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Handling of electronic publications and formats, including new legislation

The electronic publications have been deposited by The National Library of Turkey since the early 90's. The National Library of Turkey (NLT) is entitled by Legal Deposit Act 2012 to collect online electronic publications besides offline electronic publications. In this context the legislative studies are nearly to be completed. Furthermore, NLT is maintaining a study about the Legal Deposit Software.

Buildings

Digital Research Centre is opened as of the beginning of 2015, the center has 85 seats. 54 tablets, 20 lap-tops and two table kiosks where our user can easily access too urdigital library content. Also, a android software was developed for displaying manuscripts, periodicals, non-book materials content.

Information technology and networks

The rapid development and changing in the information technologies and in the electronic environment every passing day, made it essential for library services adapting to the rapid pace of changes.

Taking the technological changes into account as well as the diversified needs of the researchers with the analysis started in 2014 our technological infrastructure has been re-established and new studies have been initiated in many fields.

KAŞIF is the new library management system launched in this context, Turkish Bibliographies of Periodicals and Articles and other bibliography systems have been completely redesigned with latest technology trends and put into service to researchers.

Electronic library services:

- Electronic Research Center
- Wi-Fi
- E- Catalogue Computers
- Digital Research Centre
- Online Book Reservation (e-Kiosk)
- Online Photocopying Services
- E-membership – mobile membership

Readers who have mobile or electronic signature may acquire membership prior coming to our Library by using the e-Government Gate and have remote access to the electronic services.

- SMS-Based Information System
- Smart Library System
- Talking Library for visually impaired people.
- Instantaneous Fullness Ratio of Reading Halls
- Periodicals Information System
- Fine Arts Information System
- Audio Bank (National Library Gramophone Records Collection)
- Turkish Manuscripts
- European Library

Our website received approximately 800.000 visits in 2016.

The digital library

The bibliographies, manuscripts, periodicals, non-book materials, talking library, phonograph records are designed with innovative, technological and researcher-friendly approaches.

Within the scope of our new digital library system bibliographies, manuscripts, periodicals and non-book materials are easily available through a single interface.

Digitization Unit: The Unit has an intensive work program very for processing the data and to keep it save. Monthly 300 thousand poses are transferred into the database.

We are planning to digitize our entire periodical holdings and convert them into the data in the coming period. Primarily those out of copyright rare and printed items will be digitized.

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For selected sample materials the software construction to develop applications for the Android platform is completed.

Key facts and figures

1.171.433books

88.001 rare books (in old Ottoman)

27.648 manuscripts

256.000 volumes of periodicals and news papers (3,5 million in single)

113.677 non-book materials (philatelic-,cartographic, items, music scores, sound discs, prints and paintings, photographs, depictions, posters, stamps,)

10 million (nearly) periodical issues

Funding

The Total Budget for 2016 is 18.786.000 TRY (€ EURO= 5.596.234,00 million in terms of November 2016 exchange rate)

Acquisition

Our members have free access to millions of e-books, academic thesis, documents, journals and articles in 19 different and widely used databases via the Web site of the National Library.

In addition to the continued routine growth in collections, through legal deposit, purchase, donation, exchange and cycling the Library made a number of acquisitions during the year. In order to diversify the Libraries' collection and enlarge the number of the holdings our budget needs to be increased (glass negatives and digital images, movie posters and lobby cards, original sound records etc.).

Preservation & Conservation

Manuscripts which are goldmines of information and resource in many fields are one of our most valuable cultural legacies we will leave to next generations.

Having performed their duties after printing houses became wide spread in Islamic civilization; manuscripts had been used until early 20th century in Turkey.

Almost all of 27.648 manuscripts of our collection, focusing on religion, literature, history and medicine of Islamic civilization, have been digitized and are available on <http://digital-library.mkutup.gov.tr> for current and future generations. There are 1.191 rare items printed in Latin alphabet in our collection.

System Infrastructure

4 servers in Library -3 Servers in Disaster Recovery System

1 storage in Disaster Recovery System storage- 1 storage for archive

Wireless Internet Access Point Infrastructure

Services to readers

The National Library of Turkey is open Monday to Friday 09.00 - 24.00, on Saturday and Sunday 09.30 - 22.00 except for Turkish Public Holidays.

On average 2000-2500 users benefit daily from the National Library. As of April 2016, according to renewed members registration and tracking system there has been over 235.747 new registrations.

Within the scope of electronic resources the National Library offers researchers a special collection. Our members have free access to millions of e-books, academic thesis, documents, journals and articles in 18 different and widely used databases via the Web site of the National Library <http://www.mkutup.gov.tr/tr/Sayfalar/E-Veri-Tabanlari/default.aspx>

Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

National Library of Turkey hosted 95 events, training, meetings and exhibitions in 2015 and 60 of them were jointly organized with National Library of Turkey.

The Türk Ocakları (Turkish Hearths) Collection and Selahattin Ömer Painting Exhibition, organized in our library in February,

A delegation from New Zealand among them Turnbull Chief Librarian, Chris Szekely, attended 51st Library Week events in Çanakkale and in Ankara in March

“Çanakkale Painting Exhibition” in August visited by the Governor General of New Zealand,

“Explore China, Know Xinjiang” Exhibition and Panel was held at National Library in Ankara on 26.11.2015. Famous Chinese writer and honorary president of Chinese Writers Association Wang Meng and Kurbancan Samet being the writer of the book called “I’m from Xinjiang” were at the activity.