



**MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006**

**BASIC STATISTICS IN 2005**

<b>Collections:</b>	
Books and bound periodicals	5 127 607
Manuscripts	65 071
Microforms	96 608
Audiovisual materials	73 055
Electronic documents	3 087
Other materials (including maps, printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1 560 181
<b>Total holdings</b>	
<b>- in items</b>	<b>6 925 609</b>
<b>- in titles</b>	<b>1 899 240</b>
Registered users	24 074
Number of visits	302 150
Number of loans	2 004 039
Publications issued	23 titles
Library staff	529 (378 out of them professional librarians)

**MANAGEMENT. LEGISLATION.**

According to the new Lithuanian Library Law passed in 2005 the new Statute of the National Library of Lithuania was revised and approved in 2006 (Lithuanian Government decree No 207 of February 28, 2006). Following new Library functions are indicated:

- creation and implementation of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS;

- creation and development of Lithuanian Library Union Catalogue together with other Lithuanian libraries;
- accumulation of the national bibliographic data bank as part of written cultural heritage;
- accumulation of the archive of internet electronic resources according to the laws.

In order to improve the coordination and management of reader services new position of the deputy director of reader services has been created. Information Centre, Children Literature Centre and departments of Readers Services, Music and Art are supervised by this deputy director. At the end of the year a collective agreement between Library's director and trade union was signed. It defines the working conditions, negotiation and communication methods.

#### FINANCE AND FUNDING.

In 2005 the Library's budget was 15,329.000 Lt (4,439.858 EUR). The budget resources were made up of the annual budget received from the Government - 13,838 thousand Lt (90,3%), the receipt of priced services - 568 thousand Lt (3,7%), grants provided by foundations through the programs and projects, individual persons - 923 thousand Lt (6%).

#### BUILDING.

The planning of reconstruction of the main building started in 2005. An open tender for the preparation of technical documentation and implementation of the reconstruction project was announced in May 2006. It is planned to start reconstruction in 2008. Following the recommendations set up in the reconstruction project, the plan to move the collections from the old part to the new storage of the Library's Annex was made. Transferring of the collections will continue in 2006.

#### COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS.

The Library spent a total of 1,3 million Litas (376,5 thousand EUR) on acquisitions in 2005, out of which 560 thousand Litas (162 thousand EUR) was allocated to books, 527 thousand Litas (153 thousand EUR) – to periodicals, 213 thousand Litas (61,7 thousand EUR) – to other documents. The Library received 88 498 copies (21 988 titles) of documents, out of which 76 thousand books, 1508 manuscripts, 430 microforms, 282 maps, 666 items of printed music, 536 electronic documents.

Domestic and foreign exchange remains as one of the important source of acquisition,. There were 195 foreign partners from library and other cultural institution in 38 countries, which cooperated with us in acquiring the documents.

In 2005 the collection of the National Library was enriched with famous and unique publication of XVII century *Grand art d'artillerie par le sieur Casimir Siemienowicz chevalier Litvanien*. This publication is very important to Lithuania, as it was written by the Lithuanian origin Casimir Siemienowicz.

#### READERS SERVICES.

The Library had 24 074 readers including 7 955 new registered during 2005. 54,5% of all readers were students while researchers and specialists made up 20,4%. 302 150 reader visits were made to the Library and more than 2 million documents were retrieved for readers. The reading rooms housed 708 reader desks.

#### PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION.

Preservation measures of the Library are primarily reserved for the Library's unique documents, such as manuscripts, old and rare Lithuanian books. During the report period much attention has been paid to the conservation and restoration of the collections of Rare book and manuscript departments and Lituanica documents. New technologies and methods were implemented into paper restoration.

The microfilming program under the agreement with the Library of Congress (USA) and Proquest (USA) was carried out further.

#### IT AND NEW TECHNOLOGY.

In the course of automation of library processes and implementation of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS the following tasks were achieved in 2005:

- Modules of statistical data, reservation of orders, search for full text documents, work with patents created.
- New server for the archive of electronic resources was acquired, the amount of documents in the archive increased and at the end of 2005 there were 8 million documents.
- LIBIS SW and WWW-OPAC module were implemented in other 14 Lithuanian libraries, interlibrary loan module – in 5 Lithuanian libraries.
- LIBIS SW was implemented in the libraries of 6 Lithuanian museums.

There were 452 PCs (381 – for staff, 71 – for Library users, 371 connected to internet) and 11 servers in the library.

#### DIGITAL LIBRARY.

Long term preservation of national cultural heritage is determined in the strategic programs of the Lithuanian cultural policy, development of information society and other main strategic documents of Lithuanian Republic. In cooperation with experts from different cultural institutions the Concept of digitization of Lithuanian cultural heritage was prepared and approved by the Lithuanian government in 2005. It is based on the strategic priorities of the European cultural heritage policy and research. The council of digitization of Lithuanian cultural heritage was established under the Ministry of Culture, where members of all the main Lithuanian cultural and research institutions are represented.

The project “Creation of Integrated Virtual Library Information System” was prepared by the National Library and received the support from EU Structural Funds for the digitisation and public access of cultural heritage. The main project contractor is Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, partners - the Lithuanian Art Museum and the Lithuanian Archives Department. Over 3,6 million pages of original manuscripts and rare books, newspapers and other valuable documents of Lithuanian heritage will be digitised until the end of the project in 2008.