Services

- comprehensive collection building
- lists of new acquisitions
- research support and reference in the Africa reading room
- interlibrary loan and document delivery
- licensing of German National Licenses
- acquisition of rare collections, like the private collection of Prof. János Riesz

Portals

- internet library sub-saharan Africa (ilissAfrica): www.ilissafrica.de/en
- Digitalization project: www.ub.bildarchiv-dkg.uni-frankfurt.de

Current Awareness

- ilissafrica.wordpress.com/
- twitter.com/ilissafrica
- www.facebook.com/ilissAfrica
- www.netvibes.com/ilissafrica

European Cooperation

- European Librarians in African Studies (ELIAS): eliasnet.pbworks.com

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Africana Collection

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It takes part in the nationwide co-operative Area & Subject Specialisation Scheme for the acquisition funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). The aim is to guarantee all researchers in Germany access to the comprehensive and highly specialised subject literature. Therefore one copy of every relevant text concerning Africa should be stored here, regardless of current demand. Through interlibrary loan and document delivery we supply literature and information for the whole of Germany.

Historical Sources

Colonial Library

Around 18,000 books and many historical periodicals stem from the collections of the German Colonial Society at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century. They constitute the historical foundations of the collection documenting the history of African countries and of German colonial history.

» http://publikationen.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/volltexte/2005/507/

Colonial Picture Archive

55,000 historical photographs are fully digitized and freely accessible. This unique pictorial record was collected mainly by the German Colonial Society to illustrate public lectures supporting the colonial movement. They are indexed by place, subject, person, photographer and ethnic group and are searchable by keywords in English.

» http://www.ub.bildarchiv-dkg.uni-frankfurt.de

Virtual Library

internet library sub-saharan Africa (ilissAfrica)

ilissAfrica provides a central subject gateway for online resources and a powerful tool for bibliographic research in the African Studies.

ilissAfrica allows a cross search in the library catalogues of leading Africa-libraries in Europe (Frankfurt, Hamburg, Leiden, Mainz, Uppsala), in the Africa-section of the Swets database „Online Contents“ (titles of journal articles) and in more than 4,500 indexed websites. Titles can be accessed directly or via the German Union Catalogues or WorldCat. Furthermore an Africa section of the Electronic Journals Library (EZB) is provided to search E-Journals.

» http://www.ilissafrica.de/en

We offer a digital version of the German Colonial Encyclopaedia (“Deutsches Kolonial-Lexikon”, 1914/1920). The entries are fully cross-linked.

» http://www.ub.uni-frankfurt.de/afrika/afrika_en.html

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