

About the activities of Azerbaijan National Library in 2016

Azerbaijan National Library is the national treasure and bookkeeper carrying out state policy in the field of library in the republic, and that collects and preserves the national publications, the works of the Azerbaijani authors published in foreign countries in Azerbaijani, as well as other information resources published in the foreign languages.

By the decision of the Cabinet of Ministries of the Azerbaijan Republic dated April 15 2004, No. 50, the Library was given the status of “The National Library” and is known as Azerbaijan National Library (ANL).

There are 361 workers in the 27 departments of the National Library.

According to the Laws of the Azerbaijan Republic “On Library work” and “On publishing”, the National Library should receive 4 mandatory copies of books and 2 mandatory copies of newspapers and magazines published throughout the country, and on the basis of those materials, the library must create the archive fund of the national press.

Despite the existence of these laws, some publishers, authors and polygraphy institutions engaging in book publishing refuse to give mandatory copies to the National Library.

On October 20, 2015, a decree on the amendments to the Code of Administrative Offences was signed by the President of the Azerbaijan Republic Mr. Ilham Aliyev, and Article 192-1: Violation of the requests on providing libraries with free mandatory copies was added to the decree. According to that article, officials and legal entities were applied fines for the violation of requirements on providing libraries with free mandatory copies.

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism joint with the Press Council and the National Library held the republican consultation of newspaper and magazine editors and directors of publishing houses concerning the improvement of the archive fund of Azerbaijan press and publications, on January 27, at the National Library. The meeting was attended by the majority of publishing directors.

The priorities of the National Library are formation of book fund, further improvement of e-catalog and e-library, automation of reader

services, implementation of significant measures in the application of new technologies.

The National Library works with the automated library system VIRTUA program, now through the program based on Oracle, reader services process is fully automated. Readers' registration, issuing tickets to readers, passing of readers from the checkpoint, searching and ordering books on e-catalog, virtual order of books in advance, online bibliographic and methodical services had been provided.

From this year, the e-catalog began operating under the title of "E-catalog and library". So, a user who searches on the e-catalog has an opportunity to read the book online through the special program. In order to comply with the Law "On Copyrights and Related Rights" of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the hologram label of the National Library stuck on the books, and restrictions have been applied to copying of books.

In 2016, the library launched a number of new projects. Thus, free reading section "Open library" has been created within the library. Based on the joint project of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Azerbaijan National Library, "Open library" free reading section serves all days of a week and 24 hours a day in order to create non-stop and free reading opportunities for the residents of the capital and guests of the country.

Here, the books presented by individual citizens, readers, writers, poets, intelligentsia and scientists are displayed. At the same time, there is a section named "Changing books" in the open library under the motto of "I have read, and you too should read it". Every citizen is given an opportunity to bring the book to the open library that he has already read and instead of it, to take another one that he has not read, and read it at any place he wants, such as at home, or at work. Poetry nights under the open sky, reading nights, meeting with different writers and poets are held, presentation ceremonies of new books of writers and poets are organized.

Children section, Periodicals section, and Music section have been created in the Open Library. During the operating period of the Open Library 20 000 readers have utilized the fund of the section. Books that donated to the library by writers, publishers and readers enrich the stock of the open library. Not only the residents of our city, but also the tourists

came to Baku have written their positive thoughts on the Feedback and suggestions book about the activities of the open library.

In order to improve performance of the open library, it is planned to establish “Book sale centre”, online book order, installation of computer equipments for the use of readers from the e-catalog, e-library of Azerbaijan National Library, “Virtual library of the Azerbaijani literature” and other e-libraries.

In order to promote the Azerbaijani music in the republic and on a global scale, and to place the musical heritage of our country, the works of Azerbaijani composers, folk songs on the worlds’ most recognizable and popular international music websites, as well as on the website of the National Library, presentation ceremony of the joint project of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Copyrights Agency and the National Library named “Promotion of Azerbaijani musical heritage in the world” was held on March 4.

E-versions of full texts of the publications on the Azerbaijani music preserved in the fund of the National Library have placed in the “Music Library” of the websites of the International Music Score Library Project (IMSLP)/ Petrucci Music Library and the National Library.

In accordance with the rules of the International Music Score Library Project/Petrucci Music Library, the works which are allowed by the Law “On the copyrights and related rights” or by the authors themselves are posted on the site.

65 categories (Azerbaijan Folk Music, Folk Dances, composers, editors, arrangers, librettists, performers, singers, conductors, orchestras, ensembles and etc.) have been included in the Azerbaijan section of the International Music Score Library Project/Petrucci Music Library (http://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Azerbaijani_people) which covers 81 countries. There are 274 folk music notes and Folk songs book (in 2 volumes) in the Folk music category. In total, there are 454 musical notes and 31 composers on that page. Also the Anthem of Azerbaijan, other materials in mp3 and mp4 format have been included in the website.

Every material, record, composition that submitted to promote the Azerbaijani music in the world is posted on the site. Any information about persons, scores and our musical instruments is delivered to users.

One of the most successful achievements in 2016 was the publication of new and valuable information book – Azerbaijan Library Encyclopedia (ALE) (Baku: Zardabi-publishing, 2015.-630 p.) by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Azerbaijan National Library according to the “State program on the development of library-information field in the Azerbaijan Republic (in 2008-2013)” approved by the decree of the President of Azerbaijan Republic Ilham Aliyev.

The purpose of preparing the Azerbaijan Library Encyclopedia is to collect the professional knowledge gained in this field in the republic, process them briefly and give to the use of an extensive library community.

