

THE HUNGARIAN DIGITAL IMAGE LIBRARY IS LAUNCHED



In 2009 the National Széchényi Library developed the Hungarian Digital Image Library web site as the shared image provider of Hungarian libraries. When launched, nearly fifty libraries cooperated and offered a representative selection of the visual documents in

maps, postcards, cuts, codices, photos, playbills, etc. All the images can be seen in full-screen size, can be sent as postcards, are printable and can be saved and used for private or educational purposes. Visitors may collect material and produce a slide show of their favourite pictures.



The rich content originates from the national library's special collections: the Map Collection, the Collection of Posters and Printed Ephemera, the Photo and Photo Art Collection, the Manuscript Collection, the Collection of Old Prints and the Collection of Theatre History have already contributed some 14,500 thousand images.

It is expected that further partners will join and present members will upload additional documents, thus expanding the already colourful range.

The digital library provides valuable and useful content to students and teachers alike at all

their collections. A large number of famous and less known digital images are freely available at www.kepkonyvtar.hu.

With the help of the database in the background, by November 2009 browsers had as many as some 56 thousand images to select from, including posters,

levels of education and is a rich source of lots of interesting information for visitors interested in various disciplines.

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