

Law Libraries in Denmark

Below is a short description of the Danish law libraries, their collections and target group. For a person who for instance needs access or updated information to Danish sources of law, monographs, and periodicals or to reference services, it is often necessary to orientate one self through the homepage of each single library.

A total electronic access to the Danish law libraries and their library catalogues can be found by using of the webpage “www.juraportal.dk”-.

There is not a Danish official translation of Danish laws to English, but for those who has an interests in Danish law in English, there has, through The Libraries of the Faculty of Law, been gathered a collection of available translations that can be used electronically.

The collection will be updated every six month and the users must be prepared to accept the responsibility to check if the translation is valid. The collection can be found on the webpage “www.juraportal.dk/links/010/010/040/?lang=eng”.

An overview of the purchased books and periodicals at the Danish public- and research libraries can be found by using the webpage “www.bibliotek.dk”.

The Nordic countries co-operate in the registration of periodicals (Nordic/Baltic Union Catalogues of Serials, NOSP) which can be loaned across the borders, therefore it is possible to see which legal periodicals that have been purchased in Denmark in the shared catalogues.

The Universities

Københavns Universitet /University of Copenhagen

Det Kongelige Bibliotek, Nationalbibliotek og Københavns Universitetsbibliotek (KB)/The Royal Library, the National Library and the University Library of Copenhagen

Det Kongelige Bibliotek – Fiolstræde

Fakultetsbibliotek for samfundsvidenskab og jura

DK-1171 København K

Fagreferent/Subject specialist: Cand.jur. Bo Søggaard Jensen bsj@kb.dk

“www.kb.dk”

“base.kb.dk/pls/fag_web/fag_www.om_faget?p_fg_id_nr=16000”

The Royal Library is both the national library and the faculty library for the Law Faculty. KB was founded in the mid-17th century by King Frederik the 3rd and has since the end of the 18th century been the Danish National Library. The Copenhagen university library was founded in 1482 and was from the year 1927 continued by KB. In the year 1938 the University library was divided into two departments, UB1 and UB2. UB2 (Danish National Library of Science and Medicine) was moved to a separate building whereas the UB1 remained situated in the building in Fiolstræde and functioned as university library for the studies of humanities, social science, law and theology. KB and UB1 was joined to one unit named The Royal Library. The field of the university library has recently been reorganized (June 2005), when the entire field of the university library was included in the KB. This means that KB in the future will be organized in to divisions The National Library and The University Library of Copenhagen.

The Royal Library's¹ holding of sources of law and legal literature consist of paper-based materials as well as electronic material.

The collection of the University library which in case of older materials consists of collections from different libraries, contain materials from Denmark as well as foreign countries.

The main emphasis is laid on Scandinavian and other European law, EU-law, and international law also including the legal system of The United States on an overall basis.

Books and journals are on loan as a main rule, whereas electronic resources are available at the library's operating points, the institute/department libraries and to students and researchers by remote access.

Books and journals that are on free access at Fiolstræde, can be used at present, whereas it requires a library ticket to reserve books in the library catalogue (REX).

To access the reading room and making use of the library's computers and the electronic resources (ELEKTRA) one has to be a registered reader as well.

The Royal Library is taking part in the co-operation between Danish and international libraries about the lending of books, and in addition, it is possible to order copies of books and articles via REX.

Required assistance, when searching legal information and information in general about Law in The Royal Library, is given on application to the legal specialist speaker or to the professional guidance of the library.

Information about places of service, the library catalogue, copy service, personal, etcetera is available on www.kb.dk.

Det Juridiske Fakultets Biblioteker/The Libraries of the Faculty of Law.

Juridisk Laboratorium, Studiestræde 34, DK-1455 København K

Juridisk Forskningsbibliotek, Studiestræde 6, DK-1455 København K

Kriminalistisk Bibliotek, Sankt Peders Stræde 19, DK-1453 København K

Bibliotekschef/Head of library: Lisbeth Rasmussen lr@jur.ku.dk

“www.jur.ku.dk/biblioteker”

¹ The National Library and the Copenhagen University Library.

