



The National Library of Russia (NLR)

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Annual Report to CENL - 2007

Management of the library: performance indicators, planning, decision-making, evaluation, mission statement:

In 2007, a five year report was compiled on the activities of the National Library of Russia for the period from 2001-2006.

Work on the development of the new performance indicators was conducted on the basis of the Federal Form of Statistical Monitoring and the National Standard 7.20-2000, and the International Standard (ISO 2789).

Financial Analysis of the NLR projects for three years was carried out by the Accounting Department of the library.

A draft project for the NLR Museum was prepared by a special commission.

A collection of statutes of the NLR divisions was prepared for publishing. The new work regulations for the NLR were developed based on the amended Federal Labor Law (2006).

The new structure for the NLR's Library Development Department was introduced.

Benefits of increased funding; how the extra funds have been applied:

Financing of the library from the federal budget was 569,214,600.00 rubles (513,935,100.00 rubles in 2006, an increase of 10.8% covers the annual inflation in the country)

Revenue earning: percentage of total resources earned by the library from sales of goods, services etc.:

The NLR earned 37,368,800.00 rubles which is 6.56 % of federal financing.

Legislation:

On January 31st, a Decree of the President of the Russian Federation on Creation of the Presidential Library of Russian Federation was issued. According to this document a working group was formed to develop the basis for the Presidential Library. The Director General of the National Library of Russia became a member of the WG.

At the end of 2006, the Public Committee on Library Development Support was formed. It is headed by the chairman of the State Duma, Boris Gрызlov.

In May, an order of the Ministry of Culture was signed giving the basic directions for the development of the Russian National Computer Network, LIBNET, for 2007 – 2010.

Buildings:

In 2007, the 100 million rubles were allocated from the federal budget for the second stage of the new building construction. Finance for next three years is also assured. Renovation of reading rooms for social sciences and humanities started. Some renovations were also done on the inner courtyards of the historical Main library building.

Staffing matters:

According to the staff schedule, the number of staff members in NLR is 1,973. As of December the 1st 2007, 1,789 persons worked in the Library. The average monthly salary in the library was 8, 453.00 rubles (ca 241 euros).

Information technology and networks:

Cataloging module of the NLR Library Automation System was launched.

The testing of a microfilm cataloguing system was started.

A new automated system "Russian serials" was implemented in the Acquisition Department.

Important new investments in hardware / software / systems:

300 items of technical equipment were purchased

Networking / Internet / www. Initiatives:

Currently the local network consists of 950 computers.

OPAC provision:

A test version of the OPAC Module "Russian books" was created by the InfoCom company.

In the beginning of 2007 the NLR started development of the Module for cataloging of foreign books. 115,730 records were added to the electronic catalogue within the year. At the beginning of 2008, the electronic catalogues contained 10,063,518 records. Retrospective conversion of the catalogues of foreign serials from 1930 was accomplished, and the conversion of part of the old card catalogues of foreign books was started. 3,843,052 visits to the Library OPAC were registered.

The digital library:

New software for digital collection management was developed in cooperation with the RUSAR company. 826,000 files were loaded into the system (47, 805 files consist of the documents from the NLR collections). 972 CD's and 89 DVD's were created.

The digital collection "History of the Russian Empire" by the end of 2007 included the complete collection of Laws of Russian Empire since 1649 to 1917, 649 volumes of memorial books of guberniyas (territorial subdivisions of Russia, 1708-1929); 135 volumes of News of Parishes of the Russian Empire.

Acquisitions:

Legal deposit materials in 2007 (308, 189 volumes) comprised 78% of all Russian publications in the same year (25, 000 more than in 2006. The number of serials received by the Library as legal deposit materials had been constantly increasing within the last three years. In 2005, there were 66,711 items of serials, in 2006 – 70,044, and in 2007 – 85,757.

3,372 CD's and DVD's came to the Library as legal deposit materials. Contacts with some publishers of electronic off-line materials were established.

12,915 items were received as gifts and donations.

The expenditures on foreign books were 39.4 % of all expenditures; on foreign serials 47.02%; and on electronic materials – 2.9%

Number of commercial databases was 9.

Services to readers:

Number of visits to the Library - 1,149,900. Within the last three years, this number slightly decreased; in 2006 it was 1,197,500; and in 2005 1,292,600.

New developments in reader services / lending services:

A new Rules and Regulations for library membership were implemented. The new technology for patron registration was developed. 71, 336 new passes (library cards) were issued in 2007.

Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing:

During the year, 356 cultural events (lectures, concerts, film demonstrations etc) took place in the NLR. They were attended by nearly 20,000 persons. 90 exhibitions were organized. 275 guided tours were given. The NLR publishing house produced 48 publications: 23 monographs, 11 reference books and bibliographies, and 14 other publications.

20 research conferences were held.

Library co-operation:

The Library participated in several national and international programs: IFLA, CDNL, CENL, CERL, LIBER, EROMM, TEL, WDL, and Bibliotheca Baltica.

NLR has partnership agreements with 22 libraries and other organizations around the world.

An agreement with the Library of Congress was signed for NLR participation in the World Digital Library.

Another agreement with LC on the exchange of musical publications is in the process of preparation.

Major celebrations (anniversaries and events):

The 950 year anniversary of the Ostromir Gospel (first dated Russian manuscript)

The 150 year anniversary of the Rare Book Department

Several staff members received national awards.

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