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Name of library: **National and University Library of Iceland - NULI**

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

The Library is both the National Library and the library for the University of Iceland. It is a research library and a source of knowledge that shall maintain effective and comprehensive information services in the fields of science and scholarship, government, culture and economy. In accordance with the 2005 performance target agreement between NULI and the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, the library's position as a knowledge provider has been underlined. With reference to the dual functions, emphasis has been placed mainly on *a digital national library* and *a digital research library*. The Library was established in 1994 with the union of the National Library of Iceland (founded in 1818) and of the Library of the University of Iceland (founded 1940).

2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations.

A new organizational chart was taken into use 1st of January 2011. New legislation was adopted in September 2011. Management of the national licenses is a new task, as well as research in library and information science and development of library services in the country. The national librarian is responsible for the library's operations and the library board has an advisory role.

The strategic policy was adopted in 2009 under the banner [Access to Knowledge for Everyone : policy for the National and University Library of Iceland 2009 – 2012](#). The main focus areas are: services to the Library's users, electronic solutions, the harvesting and preservation of digital materials and collaboration with other parties active in the same sphere. Also NULI must be a strong partner in the library and educational system of the country and in the preservation and dissemination of national culture and heritage.

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, staff, total operating budget, etc).

Holdings:	
– general collections – units	980.000
– manuscripts – units	15.600
– music and film collection – units	19.000
– web archive – documents	1.700.000.000
– digitized material – pages	3.800.000
– born digital material – units	12.000
Access:	
– national licences – journals	17.600
– national licences – databases	14
– NULI licences – journals	2.800
– NULI licences – databases	21
Staff (FTE)	72.25
Operating expenditure - in million ISK	617.528

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

Digitization

Digitization of various periodicals continued. About 1200 manuscripts have been digitized, a total of 300.000 pages and 300 titles of books, a total of 145.000 pages, were also digitized and are available on the Internet.

Web Archiving

NULI has harvested the Icelandic web domain .is and other Icelandic related websites since 2004. The web archive, vefsafn.is was opened in 2010. The web archive now contains about 1.7 billion documents (32 terabytes) and can be searched and browsed via url's and a timeline.

Repository and Open Access

The administration and development of an Open Access repository for theses and writings of university faculty is the responsibility of the library. It now contains 10.000 units. Another repository was set up 2009 for the purpose of collecting Icelandic legal deposit materials that are born digital, such as newspapers, e-journals, reports etc. The material is collected by library staff, but also received in pdf format. It now contains 2000 units.

5. New developments in managing collections.

Websites and access portals to digital collections have been improved and usage statistics are monitored closely. The number of active users of the Library's web is constantly growing. Version 20 of Aleph500 was installed in 2011 for the National Union Catalogue, Gegnir. The search machine Primo and Primo Central Index was opened in 2011 after several years of preparation. Users can search the Union Catalogue, various digital and digitized collections and electronic resources of The Icelandic Consortium for Electronic Subscriptions (ICES), hvar.is. The bX scholarly recommender service was also installed.

6. New developments in providing access to collections.

See nr. 5. Rafhlaðan, a repository for Icelandic legal electronic deposits was opened to the public in 2011. A new web for The Icelandic Consortium for Electronic Subscriptions (ICES) was launched on www.hvar.is. The library runs three Facebook sites, a general one for the library, one for manuscripts and one for audiovisual material.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums).

NULI is an active partner in the Icelandic library system, Gegnir (Aleph from ExLibris). Gegnir hosts the national union catalogue and national bibliography and gives access to information about material in most libraries in the country. The Primo search machine and related products are also run on a collaborative basis.

NULI runs The Icelandic Consortium for Electronic Subscriptions (ICES), hvar.is. The licences are paid by institutions and majority of libraries in the country. The economic crisis in 2008 was a major blow for the project and a lot of effort has been put in to save it.

NULI is partner of Nordbib (Nordic Open Access program) the European projects TEL, TELPlus, Europeana and Enrich and web archiving projects run by IIPC.

NULI is a partner of IFLA, CDNL, CENL and LIBER.