THE CRAI
OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF BARCELONA

Learning and Research

Resources Center (CRAI)

UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA

CRAI | Centre de Recursos per a l'Aprenentatge i la Investigació

Summary

Image: Mundet Campus CRAI Library

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The University of Barcelona

The University of Barcelona offers its users…

Image: Historic Building of the University of Barcelona

Library services

Teaching support

Research support

16 CRAI libraries and **7 CRAI transversal units** work to make it possible
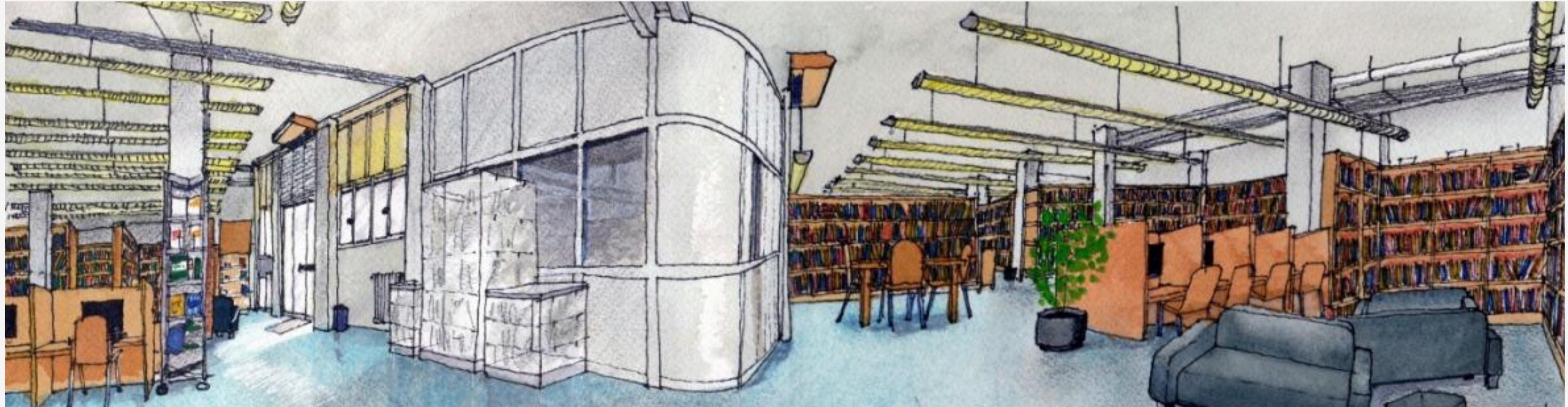
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How the CRAI was formed

Image: Drawing of the Information and Audiovisual Media CRAI Library. Antoni Morell i Mestre

The beginnings

The CRAI was created at the beginning of 2004 to adapt the UB libraries to the requirements of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the European Research Area (ERA), which is based on **learning**, **research**, **development** and **innovation**.

In this way, the library, teaching support and research services are integrated into a single space, facilitating access to information and new technologies in a more dynamic environment adapted to the needs of users.

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**CRAI libraries
and CRAI units**

CRAI libraries

Of the **16 CRAI libraries**, **14** hold collections for specific faculties or campuses, and **2** are **heritage libraries** (the Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library and the Pavelló de la República CRAI Library).

Bellvitge Campus

Biology

Clínic Campus

Earth Sciences

Economics and Business

Fine Arts

Information and Audiovisual Media

Law

Mathematics and Computer Science

Mundet Campus

Pavelló de la República

Pharmacy and Food Science

Philology and Communication

Philosophy, Geography and History

Physics and Chemistry

Rare Book and Manuscript

Heritage libraries

Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library

This library holds the University's collection of rare books and manuscripts, as well as part of the general heritage collection. The valuable works in the collection come from the expropriation of Barcelona's convent libraries in 1836, and from several donations.
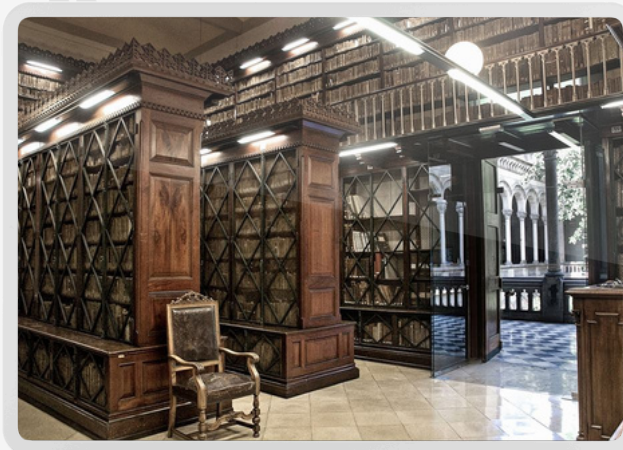

