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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library

As a national library and according to its status of legal deposit receiver RSL should maintain its function as a curator of cultural, science and intellectual memory of Russia. Meantime, in conditions of digital environment development RSL as other national libraries of the world should increase its role in assuring access to library and information resources of other depositaries.

On April 2009 reading rooms of the manuscripts department, the music scores department and the maps department at the Pashkov House ceremonially opened to the readers.

Concept of a new building of RSL is under development. The new building situated very close to the today complex of RSL buildings is planned to be open in 2015. According to conceptual engineering of the new buildings total size is 83 thou. m²: book storage — 45.5 thou. m² (including art images collection), reading rooms — 5.9 thou. m², staff rooms for acquisition, processing and IT departments — 14.8 thou. m². New building with special equipment for storage and usage of heterogenic materials should be focused on the collection of the third millennium, i.e. books and journals published since 2001, as well as different types of digital resources, including texts, sounds, images and multimedia.

In 2009 RSL applied a new system of payment for the labor of employees. In compliance with the new system new fund of staff salaries is independent from the actual number of employees. In 2008 the federal budget for RSL was 1,5 bln. rubles, besides RSL gained 100 mln. rubles. Annual budget for 2009 is 1.110 bln. rubles (decreased in comparison with 2008 due to the global financial crisis).

In 2007 in the annual message to the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation (RF) the President Vladimir Putin announced creation of the Presidential Library named after Boris Yeltsin, the first President of the RF. The Presidential Library goals are to form all storage of information resources represented in digital form of the works and documents on history, theory and practice on the Russian statehood, as well of the Russian language as a state language of Russia. The official opening of the Library was held on May 27, 2009 in Saint Petersburg, in the Synod Building.

2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to government, and citation of legislation, which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation, which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations:

On January 23, 2009 the State Duma of the Russian Federation approved a draft law in third reading «On the introduction of amendments to the Federal Law «On Librarianship». The draft puts in new concepts «Book Monuments», «National Library Fund», defines competence of local authorities.

RSL is involved in development of amendments for the federal law 94 «About the placement of delivery orders for goods, works and services for state and municipal needs» as well as for the part 4 of the Civil Code of the RF. After 14th Vologda Congress (17—22 May

2009) Russian library association sent to the State Duma of the RF the request to amend this Federal law.

Public Committee Assisting Russian Libraries Development established in 2006 continues its activities under the Chairmanship of the Boris Gryzlov — Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the RF. The RSL Director General V.V. Fedorov is its Executive Secretary.

Among the Committee's aims first three should be mentioned:

- Real help in developing libraries of all types at all levels (federal, regional, local, departmental etc.);
- Assistance in setting up a civil society, removal of information inequality of regions and citizens;
- Organization of explanatory work on the basis of libraries on solving social and economic problems formulated by the society and solved by the state.

The Expert Group on Updating Federal Laws «On Librarianship» and «Legal Deposit Act» focused on updating federal law «On Librarianship» due to the broad spreading of new information technologies in the recent decades, the necessity of a profound renewal of the library legislation becomes apparent.

Anxious to make the access to the content of foreign legislative acts easier for the library researchers, librarians — practitioners and other interested users the RSL has compiled a collection of reference materials regarding the legislation on the national libraries abroad. In this connection it should be cited the RSL publication «Legislation on National Libraries in Foreign Countries». The published book contains approximately 80 valid (as of July 13, 2005) laws and bylaws from 19 countries: Australia, Belgium, Austria, UK, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Canada, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Portugal, France, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Sweden, the South African Republic, Japan. As the copyright holders' consent is necessary for publication of the texts' translation into Russian, the decision has been taken to present the content of the legislative acts in this collection in the form of abstracts.

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc.):

As of the beginning of 2009:

Seize of Collection: 43,7 mln. items, among them —12,7 mln. foreign documents items; including books — 17,3 mln. items; journals — 13,0 mln. items; serials — 1,4 mln items; newspapers —675,5 thou. annual complete sets; pieces of printed sheet music — 370,9 thou. items; maps — 150,0 thou. items; art productions — 1,3 mln. items; dissertations — 952, 4 thou. items; archive and manuscript materials — 549,5 thou. items; audiovisual documents — 35,2 thou. items; documents in microform: 3,3 mln. items; digital documents — 21,5 thou. items.

Number of staff: 2133

Number of reading rooms: 39 (37 in last year); number of virtual reading rooms of the Digital Dissertation Library of RSL — 330 (in RF cities as well as in 11 CIS countries).

Number of user seats: 2414 (2205 in last year); number of users: 66 thou. (65 thou. in last year).

Electronic catalogue capacity increased to 20 %.

International Book Exchange: partners — 1180 and countries — 97; Documents sent — 37,1 thou. items.

Interlibrary loan: Number of Subscribers — 606; document delivery through ILL and IDILL: 19,8 thou. items.

