

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

2008 has been a very profitable year in terms of library work in the new information technology society and the Library has been involved in several projects with the aim of bringing the National Library into the twenty-first century.

The BNE will develop key strategic proposals for the period 2009–2011 to guarantee future development and delivery of library services, together with a determined impulse on digitisation thanks to the agreement with *Telefónica* signed last January. The agreement has facilitated the increase of online queries (+264%).

The support of the Ministry of Industry last November (within the AVANZA Plan) has helped the BNE initiative with the cooperation of the Spanish Publishers Association (Federación de Gremios de Editores de España – FGEE) through the project ODI BNE-Pro to become a knowledge center on the inclusion of copyright-protected works at the Hispanic Digital Library.

On 1st September 2008, the National Library joined the *eContentplus* project ARROW (*Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards Europeana*) with the aim of finding ways to clarify the rights status of orphan and out of print works, so they can be cleared for digitisation and inclusion in the Hispanic Digital Library. The project will help the Library enhance the interoperability of rights information (i.e. exchange of information) between rightholders, agents, libraries and users.

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 17th century, received by means of Legal Deposit. The bibliographic collection is also built up by remaining procedures like purchases, auctions, exchange and donations.

The National Library participates in the national and international exchange of publications; in 2008 a standardisation process of the exchange of serial publications was started with the aim of completing collections. In 2008, 2.403 books and journals were received by the exchange procedure of acquisition and it represents an increase of 13% in comparison with the 2.123 publications of 2007. The Library also had 5.701 donations of books and other documents, 4.350 of which were from private individuals. Donations had a 7% increase in 2008.

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 in the context of new

technologies, Internet, and a decentralised State with competences on Legal Deposit transferred to the Autonomous Regions, taking into consideration the essential changes in the publishing sector that have invalidated the printer as central depositor.

A draft new bill have already been prepared and presented to the Ministry of Culture in order to be discussed in Parliament.

ACQUISITIONS

The most outstanding works purchased in 2008 were:

Manuscripts

- ARIAS MONTANO, Benito (1527-1598).- [Lección cristiana] Lección xpiana quees lo que todos los discipulos de christo comúnmente debensaber y cada vno por su parte...
- Convention signée à Bayonne le 5 mai 1808 entre l' Empereur Napoleón et le roi Charles IV pour la cession par celui-ci de ses droits sur le trône d' Espagne.

Printed works

- NEBRIJA, antonio de (1444-1522).- Aelij Antonij Nebrissensis gram[m]atici introductionum latinaru[m] vltima recognitio.- [Burgos: Fadrique de Basilea], 1496.- Incunable.
- [COPLAS].- Coplas de Mingo Revulgo glosadas por Fernando de Pulgar. Sevilla: Jacobo Cromberger, 1510.
- [QUADERNO].- Cuaderno de las alcabalas. Leyes del cuaderno nuevo de las rentas de las alcabalas y franquezas.... Toledo: Francisco de Guzmán, 1567.

Books

- GARCÍA LORCA, Federico.- Chant funébre pour Ignacio Sánchez Mejías.- París: Aux dépens des exécutants de ce livre, 1949 (imp. André Moret). Libro de artista.

Engravings

- FORTUNY MADRAZO, Mariano.- Paisatge amb bancals i arbre a la dreta.
- FORTUNY MARSAL, Mariano.- Diplomático.
- C. CHRISTIAN SCHRAMM.- Puentes históricos de Europa. Leipzig, 1735.
- Muestrario de etiquetas de distintos productos de los años 1900-1930 (18 álbumes)

Cartography

- [MURILLO Y VELARDE, Pedro].- Mapa delas Yslas Philipinas hecho por el Pe....- [Manila: 1749].
- Nova Totius Terrarum Geographica ac Hydrographica Tabula... C.J. Visscher, 1652.

Music

- [Colección de 224 cilindros de música española].- Audio recording.

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 2008, 101.349 bibliographic records and 1.312.988 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]

In 2006 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). It has also been 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/en/Actividades/Exposiciones/ExposicionesAnteriores/Exposiciones2008/index.html>

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

- *Mapas recuperados*
<http://www.bne.es/en/Actividades/Exposiciones/ExposicionesAnteriores/Exposiciones2008/mapasrecuperados.html>
- *Miradas sobre la Guerra de la Independencia*
<http://servicios.bne.es/productos/guerraindependencia/Guerra.html>
- *Amadís de Gaula*
<http://www.bne.es/opencms/es/Actividades/Exposiciones/ExposicionesAnteriores/Exposicion2008/amadisdeGaula.html>

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/en/Actividades/AgendaMensual/Historico2008/>

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 ESTRICTURE

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

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2008
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-projectable 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 2008
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 2008
Titles	88.012	0
Collections	369.629	0
TOTAL	457.641	0
SPANISH DIRECTORY OF LIBRARIES	TOTAL RECORDS	ENTRIES 2008
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	2007	2008	VARIATION %
Cards	19.384	14.263	-26,41
Passes	96		
Duplicates	537	444	-17,31
TOTAL	20.017	14.707	-26,52
NATIONAL LIBRARY READERS			
Annual sum	115.707	148.938	+28,71
Daily average	400,37	526'28	+31,44
READER ROOMS USERS			
Morning	55.670	55.666	-0,007
Afternoon	60.037	56.959	-5,12
TOTAL	115.707	112.625	-2,66
LOAN			
Books	245.995	192.678	-21,67
Electronic documents and serial publications	14.461	28.142	+94,60
TOTAL	260.456	220.820	-15,21
LIBRARY REQUESTS			
In-house	33.259	37.496	+12,73
By mail or e-mail	1.866	2.995	+60,50
By telephone	8.083	9.667	+19,59
TOTAL	43.208	50.158	+16,08
ALCALÁ DE HENARES REQUESTS			
Books	31.015	27.245	-12,15
Serial publications	1.818	2.446	+34,54
TOTAL	32.833	29.691	-9,56