# Flanders Heritage Library

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BIBLIOTHEEK

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### HERITAGE LIBRARY



#### Memory institution

- Collects + preserves (and investigates and makes accessible for the public)
- printed and published heritage
  - for the long term



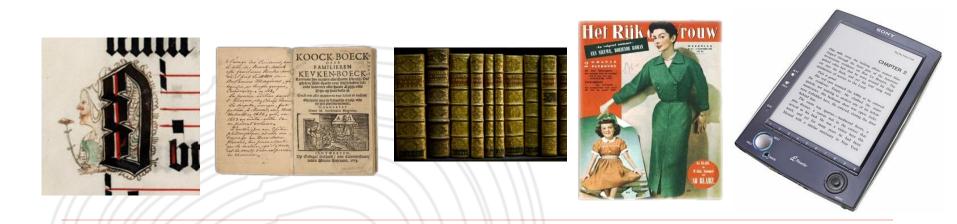


#### HERITAGE LIBRARY



# Collection

- Not only 'rare books', 'preciosa' or 'special collections'
- Materials that are typically collected by libraries: Books, Manuscripts, Periodicals but also: maps, prints ...



#### HERITAGE LIBRARIES IN FLANDERS



Survey of 2006

About 250 in Flanders & Brussels



# HERITAGE LIBRARIES IN FLANDERS



# Survey of 2012

- Often part of 'other' organisations: a museum, an archive, an abbey, a public library, a university, a conservatory, a company...
- Collection care is not always a priority <> importance of collection
- Large backlogs/arrears for
  - Cataloguing
  - Digitisation
  - Conservation



# HERITAGE LIBRARIES IN FLANDERS



Lacking means and expertise

- No funding for individual libraries from the Flemish government
- (Political) 'solution' (?) for this problem



= Flanders Heritage Library

# **FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY & BELGIUM**

# Not a national library

- Similar tasks
- Cooperation is desirable but not self-evident

# Culture is not a (federal) state

- Flemish community
- Cultural heritage policy = decree



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## FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY & BOOKS



- Not a library
- No collection
- No (acting) librarians



# **FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - STAFF**

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# Core:

- Coordinator
- Staff member
- Cataloguer
- (Project assistant)
- Sometimes:
  - Temporary personnel
  - Interns



De Prijs van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap voor Cultureel Erfgoed 25.10.2013 – Gencertsebouw – Brusse



# Network of six diverse but equal partners





- Largest collections
  - > 50% of the known collections in Flanders
- Geographical spread
- (Small) history of working together





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PROVINCIALE **BIBLIOTHEEK** LIMBURG





# FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - HISTORY

- Informal platform (2004-2007)
  - Enhancing the visibility
  - Influencing policymakers

but also:

- Finding common interest
- Realising quick wins
  - Building trust between partners



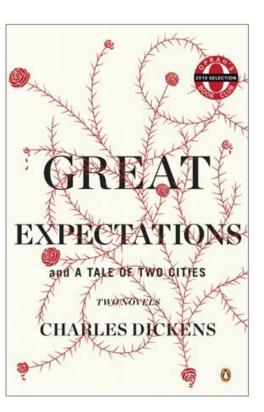
Formal organisation : established end of 2008



## FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - MISSION

### Mission

- = Developing and sharing expertise
  - Collection management
  - Cataloguing
  - Digitisation
  - Preservation and conservation
    - Public engagement & Communication



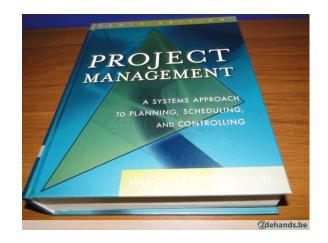
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#### **FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - METHODS**



#### Projects

- Different domains
  - Different partners
    - The staff
    - The six partners
    - Other libraries in Flanders and Brussels
    - Different approaches
      - Proces-driven versus product-oriented
    - Different outcomes



# FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - RESULTS

# Relevant to the six founding partners

- Networking
- Cooperation
- Sharing expertise
- Visibility
- A challenge they cannot overcome on their own (e.g. digitisation)



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# FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - RESULTS



- Supporting the whole field of heritage libraries
  - Manuals
  - Surveys & reports
  - Workshops & seminars
  - Discussion groups
  - Coaching
    - Website & newsletter



# FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - BUDGET



- Annual budget: about 300,000 euro
  - Expenditure 2015
    - 250,000 4 fulltime equivalent
    - 95,000 overhead (e.g. hosting, rent, insurance...)
    - 35,000 project means
  - = deficit of 80,000 euro
    - Project grants, recuperating expenses, reserves
    - No fee for the partners, on the contrary!



