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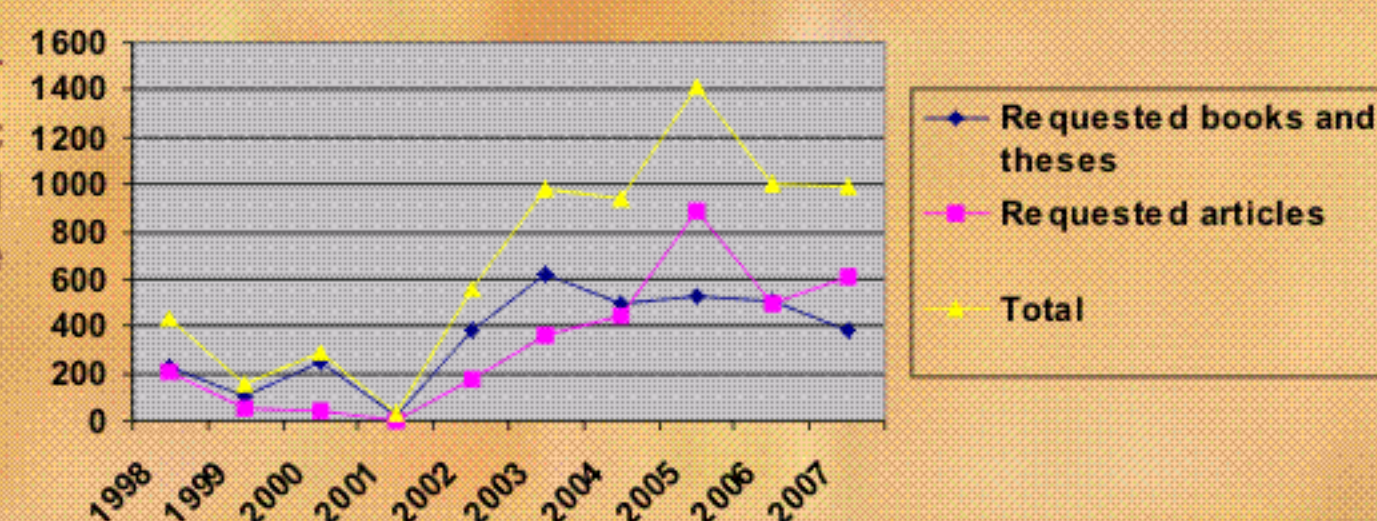
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Interlibrary Loan Service in the context of Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Serbian Libraries - KoBSON

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Does the activities of a new formed Consortium influence the traditional service such as interlibrary loan and how?
Can we notice that increase of electronically available journals leads to the decrease of ILL requests for articles?

Interlibrary Loan service in the University library "Svetozar Markovic" can be traced from 1962 when the Department of scientific information was formed. During its history ILL marked ascents and descents: it reflected the global problems of the Library, even the problems of society. In the late 90's the ILL marked drastic decrease.

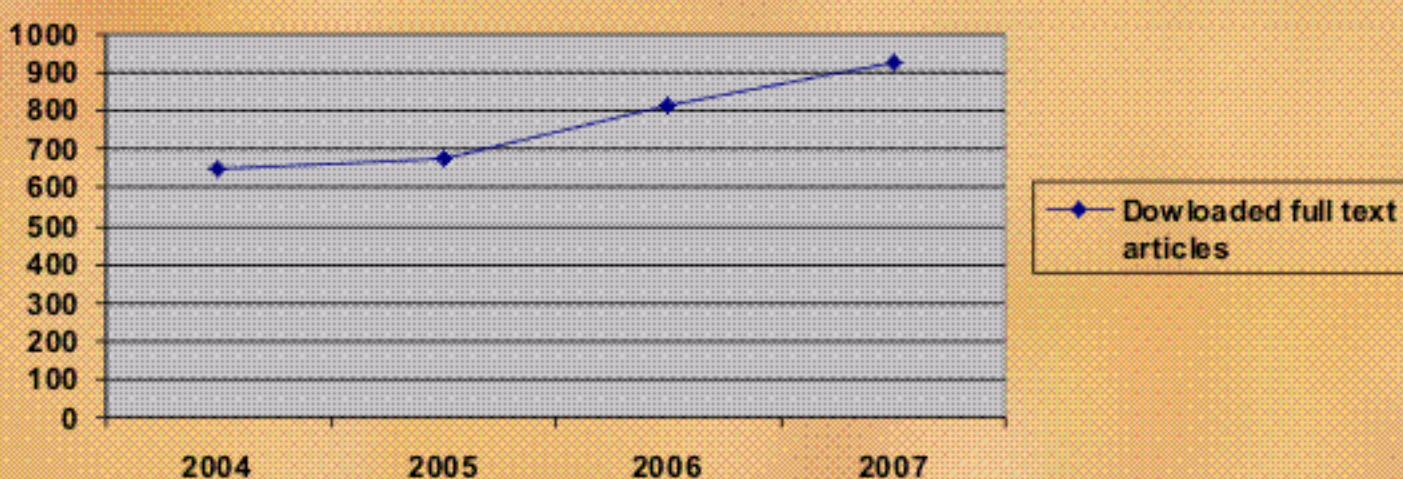


Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Serbian Libraries KoBSON is established in the end of the year 2001 with the main goals: acquisition of foreign scientific information, moving from paper to electronic editions, the improvement of access to electronic information (e-journals, e-books and electronic services).

KoBSON is partly financing the Interlibrary Loan Service: four academic libraries in Serbia are incharged for this service.

Due to Consortium, the ILL is actually reestablished. The ascent in ILL could be noticed from the first year of Consortium's real activity (2002).

KoBSON started with access to 3500 e-journals (through EBSCO service), but each year that number grows: two years ago it was 17.000 electronic journals but today that number marks 35.000 journal titles. Simultaneously with that increase, the number of downloaded articles also marks constant and steady growth.



Comparing the figures (years 2006 and 2007, focused on articles): the numbers of ILL requests for articles increased at the same time when the number of downloaded articles grew

The more information you get, the more you need

General growth of "hunger" toward information is stimulated by the activities of the Serbian Consortium. Serbia belongs to the countries in transition which are trying very hard to recoup the lost time. The users (researchers) get what they need via KoBSON, but at the same time they find all sorts of information about some subject, not accessible electronically, but only via ILL.

KoBSON helped traditional service such as Interlibrary Loan.

- It reestablished it in the period of crises and enabled that functioning of ILL can be stable and on the certain level acceptable for the university library of such capacity.
- ILL within the Consortium took significant part of offered library services, simultaneously with other resources and we can suppose that this trend will last during next few years

