



The National Library of the Republic of Moldova

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ORGANISATION, STRUCTURE AND STATISTICS

Mission statement: Creation of a full collection of the documents published on the territory of the Republic of Moldova; formation of a representative collection of foreign publications; preservation of the national printed heritage.

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

National Library of Republic of Moldova structure includes:

Departments – 5
Sections – 27

In 2009 a new department in structure of the National Library of the Republic of Moldova was organized - an Integrated System of the Libraries of Moldova (SIBIMOL), which includes two sections and Digitization Section as well.

Basic statistics in 2009:

Collections (January 1, 2010) – 2528559
Registered users – 8736
Number of visits – 153697
Number of loans - 464517
Bibliographic information – 24054
Publications issued - 17 titles
Exhibitions – 150
Cultural activities – 50

FUNDING

In 2009 the Library's financial position was as follows:

	2008 (EUR)	2009 (EUR)
Income		
State budget	485803	477512
Paid services	79177	62165

COLLECTIONS

The collections of the Library comprise 2171457 books and serials, 25797 audio visual documents, 137460 graphic documents, 61747 printed music, 216 manuscripts, 2387 e-documents.

In 2009 a number of 11425 titles were added to the collections (from which 4108 were received as donations). Funds for acquisition were not sufficient.

Since 1950 the Library has been receiving the legal deposit of all documents published at the territory of Moldova, including books, periodicals, multimedia documents, etc. In 2009 the Library acquired 4322 books, 989 serials, 328 graphic documents.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

One of the basic obligations of the library is to preserve 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, added with the appropriate equipment and could become the rescuer of the physical condition of books.

READER SERVICES

.The Library is open 48 hours a week and has 8736 registered users, 60% of them are students. 153697 visits were made to the library and almost 0, 5 million documents were received by users.

Services to readers are partly charged and partly free of charge. Library offers information to many institutions and legal organizations in Moldova.

Library provides the following services:

Reference and Reading Service
Online Access and Local Database
Inter Library Loan

Audio Visual Services
Internet Services
Photocopying Services

The Library disposes of 10 specialized reading rooms, with 450 seats in a whole.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2009 was purchased 22 new computers, a scanner ATIZ and a server. At the moment there are 97 computers for librarians and 19 for users in the library.

The National Library of Moldova keeps working on the SIBIMOL project (Creation of the Moldovan Integrated Library Information System). SIBIMOL is one of the most important projects in library science and culture of Moldova. It will join the information from Moldovan libraries to the national network through the Internet. In 2009 the White Book of SIBIMOL was completed.

THE DIGITAL NATIONAL LIBRARY “MOLDAVICA”

In 2009 it was launched the work of scanning of the national cultural heritage documents included in Register of the National Program “Memory of Moldova”. As the result, the National Digital Library “Moldavica” was created. “Moldavica” is a place where the full texts of digitized documents from the register of the “Memory of Moldova” are accumulated and offered free of charge, from the library site (www.bnrm.md). It is also a Web service which gives access to other digitized documents of the national importance, not included to the Register but scanned and put to the servers of the libraries and other institutions with the national cultural heritage collections.

From the Web service of the European Digital Library “Moldavica” with its digitized collections of national heritage is accessible for all European national libraries’ users. The great benefit for the users of the Republic of Moldova is to have simultaneous access to numerical collections of the national libraries of Europe.

National Digital Library “Moldavica” includes:

- Old serials
- Manuscripts
- Old and rare books
- Old postcards
- Exlibris
- Maps

Totally, it includes 100,000 scanned pages at the moment.

CULTURAL EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICATIONS

Cultural events play very important role in the activities of the National Library of Moldova. Annually, with the help of creative associations, embassies, researchers and people of culture, about 50 events take place in here. The most important of them are: the National Book Fair, Days of Culture, Literary Club “Miorita”, Athenaeum "Moldova", Musical Show Room, Art Exhibition, Philosophical Cafe, many pedagogical actions, etc. In 2009 the National Book Fair was dedicated the memory

of a great national poet Grigore Vieru. More than 5,000 titles of his books, published in 1,200 publishing houses from fourteen countries, were presented.

Every year the National Library of Moldova organizes more than 150 exhibitions, displaying in them about ten thousand documents, in many languages. The monthly exhibitions, organized in collaboration with embassies and creative associations are very popular. Exhibitions of new acquisitions, as well as mobile exhibitions, are also organized on a regular basis.

In 2009 the library took part of the virtual exhibitions, organized by the European Digital Library.

Annually the National Library publishes up to 17 titles of editions, with a volume of over 110 quires: bibliographic, methodological, advertising, and others. The most interesting of them are : "National Bibliography (Exteriorica)", "Culture in Moldova", "The National Calendar", "The Librarian's Bulletin", "Librarian's Newspaper", bio bibliographies.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

From the scientific works, realized in 2009, there could be mentioned some the most important: symposium "2008 – Year of Popularizing of Reading", symposium "Library Values", conference of the Young Librarians' Club, Symposium "Bessarabians in the World".

In 2009 was completed the study on the national level – „Time and Place of Reading in Moldova”.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

At the international level the Library carries out bilateral and multilateral cooperation, giving priority to the national libraries, research libraries, professional organizations and international organizations, including those accredited in Moldova. The closest communications the Library has with the National Libraries of Romania, Belarus, Russia and France, and the Library of Congress, USA.

The National Library cooperates with all libraries at the territory of the Republic of Moldova. From collaboration with several libraries and information centres appeared the project of a national shared catalogue (SIBIMOL).

The integration of the National Library to the international informational system is achieved through permanent contacts and collaboration with IFLA, CENL, UNESCO, BAE etc.

STAFF

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

As of January 1, 2010 the number of staff was 284 persons, including 206 librarians. The needs for professional training are coordinated with the heads of the departments. A plan of continuous study for librarians was developed.

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