#### FLANDERS HERITAGE LIBRARY - BALANCE



#### Always balancing

- Between partners
- Between partners & field
- Between field & government



#### **A**BRAHAM



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#### Belgian Newspaper Catalogue 1830-1950

- 7,200 titles
- Over 100 institutions

ABRAHAM – Catalogus van Belgische kranten 1830-1950			VLAAMSE ERFGOED BIBLIOTHEEK
	Snelzoeken Geavanceerd zoeken Bladeren Zoekhistor	iek Bewaarlijst Help	
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#### Short Title Catalogue Flanders

- Online database with detailed bibliographical descriptions of editions printed/sold in Flanders and Brussels before 1801
- 22,300 editions
- 40,500 copies

Valorisation initiative: improving the database and increasing awareness for a broader audience



# **COLLECTION MANAGEMENT PLAN**



- Initiative with 6 partners
- Result: 6 individual collection management plans
- Next step: collection agreements within the network







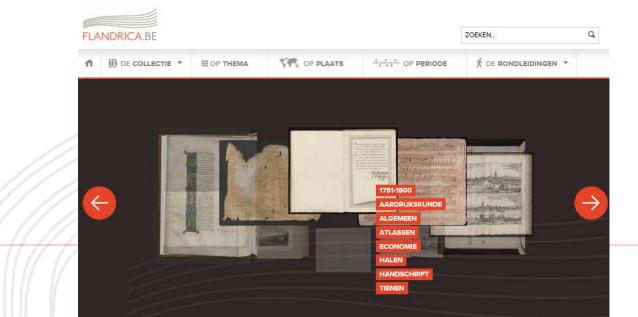
#### Model for registering collections







- Virtual Heritage Library
  - = Portal small selection of digitised materials
    - Website with 600 items
- Expertise and learning programme for digitisation and online dissemination



# NEWS OF THE GREAT WAR



#### Digitisation project

- Executed by VIAA in cooperation with FHL
- 270,000 pages of '14-'18 newspapers
- Coördination of the nomination of this collection for Memory of the World



# DEPOSIT OF DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS IN FLANDERS

Feasibility study for a legal deposit of Flandrica

- International best practices
- Business models
- Raising awarness
- Increasing public support
- Inspiring policymakers



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## **BOOK SUPPORT**



#### Crowdfunding platform

- Raising funds for conservation projects
- 11 projects
- 6: 100% successful
- 35,000 euro
- Toolbox with tips & tricks





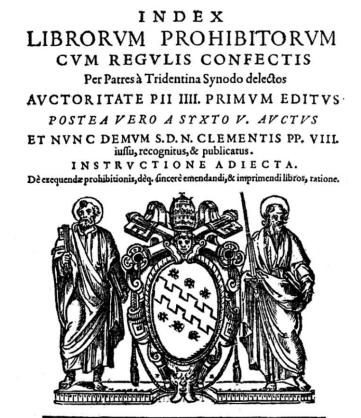
# Travalling exhibition (Frankfurter Buchmesse)

- With National Library of the Netherlands
- Parallels between post-incunabula and social media

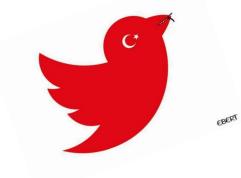


### **OLD BOOK & NEW MEDIA**





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- Statistic model for registering damage in heritage libraries
  - Set of rules
  - Forms
  - Training
  - Logistics support
    - Publication



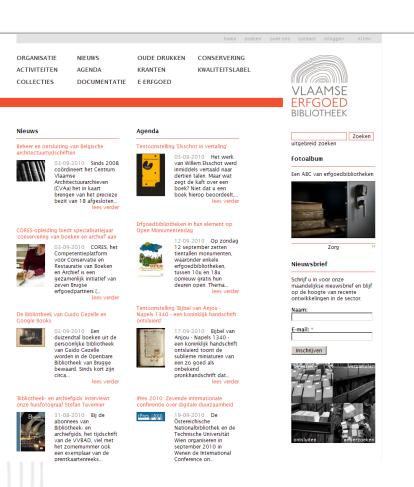
#### **INFORMATION**



#### Website

- Monthly newsletter
- Facebook & Twitterfeed





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