OUR MISSION

The National Library is a centre that holds the National Bibliographic Heritage of Spain and it aims to:
- Preserve, manage and disseminate the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage in any format
- Collect, catalogue and preserve the publications in any area
- Promote research, especially in the area of Humanities, by means of requests, study, book loan, etc.
- Elaborate and disseminate the information about the Spanish publications
- Carry out any library work, preservation, growth and dissemination of the National Bibliographic Heritage
- Develop research programs and cooperate with other libraries and other cultural and scientific institutions that can contribute to the best development of the aims of the National Library
- Create, coordinate and encourage research and development programs in the areas of its competency to satisfy the needs of the research community
- Contribute to the transformation of information into knowledge

SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

The Ministry of Culture appointed Milagros Del Corral Beltrán as the new General Director of the National Library last September 2007. She has brought a new way of managing daily library works and library cooperation with other cultural institutions both inside and outside Spain. It is especially remarkable her commitment with the European projects under the eContentplus programme and the works to finally present the Biblioteca Digital Hispánica last October 2007.

The Biblioteca Digital Hispánica gives access to the most outstanding works of the National Library of Spain and allows the largest documentary collection in the country to be offered to the public; a service that will allow researching, consulting and analysing the fundamental texts of the Hispanic culture (from a collection of 10.000 works: manuscripts, drawings, printed books from 15-19th century, photographs and maps). In January 2008 the Library signed an Agreement with the Ministry of Culture and the company Telefónica to develop the Hispanic Digital Library project; the Library has started a mass digitisation program to accomplish the goal proposed to the European Commission to digitise 200.000 works in five years.

This process of giving online free access to the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage preserved at the National Library had a first stage giving public access to the Hemeroteca Digital, a digital library of Spanish old newspapers and magazines with 143 titles, edited between 1772 and 1933. That means free access to 500.000 digitised pages. The Library also presented the Bibliografía Española en Línea (Online Spanish Bibliography), an online free service that provides inmediate access to the bibliographic records that are part of the Spanish publishing output, incorporated into the National Library by means of Legal Deposit.

The Libray has iniciated the process of implementing a new Integrated Library Management System to replace the Ariadna system. The Sirsi-Dynis is the company that will develop this library automation. This new system will allow the automation of all library tasks and will provide more and better servicies for its users. This project will be developed in two years starting in 2007, with an initial phase, already operational, devoted to the migration of over 3,000,000 bibliographic references that are currently available and to the implementation of the cataloguing and authority control module and the Internet user consultation module (OPAC), as well as the users' module. The second phase will include the implementation of purchase, traffic and serial publications management modules.

LEGAL DEPOSIT

The National Library of Spain is the main information and document centre regarding Spanish and Latin American culture in written form, due to the status it has enjoyed as the depository body for published material in Spain since the beginning of 18th century, received by means of Legal Deposit. The bibliographic collection is also built up by remaining procedures like purchases, auctions, exchange and donations.

The Legal Deposit is currently governed at a State level by means of the Orders of the Ministry of Education and Culture of 30th October 1971 and 20th February 1973, but the National Library together with the Library Cooperation Forum of the Ministry of Culture and the Autonomous Regions, have been trying for years to instigate a new law on Legal Deposit to guarantee the preservation of Spanish digital contents, given that the current legislation does not envisage this essential task. A draft new bill, under preparation, is expected to be discussed in Parliament early 2009.

ACQUISITIONS

The most outstanding works purchased in 2007 were:

Manuscripts

- *HISTORIA del Regimiento Coraceros de Borbón 4º de Caballería... 136 p.*

- *PELLICER Y SAFORCADA, Juan Antonio.- Historia de la Real Biblioteca de S. M. establecida en Madrid por Felipe V y amplificada por el rey N. S. Carlos III. Su fundación, progresos, y estado actual hasta el presente año de 1783. Noticia de sus Bibliotecarios Mayores y otros individuos de ella. Catálogo razonado de las obras que han dado á luz.- 2 h., 120 p.*

  History of the Royal Library founded by Felipe V in Madrid and magnified by the King Carlos III. It is the history of its foundation, progress, etc. until 1783.

