

A photograph showing two hands in white shirts carefully placing a wooden block on top of a bridge structure. The bridge is made of two vertical stacks of wooden blocks, with a horizontal row of blocks connecting them. The background is a plain, light color.

# **Building bridges: the cooperation of Polish academic libraries**

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# Cooperation of libraries

Common effort of two or more libraries to share their resources, experience and knowledge for providing better services to their users



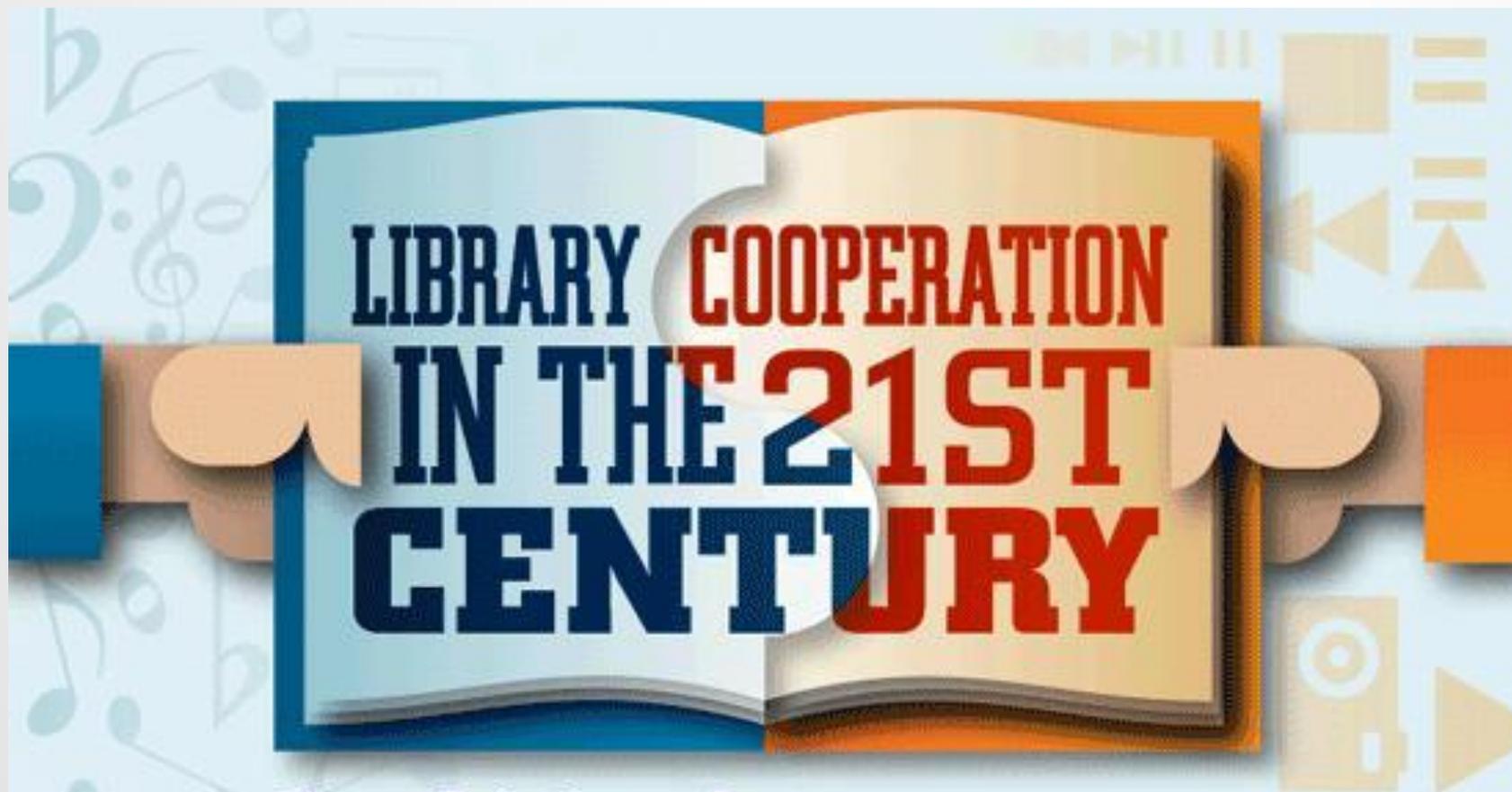


# Variety of levels and forms



Libraries collaboration may be formal and informal, local, state, and regional, national and international.

It can be based on voluntary agreements among two or more libraries or it can be imposed on libraries by library law or by local or central government that finances libraries.



**LIBRARY COOPERATION  
IN THE 21ST  
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# Three examples of cooperation among Polish academic libraries

- NUKAT - shared cataloging project
- BiblioWawa - borrowing program for Warsaw academic libraries
- Directors of Polish Academic Libraries' Conference



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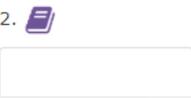
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*Zientara, Benedykt (1928-1983).*

Publication Kraków : Wydawnictwo Avalon, 2013.

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### Przemysł II : odnowiciel korony polskiej : (1257-1296) / Bronisław Nowacki.

*Nowacki, Bronisław (1943- ).*

# NUKAT in numbers

Shared cataloging in NUKAT union database may be joined by any research library and in selected cases...

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Collective strength and effectiveness of a group of libraries is greater than that of the sum of libraries belonging to the group

Information needs of users have increased so much during last decades that single library is not sufficient

## Library consortia – why?





- Collaboration within NUKAT helps in standardization of cataloging formats, policies, procedures and practices among cooperating libraries and in achieving better understanding of collection management and development practices.
- Exchanging of experience and best practices gives the possibility of bringing together diverse ideas and issues and discuss them.

# Barriers and difficulties



Institutional: desire for autonomy in libraries can be stronger than the desire to cooperate

Psychological: personal needs can take priority over system needs

Resource sharing or shared cataloging can be viewed as a threat to status and job security

# BiblioWawa - reciprocal borrowing program

- The program provides the Warsaw academic community with convenient access to circulating library resources of the cooperating libraries
- Designed for full-time and extramural undergraduate and postgraduate students, students of postgraduate diploma courses and for academic staff
- The users have right to borrow library materials from all libraries cooperating in the program and have individual library accounts which entitles the user to borrow the host library materials. Borrowers are responsible for complying with all rules of the library from which they are borrowing.

# Libraries cooperating in the program

- University of Warsaw Library
- Main Library of the Warsaw University of Technology
- Main Library of the Medical University of Warsaw
- Main Library of the Military University of Technology
- Main Library of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw
- Main Library of the Maria Grzegorzewska University
- Library of the Józef Piłsudski University of Physical Education

# BiblioWawa as a interlibrary lending program



A person in a light blue shirt is working at a desk. They are using a laptop, and their hands are visible on the keyboard. To the right of the laptop, there are several stacks of papers and folders. A pen is lying on the desk in front of the laptop. The background is softly blurred, showing a window with light coming through. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "RESOURCE SHARING".

# RESOURCE SHARING

# Directors of Polish Academic Libraries' Conference

The goals of the organisation:

- presenting opinions and positions on matters pertaining to libraries,
- undertaking activities integrating the university libraries,
- supporting initiatives to improve roles and functions of the university libraries,
- representing the interests of employees of university libraries,
- care for the social prestige of the librarian's profession and an employee of scientific information.

Let's build bridges!



A photograph showing two hands, one from the left and one from the right, both wearing white long-sleeved shirts. The hands are positioned to place a single wooden block horizontally across the top of two vertical stacks of wooden blocks. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

Thank you for your attention!

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