Image: Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library

Pavelló de la República CRAI Library

This library houses one of the most important collections and archives in the world about the Spanish Second Republic, the Civil War, exile, Francoism and Spain's democratic transition.
The building is a copy of the Pavelló de la República constructed for the 1937 World's Fair in Paris.
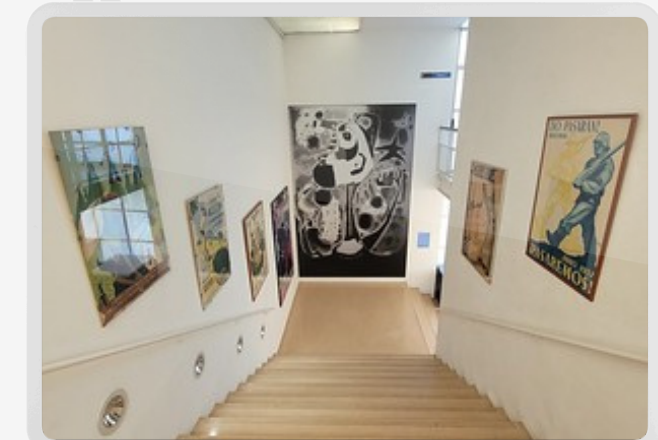

Image: Pavelló de la República CRAI Library

Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library Collections

The unique collection of this heritage library supports the UB's students, teachers and researchers, as well as the academic community of other national and international institutions. It consists of:
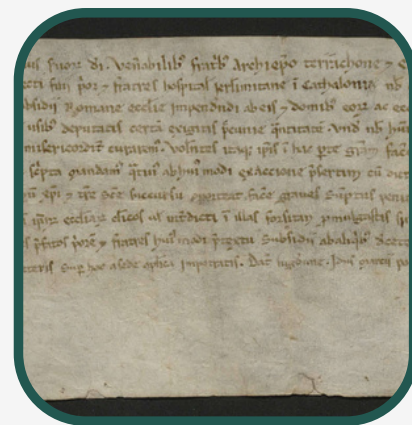
11,270 engravings

1,185 incunabula

2,180 manuscripts

890 parchments

130,000 printed books
(dating from the 16th century to 1829)

CRAI Pavelló de la República Library Collections

The library contains an extensive collection of historically important documents and archives:

