THE UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA (UNIFE) LIBRARIES UNVEIL THEIR HERITAGE TO FULFILL NEW GOALS:
completed actions, plans and opportunities supporting Research, Education and Third Mission
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THE UNIFE LIBRARY SYSTEM (FERRARA, ITALY)
- 9 Libraries housed in historical buildings
- Ferrara city of the Renaissance - UNESCO World Heritage
- 3 offices for acquisitions, IL/ED and IT services

STRATEGIC GOALS for Research, Education and Third Mission
ALIGNED with the parent University’s ones

THE FERRARA AREA LIBRARIES NETWORK (UFE NETWORK)
- University
- City/town Councils
- Schools
- Cultural organizations

Library Services Customer Charter
Bibliographic collective catalogue and web portal
Facebook and Twitter accounts
The UFE Network takes part in the National Library Service (SBN)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - SCs: CARE & PROMOTION

2008-2010 REORGANIZING
- original identifying unique primary sources
- fascinating local interest

2008-2016 CATALOGUING
- about 5,000 books, including copy-specific information
- more than 3,000 archival items

2012-2017 RESTORATION
- 19 books restored and 8 still under treatment
- 65 archival items restored

2015-2016 DIGITIZING
- about 1,700 Savonuzzi’s archival items digitized
- images online open access

GOALS
- awareness
- enjoyment
- new audiences
- supporting research and education

TECHNOLOGY
- through mainly audiovisual and digital media

PARTNERSHIP
- organizations

NETWORK
- teaching and non-teaching staff
- schools, museums, archives
- private companies

CONCLUSION

European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018
- relocating most SCs in a unique site
- ‘Stories of books and palaces’; tours of the Libraries
- restoring a 10th century book: short documentary film
- thematic exhibition(s) in cooperation with other institutions

PLANS & IDEAS (2017–)

UPDATING STAKEHOLDERS

POTENTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- UNIFE Funds and Public Institutions’ contributions
- Private sponsorship (e.g. foundations)
- AIIR Bonus - www.aiir.it