

A concise report of work of the National Library of Armenia done in 2010

The aim of the action of the National Library of Armenia was replacement of the funds and serving of the readers.

The total fund for January 1st, 2011 consisted of 6760248 units of literature, from which existing fund consisted of 6534846 units, reserve fund consisted of 109415 units, the fund of book exchange consisted of 115987 units of literature.

58733 units of literature were received, 12758 units as obligatory examples, 2172 units were bought and subscribed on money of subsidy, from which 1928 books, 191 press 51 CDs and 2 electronic editions. The hesitation of number of literature gained by subsidy depends on increasing prices of books and periodical press.

The funds of NLA were enriched by local and international donations and by exchange of books. In 2010 29488 books, 342 periodicals and 8830 other sources of information were received by the 'Gift' source.

The National Library of Armenia cooperates to 160 libraries, organizations and individuals of 40 countries.

For a year 1138 units were received by international book exchange, 193 units of literature were received by Armenian book exchange.

13802 units of literature were received by 'Gift' source from foreign countries.

Literature was gathered in Beirut, Eastern Episcopate and USA as a present to the National Library. The transfer of literature is a problem.

NLA also cooperates to 21 embassies in Armenia.

The National Library of Armenia is a member of a number of international library organizations such as CENL, IFLA, БАЕ.

The director of the National Library, Davit Sargsyan took part in the reference held in the Library of Congress of USA, which was devoted to the action of digital library.

For 2010 visits were made by 'Bibliobus' mobile library to the regions of the republic, community libraries, the libraries of Tashir, Spitak, Stepanavan- the cities of Lori Region, the libraries of the village Oshakan and other libraries of Armavir, the central library of Masis city of Ararat Region, the libraries of Tavush Region.

Among the events there was a show of children's literature titled 'It's your turn to read' in the 'Bibliobus' and it was represented in the Teryan Park.

Another show of children's literature was represented to the pupils of number 99 nursery school of Yerevan in "Bibliobus".

During the visits by "Bibliobus" 5329 units of books were given to nearly 50 libraries of RA from the fund of book exchange. 250 units of books were given to the libraries of the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh.

For a year new connections were made to Armenian communities of CIS and Baltic countries, where publications in Armenian or about Armenians were done.

1385 units of literature, books, journals, newspapers were received from the community.

26517 readers used the reading-rooms, they used 1575052 units of literature. The number of visits was 282234.

The majority of readers, almost 80 %, are at the age of 17-40.

In 2010 the number of users of "Irttek" system of legal information reading-room increased.

According to the contract to the National Library of Russia , the readers of NLA has had an opportunity to use the digital fund of thesis saved in the National Library of Russia.

In 2010 the reading-room of thesis of NLA with its fund was included into serving department.

The publications of the International Bank, the Council of Europe, NATO were served in the depository hall of UNO editions. 83 subscribers used the interlibrary abonnement in 2010, 1215 units of literature were given to them .Orders for 88 books were sent to other libraries by interlibrary international abonnement and 52 books were received.

NLA received 8 orders, 7 of them were satisfied. New agreements were signed to Armenian universities for using interlibrary abonnement.

In 2010 147 events were held in the library , such as jubilee and thematic exhibitions ,presentations of books and films, meetings with famous people ,visits to other libraries and cultural centers.

Jubilee exhibitions such as “Raffi-175”,”Vahan Teryan-125”, ”Kostan Zaryan-125”,”Vardges Surenyants-150”,”Khachik Dashtents-100”,”Leo-150” and other exhibitions were led by speeches and lectures.

4 symposiums on the topics “Armenian epos”,”Dead intellectuals: Ruben Sevak”, ”Hrant Matevosyan-75”, “Armenian-Turkish relations” were held for a year.

Armenian library association and NLA organized and took part in the event called “The week of National Library of Armenia” and “The librarians day” were held properly.

For a year 19 written and 33225 oral bibliographic references were given to the readers of the library.

“Perch Zeytuntsyan: Bibliography”, ”Hovhannes Tumanyan: Bibliography 1980-1989”,Calendar “Memorable dates-2011”,” The libraries of Armenia in 2009” statistic analysis of work, “New books “ information lists in Armenian and foreign languages were printed during a year.

“Ecclesiastical motherland” monthly newspaper came out systematic.

During this year work was done for fund protection, restoration and hygiene processing.

The funds of the main book storage situated in 14200 metres were checked, 23163 page-units were restored, 21270 page-units were disinfected,538 leather wrappers were softened.

80 books of cultural worth were given to a specialist to restore the covers and were taken back.

5 old-typed books were given to Matenadaran for renewing and were taken back. The work of accounting of the main book storage fund was continued .339063 units of literature were accounted for a year.

224018 units, 15022 newspapers and 209006 units of magazines were accounted in the press department of book storage.115035 units of literature were entered from the fund of book storage by ALEPH program.

The providing of ALEPH and coordination of Armenian network are being done in the library.

In 2010 a new “Server-computer” was switched on which will provide the action of the automated network program of the united Armenian libraries .The whole entered electronic information will be saved in the server.

The work of creation of “united automated network of the libraries of Armenia “continued during a year.

12536 names and 11903 units of literature were entered for a year by ALEPH program. 556000 bar codes were prepared for all libraries . All entries of total base for 2010 consisted of 91521 names and 391420 units. The total number of electronic base is 778000 names and 3 million units of literature . In 2010 the curators of many departments and the employees of NLA held seminars in Nagorno Karabakh on the topics “Bibliographic work in the library “,”Rendering of literature and compiling of catalogs”, ”System of increasing of ALEPH program”.

Seminars were also held in those regional libraries , where visits were made by ”Bibliobus”.

The digital center of literature was opened in the library in December, 2010.

The donation of 100000\$ made by Arsine Arsenyan supported to create the centre .

The centre was named after Seth and Arsine Arsenyans.

Before the opening of the digital centre 33 books, 200 cards, 75 bibliographies, 1266 stamps, 375 Armenian currency were digitized from the funds of library .

The problems were discussed and solved during the meetings of Directorate and scientific council.