# e-Legal Deposit in Serbia

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# e-Legal Deposit (e-LD) in Serbia

Since 2011

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# Legal Deposit Law

Milestone

- Adopted in July 2011, in use from October 2011
- Two by-laws followed the Law in 2011:
  - Regulations on the Delivery of Mandatory Copies of e-Publications to Deposit Libraries and Their Use
  - Regulations on the Preservation, Protection, and Use of Mandatory Copies of Publications in Deposit Libraries
- Two deposit libraries: National Library of Serbia, Belgrade and Matica Srpska Library, Novi Sad
- Pioneering Law

# e-Documents Covered

By the Law

- A publication released in electronic form as a separate physical unit (on various media: floppy disk, CD, DVD, Blu Ray Disc, USB, etc.)
- A publication that is available on the internet
- **A publication prepared for printing in a format that corresponds to international standards of universal information accessibility (digital copy of the printed publication)**

# e-Documents Covered

PDFs

- Digital copies of printed publications are files used by publishers as "prepress“
- For each printed publication, there must be one PDF file that is identical to the printed publication, from cover to cover
- Required elements of the submitted PDF format are:
  - any version of PDF from 1.0 to 1.7 version and beyond,
  - 72 dpi resolution, RGB color palette, with JPG image compression
  - the main text must not be vector
  - all pages should be separated in one PDF file, so that they are below one another, with covers, impression and content)

# Collection Policy

Printed copies vs. digital copies

- One **digital copy** of each printed publication is required by the publishers since 2011
- The legal deposit requirement for five **printed copies** in 2011 was increased to six copies in 2016

# Cataloguing Policy

e-Publications

- No cataloguing policy for the *pure* e-publications (epub, azw, ...)
- e-publications entered by the e-LD are described in an offline database with following metadata:
  - title
  - author
  - ISBN / ISSN / ISMN
  - ID of the record for printed version
  - volume / number
  - date of realize
  - access level

