

9,000-Square-Foot Spaceship Built in Germany

A new 9,000-square-foot, 3-story spaceship called "Second Solar" has just been constructed in the German city of Böblingen, designed to travel to distant solar systems to research inhabitable environments. It's loaded up with "giant engines, a thermal shell to protect the crew and landing runners designed to cope with unknown surface conditions."

Yes, and most importantly, it has been designed for children..

America's Biggest Universities Build 78-Terabyte Library!

23 of the biggest public and private universities in California, Michigan, Virginia, Illinois and other states of USA have announced a 2-million book online library made of 78 terabytes of information, 16 percent of which are free of copyright and ready for public consumption.

The Hathi Trustnamed in the spirit of wisdom, memory and strength after the Hindi word for "elephant"will be an amazing repository of data. Currently its bibliography, containing the physical equivalent of 1,703 tons of literature, is only partially searchable by University of Michigan and University of Chicago library sites, but "there is currently no single global interface to the body of content in HathiTrust repository."

This highlights the real strains of safely storing the world's intellectual propertywhile being able to serve it up for public consumption. The Hathi website laments that it's still working on "a way that takes into account the large number of different sources of metadata and the different strategies each of the partners has for managing that information."

*Here's the whole list of universities participating in this project:

Indiana University
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
The Ohio State University
Penn State University
Purdue University
University of California Berkeley
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California Los Angeles
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University of California Riverside
University of California San Diego
University of California San Francisco
University of California Santa Barbara
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