Kalliope – Union Catalogue for Modern Manuscripts and Letters

Kalliope is the central access point for online catalogue information about modern manuscripts and letters in Germany. The database was firstly populated with the data of the „Zentralkartei der Autographen" (Central Registry of Autographs) and currently offers descriptions of around 1,2 million items and 17.500 collections. (Parts of the) holdings of more than 100 German libraries, archives and museums are at present retrievable in Kalliope. By converting some printed catalogues, data about manuscript collections in more than 300 institutions is also available for searching.

More than 30 institutions are currently using Kalliope as their cataloguing system. Various technical interfaces also allow for the integration of data that was captured in other electronic systems.

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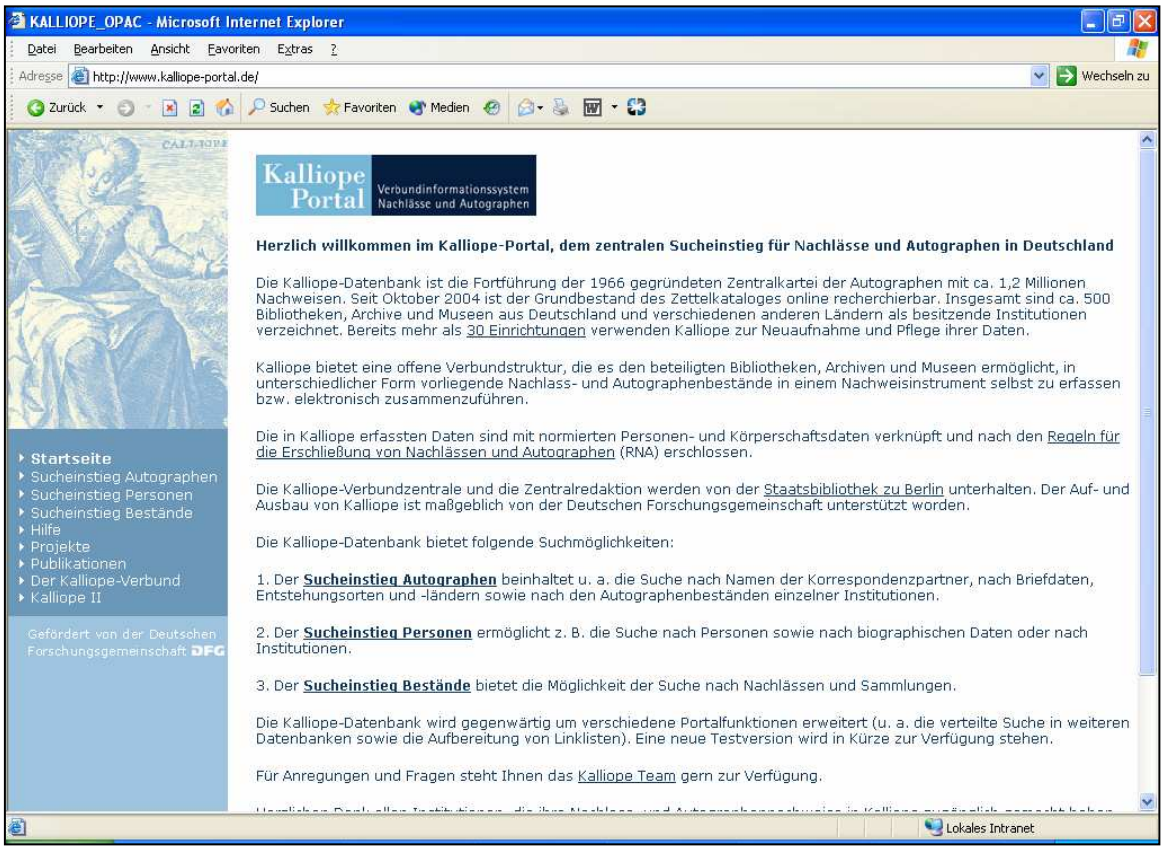
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