Library

Opening hours
Monday-Wednesday: 8^{30}-18
Thursday: 8^{30}-20
Friday: 9-17

Museum

Wednesday: 13-16
Or with an appointment
The Veterinary Science Library of the Szent István University is the only veterinary library open to the public in Hungary.

The library is as old as the training of veterinarians itself. Our honoured professors have gathered and organized Hungarian and foreign publications in the field of veterinary science from the beginnings. Alexander Tolnay, the first rector, Béla Nádaskay, establishing a special classification scheme, and Gyula Magyary-Kossa, compiling the first catalogue, took special care of the collection's development. Thanks to their steady work, greatly appreciated and carried on by their followers (Marek, Zimmermann, Kotlán, just to mention a few of them), the Magyary-Kossa Historic Veterinary Book Collection, consisting of 5000 volumes, is famous all over Europe. Its material is fully accessible through the OPAC of the library. Those interested will find among others rarities from the 16th century, fundamentals of veterinary literature in Latin and German, lecture notes in manuscript form, and as a matter of fact, the first editions of works by the outstanding Hungarian representatives of veterinary science. Historic relics of other types may be found in the Museum of Veterinary History in the modern building "H" of the campus. This is opened upon request. The faculty archives are also stored here, and its most interesting items may also be read in the four-volume compilation entitled "Dokumentumok a magyar állatorvosok oktatás történetéhez" 1786-1945 /Documents of the history of veterinary training in Hungary, 1786-1945/.

The library was situated in the main building of the Hungarian Royal Veterinary College already in the first years of the 20th century. It was in 1983 that the time has come for the Central Library of the University of Veterinary Science to take possession of the simple, still representative building designed by the famous architect of the Hungarian Parliament, Imre Steindl, with the exception of the cellars and some smaller rooms. The staircase is decorated by the lead glass windows of Miksa Róth, and the old photographs, made on glass positives, taken by György Klösz. The one-time pathology museum, later Auditorium has become the main reading room of the library, and is decorated by a wrought iron chandelier, reconstructed after a picture by Zoltán Takács. 140 seats, 11 computers and modern services wait for the readers in this historic atmosphere.

The library serves the lecturers, researchers and students of the University. It is also responsible for the information and document provision of veterinarians – let them be private practitioners, or vets in state veterinary service or working in the research or commercial sector – and everybody who requires information or documents related to veterinary science. This is expected from the library being an academic and special library, and a member of the National Document Provision System.
Services aiding publication and the assessment of scientific achievements:

- methodological guidance to publication, compilation of bibliographic references, completion of bibliographic data
- methodological guidance to thesis writing
- information on the impact factors of journals
- methodological guidance to the calculation of publication and impact values
- preparation of lists of publications

Marketing and user education:

- homepage: newsletter, new books, news etc.
- newsletter Noctua (on the web or as an appendix of Állatorvosi Kamarai Hírek)
- user education: courses in library informatics and individual training

Services aiding the researchers of the university history and the veterinary history:

- historical digital library
- customer service in the archives
- permanent and temporary exhibitions in the Collection of Veterinary History, virtual museum
- the Hungarian Veterinary Pantheon

Own computer also may be used in the library via the wireless network. University students can use all the databases, e-journals and e-books on their home computers via remote access.

About the fees you can gather information in the reading room or on the library homepage.