

Report

The National Library of Russia

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Annual Report to CENL 2005

Strategy, priorities

The National Library of Russia took strategic decisions approved by the Academic Council of the Library. The document that expresses the decisions is called: "Strategic goals and priorities of the National Library of Russia for 2005 – 2015"

NRL had hosted the conference "Electronic publications in the libraries of Russia" with 128 participants representing 26 regions of the country. NLR prepared the second edition of CD-ROM "The Library Law in Russian Federation"

Funding of NRL

This year library funding is formed from three sources:

1. The funding from the state budget
2. Target funding (grants, endowments etc)
3. Revenue earnings

This year the funding of Federal Budget was 11.8% more than in 2004. The target funding was 79% of the 2004. The percentage of total resources earned from sales of goods, services etc was 5.9% of the budget funding.

Legislation

July 28th 2005 the Government issued decree "On the changes in statuses of the federal state organizations "The National Library of Russia" and "Russian State Library". The changes are due to the alterations of the structure of government. Ministry of Culture was reorganized in The Ministry of Culture and Public Communications, which includes the Federal Agency for Culture and Cinematography. The state libraries now subordinate this Agency.

The Collegium of the Ministry of Culture and Public Communications issued the document called "On the policy of state in the development of libraries in Russian Federation" March 28th 2005.

Buildings, construction, renovation

According to the decision of the Strategic Council of the Library the engineering inspection of structures and engineering communications of architect Rossi building (one of the historical buildings of the library) was carried out.

In 2005 renovation was done in several rooms of the main building of the Library. Some of the rooms were partially rebuilt, e.g. the room which accommodates the

classified card catalogue, store of the Manuscript Department. Total size of the renovated area is 735 m².

This year transporting of the library stock to the new building of the Library continued without interruption of the service to readers. During the year 720 thousand copies, including 600 thousand copies of foreign books from the stocks called "Rossica" and "Polygraphy" were transported.

The reference materials (about 120) were also moved; the access to the reference literature has been opened in the new building.

Information technologies, cataloguing

At the moment the Library has 988 computers, 27 servers.

850 computers are networked, 127 computerized seats available for readers.

The system "Russian book" supports the technological cycle "acquisition – processing – stocks" and the OPAC global, a module of the users' access to the library resources.

On the base of the Library the National Service of the RusMARC Format worked.

During the year 169528 records were added to the electronic catalogue of the Library.

In 2005 the retrospective conversion went on. The further work of conversion of General alphabetic catalogue was combined with the conversion of Union catalogue of Russian books published in 1826-1917 (coordinator of the project – Russian State Library).

The retrospective conversion of catalogue of the Russian serials is almost completed and the conversion of the foreign serial catalogue started. Within the conversion work the 74 161 records on the Russian serial editions and 1 461 819 records on the volumes and numbers were created.

All records are accessible via Internet.

Digital Library

At the moment the digital library of NLR contains 53 000 digital documents and 2000 master copies on CD and DVD disks.

The materials digitalized during the year

European illuminated manuscripts of 5th – 16th centuries from the collection of manuscript department (some items of the digitalized collection were used for preparation of printed catalogue of the exhibition in the Hermitage museum)

"Along Volga" works of Russian photographers of 19th centuries (Photos from the Library collection were used for the catalogue of the 20 Europalia festival)

The collection of portraits of the first State Duma (Parliament) of Russia members (Electronic publication on CD, devoted to the centenary of first Russian Duma)

Russian maps of 18th century from the collection of the Cartography Department – the work is in process.

The newspapers in the language of Bukhar Jews (1930) and newspapers in Khanty – Mansi languages (1930-1950) from the collection of the Department of Literature in languages of people of Russia and former USSR.

Acquisition

284 041 items of legal deposit copies came to the Library in 2005 which is 69% of acquisitions of materials published in Russia. (In 2004 and 2003 – the figure was 58%). This year the book publishing in the country substantially grew – 100 thousand titles (in 2004 it was 87 thousand, in 2003 – 81 thousand titles).

On 01.01.2006 the collections of NLR contain 34 510 159 items (in 2004 it was 34 150 096 items), the year growth is 360 063 items. (in 2004 it was 310 632)

In 2005 year the Library spent on acquisition 99 135 381 rubles (in 2004 it was 102 320 470 rubles) 97 495 669 rubles was spent on the documents on material carriers and 1 639 712 on the online access and databases.

