



The National Library of the Republic of Moldova (BNRM)

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1. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

During 2010 BNRM achieved the following:

- launched the National Digital Library "Moldavica", which is the central database of full texts of patrimonial documents included in the Register of the National Programme "Memory of Moldova", accessible on the library site www.moldavica.bnrm.md and via the web service of the European Library www.theeuropeanlibrary.org.
- participated in the European project "Reading Europe: European culture through the book."
- organized the International Book Fair 2010, dedicated to the Year Mihai Eminescu at which the production of about 300 publishers from 14 countries were exposed: Ireland, Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary, etc.
- organized thematic virtual exhibitions in collaboration with the European National Libraries. The European Library exhibited BNRM's virtual exhibitions dedicated to Grigore Vieru and Vasile Vasilache.
- as a full member of the European Library, it took part in the collective virtual exhibition of the 47 National Libraries devoted to Napoleon Bonaparte with its collection of postcards that depict the French emperor.
- reconditioned its management system in the context of the system of performance indicators for European National Libraries consented by the European Commission.
- attended the Conference of European National Librarians and other international events.
- founded the League of Moldova's Librarians using the model of European countries.
- inaugurated the Conference of the Directors of Public Libraries – CoDiBiP Moldova.
- developed and edited traditionally and online a number of publications: bibliographic, methodological, advertising, etc. The most significant of them: "National Bibliography

(Exteriorica), "Culture in Moldova", "The National Calendar", "The Librarian's Bulletin", "Librarian's Newspaper", "Bio bibliographies".

- conducted the symposia: "Bibliologic Year 2009 – the year of the promotion of public library's image in the community", "Bessarabians in the World", and "Library Values".
- organized a lot of cultural events such as: Vasile Alexandri and Mihai Eminescu Days, Literary Club "Miorita", Athenaeum "Moldova", Musical Saloon, Art Exhibitions, Philosophical Café. It also organized many pedagogical events, and events dedicated to the culture and civilization of the world countries such as the Europe Days, Francophone Days, Hebrew Culture Days, etc.
- ensured methodologically and organizationally the process of librarians' reorientation to the concept "Library 2.0"; started a study "User 2.0 in the libraries of Moldova"; developed an on-line dictionary of standardized terminology in the field of information, librarianship and publishing, etc.

2. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

	2010	2009
Collections (January 1, 2011)	2534856	2528559
Registered users	7636	8736
Number of visits	166268	153697
Number of loans	429726	464517
Scientific research and information services	24054	24054
Exhibitions	169	150
Cultural activities	50	50
Publications issued	24	17
Total staff (equivalent to fulltime)	269	284
State budget	€480919	€477512
Paid services	€40121	€62165

3. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS. DIGITAL INITIATIVES

The current collections of the BNRM amount to 2,534,856 items. The collections comprise:

- ◆ Books - 1514874 volumes
- ◆ Serials – 479027 volumes
- ◆ Microfilms, microfiches - 4700
- ◆ Audiovisual documents - 25 817
- ◆ Sheet music - 61803
- ◆ Maps, atlases – 752
- ◆ Graphic documents - 137967
- ◆ Manuscripts - 218
- ◆ Electronic documents - 2420

Among the achievements of the year in this area the following can be mentioned: the library started the project of enrichment of the world literature collection through donations from abroad, a project supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova and the Moldovan embassies abroad. It also received the donation of a part (1298 ex.) of Yuri Kojevnikov's, a Russian scholar, poet, translator and researcher of Romanian literature, personal library, and the donation of Alexander Șoltoianu's, a dissident politician, personal library (400 rare books, brochures, albums on the history of Bessarabia, and numerous newspaper articles).

After the creation of the Center of digitization in 2010 the BNRM began to actively digitize the patrimonial books stored in the library. National Digital Library "Moldavica" includes: old serials, manuscripts, old and rare books, old postcards, exlibris and maps. Totally it comprises 120,000 scanned pages at the moment.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

The Library improved the access to its collections through exhibitions and online resources.

High priority was given to maintaining and completing the Library Electronic Catalogue. By the end of 2010 it contained 324574 records. In addition to them there were approximately 1000 titles of digitized old documents.

The National Library of Moldova kept working on the SIBIMOL project. SIBIMOL is one of the most important projects in library science and culture of Moldova. Its goal is that the information from all Moldovan libraries to be used in common on the national network through the Internet.

The Library constantly worked on the development of its WEB-site.

5. COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

During 2010-2011 the National Library will continue to work with partner libraries in order to better meet the needs for access to library services in the digital age. In the near future contacts with academic libraries, museums and the National Archives will be established in order to coordinate the work of documents digitization. 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 Library maintains the most fruitful relationships with the National Libraries of Romania, Belarus, Russia, France, and the Library of Congress. The integration of the National Library into the international information system is achieved through permanent contacts and collaboration with CENL, IFLA, UNESCO, BAE, etc.

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