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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 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 celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2009. It 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 strategic policy was adopted 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, number of staff, total operating budget, etc).

Holdings:	
– general collections – units	980.000
– manuscripts – units	15.000
– music and film collection – units	18.500
– web archive – documents	1.000.000.000
– digitized material – pages	3.300.000
Access:	
– national licences – journals	14.500
– national licences – databases	14
– NULI licences – journals	1.200
– NULI licences – databases	26
Staff (FTE)	79.5
Operating expenditure - in million ISK	725.874

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

Digitization

The digitization of Icelandic newspapers until year 2000 was nearly completed. Digitization of various periodicals continued and work with special collections of manuscript started.

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 September. The web archive now contains about one billion documents 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 was moved to the library. This is a collaborative project of all Icelandic Universities. It now contains four thousand units.

5. New developments in managing collections.

Installation of a digital repository for preservation is under way. Websites and access portals to digital collections have been improved and usage statistics are monitored closely. The National Union Catalogue, Gegnir, is using version 18 of Aleph500 and version 20 is under preparation. SFX Classic link server was installed to give better access to electronic resources of the National Licences, hvar.is, and electronic subscriptions of universities.

6. New developments in providing access to collections.

NULI is partner in the European Enrich project for digitizing and cataloguing manuscripts and a new portal for manuscripts will be opened in 2010 in collaboration with other institutes holding Icelandic manuscripts. The Consortium of Icelandic Libraries, that runs the National Union Catalog signed a contract to purchase an integrated search machine, Primo, for Icelandic bibliographic records and digital content. The installation will take place in 2010. NULI is a partner of the project.

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 catalogue and gives access to information about material in most libraries in the country. It is run by Consortium of Icelandic Libraries.

NULI runs the National licences to electronic journals and databases, 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 try save it. Funding for 2009 and 2010 was secured, and new 3year contracts were signed in December.

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.