



**MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA**  
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**GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS**

The main focus in 2008 was the development of the digital library and digitisation of Library's collections. The project **"Creation of the Integrated Virtual Library Information System"** was finished. As the result of the project 2,8 million pages of valuable national publications and other items of Lithuanian cultural heritage had been digitized and become much more widely accessible on the web through the website [E-paveldas](#). The **reconstruction of the main library building** remained one of the main priorities in 2008 and influenced other library processes. The year 2008 in Lithuania was announced "The Reading Year" and the National Library of Lithuania was responsible for the creation, development and coordination of the **reading promotion program**. The purpose of the program was to enrich public library book collections, create a good reading environment, train teachers and librarians, sponsor activities related. The special [website](#) for reading promotion campaign was launched. Implementation of the national **project "Libraries for Innovation"**, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Library program and Lithuanian Government continued in 2008. In June–August 2008, the project carried out a baseline study that aimed at assessment of the initial supervision indices of the project. Indices defined aim at investigating the opinions of residents of Lithuania, surveys of users of public access to internet at library and library staff, and interviews with target groups and stakeholders on the impact of IT both in providing and using the service. The research combined both qualitative and quantitative instruments. Reports are published on the [website](#) of the project. In 2008 National library continued its national and international cooperation programs, maintained international contacts with European National Libraries, other library institutions and organizations. Participation in the **development of the European digital library** was one of the strategic priorities in 2008 and will remain in 2009. According to the order of the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture, the National Library of Lithuanian was assigned to participate in the creation of EUROPEANA. Following conclusions of the Council

of the European Union of 20 November 2008 on the European digital library EUROPEANA, the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture has provided a financial contribution through the National Library to EDL Foundation for promoting and making accessible European cultural heritage.

## **BASIC STATISTICS IN 2008**

### **Collections:**

Books and bound periodicals	5055831
Manuscripts	71132
Microforms	81288
Audiovisual materials	80601
Cartography	11951
Other materials (including printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1536556
<b>Total holdings</b>	
<b>- in items</b>	<b>6837359</b>
<b>- in titles</b>	<b>1839223</b>
Registered users	24988
Number of visits	148262
Number of virtual visits	4959787
Number of loans	1692384
Library staff	527 (375 out of them professional librarians)
Total operating budget	
- Incomes (thousand LT/EUR)	48004,0/13902,9
- Expenditures (thousand LT/EUR)	35690,2/10336,5

## **BUILDINGS**

The reconstruction of the main library building remained one of the main priorities in 2008. The main task was the preparation of the building site for the reconstruction. All the collections (appr. 4 million documents) were transferred to the stacks of the Library annex, the 2<sup>nd</sup> building and repository in Raseiniai. From January 2009, all the reading rooms, stacks, exhibition areas and other premises in the main building were closed, two reading rooms with 70 reading places altogether were opened: one in the Annex building, other one – in the 2<sup>nd</sup> building (Sirvydo 4). Two library collections with current documents had been temporarily moved to other institutions. With the support of Lithuanian cultural institutions, reading room with collection of current serial publications was opened in Lithuanian Technical Library, the Library's oriental collection became available at the Oriental Centre of Vilnius University. Following a tender process Lithuanian company "YIT Kausta" has been appointed as contractor for constructional works and an agreement for the sum of 56 million Litas was signed on 29 September 2008. If the reconstruction will be financed according to the schedule, all the work will be finished at the end of 2011.

## **STAFFING MATTERS**

At the end of 2008 the staff of the Library numbered 527 employees (531 FTE). The staff includes 375 professional librarians, 84 qualified workers and 68 technicians. 150 staff members attended courses for additional and permanent training. In 2008 a training requirement survey of general library staff was carried out. The results had been presented to

the Library's administration board and provide suggestions for further requirement-oriented measures.

## **COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS**

In 2008 the Library spent a total of 1.578,0 thousand Litas (457,2 thousand EUR) on acquisition programs. 545,0 thousand Litas (157,8 thousand EUR, 34,5%) was allocated to books, 495,0 thousand Litas (143,3 thousand EUR, 31,3%) – to periodicals, 366,0 thousand Litas (106 thousand EUR, 23,2%) – to electronic documents, 172,5 thousand Litas (49,9 thousand EUR, 11%) – other non-electronic documents. In 2008 the Library received 70174 copies (33567 titles) of various publications and documents. 58746 books and serials, 2102 manuscripts, 449 maps, 735 items of printed music, 2807 audiovisual documents increased the Library's collection. There were 308 electronic periodical publications and 241 databases in physical form acquired by the library.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS**

The sum of 2.900,0 thousand Litas was allotted by the Lithuanian Government for the development of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System in 2008. In the course of the year the following tasks were achieved.

### *Development of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS:*

- Implementation of FRBR in automated library system.
- Open Archives Initiative's Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) implementation on library catalogues.
- Preparation of the requirements for Library local databases integration into LIBIS system.
- Development of the Archive of Electronic Resources by old data conversion and index to the new platform.

### *Implementation of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS:*

- Interlibrary loan module implemented in 5 Lithuanian libraries, information management module - in 2 libraries, "ask librarian" module – in 22 Lithuanian libraries.

There were 500 PCs (407– for staff, 93 – for Library users) at the Library in 2008.

## **DIGITAL LIBRARY**

National Library actively participated in the creation of national strategy for digitisation of Lithuanian cultural heritage, preservation and access to digital content. The strategy will encourage the digitisation, preservation and availability of cultural heritage objects stored at the memory institutions and will ensure its integration to the virtual cultural heritage area. The draft of the strategy is currently passing through the necessary coordination process and will be prepared for the approval by the Lithuanian Government.

By the end of 2008 the project "Creation of Integrated Virtual Library Information System" had been finished. Total of 2,8 million pages of Lithuanian newspapers, books, original manuscripts, art works were scanned. 31 thousand pages were OCR'ed with 100% recognition

rate. As the result of this project 6896 documents and objects are accessible on the web site of Lithuanian cultural heritage e-paveldas, which gives access to the most outstanding works of the National Library of Lithuania, Lithuanian State Archives and Lithuanian Art Museum.

In 2008 the National Library began planning other digitization project with the aim to increase the quantity of digital Lithuanian cultural heritage content and to provide users with digital library services. Digital content from the National Library and other nine Lithuanian cultural institutions will be integrated and became accessible through the portal of digitized Lithuanian cultural heritage [e-paveldas](#).

## **PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION**

Continuos efforts have been made to develop preservation and conservation of the national heritage collections. These activities were primarily reserved on protection of resources having cultural values. During 2008 the conservation and restoration of XVI century documents and collection of old books published in Cyrillic continued. In cooperation with other Lithuanian cultural institutions the microfilming program of Lithuanian newspapers preserved at the National Library was developed further.

There have been no major changes in the legislation, user services. From 2009 the cultural programs (including exhibitions, book presentations) have been reduced by nearly 90 percent because of the lack of space.

Economic crisis will have a significant impact on library activities in 2009. As a result of economic situation, many public institutions in Lithuanian declared significant budget cuts. National Library's spending for 2009 had already been reduced by 21%. The following reductions will take effect:

- acquisition budget will be cut by 40%,
- Library's investment budget and capital expenditures will be cut by 57,5% (allocations for library building construction and for the development of Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System),
- salary budget will be reduced by 1,7%.

The next budget amendments are planed for June 2009.