

Library - where books never sleep: Library of Natural Science assessment of availability

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Library of Natural Sciences

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 Library of the Biological sciences
 Library of the Geography and Earth Sciences

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24/7 library options during night hours (1)

Free to use library stock
Borrow books
Return or prolong books
Make copies



24/7 library options during night hours (2)



Use computers
 Use QR codes to access e-books
 See library's exhibitions
 Rest

The Research «Natural Science library assessment of availability»

Objective of the research – library users habits in night hours
 Respondents of survey – students of The University of Latvia

Necessity of daily access library in study process

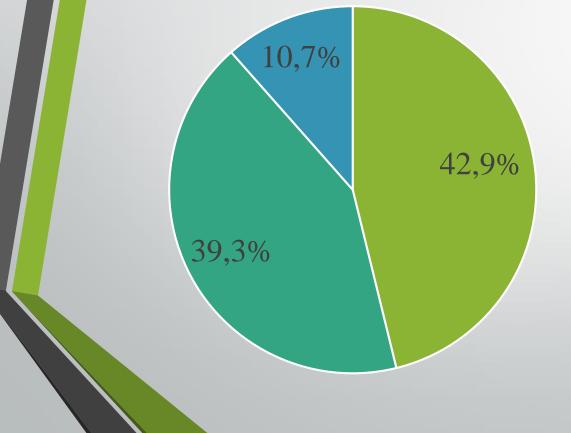
94% students
 Improve the learning process
 No need to adapt the library working hours

Latest visiting time

after 21:00 up to 3 at night all night

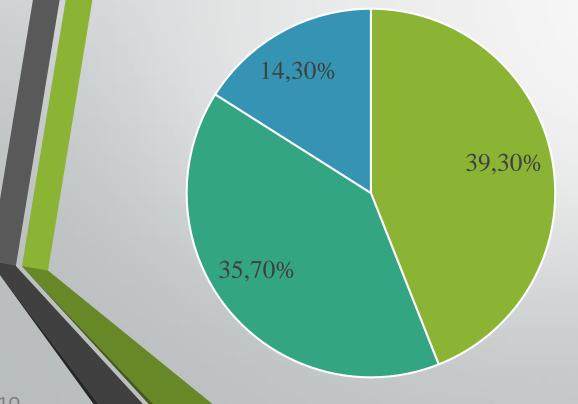


Frequency of visiting library after 18:00



- 42,9% Once a week or more often
- 39,3% More times a month
- 10,7% less often

Period when library after 18:00 is most needed for the study process

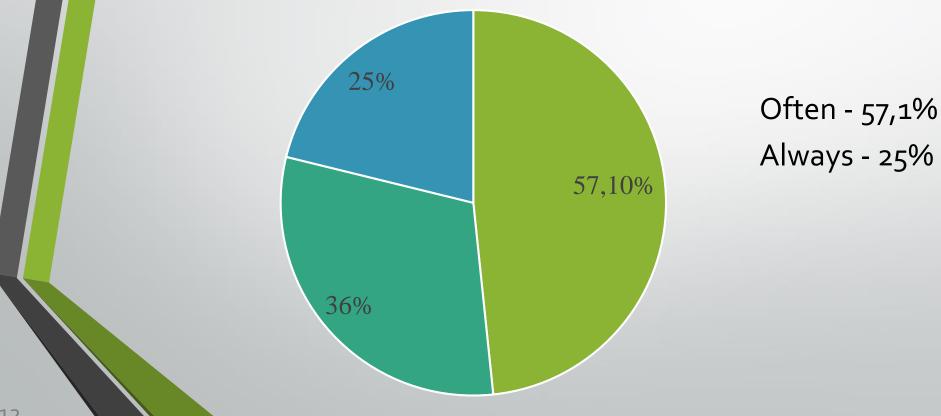


39,3% all year 35,7% periodically over the year 14,3% session

For what purpose respondents use library after 18:00

Use of the library working places - 85,7% Read books on the spot - 53,6% Retun/borow books - 21% Use LU databases - 25%

Can you find books without librarian help



Conclusions (1)

1 Students like the oppurtunity to use library for studies during night hours and they are actevely **especially around 10:00**

2 Library for studies during night hours are helpful not just for session time, but all semester

3 Students use self-check device during night hours

4 24/7 library services improves the learning process and there is no need to adapt the library working hours

5 Blankets and biscuits

Thank you very much for attention!

Your questions, please

