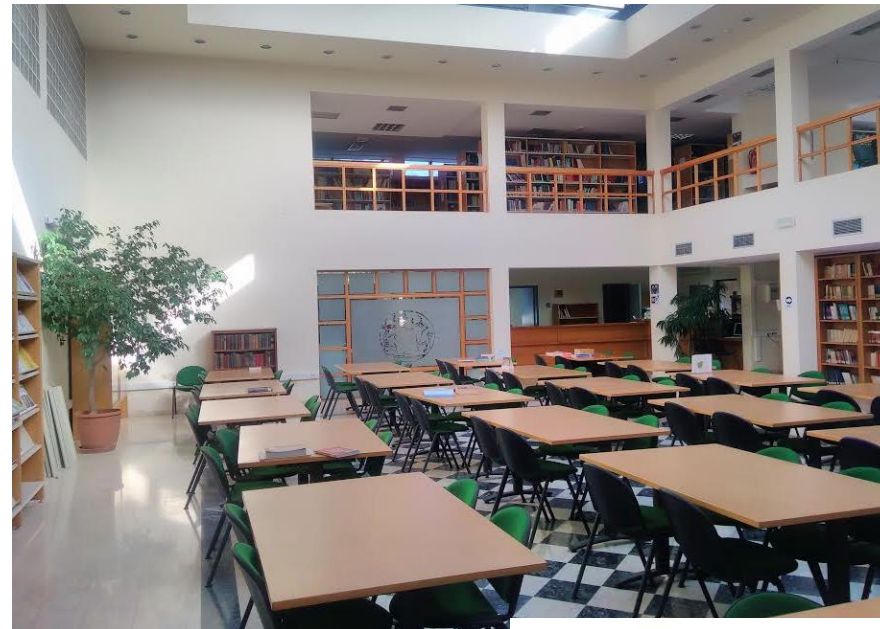


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The HMU Library: Current and Future Services



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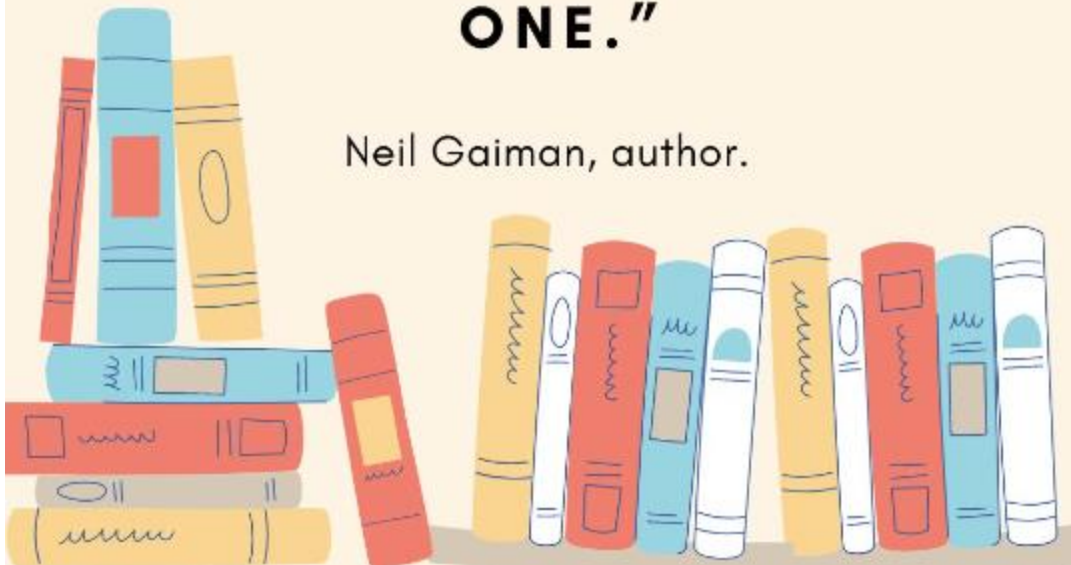
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**"GOOGLE CAN BRING YOU
BACK 100,000 ANSWERS.**

**A LIBRARIAN CAN BRING
YOU BACK THE RIGHT
ONE."**

Neil Gaiman, author.



