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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The National Library of the Republic of Moldova (NLRM) is a state institution, subordinated to the Ministry of Culture, which meets basic requirements set out by UNESCO guidelines for this category of libraries.

During the year of 2014, The National Library of the Republic of Moldova achieved in the following:

- The organization of the *3rd National Festival of Book and Reading* and the *23rd edition of the International Book Fair*, devoted to the European Integration of the Republic of Moldova and the year dedicated in Moldova to famous national writer Spiridon Vangheli. Both developments were organized under the auspices of the First Lady of Moldova Margareta Timofti. At the International Book Fair were exposed 6000 titles by about 300 publishing houses from 21 countries.
- The 4th edition of the Gala of the National Awards GALEX, conferred by the League of Librarians of Moldova and the National Library.
- The organization of the *regional Conference of the Directors of Public Libraries CODIBIP* (district, municipal, city public libraries) entitled: "*Bibliologic Year of 2015, the year of promoting of European values*".
- The organization of the *Scientific Symposium* entitled: "*Bibliologic Year 2013, year of informational integration of the public libraries in Moldova*".

- Signing of a Memorandum of cooperation between the National Libraries of the Republic of Moldova and Republic of Turkey.

LEGISLATION

In the field of legislation that influence to the status and operation of the library in 2014, no major changes have been made.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES (for January 1st, 2015)

	2014	2013
Total holdings at 01.01.15 (in item)	2580448	2568883
- Books and serials	2214092	2204352
- Manuscripts	224	222
- Audiovisual documents	25898	25871
- Sheet music	62258	62145
- Graphic documents	138600	138520
- Electronic documents	3546	3139
- Other documents	135830	134634
Total accessions	18771	14017
- to books and periodicals	16946	12497
Registered users	7404	7065
Number of visits	105948	82445
Number of virtual visits to the catalogues, databases	415456	385457
Number of loans	377788	380800
Scientific research and information services	19246	20187
Exhibitions	168	163
Cultural activities	127	126
Publications issued	21	22
Number of working places for users	58	50
Total staff	262	262

FUNDING

In 2014 the budget of the National Library of Republic of Moldova was approved, totally of 11 303.7 thousand lei (618.400 EUR) plus the estimated own revenue of about 10,8%, recouped as follows:

- For "Personal expenses" = 7138.0 thousand lei (390.500 EUR)
- For "Goods and services" = 5568.2 thousand lei (304.700 EUR)

ACQUISITIONS

In 2014 the collections of the National Library of Republic of Moldova grew with 18771 documents.

The basic sources of acquisition were: legal deposit (40 %), grants from establishments, organizations and people (27 %), international exchange of publications (12 %).

Traditionally, books and serials (81 %) took the main place among all acquisitions.

Collection of electronic documents has been enriched by the acquisition of a number of 368 e-books on CD-Rom.

In 2014 the library provided access to 12 electronic databases. At the end of 2014 number on use of the remote access services show a rise with 6 %.

The main achievements in 2014:

- reception of the legal deposit of Romania (3206 copies);
- substantial increase in entries of documents;
- increase of the number of grantors and donations made through cultural events, publicizing, etc.;
- intensification of the international document exchange;
- publications purchasing directly from publishing houses.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Continuous efforts have been made to develop preservation and conservation of the national heritage collections. These activities were primarily concentrated on protection of resources of cultural value. The following tasks of long-term preservation of documents were accomplished in 2014:

- 11,000 pages of documents were exposed to restoration. Totally, the Technical Center for Conservation and Restoration of the National Library prolong lives of over 3700 volumes;
- Collections check-up (45 000 volumes) was made with the purpose to determine the conservation status of books, affected or damaged publications;
- Verification of collections according to " Verification Program of NLRM collections for the years 2009 - 2018";
- Verification of location accuracy of the documents on shelves (1.5 million of copies);
- Protection of collections from biological agents (bacteria, mold, insects, rodents).

DIGITAL LIBRARY

In 2014 National Library continued developing the National Digital Library Program "Moldavica" (www.moldavica.bnrm.md). At the end of the year the digital library contained 5200 units of different types of material in full text.

During this period of time, the collection was enriched with 530 new objects (75.000 pages of old publications included in the Register of the National Program "Memory of Moldova"). In previous year the following old journals were made available to the users: „Денежный отчетъ XXVIII очередному Уездному Земскому Собранию за период времени с 1896 по 1897 г. Белецкое Земство”, „Отчетъ Бессарабской Губернской Земской Управы по врачебной части с 1891 по 1907 г.”, „Отчеты, доклады, сметы, раскладки Хотинской Уездной Земской Управы и постановления XXII очередного Уездного Земскаго Собрания созыва 1890 года. Хотинское Земство, 1891 - 1907”, „Отчеты, доклады, сметы,

раскладки Сорокской Уездной Земской Управы и Постановления XIX очередного Уездного Земского Собрания созыва 1887 года" and others.

