

# Traditions at the UT Library

# Library Anniversary

23 June 1802 is the official birthday of the library. Traditionally, all the staff members celebrate it with a festive meeting, summing up the previous year and giving yearly awards to worthy colleagues. Later, everybody is invited to a picnic, which is usually held at the university Botanical Garden or the garden of some students' organisation, or at some beautiful natural location near Tartu.

# The Nameless Newspaper

Since 1994, the UT Library has issued its own publication titled *Nimeta Leht* (*The Nameless Newspaper*) to share informal information among the staff members. The publication does not reflect official viewpoints and statements, people talk here about their assignments abroad and librarianship events in Estonia, about library history and new and old colleagues, etc. The newspaper is published by volunteer editors, usually by a group of 2-3 people; the number of copies is 49, so that we can avoid the legal deposit law. Archive of the newspaper is accessible on the library Intranet.

# UTLIB Theatre

For the library Christmas party, the UT Library members have already for more than 15 years staged a play that is performed only once – at the party. The repertoire has included tragedies, comedies, crime thrillers and farces. All actors, producers, costumers and stage hands come from among the library staff. Everybody is always excited about the play, as the troupe differs from year to year and the play and the cast are revealed only at the performance. As a rule, the library director is always included in the cast. The performances are recorded and, as it is the theatre of the library, the recordings and programmes are entered into the e-catalogue. All cast members are listed in the catalogue entry according to their roles – producer, actor, etc.

The repertoire has included:

## Molière - *The Learned Ladies*

## Friedrich Dürrenmat - Herkules und der Stall des Augias

## Victor Hugo - Hernani

## Nikolai Gogol - *The Marriage*

Robert Thomas - 8 femmes

## Joseph Kesselring - *Arsenic and Old Lace*



Märkus 3: Endised üliõpilased peavad töenduse tooma, et nad üliõpilased on olnud.

