

Persons in a regional information portal: The Bavarian Regional Online Library (Bayerische Landesbibliothek Online)

Nowadays the World Wide Web offers an overwhelming amount of information which varies enormously in quality and is often presented in a very confusing way. More and more it becomes one of the new and important tasks of libraries to construct solid islands in this rapidly increasing endless ocean of knowledge, that offer proved and structured information for a special field of work. The project "Bavarian Regional Library Online" is an attempt to find a solution for the supply of literature to a German region via the Web.

The "Bavarian Regional Library Online" is a virtual library, a system of editing and connecting heterogeneous information. This web portal is online since June 2002. It was the first virtual library specialised on a certain region in Germany.

The web portal is organised by the Bavarian State Library, partners are five other libraries in Bavaria. Cooperations take place with numerous historical and other institutes, especially the Commission for Bavarian History of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities. The "Bavarian Regional Library Online" is a mix between genuine online offers on the one hand and retrodigitised materials on the other. It has a special focus on history. Here you find historical sources, which include maps as well as portraits and secondary literature. It is a regional information portal for the humanities.

For example, you find journals of regional history in Bavaria; the „Historische Atlas von Bayern“ (Historical Atlas of Bavaria) a historic-topographical description of Bavaria; more than 1200 historical maps, bibliographies, portraits, the "Historisches Lexikon von Bayern, an online-dictionary for the history of Bavaria as well as a number of external databases.

A central research entry for locations helps to find the information within the modules and leads you through the different offers. We also have a central search for persons, which leads the user to several offers, concerning persons, for example a dictionary and a collection of portraits. To identify a person we use the ID of the Personennamendatei der Deutschen Nationalbibliothek. It helps us to bring together hits from different resources to the same person. Furthermore the PND-number can be used as a link to library services like online-catalogues.

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