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Report

The Russian Federation

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Annual Report to CENL 2005.

RSL Annual Report for 2004.

1. Management of the library: performance indicators, planning, decision-making, evaluation, mission statement

The federal state institution “Russian State Library” in accordance with its Statute approved by the Government of the Russian Federation Decree No. 227 (23.03.2001) and the Certificate on the State accreditation of the research organizations No. 3308 (17.10.2001), is the Scientific Research Institution on Librarianship, Bibliography and Bibliology, and the Methodological Science Informational and Cultural Centre of the federal importance.

Number of staff – 2312, including 1460 librarians, 20 Doctors of Science and 142 Candidates of science inclusive.

As of January 1, 2005 the holdings of the library amount to 42.8 million items embracing books, manuscripts, periodicals, maps, posters, electronic publications and other types of materials.

The RSL mission as a National library is to preserve and provide free and wide access to cultural heritage.

Due to reconstruction of the stacks library and information services were delivered on a limited basis, only 103 thou new users were registered.

396, 5 thou copies were added to the RSL collection among them 60,9 thou foreign ones.

160,2 thou records for OPAC have been created

7,5 M units were delivered to users.

209,7 thou bibliographic references were received by users

1180,4 thou users visits to the reading rooms were registered.

RSL Web-site was visited by 384,4 thou of users.

The RSL is being managed by Director General.

A Board of Directors consisting of the Executive Director, Director on Library Resources, Director on Library and Information Service, Director on Research and Publishing Activities, ICT Director, Director on Technology and Development, Head of International Relations Center is an Advisory body at the RSL Director General.

2. Handling of electronic publications and formats, including new legislation.

No new legislation was introduced.

3. Funding

2004 budgetary allocations were as big as 666,7 M rubles. 71,0 M rubles were fund raised (charged services, grants, scientific-research contracts and business undertaking). More than 350 M rubles

were spent on capital construction of RSL buildings complex, 250 M rubles on “Pashkov House” inclusive.

An updated list of charged services (with prices) is mounted on RSL web site.

Creation of a local network, connecting all departments involved in financial and economic operations is under way.

4. Legislation

In 2004 the Government of the Russian Federation introduced new principles of financing cultural establishments based on performance indicators. This trend drastically affected RSL planning process for the period 2006-2008.

5. Buildings

Technical reconstruction of the main book depository was in the focus of RSL building maintenance activities to enable long-term preservation of RSL holdings.

Since early forties (XX century) nothing has been done in terms of renovating library buildings. Within last three years the following works were accomplished: protective metallic screens of inter-tier ceilings were installed protecting from penetration of smoke in emergency cases; the main engineering systems were changed and perfected from the ground up; the repairs of the power current equipment and of the electric power supply was completed; the entire electric wiring was changed; the air conditioning and ventilating systems was practically created afresh; a state-of-the-art fire extinguishing system was installed.

All the works of an enormous complexity were done without moving stocks.

At the same time an architectural project of a new RSL building in the adjacent area and conception of renovation of RSL buildings were under consideration to tackle the problem of receipt of maximum useful space under the following limitations: area of construction; height of the building.

The initial projecting stage of a new library building has been completed. New library building will have more than 75 thou. m² including 35,4 thou. m² for books storage.

The architectural ensemble “Pashkov House” substructure was reinforced. Hydroisolation was made, the roof s refitted, glazing completed.

6. Staffing matters

Actual expenditures on the RSL staff were 141 933 600 rubles.

The average salary was 5 805 rubles.

Major problems:

“Staff fluidity” is an acute issue due to low level of salaries and necessity to resume full working hours after main book depository reconstruction.

Shortage of cataloguers is not meeting RSL needs due to an increased volume of new acquisitions.

7. Information technology and networks

Implementation of ALEPH-500 circulation and acquisition modules.

2004 was marked by intensive contribution and borrowing records to and from LIBNET- all – Russia union catalogue.

Retroconversion of RSL serials catalogue has been completed resulting in 112 000 records for Russian and foreign serials.

OPAC: number of records- 2,4 M

Main problems.

A. Since 1999 up to 2004 RSL increased extensively its computer park. As a result, around 400 PCs and more than 200 printers had to be replaced. There is misbalance between computers for staff – 450 and computers for users – 150.

B. Processing of new acquisitions and access to OPAC heavily depended on capacity of the central computer and on uninterrupted work of LAN, which were not quite satisfactory.

C. Implementation of ALEPH urged revision of the existing technological and organizational infrastructure.

8. The digital library

Electronic library of dissertations:

- Number of local workplaces – 19;
- Number of virtual reading rooms – 59;
- Number of digital dissertations – 50 thou.

Scanning of microfilms from the library collections was under way.

27 869 documents were digitized to protect originals from premature deterioration.

9. Legal deposit of materials

No changes.

10. Acquisitions

Main source of acquisition has been legal deposit copy:

83% of national publications were added to the collection.

Only 28,9% of graphic legal deposit copies were registered.

Subscription to online databases has been enlarged. Statistical analysis proves their high usage.

11. Preservation & Conservation

Purchase of a mass deacidification equipment affected positively restoration of fragile newspapers.

Reconstruction of the main book depository has resulted in setting up standard environmental conditions in the stacks: temperature 18-21 °C, relative humidity – 35-40 %. Results of comparative analysis of degree of illumination before and after reconstruction showed that its level near windows came down on average 50-70%.

Security system was also enhanced: 9 premises were equipped by guard signaling and video supervision system.

12. Services to readers

Number of registered users – 99 thou.;

Number of working places hooked to the net:

- Electronic catalogue – 40;
- Internet hall – 60;
- Other – 50.

RSL site

- Number of visits – 2,9 M

Service to distant users is an important and perspective form of RSL activities. In 2004 RSL IILL borrowers were 268 libraries from 33 countries of the world. In Russia there were registered 846 collective and 2 348 individual borrowers that received 24 200 documents from RSL collections among them 8845 pages via EDD.

Charged services were rendered practically by all departments. They normally had added value to traditional ones or rendered these services to commercial companies and were of promotional /compensational character. Volume of charged services has a strong tendency to increase.

13. Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

2004 was marked by 250th Jubilee of Nicolas P. Rumyantsev, RSL founder. An International Conference, symposium and exhibitions were organized. Among exhibitions 3 might be noted: in the RSL, in the NL of Lithuania and in the Saint-Petersburg's Rumyantsev House where the presentations of jubilee publication «State Chancellor of the Russia N. P. Rumyantsev» took place. The monograph of Boris Semenovker «State bibliography of the Russia XIII-XX » was published.

Digital versions of «The First Printed books of Russia 1553-1565» and the first Russian newspaper «Vedomosti»1703-1727» were created due to support of the President of the Russian Federation.

The journal «Bibliotekovedenie» published by RSL has launched a bilateral Russian-French information library project «Mediatheca» supported by RSL, the Embassy of France in Moscow, the mediatheca of the French cultural center in Moscow and the editorial board of «Bulletin des bibliothèques françaises».

The revenue from RSL printed publications distribution has increased. Revenue from selling books has reached 2,5 M roubles.

14. Library co-operation

RSL participates\participated in CERL program.

RSL has been hosting RILC (Russian Information Library Consortium) headquarters on its venue
RSL has become LIBER member

15. Major celebrations (anniversaries and events)

See under 13

16. Other notable information

None

17. Organisation chart

Russian State Library structure includes:

Departments – 67;

Centres – 9;

Directions – 10;

Publishing houses and Editorial committees – 3.

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