The Faculty of Law has three libraries of which one is focused specifically on students, whereas the others are focused on the research staff and teachers, primarily. The three libraries are also undergoing reorganization and were gathered in one unit in September 2005. Still, the three libraries have an individual profile, but the services that the libraries provide is increasingly in joint projects. Hence, the three libraries got a shared library catalogue in 2005 and have had a shared collection of links since 2003.

This collection of links has developed into “Juraportal.dk” and it operates as a joint entrance to the legal information system with researchers, teachers, and students as the primary groups. The three libraries all have access to the same electronic scientific journals and resources, whereas the largest part is available through The University Library (The Royal Library), while a smaller part is being bought and administrated by the libraries at the Faculty.

Juridisk Laboratorium / The Law Students' Library

Jur.Lab is dated back to 1903. It was originally a shared library for students and researchers, but in the last 30 years the library has attended law students at Copenhagen University, exclusively.

All the books and periodicals of Jur.Lab are bought based on the needs of the bachelor- and candidate level on the study of law- that is to say all the relevant books and periodicals, a part Scandinavian and a part foreign (especially English- speaking) law. Concerning the collection of books, it contains as good as all Danish law (both new and old) also including some Nordic and foreign law such as European Law and International Law.

Volumes 38.000, Periodicals 300

There are free access to the collections and the electronic resources in the library, but there are no lending facilities. The Library has very good copy and print facilities at a small charge.

The Library has about 500 work and readingplaces and 70 computeres.

Juridisk Forskningsbibliotek / The Law Research Library

The Law research Library was originally called The Law Institute Library and was established in 1975 as an individual library for the research staff of the faculty. Today, it has a comprehensive collection of legal books and periodicals based on the wishes and needs of the researchers. People from outside the faculty are not able to lend from the library, but it is possible to use the books and the collection of journals at the library.

Volumes 40.000, Periodicals 310

Kriminalistisk Bibliotek / Library of Criminologi and Criminal Law

Library of Criminology and Criminal Law was founded in 1957. It is a special library, covering the subject areas criminal law, criminology and sociology of law. The library attends primarily the research staff of the faculty and the teachers working with the three subject areas. In addition the library also gets some approaches from e.g. journalists, high schools and school students etc.

Users from outside the faculty have the possibility of using the library collection of books- and journals at the library, but lending in general are preserved for the primary users. However, part of the foreign collection is to a

limited extent available for public loan through The University Library of Copenhagen.

Volumes 14.000, Periodicals 150.

Århus Universitet / The University of Aarhus

At The University of Aarhus The School of Law is a part of the Faculty of Social Science and is attended by respectively The State Library and The Library of Law, which has status of being an Institute Library.

Statsbiblioteket / The State and university Library

Universitetsparken

DK-8000 Århus C

Fagreferent/Subject specialist: Cand.rer.soc., cand.mag. Filip Kruse

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”www.statsbiblioteket.dk”

The State Library was formally dedicated in 1902, and the institution was a significant factor as to the question of the placing of a university in Jutland. The State Library has functioned as a university library in Aarhus since the beginning of the teaching courses in 1928- however from the year of 1934, formally. The State Library also has status of being a national library, besides attending the University of Aarhus.

In addition to the Libraries collection of law books, periodicals and electronic resources, it has a comprehensive collection of older materials from international organisations.

Juridisk Bibliotek / The Library of Law

Juridisk Institut - Bartholins Allé, bygning 340 - 8000 Århus C

Biblioteksleder/Head of library: Gitte Kolstrup gk@jura.au.dk

“www.jura.au.dk/bibliotek”

The Library of Law was founded in June 1944 and has a book stock of approximately 50.000 volumes and 360 periodicals.

Scandinavian law literature, secondary English- and German-speaking, and on a small scale French-speaking, is purchased, asides from general works as encyclopaedias' and dictionaries. There is an online access to all major and significant collections of law journals and databases.

The Library is the main library for the researchers of the school of law and the university's 2200 law students. At the same time it is a reference collection and books are only on loan in exceptional cases from the The State and University Library. The library has about 200 work and readingplaces.