230
archive collections

2,200
audiovisual items

11,000
journal titles

110,000
monographs and pamphlets

420
pennants
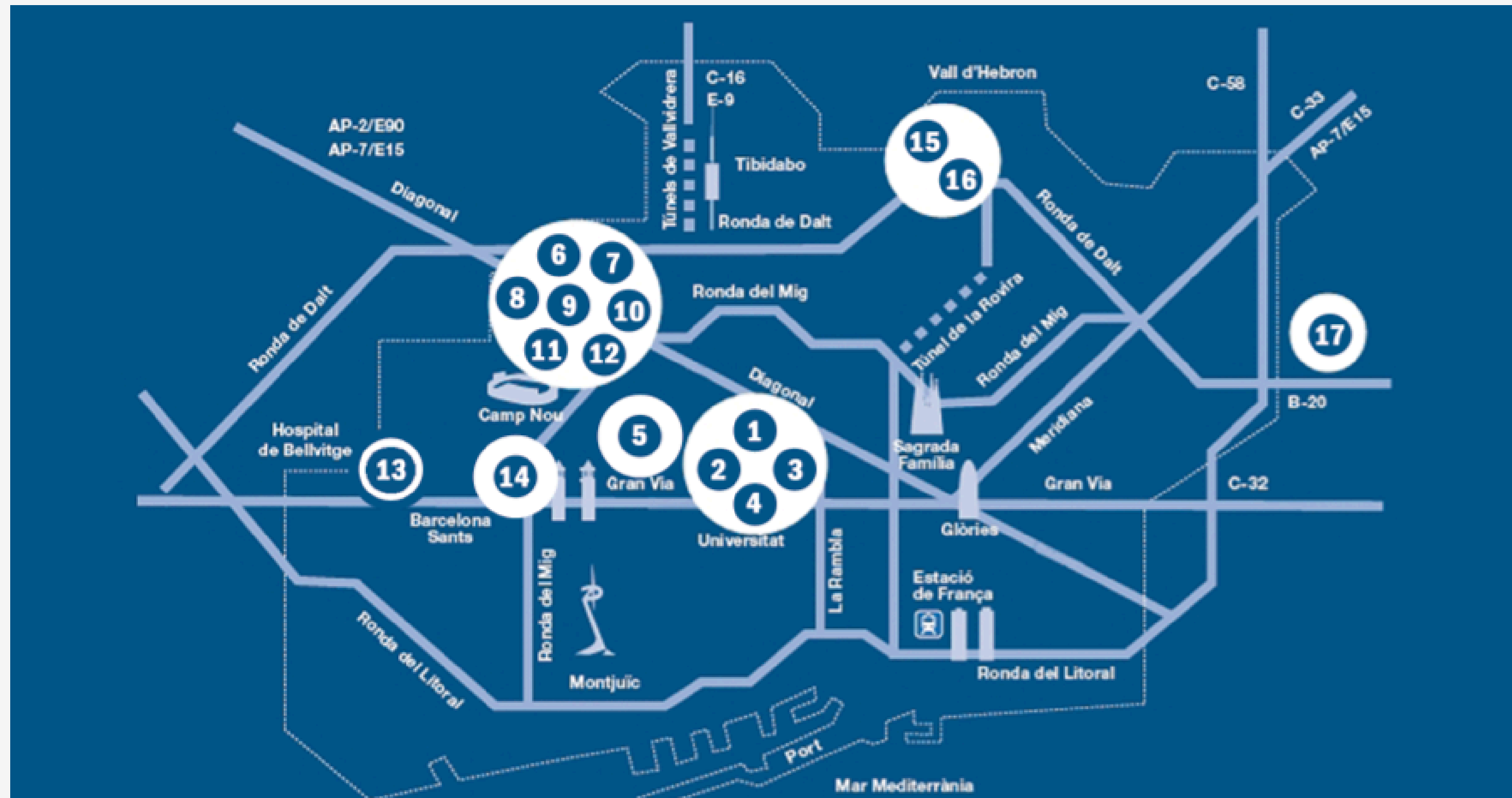
14,200
posters

1,000 stamps and 300 banknotes

20,000
stickers

Location of CRAI libraries

1. Rare Book and Manuscript CRAI Library
2. Philology and Communication CRAI Library
3. Mathematics and Computer Science CRAI Library
4. Philosophy, Geography and History CRAI Library

5. Clínic Campus CRAI Library
6. Economics and Business CRAI Library
7. Law CRAI Library
8. Earth Sciences CRAI Library

9. Physics and Chemistry CRAI Library
10. Biology CRAI Library
11. Fine Arts CRAI Library
12. Pharmacy and Food Science CRAI Library -
    Diagonal Knowledge Campus

