ILL Statistics from 2006:

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- Incoming requests (other libraries requested from us) = **7400**
 - Outgoing requests (we requested from other libraries) = **5400**
 - Outgoing requests that we sent to foreign libraries (mainly in USA and UK) = **400**



D. Future of resource-sharing in Israel

- We believe that the key to successful resource-sharing is not just the good-will of its members, but the implementation of state-of the art technology by all members of the consortia. We will continue to work closely with other members of the consortium and with **Ex Libris** to develop sophisticated ILL management software which will reduce the labor-intensive tasks in ILL such as invoicing, non-batch-processing and statistics.
- We will continue to follow new e-journal subscriptions and encourage the upgrading of the union catalogs





Future of resource-sharing in Israel cont.

- We will continue to strive to establish a database of digital dissertations
- We will continue to strive to give our patrons and other libraries the best service possible
- We will continue to seek mutually-beneficial resource-sharing agreements with foreign libraries





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Thank you for your attention.

I would be happy to answer any questions

