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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

In 2008 the National Library of Luxembourg acquired the manuscript "Codex Mariendalensis", which contains the epos of the countess Yolanda of Vianden and is the oldest text written in the western Moselle Franconian dialect.

The Government confirmed its decision to construct a new building for the National Library.

NOTE OF THE REPORTING LIBRARY'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT, AND CITATION OF LEGISLATION WHICH SETS OUT THE LIBRARY'S MANDATE, AND ANY OTHER LEGISLATION WHICH DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTS THE LIBRARY'S OPERATIONS

The law of 25th June 2004 extended the legal deposit to digital publications. A detailed application decree has been elaborated in 2008 by the Ministry of Culture and is under procedure.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Collections (monographs)	2007	2008
Size of major collections (u.m.)		
Non-Luxembourgish	550 615	559 234
Luxemburgensia	194 288	200 116
Operating budget ¹	6 554 mio €	7 108,408 mio €
Subscribed users	10 768	10 856

Table 1. Key facts and figures

¹ IT equipment not included

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

Creating and building digital collections

The digital library has been work in progress since 2002 and gives online access to 220 000 digitised items [www.luxemburgensia.bn.lu]. The main focus is on the BnL's newspaper and magazine collection. In 2008 two major national newspapers were digitised; they are available since the end of May 2009 with a new interface offering enhanced search and browsing possibilities [www.eluxemburgensia.lu].

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

Managing digital collections

Implementation of Digitool emphasizing on digitised newspaper collections.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

Acquisition and management of epublications for *Consortium Luxembourg*. The bnu portal [www.portail.bnu.lu] provides a centralised access point to epublications. In 2008, the Public research centres of Luxembourg became members of the Consortium.

Accessing digital collections

The bnu portal offers access to 242 databases and 22 132 ejournals to its members.

Since 2008 the national bibliography is accessible and searchable online.

The new portal eluxemburgensia, driven by Digitool gives access to the OCRised digital collection.

As the BnL is a founding member of the "Réseau francophone des bibliothèques nationales numériques", a subset of digitised titles is available via the rfbnn Website [www.rfbnn.org]. The digitized collections of BnL are partly integrated in "Europeana".

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)

The National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries bibnet.lu [www.bibnet.lu], which links up to 35 members in 2008, among which the library of the University of Luxembourg. Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan services to various small libraries around the country, so as to allow them to increase their offer.

The Government intends to reorganize the public library sector extending thus the coordinating missions of the National Library of Luxembourg. The project is expected to be discussed by the Parliament before the end of 2009.