The Business Schools and the additional Danish universities

It has been possible to study law at the University of Southern Denmark since 2004, which means that the Library at the University of Southern Denmark to a still lager extend wants to create a collection of law materials. The University of

Aalborg, Copenhagen and Århus Business Schools have for a number of years offered subjects on corporate law/business law, and the libraries have good book collections on limited legal areas. The Roskilde University Library has an extensive collection of literature on administrative law. Besides that the library is an UN Depository Library.

Copenhagen Business School

Economics Library & Learning Resource Center

Solbjerg Plads 3

DK-2000 Frederiksberg

Fagreferent/Subject specialist: Cand.phil. Erik Sonne es.lib@cbs.dk

“cbs.dk/library”

Roskilde University Library

Universitetsparken 1

DK-4000 Roskilde

Fagreferent/Subject specialist: Ph.D. Nils Bredsdorff nb@ruc.dk

“www.rub.ruc.dk”

University Library of Southern Denmark, Odense

Campusvej 55

DK-5230 Odense M

Fagreferent/Subject specialist: Mag.scient.soc. Paul Holt paul.holt@bib.sdu.dk

“www.bib.sdu.dk”

Aalborg University Library

Langagervej 2

DK-9220 Aalborg

“www.aub.aau.dk”

Aarhus School of Business, Library

Fuglesangs Allé 4

DK-8210 Aarhus V

Kontaktbibliotekarer for jura/Law librarians: Henrik Tvermoes het@asb.dk og

Tanja Svarre tas@asb.dk

“www.asb.dk/lib.aspx”

Other Law Libraries

DCISM Library (Danish Centre for International Studies and Human Rights)

Strandgade 56

DK-1401 Copenhagen K

dcism@dcism.dk

“www.dcism.dk”

Bibliotekschef/Head of library: Svend Erik Lindberg-Hansen.

The DCISM Library has arguably the foremost Danish collection within the fields of international relations, human rights, and development studies. It numbers more than 100,000 books and reports, and over 1,000 journal and yearbook titles. It represents the merger of four previously independent libraries, as well as the collections of the Foreign Ministry libraries.

The library is open to the general public all weekdays, and staffs are on hand to help visitors identify relevant material in the collection as well as on the internet.

Det Administrative Bibliotek / The Administrative Library

Slotsholmsgade 12

DK-1216 Copenhagen K

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“www.dab.dk”

Bibliotekschef/ Head of library: Karen Grundvad Kvist

The Administrative Library is the central library and documentation centre for civil servants within the Danish central government.

Collections: The main subjects for the Library are public administration, law, economy, statistics, information technology, management and various aspects of the development of society. Geographically it covers literature on Danish, other Scandinavian and European conditions. Literature concerning the European Union too is purchased as a result of an increasing demand in information on and information published by the European Union.

Users: The Library is obligated to serve central government civil servants. Furthermore, we serve employees in other public institutions as well as private institutions and firms.

The public including university students may also use the Library and its facilities but have to borrow books and periodicals for use outside the library through their local public library or university library.

Legal deposit arrangement: The Library is obligated to collect all publications issued by the Danish State. This is organised through a legal deposit arrangement. Links to electronic editions will be established shortly.

Folketingets Bibliotek/Library, Archives and Information. Department of the Danish Parliament

Christiansborg

DK-1240 Copenhagen C

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“www.ft.dk”

Biblioteksleder/Head of library: Henne Rasmussen

The Library covers social scientific subject with a greater importance attached to jurisprudence, politic, history and international relations. The primary groups of users are the members of The Folketing (The Danish Parliament), members of the staff in the Folketing and the political parties, The Folketings press box and government officials. There is only limited access for other users, who wants to use the special material in this library. The library has 220.000 volumes.

The Courts

“www.domstol.dk”

The libraries at the courtrooms mainly serve the individual courts. The libraries catalogues and collections are not normally open to the public.

Bibliotekarer/Law librarians:

Højesteret/The Supreme Court: Marianne Lund Petersen

Østre Landsret/Eastern Court of Appeal: Susanne Ringby

Vestre Landsret/Western Court of Appeal: Myrna Charlotte Andersen

The Law Firms

Usually the biggest law firms have their own libraries. The law librarians who work there serve the Firm and the lawyers.

These libraries catalogues and collections are not open to the public.