13. Bellvitge Campus CRAI Library
14. Information and Audiovisual Media CRAI Library
15. Mundet Campus CRAI Library
16. Pavelló de la República CRAI Library
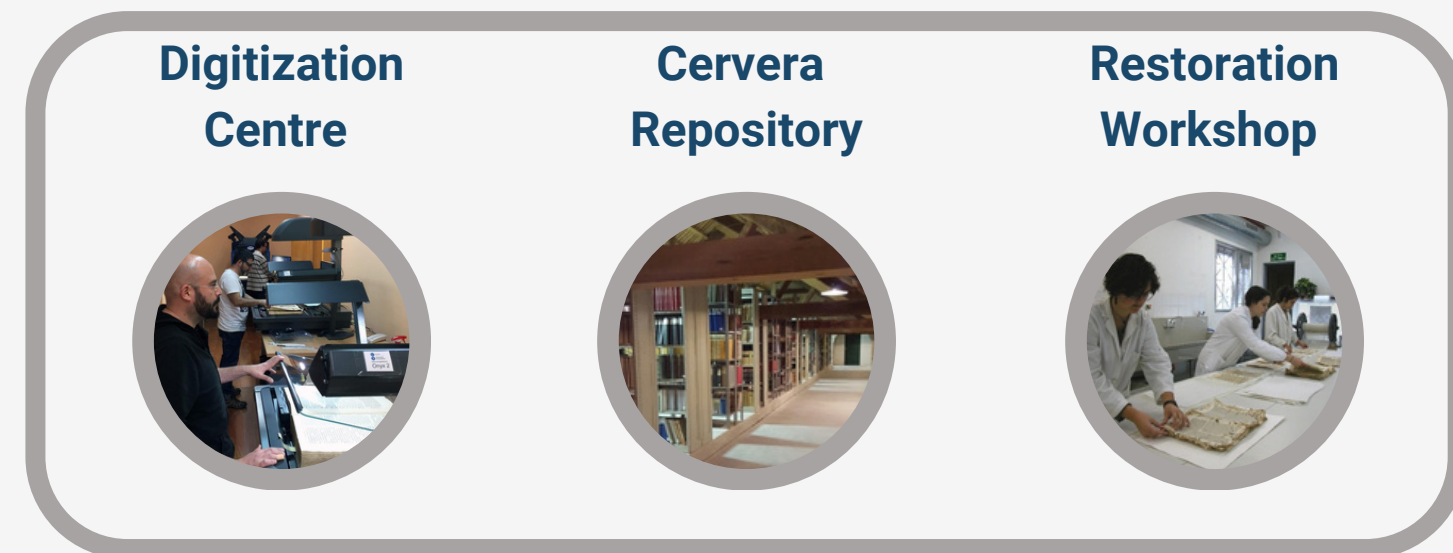17. Pharmacy and Food Science CRAI Library -
    Torribera Campus

CRAI units

The CRAI is made up of a **Director**, **7 transversal units**, the **Plant Biodiversity Resource Centre** (**CeDocBiV**) and the **16** CRAI libraries.

The Collection Management Unit manages the **Digitization Centre (CEDI)**, the **Cervera Repository** and the **Restoration Workshop**.

