

Library Law 2017

The objectives of this Act are to promote:

- 1) equal opportunities for everyone to access education and culture;**
- 2) availability and use of information; reading culture and versatile literacy skills;**
- 3) opportunities for lifelong learning and competence development;**
- 4) active citizenship, democracy and freedom of expression.**





Oodi in the center of Helsinki



Building of the central library started in 2015 and it was completed in 2018 to celebrate the centennial of Finnish independence.

- Construction cost 98 million euros
- Design: ALA Architects Ltd.
- 9500 visitors a day, 2,5 million a year
- 10 000 m² of the library of the future
- Collection 100 000 items
- Open week days 8 – 22, weekends 10 -20

Oodi means the ode: it is an ode for **libraries** in Finland, for **reading**, for **democracy** and for **Freedom of Speech**.





- Connected with its surroundings
- Standing out and taking its place as an important public building
- Inviting, easy to approach and identity with

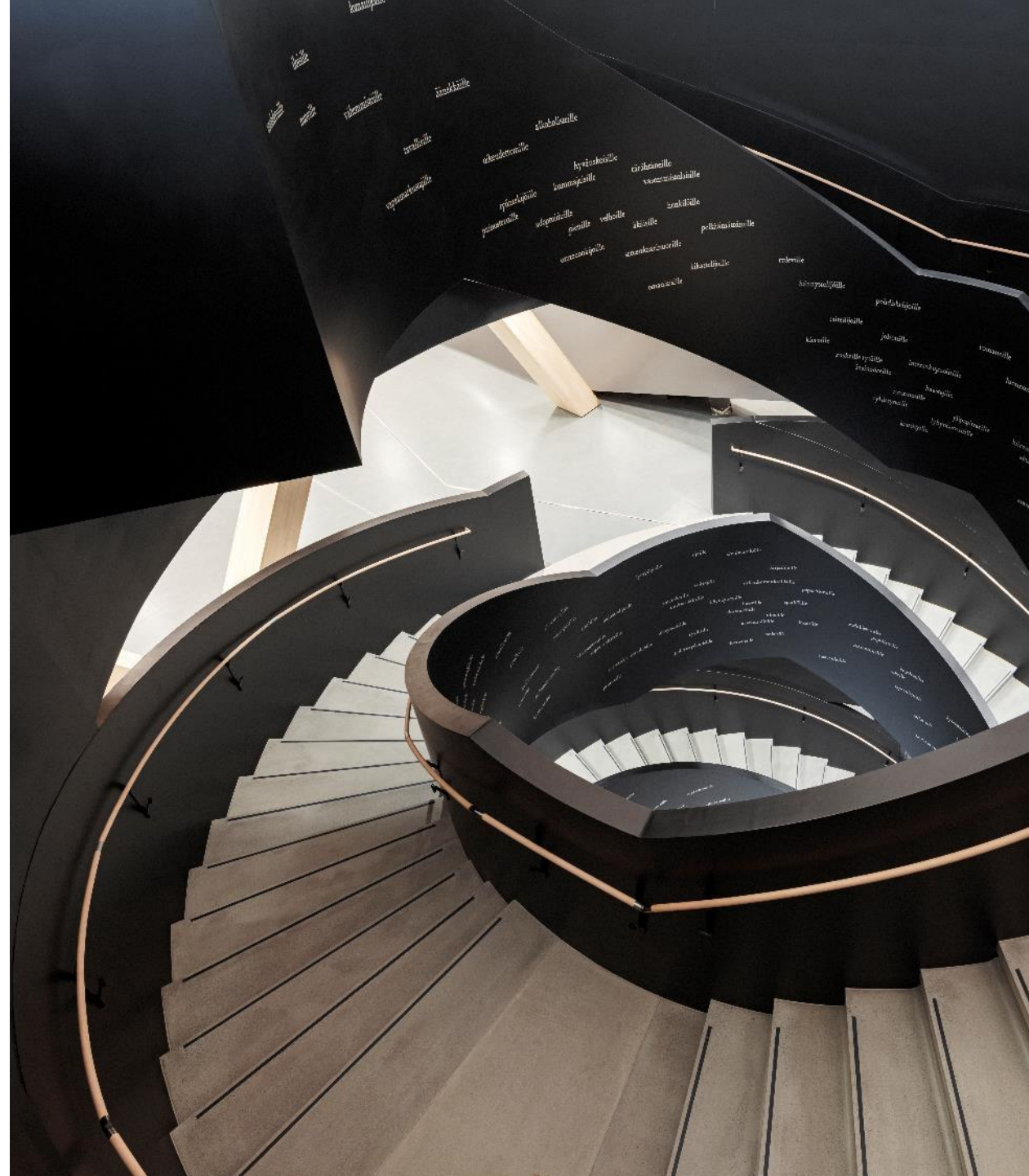
Key ideas from the plan, 2012

- Open, **non-commercial**, public space.
- Information and skills for a more **functional** society.
- Rich **city experience** created by the residents themselves.
- The **book's new life** –a house of reading in Töölönlahti.



The participatory model of City of Helsinki

- Based on law and on the City Strategy 2017-2021
- Knowledge and expertise of the people and communities
- Enabling people to use the services spontaneously
- Opportunities for equal participation in services



Friends of the Central Library, Central Library dreams: more than 2000 individual ideas

- space for relaxing, slow life
- space for events, workshops, city culture
- space for working

Principles for a safer library

- physical and mental safety
- non-discrimination
- respect for others
- comfort, well-being





Ground floor is for information and events



Multipurpose event room for concerts, seminars etc.



The second floor is for **hands-on** activities. It is a place for working, creating, interacting and learning-by-doing.



Eight studios for multipurpose use: video, music, photo, audio and of course
karaoke!



Gaming rooms for juniors and seniors



The third floor is home to the Book Heaven: a place to relax and unwind with its books, reading oases and a café.



There is collection of 85 000 books, 200 magazines and newspapers,
7 art rugs and 9 trees



It is also place for acoustic concerts



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Public Library of the Year 2019, IFLA

Oodi.

**Not just a library.
Your interface to
everything.**