

The National Library of the Republic of Moldova

Annual Report 2006

1. Management of the library

The key words driving the performance of the Library were diversity, innovation, partnership.

◆ Performance indicators:

Collections (1 Jan 2007)

Total holdings – 2510254
Books and serials – 2160941
Audio visual documents – 25624
Graphic documents – 136484
Printed music – 61142
Manuscripts – 214
E-documents – 1885

Active users – 11654

Visits – 123556

Loans - 588720

Bibliographic information - 21283

Exhibitions – 94

Cultural activities - 54

- ◆ **Mission statement:** creation of an exhaustively full collection of the documents issued on the territory of Republic of Moldova, creation of a representative collection of foreign publications; preservation of the national printed heritage.

2. Handling of electronic publications and formats, including new legislation

No new legislation was introduced.

3. Funding

In 2006 the Library's financial position was as follows:

	2006 (EUR)	2005 (EUR)
• Income		
State budget	460693,0	407738,0
Paid services	11462,5	9827,0
• Expenditure		
Staff expenditure	216318,8	129946,0
Social tax	54618,0	37684,0
Acquisition	34525,0	19845,0
Capital construction	12075,0	186309,0

4. Legislation

In 2005 the Government of the Republic of Moldova approved the list of libraries' services including the paid services.

5. Buildings

In 2006 the second block of the library was repaired under the tender for repair works. Approximately EUR 12075,00 were allocated by the Government of the Republic of Moldova for the renovation of the building.

6. Staffing matters

The essential requirements set for the staff were knowledge, professional skills, the awareness of reality and the ability to unite these qualities with the values of the institution.

As of January 1, 2007 the number of staff was 285 including 205 librarians. The average salary is EUR 60,00.

The needs for professional training are coordinated with the heads of the departments and a continuing development program for librarians was compiled.

7. Information technology

In 2006 the Library procured 10 new computers. In present in the Library there are 77 computers for librarians and 17 – for users.

The Library continued the realization of project for SIBIMOL creation (the Moldovan Integrated Library Information System). SIBIMOL is the most important project in library science and culture of Moldova. SIBIMOL will integrate information libraries of Moldova in the national network with the use of the Internet.

8. The digital library

The year was marked by a wide extension of electronic services and the beginning of a systematic creation of a digital library. Beginning with year 1991 National Library digitally records the information about new publications, creating Bibliographical Database< which in present includes 226000 title records.

Annual digitisation: about 3000 pages.

9. Legal deposit of materials

Since 1950 the Library receives the legal deposit of all documents issued in Moldova including books, periodicals, multimedia documents, etc. In 2006 the Library had acquire 2749 books, 439 serials, 182 audio visual documents.

10. Acquisitions

In 2006 a number of 13879 b.u. were added to the collections (out of which 5044 were received as donations). Acquisition funds are not sufficient.

11. Preservation and Conservation

One of the basic duties of the Library is preservation of the written heritage for the future generations. It assumes realization of a series of programs, the procedures promoting maintenance of a correct storage of all types of documents. Now the Centre of Preservation and Restoration is reorganized in a modern centre, with the appropriate equipment which can become the rescuer of the physical condition of books.

12. Services to readers

Services to readers are partly charged and partly free of charge. Information is offered to many institutions and juridical persons in Moldova.

Service to distant users is an important and perspective form of Library activities. Ten reading rooms are available in the National Library, eight out of them are specialized. 450 clients can simultaneously use the reading rooms.

13. Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

Cultural activities gained a big importance among other activities of the National Library. Annually the Library, together with the creative associations, embassies, with various researchers and peoples of culture, organizes about 54 actions. The most important of them are: National Book Fair, Literary Fair "Miorita", Symposium "Bessarabians in the World", Athenaeum "Moldova", Musical Show Room, Art Exhibition, Philosophical Cafe, many pedagogical actions, etc.

Annually in the National Library more than 94 exhibitions are organized, displaying about 10 thousand documents in various languages. The monthly Exhibitions, organized together with embassies, creative associations are very popular. Exhibitions of new acquisitions are regularly carried out. Subject exhibitions, including itinerant exhibitions, are also organized.

- ◆ Annually the National Library issues up to 27 titles of publications, with a volume of over 100 quires: bibliographic, methodological, advertising and other editions. Their information value involves plenty of organizations, and also separate persons. Achievements in this area are: "National Bibliography (Exteriorica)", "Culture in Moldova", "The National Calendar", "The Bibliological Bulletin", "Magazin Bibliologic", "Librarian's Newspaper", biobibliographies.

14. Library cooperation

At the international level the Library carries out bilateral and multilateral cooperation, giving priority to the national, research libraries, professional organizations and international organizations accredited in Moldova. The closest communications the Library has with the National Libraries of Romania, Belarus, Russia and France, the Library of Congress (U.S.A.), District libraries of Iasi, Cluj-Napoca, etc.

On national level the National Library cooperates with all libraries nationwide. In cooperation with several library and information the National Library started the project for a national shared catalogue.

15. Events

16. Organisation chart

National Library of Republic of Moldova structure includes:

Directions – 5

Sections – 25

Address:

The National Library of the Republic of Moldova

78 A, August 31, 1989 Street

MD-2012 Chisinau,

Republic of Moldova

Fax: (3732) 22 14 75

E-mail: bnrm@moldova.md

www.bnrm.moldova.md

13.06.2007