



BibTip

Connecting Knowledge



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About us

- The University of Karlsruhe (TH) is the oldest technical university in Germany.
- Karlsruhe University Library developed outstanding library IT systems like the KVK, the largest meta library catalog in Europe.
- The Institute for Information Economy and Management does research in the field of electronic markets and recommender systems.

Enrich your catalog!

**Smart recommendations
for library catalogs**

**Added value for
your users**

**No additional hardware
and software required**

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BibTip overview

- **BibTip** is a service provided by Karlsruhe University Library that enriches online catalogs (OPACs) by adding a high-performance recommender system.
- **BibTip** generates recommendations for a given title by statistic analyses of OPAC user behavior. Recommendations are presented in form of a link list guiding the user to similar titles.
- **BibTip** offers added value to users, complements the traditional subject indexing and provides a useful tool that will keep library catalogs attractive in the future.
- **BibTip** recommendations are catalog-specific and therefore tailored to the users of the respective library.
- **BibTip** can be easily integrated into the full-title view of any OPAC. No additional software or hardware is required. All BibTip services including data analysis and creation of recommendations are provided by Karlsruhe University Library.

BibTip live!

BibTip is in productive use in the Karlsruhe University Library online catalog since 2003.

URL: <http://www.ubka.uni-karlsruhe.de/katalog/>

Project BibTip

BibTip is the result of the project “Recommender Systems for Meta Library Catalogs” conducted by the Institute for Information Economy and Management at Karlsruhe University (TH) and Karlsruhe University Library and funded by the DFG (German Research Foundation).

Using BibTip

- The **concept** of BibTip requires no investment in hardware or software by the customer. BibTip smoothly fits into the catalog by adding a snippet of JavaScript code to the full title view.
- Karlsruhe University Library charges a small **annual fee** to refinance the operation, software maintenance and ongoing development of BibTip. The fee depends on the size of the library.
- The licensing fee includes the **unrestricted use** of BibTip in the OPAC of the library.