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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Country report

**Name of Country:** Russian Federation

**Name of Library:** Federal State Institution

«Russian State Library» (RSL), Moscow

**Name of Chief Executive:** Dr. Victor Fedorov, RSL Director General

**ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL 2008**

*The momentous event of 2007 became the reconstruction completion of the Pashkov House (Dom Pashkova) in the Russian State Library complex (more than 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> of splendid spaces of the cultural enlightenment significance). Among first guests — book connoisseurs on the ceremony of the National literary competition «Big book».*

*RSL ensured the information-analytical support of the work of the Public Committee on Russia libraries development assistance, including preparation of the legislative initiatives.*

*RSL took active part in the preparation of the strategic documents — draft of the Concept of the Librarianship Development in the Russian Federation up to 2015, the Complex programme of the RSL development for 2008—2013.*

***In 2007 the RSL purposefully broadened the possibilities put at the readers' disposal to use library-information resources:***

- more than in 1,7 times increased the collection of the integrated digital library which is now — 0,7% of the total RSL collection volume;*
- specialized collection increased due to 1000 CD;*
- in 70% as big was the number of titles within networked remote resources available to RSL users;*
- installed 20 sensor Internet-kiosks for user orientation;*
- national authority file (persons' names and organizations' names) increased by 18600 authority records and now — 50500 bibliographic records;*
- successfully done the test working regime of the virtual reference-bibliographic service for RSL users;*
- each fifth visitor used RSL electronic resource;*
- the site of the project «All-Russian electronic music library» ([www.libmusic.ru](http://www.libmusic.ru)) which aimed to organise access to the digital music collections of Russian libraries, archives and museums.*

***The sphere and geography of distant library users broadened***

*During this year 87 new virtual reading rooms of electronic dissertation library were opened. By the end of 2007 289 virtual RSL reading rooms located in 260 sites of Russia, as well Byelorussia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Ukraine.*

*In 2007 RSL became one of the partners of the Library of Congress for creation of World digital library and became a full member of the European library.*

***A great public resonance had several scientific-practical conferences and meetings organized in/by the RSL:***

- All-Russian conference «Legal Heritage and Modern Jurisprudence: Times Connection» (May);*
- VI All-Russian meeting of managers of information services on culture and arts «Rosinformculture in Informational Partnership of Culture, Science and Education» (September);*
- 7<sup>th</sup> International conference «Library in the Context of History» (October);*
- X International scientific readings in memoriam of N.F. Fedorov (November);*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurasian information and library congress «Russian Language — a Key to Dialog and Mutual Enrichment of Culture. Libraries Mission in Reading Development and Humanitarian Communications» (November).*

***And among others on actual themes:***

- «Ecological Education, World Culture and Stable Development (March)»;*
- «Interaction of Publishing Houses and Libraries — Decision Factor for Problems of Children Reading» (April);*
- «Virtual LIS Cabinet — to Libraries of Russia» (May);*
- International seminar «Manuscripts Processing in Digital Environment» (May);*
- Seminar «Library Performance Indicator» jointly with Library of Goethe Culture Centre in Moscow (October).*

***Publishing activities***

*Among RSL publications should be mentioned the first in our history reference publication «Library Encyclopedia» (БЭ Библиотечная энциклопедия. 1299 p.). This publication became a laureate in nomination «The best publication assisting in the books affairs development». It was nominated by Association of book publishers of the Russian Federation.*

**Award**

*16 February 2007 the President of the Russian Federation V.V. Putin awarded RSL Director General Victor Fedorov by Order of Merit for the Country (Orden «Za zaslugi pered Otetshestvom»), class IV, for great input in librarianship development, preservation of the motherland cultural and historical heritage.*

**2007 in some figures**

- *stock volume: 43,6 millions items, including 12,6 millions foreign documents;*
- *new acquisitions: 497,1 thousands items, including 137,5 thousands foreign documents;*
- *reading rooms: 37;*
- *user places: 2205, including 369 computerized;*
- *staff members: 2362, with 75% of women.*

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