Digitization Centre

Cervera Repository

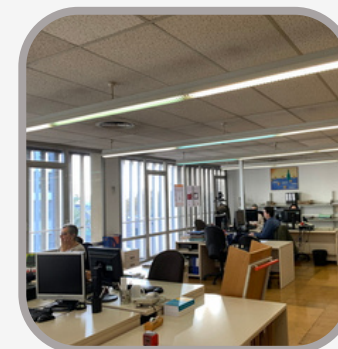**Restoration Workshop**

Director
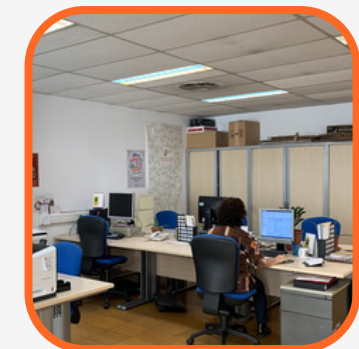
CeDocBiV

Administration

Collection Management
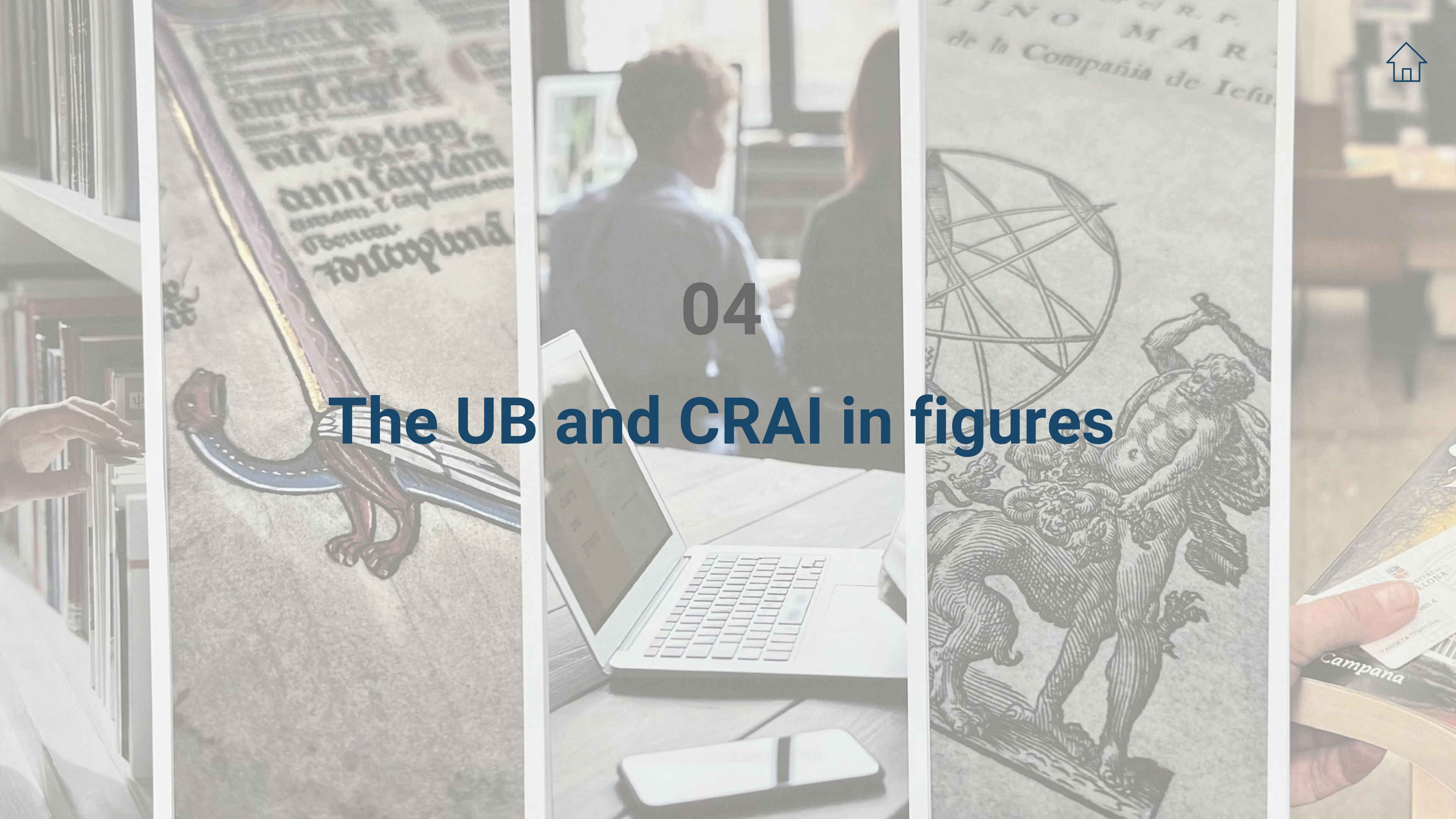
Project

Research

Teaching

Technical Processing

User Services

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The UB and CRAI in figures

The University of Barcelona in figures

Structure

17 faculties and **10** affiliated centres
666,990 m² of constructed area

Studies

74 bachelor's degrees
170 university master's degrees
47 doctoral programmes
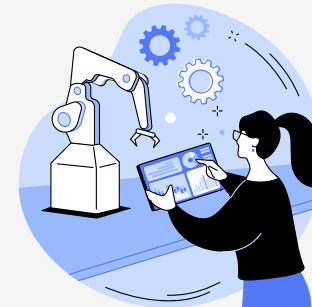**1.147** postgraduate courses

Groups

6,479 teachers and researchers
2,669 PTGAS members
14,181 UB Alumni members
41,020 bachelor's degree students
5,622 university master's degree students
5,238 trainee researchers
11,920 postgraduate students

Budget and RDI

+ €529 m total budget
+ €196 m in research funds secured

Research data

7,768 scientific publications
745 doctoral theses read
241 research groups
1,443 active research projects

Internationalization

11,453 international students
128 student nationalities
2,266 international students at the UB
1,502 UB students at foreign universities and institutions
3,027 agreements with foreign universities and institutions
501 international teachers and researchers

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Source: *The University of Barcelona in figures*

The CRAI in figures

CRAI staff

232 librarians and technical staff

68 interns

Facilities

38,571 m² of constructed area

6,706 seats

3,864 connection points

97 workrooms with **749** spaces

12 computer rooms with **258** spaces

Information resources

959,608 e-books

120,967 e-journals

323 databases

1,628,822 books

36,660 journals

Budget

€5,641,679 m invested in information resources

Services

6,558 interlibrary loan requests processed

1,505,574 article downloads

466,570 e-book searches and downloads

1,959,437 catalogue queries

13,617 training course attendees

4,283 queries resolved by the User support service (SAU)