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Hellenic Mediterranean University

5 campuses

- ▶ 20169 undergraduate students
- ▶ 767 postgraduate students
- ▶ 265 PhD candidates
- ▶ 193 teachers
- ▶ 136 administrative staff

Library and Information Centre (5 libraries)

- ▶ 7 librarians
- ▶ 2 administrative staff
- ▶ 2 secondary school teachers

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HMU – Libraries

- ▶ Heraklion – Central Library.
- ▶ Chania – Department Library.
- ▶ Rethymno – Department Library.
- ▶ Agios Nikolaos – Department Library.
- ▶ Sitia - Department Library.



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Library Collection

- 30.489 document titles.
- 89.160 volumes.
- 534 (1 continuing subscription) printed journals.

Library services - 1

- Circulation.
- Interloan (Greece and abroad).

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Library services – 2

Information Literacy

- OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog).
- Library services.
- Searching for bibliography in databases (limiting and expanding the search).
- References (APA, Harvard, Menteley).
- Proper use of AI.
- Plagiarism tool “Turnitin”
- Institutional Repository.

Future : Systematic review

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Library services – 3

Support printed-disabled users

1. A reading room for print-disabled students (3 workstations).
2. Conversion of educational material, both printed and electronic, into an "accessible" format.
3. Printing exam questions in Braille during the exam period.
4. Volunteer group.
5. Access to AMELib (Accessible Multi-modal Electronic Library) and ABC (Access Books Consortium)

(Resource Description and Access (RDA) standard and Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) model.



Reading room for print-disabled users – Equipment (1).

- Screen reading and magnification.



- Braille display



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Reading room for print-disabled users – Equipment (2).

► Braille printer.



► Closed-circuit television (CCTV) magnifier.



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Reading room for print-disabled users – Equipment (3).

► Optical Character Recognition (OCR) device.

► Logographer



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Reading room for print-disabled users – Equipment (4).

- Large key keyboard and separation grid.



- Mouse – Joystick.



Reading room for print-disabled users – Equipment (5).

► Scanner.



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Reading laboratory

Fact : 10 years later

The equipment has been left behind by technological progress.

Only the printer and the scanner are used!!

International legislation -

Marrakesh Treaty - Directive (EU) 2017/1564

- ✓ *“aims to improve access to published works for blind, partially sighted and print-disabled persons, by allowing the production and cross-border exchange of books in accessible formats (such as Braille or electronic texts), without the need for permission from copyright holders, for the needs of print-disabled persons.”*

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Greek legislation

- **Law 2121/1993 (copyrights)**
- **Ministerial decision: 98546, Government Gazette: B 2065/24.10.2007** (The competent body authorized to reproduce the work is any non-profit organization or association or union or other related body, whose primary mission is to provide specialized services related to the training and education or facilitation of training and education of printed-disabled persons)
- **Law 4672/2020** (Transposition of Directive (EU) 2017/ 1564 of the European Parliament and of the Council)



Library services - 4

- Open access (funding APV's)- Open Science (Barcelona declaration for open research data) and Scientific communication.
- Plagiarism tool “Turnitin” (training seminars for teachers and students)



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Electronic access - 1

HEALink Access to :

- ❑ 13 databases. +5
HMU
- ❑ 15.245 e-journals.
- ❑ 324.000 e-books
- ❑ 24 publishers



Accessible
Books
Consortium

Electronic access - 2

- ▶ Institutional Repository «Apothesis» (11.604 bachelor, MSc, Phd thesis).
- ▶ Repository «Kallipos» Open Academic Textbooks
- ▶ HARDMIN (Hellenic Academic Research Data Management Initiative)
- ▶ AMELib (Accessible Multi-modal Electronic Library) and ABC Accessible Books Consortium)

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We are members of:

- HEALlink
- Integrated Library System as a Service (ILSaS+)
- Association of Greek Academic Libraries of Fine Arts (HALFA)
- Hellenic Economic Library Network(H.E.LI.N.)
- Health Sciences Library Network
- National Network of Scientific and Technological Libraries of the National Documentation Center
- NLG's document exchange and donation service.