4. New developments in creating and building collections:

The Library's collections development strategy integrates analog and digital content. 17 December 2008 RSL announced competition project on the creation on the largest in Europe

digital storage. The largest in Europe digital storage with capacity of 162 Tb, which is comparable to 3 mln. books, is created as a programme to build Russian National Digital Library. Rare books, music scores, manuscripts, periodicals selected from all Russian libraries are stored here. In compliance with the Part IV of the Civil Code of the RF, since 2008 RSL has been using the system DefView with protected viewing of documents, which assures functioning of the Digital Theses Library with over 1350 of titles.

5. New developments in managing collections:

In 2000 a National programme on preservation of library collections of the RF was established. Within its frameworks sub-programme «Book monuments» of the RF began. According to the order of the Minister of culture of the RF of 13.09.2000 RSL received the functions of the Federal research, methodical and coordination center on the book monuments processing. Among the main goals of the programme: creation of the united distributed collection of book monuments; creation of digital All-Russian Code of Book Monuments; revelation, including research description and popularization of book monuments collection.

Russian Literary Heritage On-Line (<http://tolstoy-nasledie.rsl.ru:8880/>). A project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and managed by the British Council, Moscow. This project is the first attempt in the RF of a partnership between a library and a literary estate. Within this project on-line joint catalogue created, which offers integrated access to the catalogues of the Personal Library of Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoy, held by the Leo Tolstoy Literary Estate, in Yasnaya Polyana, as well as to all related bibliographic records and a selection of digital resources in the RSL (<http://tolstoy-nasledie.rsl.ru:8880/ru/mainmenu/resources>). The Personal Library of Tolstoy includes the books collected by the author during his life (22,000 volumes). It includes many rare editions with autographs, its unique value comes from the presence of hand written notes made by Tolstoy. The RSL holds an outstanding collection of Leo Tolstoy's works published in Russian and foreign languages as well as a wide range of publications, theses, newspapers' articles and critical studies related to the author's works, in addition to photo albums, maps etc.

6. New developments in providing access to collections:

Access to 34 journals of California Press was provided in the beginning of 2009.

In 2008 the project on the implementation of a special version of the system «Anti-plagiarism» which enables universities to check term projects, abstracts, theses and other documents in the dissertations base of the Library was finished.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums):

In 2001 RSL, Russian Biographical Institute and newspaper «Literaturnaya Gazeta» (Literature Newspaper) established a national award «Best Books and Publishing Houses of the Year». In 2008 the best book was the album «Unforgettable» in memoriam of the great Russian dancer Natalia Bessmertnova.

RSL held online conference «the State-of-art of the Library Legislation: projects and perspectives» during which problems of digital documents acquisition in the context of the Part IV of the Civil Code were discussed. Among participants were RSL, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian State Science and Technical Library, Russian Association of Digital Libraries.

In 2009 Russia celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of the great writer Nikolai Gogol. RSL marked this event by organizing the large exhibition dedicated to the writer which showed posthumous editions of Gogol, prepared by his heirs, as well as the most valuable for historians collected works published before the Revolution of 1917, in the Soviet period and in present.

RSL as well took part in the large exhibition organized by the State Historical Museum by providing 20 exhibits, including autographs of Gogol's works, his letters to relatives,

drawings, prayers on the creation and completion of «Dead Souls» and the letter to V. Belinsky — symbol of the famous dialogue on the principles, beliefs and eternal values.

8. Examples of international cooperation

In April 2009 RSL signed two agreements on cooperation with National Diet Library of Ukraine and National Library of Byelorussia.

In May 2007 the IFLA and the RSL in Moscow signed a cooperation agreement by which RSL received a status of IFLA Russian Language Centre. It can now be seen as a permanent representative of IFLA/HQ for the Russian speaking community in a pursuit to make IFLA more visible in that community, promoting IFLA goals, principles and core values and to translation of key IFLA documents, guidelines, press releases, and papers prepared for the Council Meetings etc. In accordance with the agreement RSL regularly publishes the translations of selected IFLA papers, press releases, guidelines and statements in the journal «News of the IFLA».

In 2008 RSL staff members attended 25 international library conferences and workshops, including IFLA WLICs, annual CENL and CDNL conferences, IAML, ISO/TC 46 and LIBER conferences. The library is involved in implementation of the following international projects: TEL, WDL, «Catalogues of the Western European Medieval Manuscripts» in the collections of the RSL, «Library Performance Indicators», «Creation of Centres of the Russian Book in CIS Countries», «Meeting on the Frontiers» (with Kazakhstan), «Russian libraries to compatriots».

RSL is actively involved in the development of the World Digital Library (WDL).

The Library of Congress, in partnership with UNESCO and 34 partner institutions, launched the WDL on April 21, 2009. Growing out of a proposal from the James H. Billington Librarian of Congress to UNESCO in 2005, the WDL Website (<http://www.wdl.org>) offers unique cultural heritage materials digitized from library collections and archives throughout the world. So far RSL contributed 11 objects to the WDL content.

As a full partner of the European Library (TEL) RSL actively participates in TEL working groups meetings. In May 2008 RSL organized the workshop about TEL activities with participants from many Moscow libraries. During implementation of the project RSL applied new approaches to assessing performance indicators in the field of digital resources usage which might be used also for other similar projects. RSL web-site uses Google Analytics system, a free service offered by Google that generates detailed statistics about the visitors not only to the TEL website, but to the RSL website also.