Open science

42,737 journal articles in the institutional repository

1,224 grants to publish in open access

80,502 open access documents published

11,461 doctoral theses in the institutional repository

Source: *The CRAI in figures*

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CRAI Identity

Our identity

At the CRAI we work with a vocational commitment to **cooperation** and **service**, adapting innovatively to the emergence of new technology for the benefit of our users and institutions, seeking to achieve **excellence** in the provision of **quality services.**

Image: CRAI staff teaching a training course at the Faculty of Economics and Business
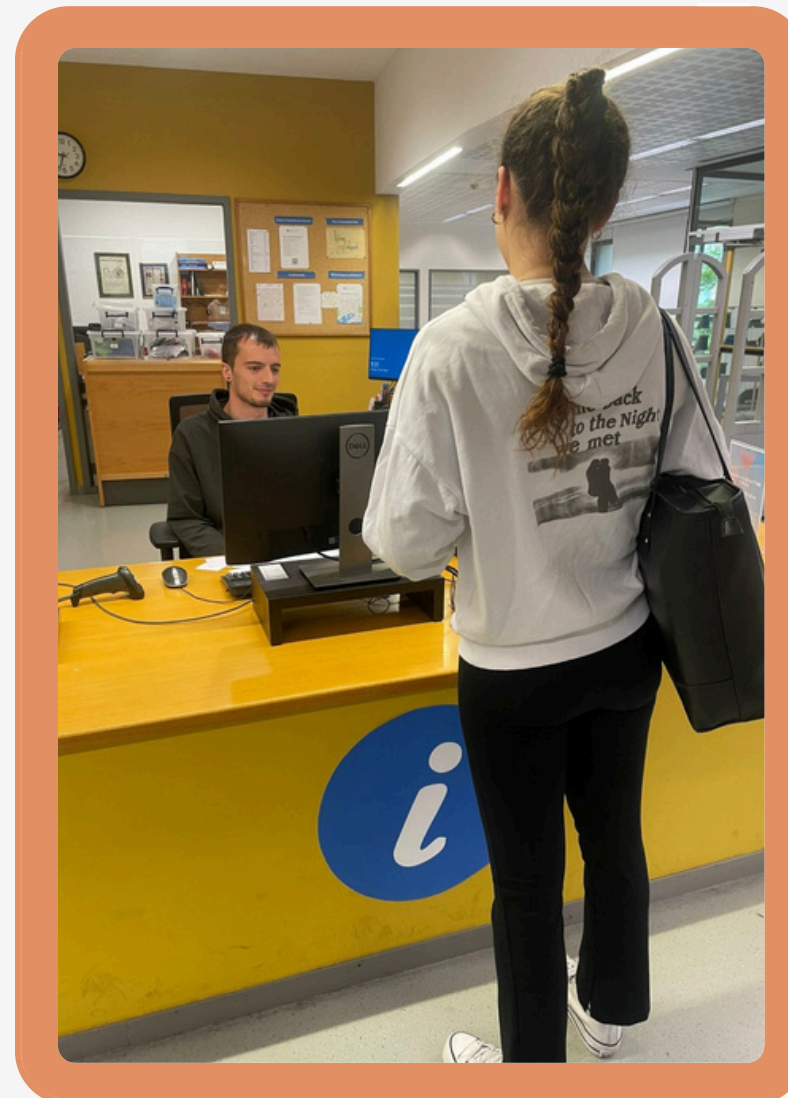

Image: User support at the Philosophy, Geography and History CRAI Library

Image: Exhibition at the Mundet Campus CRAI Library

We are

Advisers

We provide information and support for the dissemination of scientific knowledge.

campus virtual

ORCiD
Connecting research and researchers

researchid

SIRA
Sistema d'Informació de Recerca i Avaluació

We are

Open Science

We promote open access and open science, disseminating the scientific knowledge generated at the UB.

