The „Alte Waschhalle“ houses the periodicals

• eScience-Center with digital humanities infrastructure and archiving platform for research data.

Further services
• More than 1,700 places for single use and for groups (some with technical equipment: monitor, Smartboard)
• 190 PC workstations
• Lounge area, and cafeteria
• Wi-Fi and multifunctional machines for scanning, printing and photocopying
• Multi-touch table

above: The „Tübinger Hausbuch“, circa 1470 (Md2)
below: Working with a Smartboard

• Operates the university’s repository
• Operates the university’s picture database
• Publication of online dissertations
• Open access publications
• University publication services: Tübingen University Press and Tübingen Library Publishing
• Open Educational Resources.
The University Library
The beginnings of the library date back to the late 15th century. Shortly after the founding of the university in 1477 we find its good book collection being praised by contemporaries in various sources.

Until 1912 the library was housed in Tübingen’s castle. Once the plans of the architect Paul Bonatz were realised, the library could move to its first purpose-built building at the newly developing university campus on the Wilhelmstrasse.

Today the library there consists of four interconnected buildings and has an additional branch on the Natural Science’s campus, the Morgenstelle.

The University Library is the central library of a network of around 45 institute, faculty and departmental libraries.

The library opens on about 340 days during the year, opening times being:

Mon-Fri 8:00 - 24:00
Sat/Sun 10:00 - 22:00

The holdings
The library stocks some 3,7 million volumes and 45,000 journals of all subject areas (electronic and print) and licenses access to around 5,000 databases for the university.

As you can study all degree programmes except Engineering Science at the university, the University Library offers literature accordingly.

In addition, the library hosts the Specialized Information Services (Fachinformationsdienste, FIDs) for Theology, Religious Studies and Criminology.

The library’s staff and the services
2016, the library had 118 FTEs who provide the following services.

Acquisition of media
- Selection, acquisition and presentation of new academic literature in all physical forms for members of the university as well as for the general public.
- Selection, acquisition and presentation of new text books / e-books for students of the university.
- Digitisation of old and / or precious holdings on behalf of users as well as in the context of the library’s own projects.

Catalogue
6,2 million searches were counted in 2016. The library uses a Resource Discovery System.

Lending
36,000 patrons, among them 28,000 students borrowed some 500,000 media in 2016.

The library also offers:
- National und international interlibrary loan
- document delivery "Subito"
- "Tübinger Aufsatzdienst": copy and delivery of articles for Tübingen university members of staff.

Information services and training courses
- Answering users’ enquiries
- Guided tours of the library for pupils and students and visiting academics
- In-depth courses for information literacy such as searching in special databases, using CITAVI, copyright questions etc.
- E-learning course for information literacy
- Information gateways for the special collections of Theology, Religious Studies ("Index Theologicus"), and Criminology (KrimDok).

E-Learning / E-Teaching
- Hosting the technical platform ILIAS
- Advisory service for instructors and students