The National Parliamentary Ilia Chavchavadze Library of Georgia

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Mission

The National Parliamentary Ilia Chavchavadze Library of Georgia (NPLG) is a state organization within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Georgia. NPLG is a main library of Georgia. It serves as a main book-stack and depository of all printed materials published in Georgia. NPLG is responsible for collecting and making available to the public all around the world, now and in future, documents (in all formats, printed or digital) published in Georgia or produced elsewhere by Georgian authors, or concerning Georgia or Georgians. NPLG is a scholarly-methodical center for the state library network, as well as cultural, scientific and educational institution of Georgia.

Legislation

- "Statute of the National Parliamentary Ilia Chavchavadze Library of Georgia" (approved by the Chairperson of the Parliament on March 31, 2006);
- "Law on the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia" (1997)
- "Law on Librarianship in Georgia" (1996)
- Georgian Government Decree on Legal Deposit Copy (1993)

Organizational structure and management

New organizational structure of NPLG was defined in the "Statute of the National Parliamentary Ilia Chavchavadze Library of Georgia". NPLG consists of thirty nine divisions combined in the six departments: 1. administrative management, 2. national bibliography, 3. science, culture and civic education, 4. library services and information, 5. library resources and 6. information technologies. General director presides the library with the help of deputy general director, assistants, secretary, learned secretary, lawyer, and library council which consists of deputy general director, directors and deputy directors of the six departments.

Under the command of the general director in the NPLG there is a scholarly-methodical board of librarians and library managers, which coordinates scholarly-methodical and practical assistance to all types of libraries of the country.

A. Dumas French cultural centre's mediatheque, opened by French Embassy and V. Humboldt German Library, opened by Goethe Institute function in the NPLG.

Buildings

NPLG occupies 5 buildings with total area of 19 398 m^2, including 8 844 m^2 - for collections (17%) and 1 730 m^2 - for users' services (35,5%).

The Association "ATU" draw the renovation project for NPLG buildings. Renovation is planned to start next year and thought to be finished in three years 'period. Georgian Bank "CARTU" takes all the possible expanses.

Statistics (1 January 2005)

Collections

Total holdings – 7,500,000; Books – 3,526,772, (including books in Georgian language – 445,909, in Russian – 2 882 946, in European languages – 164 563), magazines and journals – 2,072,002, newspapers – 140,000 year bound sets, printed music – 110,000, audi-visual documents – 30,000, cartographic documents – 17,890, microforms – 1,531, rare books and manuscripts – 10,054, prints, plates, posters, bills – 15,600, other materials – 1,567,205.

State budget – 1,311,475 USD
Library staff – 520
Registered users – 12,786
Number of visits – 400,000
Number of loans – 950,000
Number of seats in the 10 reading rooms – 630

Information technology

Computers

There are 140 computers in the LAN of the NPLG, 90 of them are also connected to the Internet, workstations – 130. 30 computers connected to the Internet are available to users in the reading rooms of the NPLG, IATP/IREX, E-club of UN development program, French mediatheque and German Library.

Electronic Catalogues and Databases on the Web

In 2005 retroconversion of the card catalogue of Georgian books was completed and for today all records are divided into 3 electronic catalogues: Electronic Catalogue of Georgian Books (1987-....), Georgian Book (1629-1952) and Georgian Book (1953-1985). Total number of records – 121,475. The NPLG uses three softwares to create and maintenance electronic catalogues and databases: CDS/ISIS with WebISIS, MS Access and MySQL, but they do not fully meet the library automation needs of the library. In order to solve the most of library automation problems NPLG acquired the integrated library system IRBIS with Z39.50.

WebISIS

1. Chronicle of Georgian newspaper articles (1939-…); 60,538 records; 69 Mb
2. Electronic Catalogue of Georgian Books (1987-….) 28,469 records; 76 Mb
3. Electronic Catalogue of CD-ROM 2,147 records; 1.8 Mb
4. Dissertations 7,366 records; 26 Mb
5. Books in foreign language published in Georgia 16,867 records; 63 Mb
6. Georgian Book (1629-1952) 33,839 records; 61 Mb
7. Microforms 1,429 records; 4.7 Mb
8. Electronic Catalogue of musical editions 6,985 records; 22 Mb