OPEN ACCESS

DIPÒSIT DIGITAL

RCUB Revistes científiques de la Universitat de Barcelona

RACO Revistes Catalanes amb Accés Obert

CORA Portal de la Recerca de Catalunya

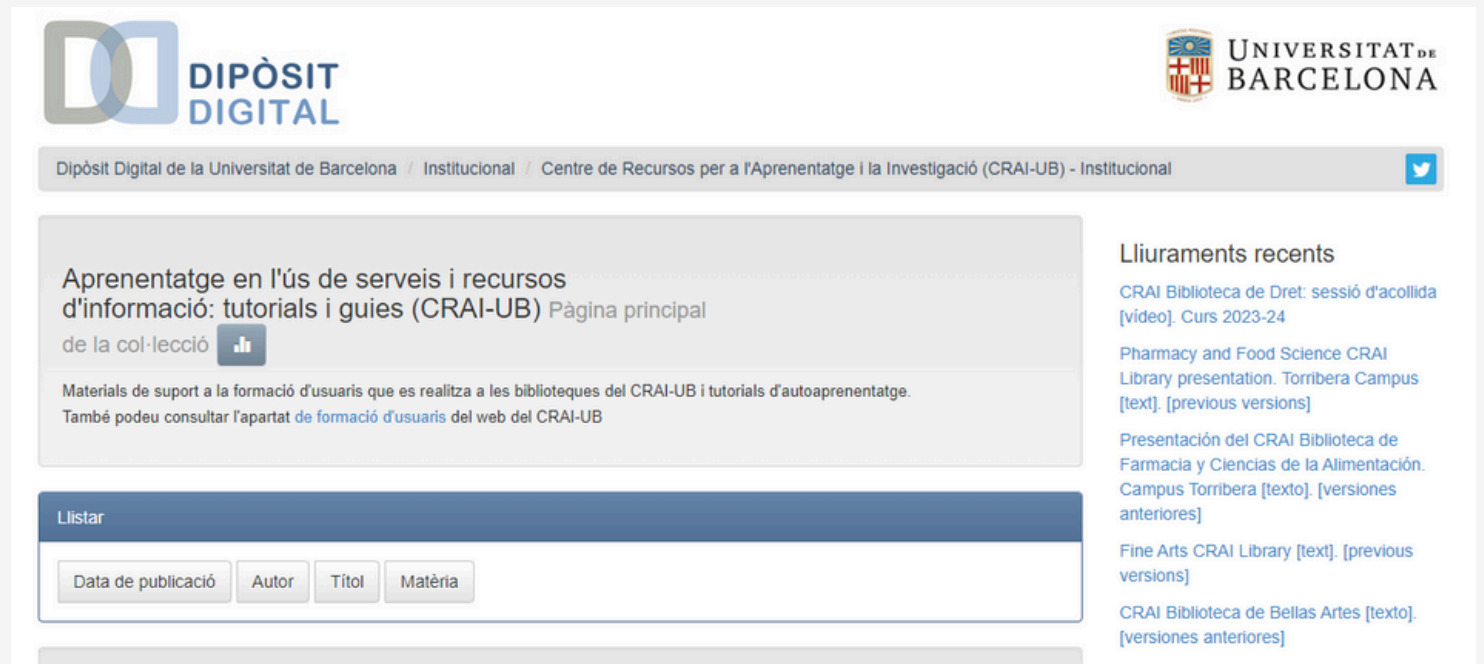CORA RECERCAT Dipòsit de la Recerca de Catalunya

We are

Content creators

Each year we compile a report on our activities and publish all the documents created by the CRAI in the UB's Digital Repository.

We are

Digital

Part of our collection is digitized in different repositories, and many of our digital information resources are accessible through **Cercabib**.
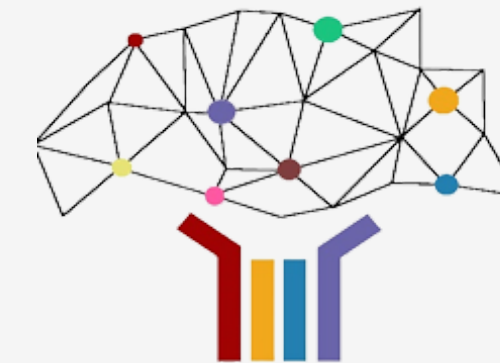
We are

Innovative

We constantly renew and adapt our facilities and offer resources about LKT/ICT tools.

We are

Marketing

Our collections are publicized through a variety of formats and products designed at the CRAI.

We are

Preservers

We work for the conservation
and preservation of our
valuable bibliographic
and documentary heritage.

