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

1. Introduction of a new automated library system, Aleph. In 2012, all necessary modules of the system were acquired, including modules for acquisition, cataloguing, loan, interlibrary loan service, as well as a module for indexing. The search and results display is called Primo.

2. Launch of a wireless Internet hot spot (Wi-Fi) in the building on Moskovsky prospekt.

3. The Wi-Fi launch enabled the Library to purchase and put into operation the Smart Museum system to accompany exhibits with QR codes.

4. This year, within the frame of government services provided by the Library, the Library launched a general-purpose telephone line for inquiries 8-800 - , a call to which is free of charge from any place in Russia, both from fixed and mobile networks.

5. In a series of events dedicated to the 1,150th anniversary of the Russian national identity, together with the Centre for National Glory and B.N. Yeltsin Presidential Library, the NLR held a scientific and educational project to provide open access (with a possibility of exploring it) to *the Laurentian Chronicle*. The chronicle is the first dated manuscript monument in Russian literature, which shows the origins of Russian national identity.

6. In 2012, a number of international and all-Russian scientific conferences took place, i.e.: *the Readings from Brazhnikov*, International Creative Symposium, *the Human Being and Education in the French Enlightenment system: on the Occasion of the 300th Anniversary of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Birth*, *the Electronic Memory of the Arctic - Cultural Communications in the Circumpolar World*, *the Religious Wars in France. 1562-1598*, etc.

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.

1. Federal Law No. 215-FZ 'On Amendments to Chapters 21 and 25 of Part 2 in the Tax Code of the Russian Federation and Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation' of 23 July 2013 having entered into force, cultural institutions, including the NLR, received tax support from the government.

2. On 26 November 2012, in its decree the Government of the Russian Federation approved *the Program to Improve Gradually the Wage System in Governmental (Municipal) Institutions for 2012/2018*, under which wages of the NLR employees began to raise.

3. Federal law No. 436 'On Protection of Children from Information Harmful for their Health and Development' having entered into force on 1 September 1 2012, the NLR made changes to library services to people aged 14 to 18.

4. The NLR has been lobbying for the interests of libraries in a new version of Part 4 of the RF Civil Code, adoption of which is due in autumn 2013, in order to exercise the rights of Russian citizens to access to the information.

5. On April 5, 2013, Federal Law No. 44-FZ 'On a Contract System in Procuring Goods, Works and Services for Government and Municipal Needs' was passed, which is to come into force on 1 January 2014 and is expected to complicate procurement procedures for the NLR.

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

- By 1 January 2013, there were 36,770,000 documents in the NLR. In the last year, the Library received 470,000 copies, including 10,300 copies of books in foreign languages and 2,300 titles of newspapers. A legal deposit is still the main source for collections of the library – 335,666,
- Attendance in the NLR was the equivalent of 886,000 people, that is 80,000 less than in 2011,
- In 2012, the number of readers increased by 29,269 persons and now 212,986 persons have library cards of the NLR,
- 5.12 million persons visited the NLR web site in the past year. They viewed 57.8 million pages including 3.82 million pages from the NLR digital library,
- Over the past year, employees answered 457,600 verbal bibliographic inquiries. In electronic format, there were 212,000. There were also 178 bibliographic reviews done,
- In 2012, the NLR was the prime initiator of 35 all-Russian and international conferences,
- The total number of persons employed at the NLR is 1,654 persons.
- Total budget receipts were RUB1,060,300.

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

- In 2012, all departments cataloged 152,000 documents, did subject indexing for 128,000 printed works. 252,900 bibliographical entries were made in various electronic catalogues of the NLR,
- In 2012, RUB 56 million were allocated to the retrospective conversion of card catalogues,
- In 2012, the Library did much to audit and store collections. In total, at the NLR 1,179,000 storage items went through a document audit, while 13,744,000 went through a placement check. In 2012, the Russian Book Fund moved 2.2 million items in total to repositories at the New Building's second construction stage facilities. Editions from the Print Department were also dislocated.

5. New developments in managing collections.

- Introducing the new automated library system Aleph.

6. New developments in providing access to collections.

- In 2012, the Electronic Document Delivery Service executed 58,878 queries.
- To meet readers' needs the NLR has been intensively developing its own resource base, i.e. the E-Library (the EL).
- In 2012, the NLR digitized 40,014 items. The e-library in total possesses 444,616 items.

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

1. In 2012, the National Library of Russia celebrated such major international events as *Days of Scotland in St Petersburg*, *Days of Manchester in St. Petersburg*, *the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens's birth*, *the 500th anniversary of the first Armenian printed book*. The events were held together with general consulates of foreign states, city authorities, international cooperation agencies, Russian and foreign cultural institutions.
2. The NLR also participated in making arrangements for the Year of Germany in Russia. Under its schedule, together with Goethe Institute, the Library held two exhibitions.

3. Under a cultural exchange between the Shanghai Library and the NLR, the Library held a mobile photo exhibition called *the Pleasure in Reading*. The NLR Director, General, A.V. Likhomanov, made a report on 'Digital Projects in the National Library of Russia' at the 6th Shanghai International Library Forum (SILF 2012), held by the Shanghai Library. During the Forum, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed.