

Towards digital cultural heritage at the Library of Kaunas University of Technology

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Digitisation in Lithuania



Started in 2005 with projects:

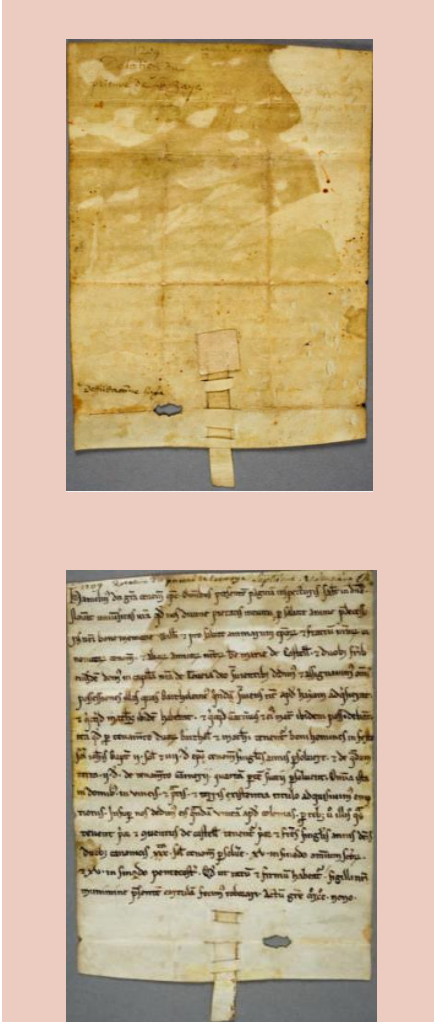
- 'Creation of the Integrated Virtual Library Information System' and 'Development of the Virtual Electronic Heritage System' (VEPS);
- Result: integrated database and the web portal www.epaveldas.lt (eHeritage), over 3 mln. pages in the database;
- National coordinator:
National Library of Lithuania,
partner institutions:
4 public and 2 academic libraries, including



- Vilnius University Library (1570)
 - the oldest academic library;
 - one of the largest depositories of early printing;
 - Web site of Vilnius University Digital Collections <http://www.atmintis.mb.vu.lt>;
 - the oldest document in the Collection of Parchments: written by the Bishop of Le Mans Hamelin in 1209.

In 2008 the National Library of Lithuania got involved in **Europeana**.

More than 159,000 000 objects were contributed to Europeana by the end of 2015.



KTU library collections

- Kaunas University of Technology Library (1923) stores and investigates a collection of 95000 publications, including 78000 books from the period of 1475-1945;
- The most valuable part of the collection: 14 incunabula, Elsevier books and other publications dating back to the 16th-18th centuries;
- The oldest book in Kaunas region is Caius Valerius Catullus poetry book *Carmina...* (*Poems...*, 1475);
- 9055 rare documents, including 14 incunabula and 150 books from the 15th to 18th centuries, are catalogued in accordance to AACR2 (Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules) and MARC21 bibliography standard;
- The Library cooperates with other libraries and museums and holds rare book displays <http://webdav.ktub.labt.lt>

