2019
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our year in numbers

96 professionals specialised in library and publisher services

+300 days spent visiting customers across the world

51 countries to which we have shipped volumes

+43,000 new titles catalogued during the year

+3,000 libraries and institutions use our services

+2,800,000 titles now included in our database
It was with both enormous pride and great pleasure that our CEO, Michele Casalini, accepted from the University of Florence an honorary degree celebrating his dedication and contribution to the field of Library and Information Science.

The ceremony of 21st May 2019 marked the very first bestowal of the honour in question for merit in modern librarianship by an Italian university; only the second time that a similar distinction has been conferred in Library and Information Science in Italy.

This year we have continued and increased our commitment to environmental sustainability. We have replaced plastic parcel tape with tape used from recycled paper for our shipments, as well as removing all single-use cups from the on-site vending machines.

We give our full support to the Fridays for Future campaign, with many of our team joining the demonstrations in Florence earlier this year as part of the global climate strike. The opportunity was endorsed by our directors, who granted paid leave to all those wishing to participate.
This year has seen work on a significant project to upgrade and improve our digital library and bookstore.

The new digital bookstore, now online at www.torrossa.com, reflects our focus on improving the user experience.

In the coming months, the same technological advancements and restyling will also be applied to our Digital Library.

Our current work to significantly restyle and improve the Torrossa platform, and consequently offer an even greater range of digital publications reaffirms our ongoing commitment to invest in new technologies in order to provide the best possible service to libraries and cultural institutions.

The new access point for institutions using the Torrossa digital library is https://access.torrossa.com

No change has been made to the permalinks previously provided; these remain valid to access your Torrossa resources as before.

Please make sure that you have updated your internal links to the digital library.
In November we published our new company website.

In addition to detailed information and updates on all of our services and activities, you can now read the latest on new and ongoing initiatives in a section dedicated to Casalini Lab research and development projects.

We have also included videos to take you #insidecasalinilibri!

And last but not least, the site will keep you up to date with our participation in events across the globe, making it even easier for you to catch up with us!

keeping in touch

During 2019 we have been present at over 20 industry conferences and book fairs, as well as visiting customers across the globe.

We remain in contact through our newsletters and email updates on new titles and services.

What is more, we have increased our presence on social media, making it easier for you to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Linkedin and YouTube.
The Fiesole Collection Development Retreat Series

This year’s Fiesole Retreat returned to Fiesole in April, with the theme Our Shared Open Future: Building from Tradition and a focus on the application of new technologies, open strategies and the academic monograph.

2020 will see us in Athens, kindly hosted by the National Library of Greece in its remarkable Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.

The 2020 Preconference on Tuesday, April 7, will focus on Greek initiatives highlighting the creativity and forward thinking of our host country. The main conference will discuss Cultural Heritage and the Challenges and Opportunities presented by new and emerging approaches as well as Copyright and EU initiatives, Open Access Monographs, Digital Humanities and Research Outputs.

Registration is now open!
Find out more at https://www.casalini.it/retreat/retreat_2020.asp.

We hope to see you in Greece!

We look forward to welcoming to Fiesole, from 11-14th May 2020, the working forum on current issues in European librarianship.

The event is sponsored by the Collaborative Initiative for French Language Collections (CIFNAL) and the German-North American Resources Partnership (GNARP), both working projects of the Center for Research Libraries (Chicago, USA).

Registration opens on 3rd February 2020.

More details can be found at http://fiesole.web.unc.edu/.
We firmly believe in communication, co-operation and collaboration to optimise new opportunities such as BIBFRAME, Linked Data and Open Access.

We are particularly interested in Linked Data and the opportunities created by this method of publishing structured data in order to continue to meet the needs and expectations of the library community. Together with our technological partner, @Cult, we are strongly committed to developing tools that will bring Linked Data into practice in library environments, through the SHARE-VDE family of collaborative catalogues.

Given the dynamic nature of current developments, individual tools are being developed, tested and shaped in order to redesign the emerging information chain, with a particular focus on the creation of records in linked data format, MARC enrichment with URIs, RDF in BIBFRAME and authority and identifier management.