Old and Rare Books Collection was enriched with new titles, as follows: „Движение къ Христианству среди евреев в Кишиневе...” (1893), „Выделка и безвредный способ улучшения вина” (1891), „Сборник стихотвореній предлагаемыхъ учебными планами Гимназій Министерства Народнаго Просвещенія для заучиванія ученикамъ подготовительнаго и нисшихъ четырехъ классовъ”(1878), „Исторія математическихъ наукъ д-ра Генриха Зутера”, „Матеріалы для исторіи земской медицины въ Бессарабской Губерніи” (1893), „Альбомъ узоровъ молдавскихъ ковровъ” (1912) and others.

SERVICES TO READERS

Providing of quality services to users should be considered one of the NLRM essential strategic priorities. Remote access to electronic resources has been launched in 2004.

In 2014 the library was open to users during six days in week (300 days per year). There are 290 seats available in 10 reading rooms, plus 50 working stations for users that allow access to the Internet. In the library buildings free and wireless (WiFi) access to Internet is offered.

The intensive introduction of new electronic services along with provision of remote access to e-resources and a rich offer of digital material on the National Library Digital Program “Moldavica” influenced on the number of visits to the library. Comparing with 2013, the number of active members (7,404) increased with 4 percents, while the number of virtual visitors (415,456) increased with 8 percents.

NLRM has several blogs:

- Blog for musicians and music lovers: <http://audiovideoteca.wordpress.com/>
- Librarianship and information science blog: www.clubbib.wordpress.com
- The young librarians' blog: www.bnrm.wordpress.com
- Bibliographic research service 's blog: <http://cercetaribibliografice.blogspot.com>
- Blog for collections of art and maps revaluation : <http://arteharti.wordpress.com>
- European Information Sources: Databases: <http://cpescmd.blogspot.com/>
- Subject files „European Moldova”: <http://cpescmd2.blogspot.com/>
- Documents and comunication: <http://cpescmdlib.blogspot.com/>
- World literatures: <http://libermundi.livejournal.com/>
- Moldavistica and Heraldica: <http://moldavisticasiheraldica.blogspot.com>
- Old and rare books: <http://carterara.wordpress.com>
- Public libraries in Moldova: <http://bibliotecipublicerm.wordpress.com/>

In 2014 the National Library of Moldova kept working on the SIBIMOL project. SIBIMOL is one of the most important projects in library science and culture of Moldova. Its goal is to consolidate the information held by all Moldovan libraries via the Internet.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

The last year was rich in developments: NLRM organized 127 cultural events and 163 document exhibitions.

The annual International Book Fair is one of the most important events in cultural space of Moldova. It is original in its design, program and participating institutions. The 23rd

International Book Fair in 2014 hosted about 300 publishers from 21 countries. Writers, academics, scientists and representatives of publishing houses from our country and from abroad participated in it. It was the richest book fair by number of exposed books - 6.000 titles published in countries as follows: Romania, France, Germany, Poland, USA, Russian Federation, Czech Republic, Turkey, and Bulgaria. There were over 160 book's launches. Also there were organized: a gallery "Moldovan Facciatta" in Library Square, a round table of ambassadors and editors, under the title "Book and Reading in Europe: experiences and opportunities for collaboration and cooperation," the big exhibition "Tear of my nation", dedicated to famous national poet Dumitru Matcovschi, many thematic exhibitions etc.

Continuing the tradition of organization series of events that enter in "Days of Culture of the World ", NLRM organized in 2014 the Europe days, Poland days, the Day of Hungarian Culture. Cultural programs were also organized in the National Day of Culture, in the day of the famous poet Mihai Eminescu. There were activities dedicated to young people, events for vulnerable people etc.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

At the international level the Library carried out bilateral and multilateral cooperation, giving priority to cooperation with the national libraries, research libraries, professional organizations and international organizations, including those of latter that are accredited in the Republic of Moldova. In 2014 NLRM signed Memorandum of cooperation with the National Library of Turkey.

The integration of the National Library into the international information system was achieved thanks to permanent contacts and collaboration with CENL, IFLA, UNESCO, BAE, LIBER, EBLIDA etc.

During the year of 2015 the National Library will continue working with the partner libraries in order to face the needs in the field of library services. In the nearest future contacts with academic libraries, museums and national archives of Moldova will be established in order to coordinate the work of document digitization.

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