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

In accordance with the concept of long-term socio-economic development of the Russian Federation for the period till 2020 main activities of the Government of the Russian Federation until 2012 and a list of projects to implement the Guidelines of the Government of the Russian Federation until 2012 were approved by the Decree of the Government of Russian Federation № 1663 from 17.11.2008

The brand-new library - Federal State Budgetary Establishment "The Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library" is supposed to become the largest nation-wide repository of digital documents on the history, theory and practice of Russian statehood and on the Russian language subject as the official language of the Russian Federation.

Grand opening of the Presidential Library with the participation of the President of the Russian Federation Dmitriy Medvedev, Most Holy Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kirill and representatives of executive and legislative branches of federal and regional government was held on the 27th of May 2009.

On the 1st of September 2009 the grand opening of the Electronic reading room facilities for regular visits was held.

The second session of the Russian-American Working Group on Library Cooperation held in the Presidential Library on the 15-16th of October 2009 resulted in signing a Memorandum on cooperation between the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library and the Library of Congress.

On October, 28th 2009 the Presidential Library held a workshop on the establishment of branch institutions in the Russian Federation, which resulted in the signing of cooperation agreements with the heads of Russian Federation regions - the Tatarstan Republic, the Republic of Buryatia, the Omsk region and the Tyumen region and later with the Republic of Chuvashia.

On December, 3rd 2009 the Presidential Library hosted a meeting of the Public Committee assisting Russian libraries under the chairmanship of Boris Gryzlov, the Chairman of the Russian Federation State Duma.

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

Federal State Budgetary Establishment "The Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library" carries out the activity on the basis of the Charter confirmed by the governmental order of the Russian Federation dated April, 8th, 2009 №309.

The Presidential Library was founded by the Government of the Russian Federation in accordance with the order of the President of the Russian Federation dated June, 18 2007 №326 «On Creation of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library» and the order of the Government of the Russian Federation dated November, 5th, 2008 №1615. The Presidential Library is under jurisdiction of the Administrative office of the President of the Russian Federation

The basic regulating act of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library is the Federal law «On Librarianship» dated 12.29.1994 №78-FZ.

Submission of legal deposits of electronic copies to the Presidential Library is stipulated by the Federal law №77-FL of 29.12.2009 «On legal deposit of documents».

Development of the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library as the national information portal is stipulated by the Major areas of activity of the Russian Federation government until the year of 2012 approved by the RF government instruction of November 17, 2008 N 1663.

The Presidential Library representatives attend the meetings of working groups under the «Public Committee for the Russian libraries development support» under the chairmanship of Boris Gryzlov, the Chairman of the Russian Federation State Duma.

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

By the 1 quarter of 2010 the Library held 260 tours with total amount 3,543 people.

Number of equipped user places in Electronic Reading Room (ERR) – 60.

There were performed 192 presentations of EER with demonstration of ERR capabilities. Number of visitors – 2,483 people. Department of user services answered 270 reference questions and gave 450 advisory opinions, uploaded 2,000 pages.

Website traffic – 117,677

Number of library cards, including temporary cards - 793

Number of documents, placed on the web-site - 4,972

News posted - 332

The volume of public website with digital image browser in 2D and 3D formats is 150 Terabytes, and can contains up to 5 mln storage items.

According to state contracts there were made 299,171 scan-images with total volume 1,264 Gigabytes.

Publishing department of the Library produced DVD and flash - media with information materials, totaling more than 220 GB. The overall editorial output and total circulation of printed products made in 2009, respectively, - 11 titles and 5155 copies.

Exhibition department arranged 8 paper and digital expositions.

Annual budget for 2010 for library operations amounts 477,377,900 rubles.

Number of staff: 300 people.

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

For the Presidential Library grand opening on May 27th, 2009 the developers had prepared 13 electronic collections. The collections are based on the holdings/materials from the basic acquisition sources: two National Libraries and two State Historical Archives. In a short space of time it has managed to establish the relations with the fundamental libraries of St. Petersburg and other RF regions as well as with major international libraries. Thus 40% of the total Presidential Library electronic holdings are represented by printed editions and 60% by archival materials.

Since the opening the library has developed three electronic collections. The first one named «Textbooks on Russia history» intended for education and learning support, includes all authoritative educational editions for secondary and higher educational institutions issued from the middle of 19th century until the present time. The second collection, meant to promote the knowledge of the national history, was coincided with the 300th anniversary of the Empress Elizaveta Petrovna (Elisabeth of Russia).

One of the library's major projects became the «Memory of the Great Victory» collection which marked the 65th anniversary of the end of the Great Patriotic War. The collection «Memory of the Great Victory» is comprised of more than 3500 digital documents. It includes books, collected works, historiography of scientific character, newspapers, documentary reels fragments, photographs, posters and leaflets. The preference was given to the materials of 1941 – 1945. The selection of the documents was carried out by the expert council. On the whole 20 Russian and foreign organizations contributed to the collection development.

5. New developments in managing collections.

The Presidential Library is the unique electronic repository of documents. In spite of the fact that the library is digital it also houses the traditional editions. Among them the collection presented to the Presidential Library on the day of its grand opening by VTB bank (2200 editions). The Presidential Library plans are further digitization of this collection and including it in library's information data set.

6. New developments in providing access to collections.

The collections available on the Presidential Library website include the documents which satisfy the requirements of the Part IV of the RF Civil Code. In order to provide a complete access to all the library's resources for the remote users, the project of Electronic Digital Signature (EDS) is being worked out. The Electronic Digital Signature will allow its holders to create queries for viewing the materials available in the Electronic Reading Room but not accessible from the website.

In 2010 the Presidential Library took the initiative to develop a format for the archival materials description based on the Russian format RUSMARC and the international format ISAD(G). Preparation and use of the new format will ensure a full-grown representation of records on the archival documents in the Presidential Library electronic catalogue. With that end in view a working group of the Russian leading experts of library and archives society including the representatives of national libraries, leading federal and regional archives was created.

As a part of Electronic Reading Room users' service the library provides the access to «ARLICON» data base including the analytical annotation to the Russian scientific periodicals and the full-text data base on legislation called 'The entire Russia'.

In May of 2010 the Presidential Library updated its Internet portal having offered the renewed design and extended functional features for the remote users.

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

The Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library collaborates with the Russian State Library, Moscow and the Russian National Library, Saint-Petersburg. The Memorandum on library cooperation of these three national libraries was signed September 1, 2009.

The partnership between the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library and the Library of Congress as its major partner has a long-running history. During the Second Session of the Russian-American Working group on library cooperation October 15, 2009 was hold a ceremony of solemn singing of Memorandum on cooperation between the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library and the Library of Congress.

As for today the agreement on the preparation of the Memorandum on cooperation with National Assembly Library of the Republic of Korea has been reached. The procedure of its signing is to be held during the First session of Forum-Dialog «Russia – The Republic of Korea» in Seoul in November 2010.

Currently the Memorandum on cooperation with Bavarian State Library is undergoing the process of preparation due to the bone-deep connections established between Bavarian State Library and the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library.

At present the Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library is a member of such organizations as CENL, IFLA and not-for-profit partnership of Library Assembly of Eurasia.