

Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg (BnL)

National Library of Luxembourg

Annual report 2005-2006

Management of the Library

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Funding

The budget has decreased in 2005-2006.

Legislation

The law of 25th June 2004 gave a legal framework to the dispositions in the domain of legal deposit of digital publications and to an enhancement of the functions of the National Library. The Library awaits its application which will be defined by a national regulation (Règlement grand-ducal). In 2005, the Government announced the creation of a single national and university library, with the status of a "public establishment". Meantime the relocation of some departments of the National Library to a new annexe continued.

Information technology and networks

BnL acquired the software Digitool to collect, store and preserve digital documents and to manage the intellectual property rights of these materials.

Library cooperation

The National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries bibnet.lu (www.bibnet.lu) which links up to 34 members in 2006, among them the library of the University of Luxembourg. Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan facilities to various small libraries around the country, so as to enable them to increase their offer.

Since autumn 2006 the BnL portal has been rebranded, becoming the "portail bnu" (www.portail.bnu.lu) to illustrate the reinforced cooperation (acquisition of e-journals and databases) with the University. The portal grants online access to authenticated users. This portal has vocation to become the national platform for licensed digital material for students, researchers as well as the general public.

The digital library

The digital library has been work in progress since 2002 and gives online access to 88,000 digitised items (www.luxemburgensia.bnl.lu). After the digitisation of 18,000 postcards from Luxembourg in 2006, the main focus has been given to the BnL's newspaper collection. The National Library is an active member of the European Digital Library project and has been a funding member of the "*Réseau francophone des bibliothèques nationales numériques*" in 2006.

Acquisitions

In 2006 the National Library acquired a zoomorphic map of Claes Jansz. Visscher's "Leo Hollandicus" dated 1622, as well as an incunabulum of Johannes Reuchlin's "Vocabularius brevilocus", preceded by Guarinus Vereonensis' "Ars diphtongandi" and Johannes de Lapide's "De arte punctandi dialogus. De accentu" dated 1494.

Preservation and conservation

The digital legal deposit regulation expected in 2007, which will form the basis for collecting the entire national domain. Agreements with other institutions and private organisations are expected. In 2006, the national library commissioned an extensive study on feasibility and process of rolling out a web-archiving solution. A prototype harvest was also undertaken.

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