The book which is the result of hard work and source of rich information on the Azerbaijan library science is a contribution to the library study, and a valuable present to the librarians.

From June, trainings on “Application of Innovative technologies to the library work”, “Application of ALISA program and the possibility of using e-services”, “Innovative services of the National Library” are held at the Training Centre of the National Library by the trainers of the library on the basis of the joint project of Azerbaijan National Library and Preparatory and Qualification Centre of Workers of the Republic Cultural Institutions

Today, there are **4 580 862** copies literature in the stock of the National Library, **2 375 907** copies of them are books and booklets, and 2 204 955 copies are other documents. The library received **24 929** copies literature in 2016. **14 251** of them are books, and **10 678** are other documents. **15 076** copies of the new literature are in Azerbaijani, **4700** are in Russian, and **5153** are in the foreign languages. (Attachment 4).

13 671 items which were physically worn, obsolete, and outdated had been withdrawn from the library, so **12 159** of them were in russian, **37** were in the foreign languages, and **1475** were in Azerbaijani.

30 058 reader became a member of the library this year, and in total, the number of the readers reached to **121 558**. (Attachment 3).

The number of ever-increasing virtual readers reached 900 000, the attendance of the readers coming to the library during the year reached to **204 591**, and the issuance of books reached to **984 861**. (Attachment 2).

In accordance with the publishing plan, “Azerbaijan book: bibliography” IV volume, “Samed Vurghun. Bibliography”, “Rashid

Behbudov. Bibliography”, (From the series of prominent personalities of Azerbaijan); “Publications of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Azerbaijan Republic (2006 – 2016)”, “Azerbaijan Library Encyclopedia”, “Main activities of the Open Library: methodical recommendations”, “Organization of library services for the Physically disabled persons”, “Innovative library-information service”, “Main directions of reader services, the experience of application of innovations (On the basis of the experience of Azerbaijan National Library)”, “Bibliographic service in libraries: traditions and innovations” and other resources had been published during the report year.

In total, bibliography and bibliographic materials, information books and newsletters, methodical materials and etc. in 40 titles and in 7960 copies circulation had been published by the National Library during 2016.

All publications published by the National Library had been delivered to the Central Library Systems of the republic and Baku city libraries promptly, and placed on the website of the National Library, on E-catalog and on the “Publications of our library” section.

In the current year, **26 831** bibliographic record had been created, and 37 301 analytical-bibliographic full-text resource had been included in the database.

28 041 e-resources (books, periodicals, dissertations and synopsis of thesis, notes) had been digitized, and in accordance with the execution of relevant orders of the President of Azerbaijan Republic, 4 e-databases were created. In total, there are **163 851** e-resources in the library.

In the report year, implementation of purposeful works had been continued by the separate departments of the library.

Mass events, scientific and practical conferences, book exhibitions held in the National Library, also lectures, book presentations, reader conferences, meetings with writers, poets, scholars and scientists play an important role in promotion of the literature and in attracting readers to the library.

In total, more than 100 public events were held in the current year. Among them: book exhibition named “Multiculturalism is a way of life in Azerbaijan” which was organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Azerbaijan National Library on the occasion of the opening of

multiculturalism year for cultural and tourism institutions, republican consultation of newspaper and magazine editors and directors of publishing houses concerning the improvement of the archive fund of Azerbaijan press and publications, presentation of the project “Promotion of Azerbaijan musical heritage in the world”, “Art Nouveau architecture: Riga and Latvia” exhibition organized by the Embassy of Latvia in Azerbaijan, “20 January – a day of mourning and national pride” book exhibition, “Romanian poetry day” within the framework of Romanian national culture days, the signing and presentation ceremony of “The road leading to light” novel by writer Sona Veliyeva dedicated to Hasan bey Zardabi – the founder of national press, prominent enlightener and publicist, the presentation of “Azerbaijan Library Encyclopedia” book, “The meeting with young writers” within the framework of “Voice of the youth” festival, International Scientific Conference dedicated to the 93rd anniversary of the birth of the National leader Heydar Aliyev on “Library and information science: new challenges in teaching and practice”, meeting with the heroes and staff of “Wedding bath of Baladadash” theatre by the national writer, prominent playwright Elchin staged at the Musical Theatre, regional conference in Agjabadi on “Multiculturalism and book” and presentations of “Literary-artistic sources of Azerbaijani multiculturalism” book and the first issue of “Multiculturalism” magazine that published by Baku International Multiculturalism Centre, conference on “Multiculturalism and book”, introducing the “Open library” to readers and to the residents of the capital.

During the year, exhibitions of new books, book presentations and meetings were regularly organized at the Exhibition hall, Conference hall, Reading halls of the Reader services Department, reading hall of the foreign literature and international book exchange department, Note publications and recordings department.

The activities of the Library were widely highlighted in various media – TV and radio channels, and in the press.

200 materials were published on the pages of periodicals about the National Library.

One of the most important missions that the National Library did during the last year was further expansion of the international relations and to take an active part in the promotion of the realities of Azerbaijan in the outside of the country. **5043** copies different books about the history, culture, economic and internal and external policy of Azerbaijan, Nagorno

Karabakh and etc. were sent to more than 50 national libraries of the world, to the embassies, universities and other organizations during the year.

During the year, Memorandum on bilateral mutual cooperation has been agreed with the National Libraries of Tajikistan, Egypt and Romania, and is expected to be signed in the coming year.

A number of international events were held in the current year. The National Library, which has always been in close collaboration with the organization TURKSOY, held an international scientific conference dedicated to the three great men of letters of the Turkic world this year.