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**Name of library or equivalent national-level organization:** NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ROMANIA

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### **Management of the library**

In 2015, The National Library of Romania has managed to achieve, for the most part, its assumed objectives, developing collections of documents, initiating and unrolling international exchange of publications with institutions from 43 countries, capitalizing collections of documents through various events, as well as developing communication relations with all types of users and beneficiaries (natural or legal persons, publishers, libraries located in the country and from abroad, universities, foundations etc.).

At the same time, our library has developed new professional partnership agreements with institutions located in the country and abroad, has initiated new projects and, has also, continued existing ones, has organized various cultural and professional events, all those facts taken together have led to an increased visibility of the national library.

A close analysis of the statistics provided by the reported data indicates an increase in the quantitative results on most types of library activities compared to previous years. This increase is due, in the first instance, to the analyzing processes and diagnoses made by our specialists, after the moving of the National Library of Romania in a new headquarters, and, on the other hand, to the improving of working procedures applicable to the workflow of documents.

A major issue regarding the top management of the library was the lack of a managerial strategy for tracing the development directions of the institution in the short, medium and long term.

The library's website is constantly being updated and it mirrors a dynamic institution which offers first-class cultural events, access to information and, also, plenty of enjoyable spaces to study and socialize.

year	One time visitors	No. of visited pages	visits
2015	<b>38.642</b>	<b>1.614.888</b>	<b>79.552</b>

### Key facts and figures

#### Funding:

In 2015, the National Library of Romania had a total budget of 13.197.000 lei (approx. EUR 2.972.297), divided as follows:

- Own revenues = 740.000 lei (approx. EUR 166.600);
- Subsidy from the state budget = 12.457.000 lei (approx. EUR 2.805.630).
- Staff expenses = 7.979.000 lei (approx. EUR 1.797.072);
- Goods and services = 4.896.000 lei (approx. EUR 1.102.702);
- Capital expenditure = 252.000 lei (approx. EUR 56.756).
- Other financial transfers = 70.000 lei (approx. EUR 15.765)

Staff	Total	Library professionals	Technicians and associate professionals in the technical field Administration professionals Clerical support workers Administrative workers
Number of employees (according to main occupational classification)	224	163	61

#### Items included in our collections in 2015:

Intangible collections – 69.876 items

Current collections – 83.200 items

## Digital library

The National Library of Romania is a member and partner of The European Library (TEL) since 2008. 2015 was, according to the annual report of TEL, the most successful year for this partnership; the National Library of Romania aggregated through TEL in Europeana ten new digital collections, all under public domain license and with the source acknowledged.

In 2015, during the #OpenCollections, #OpenAccess resources week and Halloween events, TEL and Europeana have disseminated on social media four collections of the National Library of Romania: the Ex Libris collection (on.fb.me/1LRvH45), printed music collection (on.fb.me/21ebWO6), the Japanese engravings collection (on.fb.me/1O2YGaV) and the incunabula collection (on.fb.me/1P8FhWv). The information was also disseminated via twitter (bit.ly/1T36MhW). Published in August 2015, the collections had a great success reaching an audience of 69 920 hits.



*This post was incredibly successful. Published in August it reached an audience of 69.920.*

## Cultural and professional events, projects and publishing activities

The cultural agenda of the institution, which is meant to support, promote and make accessible the national written heritage, as well as to emphasize the openness towards interculturality, has expanded and become richer. The institution's messages have embraced all forms of artistic manifestation, from music and dance to film and theatre, art exhibitions, reading sessions, debates etc.

The academic agenda of the institution expresses the concern for the sustainment of the librarianship field, by carrying out its specific attributes and its methodological function applicable to all the libraries from the National Libraries' System. The professional and scientific activities have materialized in the organization of professional events, in several studies and articles issued in profile publications. In 2015, the National Library of Romania has hosted and organized around 200 cultural and professional events.

The Library publishes the national bibliography (available online) and other printed publications: catalogues and serial publications such as *Information and Documentation: Scientific and Professional Activity*, *National Library of Romania Journal*, *Romanian Journal on Book Preservation / Conservation and Restoration*, *Romanian Journal on Book History*, *the Library: Bibliology and Information Science etc.*

With regards to the new projects initiated by the National Library of Romania in 2015, we can mention "The Sound of pages", a project that aims to create and develop the largest digital library accessible for blind and visually impaired people. The documents are being scanned and transformed in an accessible format and uploaded on a common digital platform dedicated to blind or visually impaired people across the country.

### **Reaching a wider audience**

In 2015, our institution has diversified its services for young users and children through organizing various workshops dedicated to them. Also, a new space was opened, a reading and play room for preschool age children accompanied by their parents.