9. Chronicle of Georgian newspaper articles (1906-1912) 9,916 records; 14 Mb
10. Author Abstracts of dissertations (1987-....) 12,282 records; 25 Mb
11. Analytical database of the newspaper '24 Saati' (2004-...) 14,198 records; 14 Mb
12. Analytical database of the newspaper 'Sakartvelos Respublika' (1992-2000) 41,022 records; 22 Mb
13. Analytical database of the newspaper 'Sakartvelos Respublika' (2001-...) 40,673 records; 38 Mb
14. Georgian Book (1953-1985) 59,167 records; 88 Mb

Total number of records 334898;   Total size 525 Mb

MS Access
15. Georgian Newspapers. 2,768 records; 82 Mb

MySQL
16. Georgian Authors. biographies of 686 authors and 3,984 bibliographic descriptions of books; 3.7 Mb
17. English-Georgian Computer and Library Terminology. 6,233 English, 8,079 Georgian and 6,529 Russian terms; 2.3 Mb

Total number of records: 358,507;   Total size: 613 Mb

The Digital Library

The Digital Library of NPLG for today consists of three parts: 1. subject directory of digitized print publications and born-digital materials in html format, where all documents arranged by subjects; 2. collection of Georgian classical literature in the Greenstone Digital Library software and 3. civic education digital library. Digitization carry out with simple scanners and Georgian OCR. Character recognition is very time consuming operation demanding additional editing.

Subject directory includes manifestations arranged in the following subjects: Georgian fiction - about 100 publications (manifestations) of 27 authors in Georgian language and some translations in Russian and English, Study of Georgian literature (7), History of Georgia (12 – in Georgian, 12 – in Russian, 1 - in English), Religion (4) and etc.

Collection of Georgian classical literature in the Greenstone Digital Library software includes 2500 digitized classical works (expressions) of 93 authors with their biographies and dictionary of ancient words. Greenstone supports z39.50 and OAI PMH.

Civic education digital library to the end of this year will be consisted of 388 books on civic education published in Georgian language, some of them are translations from foreign languages into Georgian. All of them will have images of cover, annotation and hyperlinks of contents.

All digitized materials in mentioned three parts are in Unicode encoding and in textual formats so, they are full-text searchable. Development and enrichment of these tree parts is continuing.

1. Digital collection in subject headings: number of publications - 100; size - 452 Mb.
2. Anthology of Georgian Classical Literature - 93 authors with their biographies; number of works (expressions) – 2500; size - 1,886 Mb.
3. Digital Library of Civic Education: number of publications - 50;   total size 13 Mb.
Human Rights Dictionary: 294 Georgian and English terms; 1.10 Mb.
Ongoing project: Civil Education Virtual Library - 247 authors and 388 bibliographic descriptions of books, that will be presented in digital format; 10 Mb.
Rose Revolution: 83 articles from news papers and journals; 2 Mb.
Total size of the digital library – 3000 items, 2351 Mb

Metadata
UNIMARC – for all documents except online documents, DC simple – for online documents.

Almost all databases, electronic catalogs and digital libraries of the NPLG are available through the web-site http://www.nplg.gov.ge

Services to users
Remote visits to the web-site – 1,682,356
Remote users of the web-site – 68,746

Future

   In the nearest future it is inevitable to: prepare a law on legal deposit copy which will cover electronic non-physical publications, implement a modern Integrated Library System; elaborate Georgian subject headings with crosswalks to subject headings of the most popular controlled dictionaries in the world, create the authority files of names, corporate bodies and subject headings, improve the digital library and move it to the European Digital Library, perfect the web-site of the NPLG, carry out a project of Georgian Internet Archives and annotated directory of Georgian Internet, translate into Georgian new library standards and the most commonly used standards in national libraries all over the world, study and implement them in NPLG; to speed up availability on the Internet of all copyright free materials saved in NPLG, particularly old and rare publications which are in undamaged state, it has been decided to divide digitization in two steps: first, scanning using simple scanners and include in the subject directory digitized materials in graphical formats with navigation tools along pages and hyperlink contents; second, converting materials from image formats into textual using OCR and typewriting and then create digital collections with full-text searching.

   The urgent task is digitization of the old newspapers, journals and damaged materials using non-touch book scanners and put these scanned materials on the Internet with appropriate navigation tools. The second step will be to create online information-retrieval system for articles from old serials using "analytical bibliography" that had been published by NPLG during many years.