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BERGEN PUBLIC LIBRARY (*BERGEN OFFENTLIGE BIBLIOTEK*)

Besides a broad range of modern Norwegian and foreign literature and other materials, the library holds older special collections and archives of great value. Amongst them the Grieg archives.

A total amount of 707.059 (as of Dec.2008) books magazines, newspapers, sheet music, CDs, videos etc. are available for the library users.

Every item in the collections published after 1964 (except sheet music) and a substantial part of the older collections are searchable in the web catalogue.

In 2008 Bergen public Library had **1.495.017** books in circulation, and **1.254.425** visitors.

Circulation increased, but attendance still showed a slight decline from 2007.

Staff: 82,97 not counting caretakers and cleaners.

The library buys books, CDs, newspapers etc. to the amount of 7.450.058 Norwegian kr. a year (2008), covering 42.949 new items.

Bergen has 247.746 inhabitants (Dec.31.2007) and is geographically a large town, 465 square kilometres. There are densely populated areas, as well as parts with scattered population.

There are 6 branch libraries and a mobile library. Four of the branch libraries are quite large, according to Norwegian standards (Area: 400-650 m². Staff: 5,3 – 6,25. Number of loans per year: 134.000 – 167.000).

In addition the Norwegian state authorities pay Bergen Off. Bibliotek for running a library in two state prisons in Bergen.

Bergen Off. Bibliotek: Figures from 2008-activities

Department	Loans			of this; loans to children	Visitors	Arrangements etc	
	books	CD's, films etc	Total			amount of arr.	visitors to arr.
MAIN LIBRARY							
Lending dep.	276 575	145 244	421 819		544 851	27	1334
<i>including: Local history Dep.</i>			34805			0	0
<i>Galleri (for young adults)</i>			114 700			4	98
Childrens Dep.	59 075	19 497	78 572	78 572		87	3872
Music Dep.	14 311	175 492	189 803	2 754		7	80
BRANCH LIBRARIES							
Fana	119 872	47 536	167 408	80 228	146 260	82	2 947
Landås	64 536	26 937	91 473	37 306	74 758	55	2 357
Loddefjord	86 640	47 142	133 782	50 459	131 071	63	2 662
Oasen	102 807	45 056	147 863	57 297	155 925	97	4 052
Ytre Arna	8 723	3 337	12 060	5 101	4 410	14	619
Åsane	111 463	53 479	164 942	65 346	160 802	70	3 589
Mobile library	46 091	5 301	51 392	38 855	23 243	0	0
Bergen Prison			25 778		7 647	0	0
Bjørgvin Prison	4 920	5 205	10 125	274	5 458	8	139
TOTAL 2008	895 013	574 226	1 495 017	416 192	1 254 425	514	21 749
TOTAL 2007	895 349	585 793	1 481 142	373 086	1 283 565	512	22 626

Media like CDs and videos/DVDs represent 38,4 % of the total circulation.

The net library, (NETTBIBLIOTEKET), gained in importance also this year. Number of visits to the Net library showed a 14 % increase from 4,73 mill in 2007 to 5,4 mill. in 2008. Searching the library web-catalogue (including MappaMi and RSS) is the most popular service, and represents 58% of total use, and there are every year a substantial increase in the use of sites produced by library staff.

Edvard Grieg sites had 190.000 visitors.

Productivity

Increase in productivity since 1995 has been enormous, some of it refers to new technology, but most of it is clear effectiveness.

Year:	Net costs per loan*:	Average number of loans per employee:
1995	32,26	12 288
2000	30,55	16 121
2005	28,12	20 510**
2006	31,93	18 510**
2007	33,27	17 886**
2008	36,17	18 019**

*Internal rent (for premises owned by the municipality) not included; represents 4.085.374.-nkr in 2007 and 4.078.941,- nkr i n 2008

** Cleaners and caretakers not included.

	Account 2007	Account 2008
Total expenses	58 071 648,00 n.kr	63 523 838,00n.kr
-External income	4 715 615,00 n.kr	5 360 722,00n.kr
Net municipal grants:	53 356 033,00 n.kr	58 163 116,00n.kr
Tot.expenses per loan:	36,02 n.kr	38,90 n.kr