

Creating a user-friendly reading room with several security levels

The merger process of six specialised reading rooms into one general reading room at the Royal Danish Library

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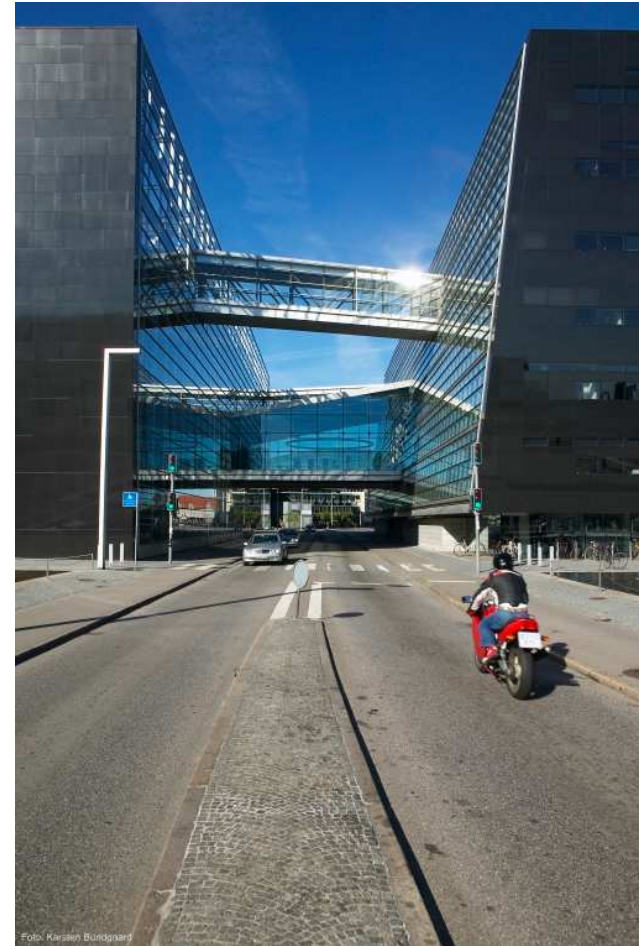
The Old Reading Room

- Seats: 99
- Staffed by two; one librarian
- 6-8 desks next to the staff for specially monitored material
- Reserved reader's desks; manuscripts by table (overnight)
- Printed material, rare books and manuscripts



Reading Rooms in The Black Diamond

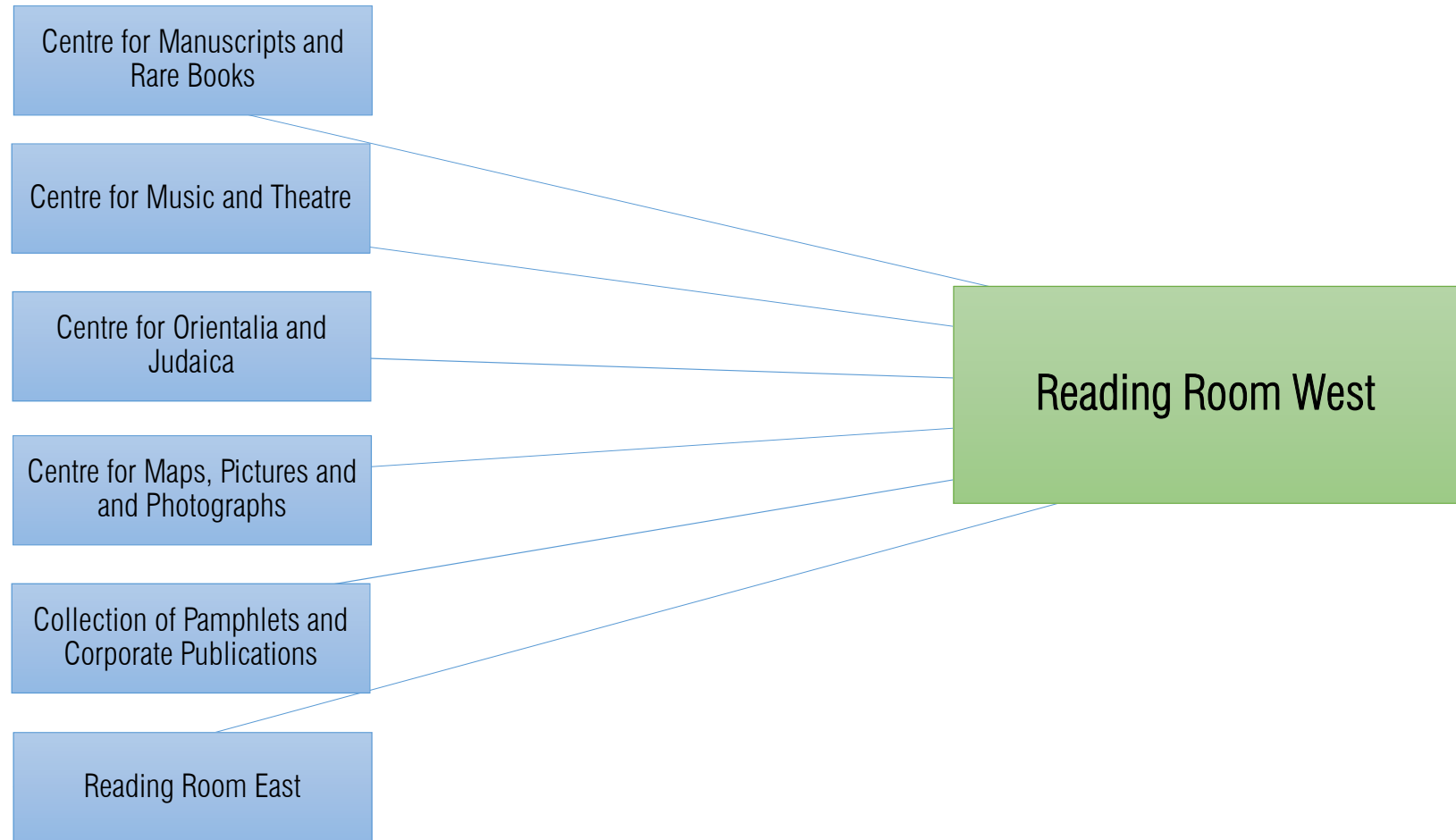
- In 1999 The Black Diamond opened with 5 new reading rooms / centres and ca. 390 seats.
- More space for displaying collections and for the the users
- Synergy effects between researchers and other users, staff and the materials
- Closeness to specialised reference collections
- Securing af high professional level



New reading room

- In 2015 the number of guests in the specialised reading rooms had decreased, but increased in the the open reading rooms (without staff)
- 2016: Decision to merge all manned reading rooms into Reading Room West
- Security lessons for all staff
- Handling lessons for all staff
- Different security levels
- Longer opening hours
- Several types of material
- New reading room for all materials opened 2017





Questions?



Pierre Laurent: *Samling af de nyeste engelske Danse*, Kbh. 1780