Outstanding acquisitions relating to the cultural heritage. Through Italian book trading company «Casalini Libri» and Russian company “CONEC” NLR acquired printed music edition and audiovisual recordings of the operas by Donizetti, Bellini, Rossini, Verdi, complete set of Beethoven symphonies under Ricardo Muti and Claudio Abbado.

More than 200 items were added to Rossica collection.

A magnificent book of illustration to Hans Christian Andersen stories came from the University of Odense (Denmark).

Restoration and conservation

In 2005 21300 physical leaves for 14 divisions of the Library were restored during the year.

Major restoration work was done for the Manuscript department (31%), Collection of Russian books (25%), Foreign books collections (17%), and Newspaper department. The rate of the machine restoration was more than 28%.

2 088 bindings were restored. Restoration of 463 bindings, including 160 of high complexity, was executed for Russian department of the book stock. 680 new bindings were made for the reference book department.

New technology of restoration of the modern binding restoration on binding machine “Unibind” was developed. In 2005 a program of the documents encapsulation was carried out. 162 leaflets from NLR collections were encapsulated.

Laboratory for microfilming in 2005 made 20 250 shots of negative and 20 250 shots of positive (newspaper “Russkii Invalid”, 1810-1842), and 4 042 shots of negative and the 4 042 shots o positive (news paper “Tendjerman perevodchik”) and 149 853 shots of negative and 149 853 shots of positive for Russian magazines collections.

September 1st 2005 the Centre of reprography NLR started working. To the end of 2005 the centre made 151 275 shots of negative and 444 145 shots of positive for several departments of the Library. Control quality of microfilm was organized (control of readership of text, missed pages, chemical control).

May 11th 2006 the “Center of Book Safety in Saint-Petersburg” was opened. It was an initiative of Academy of conservation in Leipzig and the Foundation supporting culture, science and education (SECCO Pontanova) to organize a safety center dealing with document processing.

Foundation “SECCO Pontanova” established a unique device for acid neutralization in paper. It is capable of processing 40 000 books in a year.

Services to readers

In 2005 new passes were given to 37 228 persons. Last year the Library had 1 292 600 visits of readers, which is less than in 2004 (it was 1 551 652 visits). The loan also became less than in 10 722 406 items from the library collections. (In 2004 it was 11 911 729)

In the newly opened in the new building electronic library reading room digital resources of library are available to readers.

Plan was developed to organize in the main building Universal reading room instead four branch reading rooms each of which dealt with special field of knowledge and to join the loan systems of Russian and foreign literature. The open access is organized to the materials of the Universal reading room. At the moment all readers of the library irrespectively of the group have access to all collections. But the unified access raises a problem of security of the materials. To solve the problem systems against theft are being established and the staff of reading room got special training.

In the Library a feedback system works. The readers' judgments of the service are examined by staff of service divisions and analyzed by research workers.

Cooperation

National cooperation:

Federal core program "Culture of Russia (2001-2005)"
National Digital Library
National Informational Library Centre
National Format of Bibliographic Records (RUSMARC) (Russian Library Association)
Russian Library Informational Consortium
The Project "Cataloguing before Publishing"
The Project "Names came back"
The Project "Longevity of Printed Matter and Manuscript"
Union Catalog of Russian Serials (1801 - 1825)
List of the Full-Text and Bibliographic Resources for Libraries
The national project "Libnet" which supports system of Union catalogues of Russian Libraries.

International cooperation:

Participation in international organizations:
IIFLA
CDNL
CENL
CERL
LIBER
Bibliotheca Baltica

In the beginning of 2006 the Library entered EROMM, set of 700 records on the digital master copies made in NLR was sent to the EROMM database.

Cultural events

In 2005 the centre of cultural programs organized 87 exhibitions. 315 cultural events (lectures, concerts etc) were arranged, which were visited by 17 000 persons. 272 guided tours were organized for 3544 visitors of the library.

Major celebrations

210 anniversary of NLR was celebrated May 27th 2005

Bicentenary of the Manuscript Department was celebrated March 11th 2005. Jubilee act took place with participation of advanced scholars, archivists, and readers of the Department. In the State Hermitage Museum the exhibition "Art of West European Manuscript of 5th – 16th centuries" took place.

The Library housed the headquarters of Russian Library Association. In 2005 it was 10 years of the Association.

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