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УСТАНОВА КУЛТУРЕ ОД НАЦИОНАЛНОГ ЗНАЧАЈА  
**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SERBIA**  
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### **Mission**

The National Library of Serbia provides universal access to information by comprehensively collecting, cataloguing and making available the recorded knowledge from Serbia and other countries. The Library promotes multiculturalism and diversity of cultures and ideas. The National Library of Serbia supports true values in Serbian society, based on knowledge, culture, education, morality and tolerance.

### **Legal status**

The Library has been founded and financially supported by the Serbian Government and reports to the Ministry of Culture and Information. The current Law on Libraries dates from 14 July 2011. In spring 2013, Serbian Government declared the National Library of Serbia as the institution of the national importance, together with 60 other cultural institutions.

### **Management of the Library**

The National Library of Serbia management includes Library Board, Director, Monitoring Board and three Deputy Directors.

Library Board has undertaken the competition for the director general in the first half of 2014, but it's been unsuccessful and the Library remained the existing acting director. After the fail of the competition, Library Board has resigned, but its resignation has not been approved by the Serbian government. Deputy directors for

<sup>1</sup> The report is mostly referring to the period July 2013 - June 2014



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Virtual Library of Serbia and Financies, Law and General Business sectors are appointed while the Deputy Director for Library-Information sector is not appointed since October 2013.

#### **General overview of activities**

A few large infrastructural projects have been launched in the Library. The project of reconstruction of the Treasury for medieval manuscripts is finished in February 2014. The reconstruction of the heating system in the Library is ongoing. The project of replacing the old shelves in the stack-rooms by the compact ones has been successfully continued.

In the year of marking the centenary of the beginning of the First World War, National Library of Serbia has taken part in many activities on the national and international level.

The initiative to start with creating the strategic documents of the National Library of Serbia (vision and strategic priorities) until 2020 has been adopted by the Library Management.

#### **Acquisitions**

Acquisition of library materials and information resources includes legal deposit, purchase, exchange and gifts. After the Law on Legal Deposit from 2011, National Library collects the e-copies of all printed publications, published in Serbia. Acquisition of e-resources is in charge of the national consortium KOBSON (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Scientific Information), member of the eIFL and ICOLC. In 2014 KOBSON provides access to 16 databases of scientific articles in full text, 3 index databases and 4 databases of e-books.

#### **International projects and international cooperation**

From 2014, Serbia is the founding member of DARIAH-ERIC, <http://dariah.eu/> and the National Library of Serbia is a participating institution in this Consortium, <http://dariah.eu/about/our-partners/serbia/country-profile>.

The National Library of Serbia has collaborated in the following international projects and actions:

- Europeana Collections 1914-1918 (CIP ICT-PSP programme) - <http://www.europeana-collections-1914-1918.eu/>, <http://www.velikirat.nb.rs> (national portal on First World War). The project has been successfully terminated with end of April 2014. National Library of Serbia finished the project by the exhibition "Serbian Literature in the Great War"
- COST action, Medieval Cultures & Technological Resources (Medioevo Europeo) - [http://www.cost.eu/domains\\_actions/isch/Actions/IS1005](http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1005)





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- Project funded by eIFL, DoiSerbiaPhD, national register of e-thesis deposited in the University Repositories across the Serbia - <http://www.doiserbia.nb.rs/phd/Default.aspx?lang=english>
- AMARCORD project (UNESCO Participation Programme 2012-2013) - [www.amarcord-unesco.rs](http://www.amarcord-unesco.rs)
- CENDARI project - <http://www.cendari.eu/> (as associated partner)

The National library of Serbia has signed the cooperation protocol with the Vatican Apostolic Library for the very first time in its history. The cooperation protocols have been signed also with the National Library of Russia and the National Library of Turkey. As Serbia became a candidate for a member state of the EU, Delegation of EU in Serbia signed the memorandum of understanding with the National Library of Serbia, pointed out the Serbian libraries' role in the process of EU integration for Serbia.

Since 2014, the National Library of Serbia has been appointed by the Ministry of Culture and Information as the executive organizer of the representation of the Republic of Serbia on the international book fairs. In 2014, the list of book fairs includes those in: Leipzig (Germany), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Skopje (Macedonia), Moscow (Russia), Frankfurt (Germany), Zagreb (Croatia) and Sophia (Bulgaria), as well as Cultural Industries Fair in Xi'an (China).

The exchange of library professionals has been done with the National Library of Poland and National and University Library of Croatia.

The guest of the library in March 2014 was Max Kaiser, who presented the Austrian National Library Vision 2025.

### **Cultural events, publications**

Cultural activities of the Library include lectures, discussions, workshops, book presentations, exhibitions, concerts, all with aim to promote culture and tolerance, to show the social responsibility, to bring more people in the National Library. The Day of the National Library of Serbia, 28 February, has been marked for the second time as the National Day of Book. For the third time Library participated in the *Night of museums* programme with the topic of Serbian literature in the First World War. The cycle of *Evenings at Kosancicev venac* (city site where the old national library was destroyed during German bombing in April 1941) with literary and musical programme has been successfully continued in 2014. National Library of Serbia presented its collections in several exhibitions.

Publishing production of the National library in the first half of 2014 includes 5 new titles, among them a new issue of the journal for manuscripts research, *Arheografski prilozi*, three exhibition catalogues and the publication dedicated to the international book fairs on Serbian writers in German, Serbian and Chinese language.



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### Key Facts and Figures

#### Acquisitions:

Books: 14.660 in the first half of 2014; 30.851 for entire 2013  
Journal issues: 8.192 in the first half of 2014; 26.852 for entire 2013  
Newspaper issues: 15.860 in the first half of 2014; 71.553 for entire 2013  
Non-book material: 4.111 in the first half of 2014; 9.386 for entire 2013  
e-legal deposit: 11.020 PDF files in the first half of 2014; 29.845 for entire 2013

#### Users:

7.151 Library members in first half of 2014 ; 13.887 for entire 2013  
3.5M accesses to Kobson (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of Scientific Information) web site (kobson.nb.rs) in the first half of 2014 ; 6.5M for entire 2013  
1,087,384 downloaded scientific articles through KOBSON in first half of 2014  
2.572 followers of Facebook Library page in English (6.120 for Facebook page in Serbian)

#### Staff:

248 FTE

#### Budget:

5.7M EUR