Printed works of the Spanish Independece War

- *[MAPA de la península. Guerra de la Independencia]. 1811.* Printed map

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- *ISIDORO, Santo, Arzobispo de Sevilla.-*
  De summo bono. — [Coloniem] : Johann Landen, [1492].

- *PAES, Alvaro.- De planctu ecclesiae. — Ulmae : Johannes Zainer, 1474.*

Maps

- *MAPA geográfico de América Meridional.- Dispuesto y Gravado por D. Juan de la Cruz Cano y Olmedilla, Geogfo. Pensdo. de S.M., Individuo de la Rl. Academia de Sn. Fernando y de la Sociedad Bascongada de los Amigos del Pais, teniendo presentes Varios Mapas y noticias originales con arreglo á Observaciones astronómicas, Año 1775.- Escala 1:4.000.000.- Londres : Publicado por Guillermo Faden, Geografo del Rey, y del Principe de Gales, Enero 1 de 1799.*

  The map of Juan de la Cruz is one of the most outstanding maps in South America printed in Europe at the 18th century.

- *L'ESPAGNE Triomphante sous le Regne de Ferdinand VI. / Par N. De Fer Geographe de sa Majesté Catolique. - Escala [ca. 1:1.500.000]. 20 Leües Comunnes d'Espagne [= 7,6 cm] – A Paris : Chez Desnos Geographe et Ingenieur pour les Globes et Spheres…, rue St. Jacques a l'Enseigne du Globe, 1760. 1 mapa formado por 4 planchas : grab., col ; 104 x 131 cm.*

  It is one of the most beautiful Spanish mural maps from the 18th century.

Music Scores

- *ALBÉNIZ, Isaac (1860-1909).- Pepita Jiménez : comedie lyrique en 2 actes et trios tableaux... tirée de la novella de Juan de Valera. – Leipzig : Breitkopf & Haïtel, 1897. - 1 partitura vocal (188 p.) ; 32 cm.*

  A recorded test of the Albéniz Opera "Pepita Jiménez".

CATALOGUING

The Bibliographic Control Department develops the database that includes the cataloguing of all that it is published every year in Spain. Over the year 2007, 219.338 bibliographic records and 965.380 holdings have been entered into the database. It has also been entered 325 titles and 964 collections in the Union Catalogue of Serial Publications. [*See Figure 1*]

Last year a new Integrated Library System was implemented to replace Ariadna and over 3,000,000 bibliographic references had to be migrated. All this information is currently available and the implementation of the cataloguing and authority control module and the internet user consultation module (OPAC).

In the near future it will be included the implementation of purchase, traffic and serial publications management modules.

The Library is also making a special effort in terms of normalisation of cataloguing; actually, the Library works in those issues both at national and international working groups contributing with its local experience.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Exhibitions

The Library held several exhibitions last year and can be consulted at the Library website:

http://www.bne.es/esp/actividades/expo2007.htm

Some of the most outstanding exhibitions held at the National Library in 2007 were the following:

- *Biblioteca Hispánica: Obras maestras de la Biblioteca Nacional*, from 17th October 2007 until 20th January 2008; an exhibition that showed 192 of the most important and representative works of the Hispanic culture from the National Library Holdings
- *España en el Mediterráneo: la construcción del espacio,* from 14th December 2006 until 11th March 2007. It showed the Spanish presence at the Mediterranean through Technology, Engineering and Town Planning from the 15th century to the beginning of 18th century

The loans of works for the exhibitions can be consulted at the Figure 2 of the Annex.