Volunteer group

- ❑ Conversion of textbooks into an electronic "accessible" format for print-disabled users, in accordance with the principle of equal access to education.
- ❑ Support Library services
- ❑ Support Library events.
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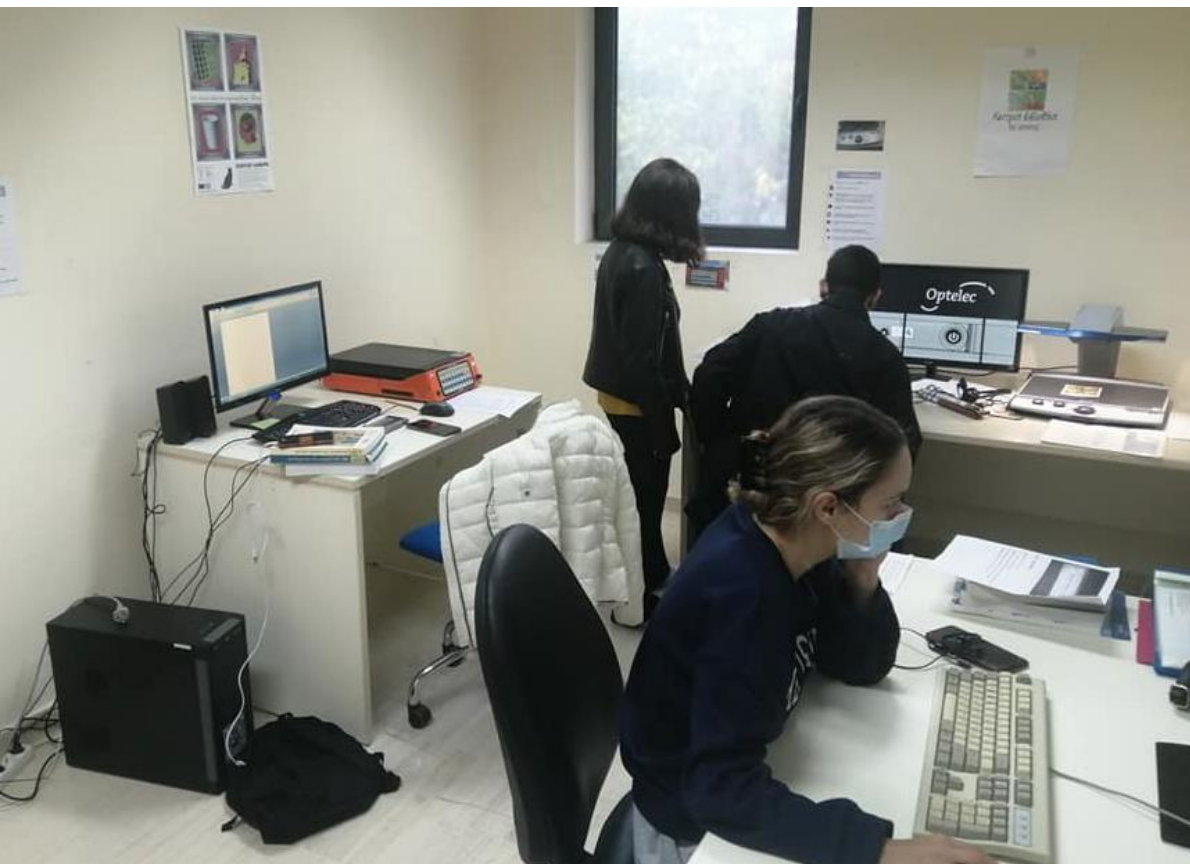


Future plans

- ▶ **Linking courses to the recommended reading lists of professors in OPAC.**
- ▶ **Information literacy in the first semester curriculum.**
- ▶ **We hope to start uploading conference announcements, scientific articles.**
- ▶ **Hermes (Higher Education Research Metrics System).**
- ▶ **Software supply (daisy books) for print-disabled users, and creating a cozy room for relaxation funded by the Region of Crete.**
- ▶ **Become a member of LIBER (Association of European Research Libraries).**
- ▶ **Extended hours, including weekends.**
- ▶ **More events - Connecting the Library with the local community.**
- ▶ **Organize every year an International Week for Academic Libraries.**

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Laboratory for people with disabilities – Seminar room



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Ground floor – Reading room.



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1st floor – Reading room.



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Choir rehearsal



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“Supercharged by AI”



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1st HMU International Week for Academic Libraries 2025 - 15th Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference 2023



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Erasmus students.



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