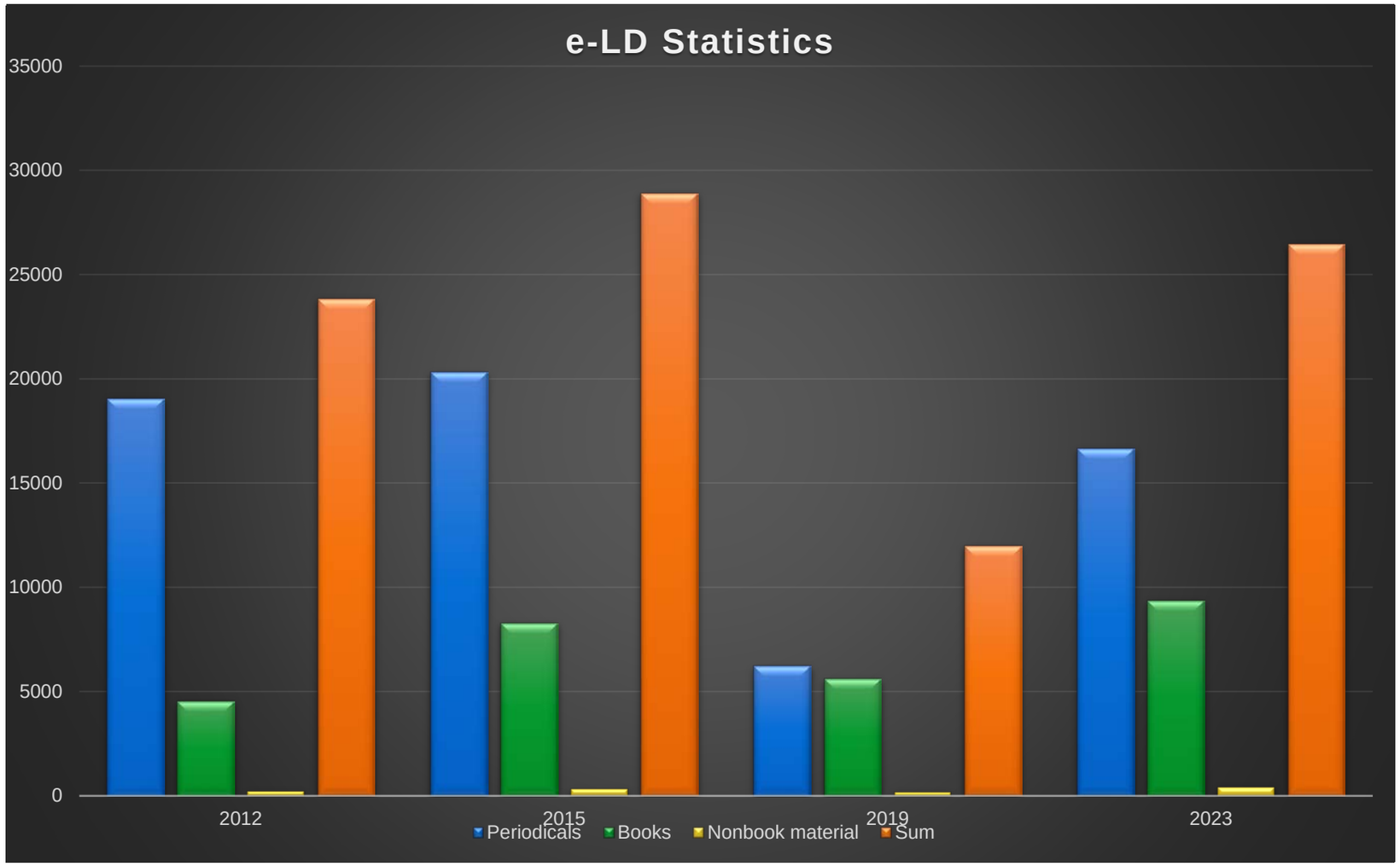
# Software Infrastructure for e-LD

Storing and Using

- Three levels of access to e-Publications:
  - Open access
  - Access from the deposit library
  - Dark archive

# e-LD Statistics

## Type of Material in 2012, 2015, 2019 and 2023




Total number of PDFs is nearly 380.000

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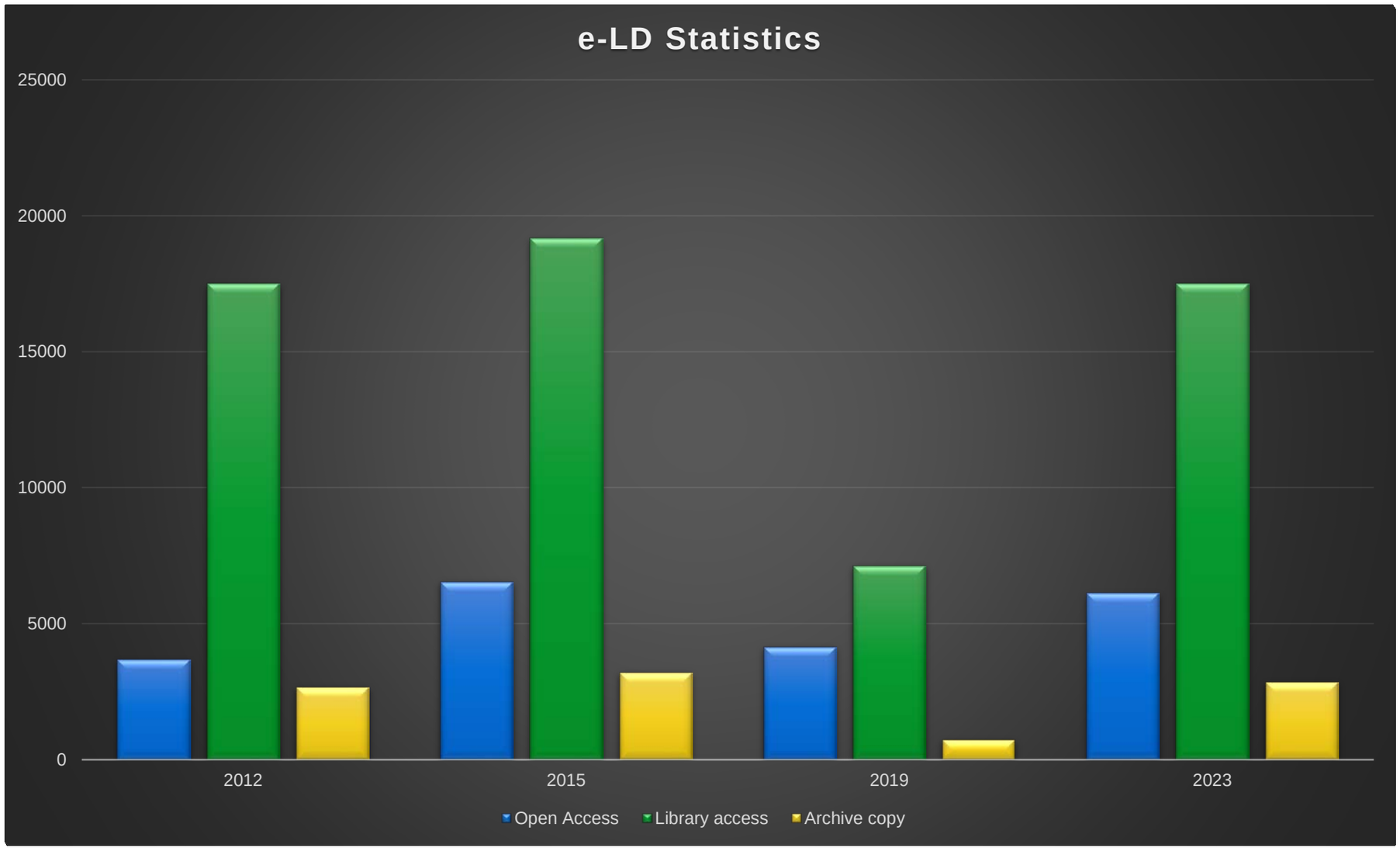

# Publishers' Side of Coin

## Silent Resistance

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Challenges

- There is no e-Books market in Serbia, it's rather a *coexistance* of publishers, libraries and *book pirates*
- A balance between the fear of leak from the e-LD system and a kind of digital preservation for the future

# Thank you!

**Sokols' bouquet to the Queen, 1922.**
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