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## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

In 2009 the Government confirmed its decision to give the National Library a new building. The revised "pluriannual investment plan for public works" adopted in 2010 includes the future BnL building.

## 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 was drawn up in 2008 and passed in November 2009. Born-digital publications and Web sites are now liable for deposit. However, the new legislation has not been put into practice yet as the required personnel and funding have not been allocated.

The law of 24th June 2010 extended and specified the missions of the BnL as national digital service provider to Luxembourg libraries. Furthermore, the law created a public library service within the National Library. In order to obtain Government funding, public libraries will have to join the national network *bibnet.lu,* which is coordinated by BnL. The existing bookmobile service has also been integrated into the BnL.

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

| Collections (print monographs) | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
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| Size of major collection<br>Non-Luxembourgish<br>Luxemburgensia | 550 615<br>194 288 | 559 234<br>200 116 | 568 619<br>205 718 | |
| Operating budget[1] | 5.815.000 | 6 554 000 € | 7 108 000 € | 7 385 000 € |
| Subscribed users | 10 768 | 10 856 | 11 922 | |

Total collection (physical documents, 31 dec. 2009): about 1.3 million documents

*Table 1. Key facts and figures*

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

### Creating and building digital collections

Work on the digital library began in 2002. The main focus is on the BnL's newspaper and magazine collections. In 2008, two major national newspapers were digitised; since May 2009 they can be accessed through the new portal *www.eluxemburgensia.lu*, whose interface offers enhanced searching and browsing possibilities.

In 2009, the third digitization campaign was launched: once completed, 11 periodicals of the 19th and 20th centuries, amounting to 19 900 issues or124 630 pages, will be fully searchable online.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN MANAGING COLLECTIONS

### Managing digital collections

Implementation of DigiTool, a digital asset management tool for managing and providing access to digitised newspaper collections.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

### Consortium Luxembourg

Acquisition and management of foreign e-publications for Consortium Luxembourg.

The bnu portal [www.portail.bnu.lu] provides a central access point to e-publications. Since January 2009, the 3 Public research centres of Luxembourg joined the National Library and the library of the University of Luxembourg in the consortium.

### Accessing digital collections

The bnu portal offers access to 271 databases and 39 210 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 OCRed digital collection (around 1 000 000 articles in Luxemburgish, German and French). The number of visits to the eluxemburgensia portal rose from 21.551 (2008) to 574.160 visits (2009).

The METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard) and ALTO (analyzed layout and text object) technology allow DigiTool to perform a full-text search and to display results at article and page level, with the search term highlighted in the results. A new in-house developed viewer will become available in 2010, offering enhanced functions.

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[1] IT equipment not included

As the BnL is a founding member of the *Réseau francophone des bibliothèques nationales numériques (rfbnn)*, a subset of its digitised titles is available via the rfbnn Website [http://www.rfbnn.org]. The digitized collections of BnL are also partially integrated in *europeana* [http://www.europeana.eu]. The National library of Luxembourg provided content for the Europeana prototype and keeps it updated for the upcoming launch of Europeana v1 in 2010.

Since 2009 the bibnet.lu union catalogue, which includes the BnL's collections is searchable via the *Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue*, a metasearch interface developed by the University Library of Karlsruhe, which allows users to simultaneously search library and book trade catalogues worldwide.

## 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] (34 members in 2009, including the library of the University of Luxembourg). Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan services to various small libraries in the country, so as to allow them to increase their offer.

The Government has reorganized the public library sector, extending thus the coordinating missions of the National Library of Luxembourg. The law was passed on June 24th, 2010.

Since late 2008, a group (Group Europeana Luxembourg) of circa 30 representatives from various cultural heritage organisations holds meetings to exchange information about projects and best practices. It is managed by the National Library of Luxembourg. Working groups are formed ad hoc to move forwards in topics of common interest, for example: public lending right of audiovisual media, exchange of authority data, etc. No structural/project funding or personnel resources are available for the group, hence strategic planning is out of scope. However, the group is considered very useful as it offers a practical and open forum for practitioners of digitisation. The National library uses it as a forum to disseminate Europeana related information including licensing and sharing strategies.