Digitization Center (CEDI)

Restoration Workshop

**CeDocBiV
UB's Virtual Herbarium**

We are

Social

We establish various channels of communication with our users through social media, providing information about our collections and services.
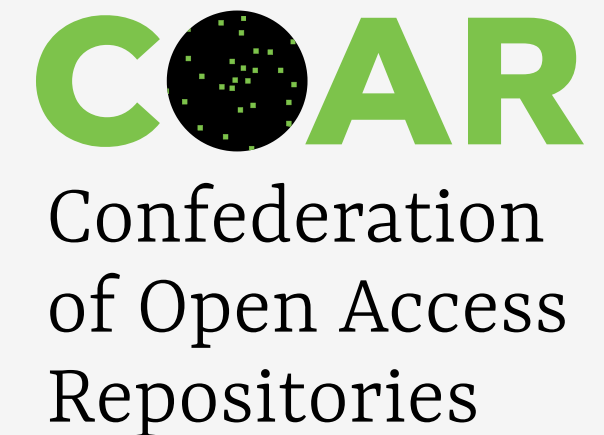
We are

Partners

We are a member of the **CSUC** (University Services Consortium of Catalonia) and **REBIUN** (Network of Spanish University Libraries) and of numerous other professional organizations and associations.

CSUC Consorci de Serveis Universitaris de Catalunya

U crue Universidades Españolas
Red de Bibliotecas REBIUN

LE RU

COAR Confederation of Open Access Repositories

LIBER LIBER Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche
Association of European Research Libraries

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We are

Solidarity

We collaborate with different associations involved in specific activities and campaigns.

Fundació Tallers

METGES SENSE FRONTERES

SENTIT SOLIDARI

We are

Team

We are a team of information
professionals that work
to guarantee the quality
of our services.

INNOVA
CRAI

10a JORNADA
DE BONES PRÀCTIQUES
DEL CRAI DE LA UB

CONSERVAR EL PATRIMONI:
UNA ESTRATÈGIA DE PRESENT PER AL FUTUR

#10jbpCRAIUB

Facultats de **Filosofia, Geografia i Història**
Sala Jane Addams | **4a** planta

27 de juny de **2023** | **10** h

Amb assistència **virtual** via **Teams**

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Strategy and Quality

Our strategy

The CRAI's policies, general strategy and quality structures are specified in the strategic plan, which defines our **purpose**, **vision, and values**. It also describes our **process management system** and establishes a **regulatory framework** for management and services. We operate with a process-based model, pursuing specific strategic lines and targeting areas for improvement.

We were the first Catalan university service to receive the **EFQM 500+ European Seal of Excellence**, in 2018.

We continue to work and improve…

Constant improvement

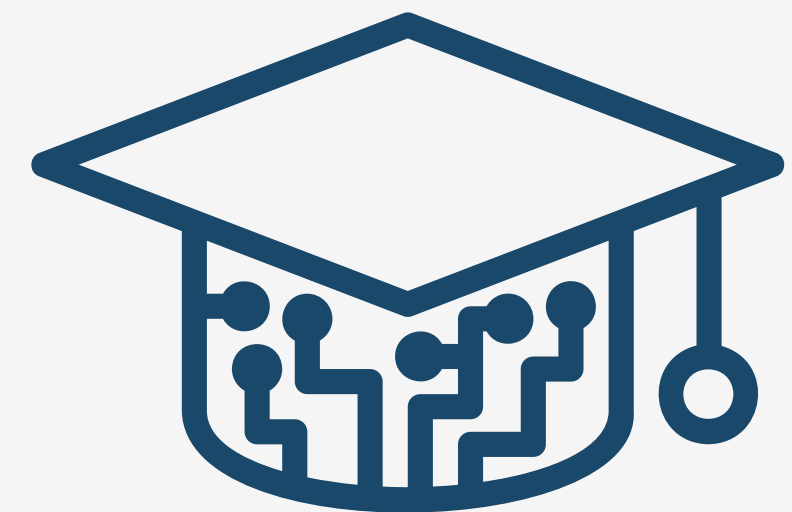Each year, we evaluate our work and suggest areas for improvement.

Regulatory framework

We adapt to change in society, creating specific action plans.

Transformative agreements

We sign agreements to publish in open access at no cost to researchers.

New technologies

We offer support for the use of new technologies through LKT/ICT tools.

Thank you!