Conferences

The Library offers a season of conferences that can be consulted at the Library website: http://www.bne.es/esp/actividades/agen2007.htm

There are four series of conferences at the Library each year:

- Poetas en Vivo (*Poets Live*)
- La Biblioteca de…(*The Library of*…)
- Una cita en la BN (*A meeting at the Library*)
- Tardes de Literatura (*Literature evenings*)

ORGANISATIONAL ESTRUCTURE

The National Library is structured as follows:

Reporting to the General Director:
- Technical Director
- Director of Institutional Relations and Legal Matters
- Cultural Director
- Manager

Reporting to the Technical Director:
- Deputy Technical Director
- Head of Automation Area
- Director of Collections Coordination Department
- Director of Acquisitions Department
- Director of Arts and Cartography Department
- Director of Serial Publications Department
- Director of Music and Audiovisuals Department
- Director of Bibliographic Heritage Department
- Director of Preservation and Conservation Department
- Director of Technical Process Department
- Director of Reference Department

Reporting to the Director of Institutional Relations and Legal Matters:
- Head of Area of Coordination and Institutional Relations
- **Head of Research Area**

Reporting to Cultural Director:
- Head of Diffusion Area
- Head of Publications Area

Reporting to the Manager:
- Computing Coordinator
- Head of Area of Human and Material Resources
- Head of Area of Economic and Budgetary Management
- Head of Area of Security and Maintenance

ANNEX. FACTS AND FIGURES

Figure 1. Database

AUTHORITY RECORDS	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2007
Personal Name	1.209.059	42.277
Entity name	246.372	13.608
Congress Name	49.756	1.931
Uniform Title	723.297	28.580
Subjects	65.611	1.404
Geographic Name	15.743	500
TOTAL	**2.309.838**	**88.300**

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2007
Books	2.283.705	107.645
Rare Books	132.342	3.456
Serial Publications	156.490	24.352
Cartographic material	60.858	3.650
Non-proyectable graphic material	107.236	8.322
Sound records	274.172	29.243
Music Scores	154.940	24.986
Manuscripts and documents	13.122	1.610
Video	73.923	16.074
TOTAL	3.256.786	**219.338**

HOLDINGS	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2007
Holdings and locations	6.673.543	660.645
Circulation units	6.932.981	304.735
TOTAL	**13.251.130**	965.380

UNION CATALOGUE OF SERIAL PUBLICATIONS	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2007
Titles	88.012	325
Collections	369.629	964
TOTAL	**457.641**	**1289**

SPANISH DIRECTORY OF LIBRARIES	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2007
Libraries	**10.399**	**0**

Figure 2. 2007 Exhibitions Loans

LOAN OF WORKS FOR EXHIBITIONS - PETITIONS	
Petitions charged	74
Petitions denied	12
Petitions with no monitoring or organisers drop-off	6
LOAN OF WORKS FOR EXHIBITIONS - LOANS	
Drawings and Engravings Service Loan	402
Bibliographic Heritage Department Loan	173
Bibliographic Control Loan	156
Bibliography information Service	5
Cartography Service Loan	16
Music and Audiovisuals Department Loan	8
TOTAL	**760**

Figure 3. Service in Reading Rooms

CARDS AND TEMPORARY PASSES ISSUED	2006	2007	VARIATION %
Cards	16.955	19.384	+14,32
Passes	1.906	96	-94,96
Duplicates	493	537	+8,92
TOTAL	19.354	20.017	+3,42
NATIONAL LIBRARY READERS			
Annual sum	129.393	115.707	-10,57
Daily average	447,73	400,37	-10,57
BIBLIOGRAPHY ROOM AND CATALOGUES			
Readers*	31.726	31.838	+0,35
Items received	12.108	9.949	-17,83
GENERAL READERS ROOM			
Readers	76.682	79.703	+3,93
Items supplied	164.444	164.089	-0,21
NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ROOM			
Readers	24.029	27.382	+13,95
Items consulted	79.361	82.491	+3,94
LIBRARY DOCUMENTATION ROOM			
Readers	6.815	5.933	-12,94
Loans	2.588	2.166	-16,30
REQUESTS			
By mail or e-mail	3.696	1.866	-49,51
By telephone	12.231	8.083	-33,91

* Includes General Information data