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The Knowledge Centre and Library of the South Transdanubian Region was built in 2010 within the project European Capital of Culture. The article looks back to the early phase of the project and takes account of the plans of participating organisations. It presents how the participants elaborated a library model to integrate earlier independent legal entities, the Csorba Győző County and City Library and the Central Library of the Pécs University, plus the Benedek Ferenc Law and Economics Library, a branch of the university library system. Today these libraries provide joint services for the visitors of the Knowledge Centre based on their integrated collection and using their joint information technological base. It became possible for the co-operating library units to operate unified and cost-effective services in the Knowledge Centre's building. Integration allows them to develop a comfortable, service-oriented, user-friendly library with multiple functions.

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The activities of libraries having moved into the Knowledge Centre and Library of the South Transdanubian Region are analysed with a focus on their services. After listing their services before moving in the new library offer of the Knowledge Centre is reviewed according to target groups. Some of the services are meant for all and some of them are special ones for university citizens (students, faculty and researchers). The libraries concerned are going to further extend their services with special regard to providing web-based, online accessible and digitised content.

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The author considers how a special library finds its place within a new organisation with multiple functions, integrating several types of libraries. The article overviews the preliminaries of moving into a new building, the preparations, presents the library's main and supplementary collection areas as well as its tasks within the Knowledge Centre. It lists the services and rich special collections, and mentions the European Documentation Centre whose services can be used not only by the students of law and economics but by all visitors.

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The article describes the principles behind radio frequency identification (RFID) and the details of its application at the

Knowledge Centre, Pécs. The characteristics of stickers (tags) used in books and the application of this new technology with the Corvina integrated library system are investigated from the user's point. The structural change of the underlying database is demonstrated, as well as the effects of the RFID technique on the main library processes from the inventory of books through loans and return to theft protection. Automating loan and return are described as new possibilities. The use of reader cards equipped with RFID chips is also analysed in detail both for traditional purposes (loan and return), and for new ones, such as registering entries and paying printing and photocopying fees. In addition to a detailed technical description the article shares relevant experience and makes recommendations.

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The objectives of the Csorba Győző County and City Library as part of the Knowledge Centre and Library of the Southern Transdanubian Region had to be reformulated for two reasons; on the one hand because of the merger of the county and the city libraries, and because of the new possibilities offered by the new library building for providing services to meet the growing needs – in co-operation with the university library – for information, leisure time activities and the internet. Thanks to the modern environment the number of cultural, community and library events has grown considerably in the last months of 2010, to which the local civil society also contributed. The new library-professional and cultural situation has brought new tasks. The article presents two areas, the children's library and the mobile library project in detail.

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While preparing the architectural plans the author as a designer of the Knowledge Centre, Pécs had an opportunity to arrange his previous considerations about libraries into a systematic concept. Although earlier he had a definite idea about libraries and was emotionally involved with the given district of the city, he could not for a long time identify points of connection to the city as a whole, either in intellectual or physical sense. He found that in addition to the library's inclusive, arranging and systematising role, some features of secondary importance had to be re-evaluated: today the library is a meeting point, a community place, a scene of the city's public life. The emblematic inner space of the new building, called Beehive, has become a symbol of the new building with its magnificent size and wonderful ceramics covering. The building wishes to be a place of acquiring solid knowledge and a house of creative imagination.