

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 National Library of Spain continues working on European library cooperation within the eContentplus program with the participation in several projects, some of which ended in 2009 – EDLnet, TELplus and ENRICH. Today we continue the work on library cooperation within other European projects as Europeana V1.0, EuroPressNet and IMPACT to improve access to digital objects and the ARROW project for the building of a rights information infrastructure in Europe that will also help to find 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. In 2009, the BNE also joined the VIAF project (The Virtual International Authority File) and the World Digital Library both as a result of library agreements. The Library also has an active collaboration with ABINIA, Redial, SEDIC, FESABID, REBIUN, etc.

2009 has been a good year in terms of depository collection and collection building, with 878.907 entries by means of Legal Deposit (310.996 books, 231.009 numbers of serial publications and 31.712 among records, cassettes, videos and compact discs) and also maps (3.188) and postcards (1.566). By other remaining procedures like purchase have entered 4.937 items (books and old documents, magazine titles and databases) and by exchange 2.799 books and magazines have been received together with 3.098 items (books and other materials) by donation procedures.

The year 2009 has also been a good year in terms of library users; 119.525 library users and 116.857 remote users with a total of 1.551.138 queries/downloads through the website of the National Library, using the catalogue, the El Buscón, The Digital Newspaper Library and the Hispanic Digital Library.

[See some statistic information on Service at Reading Rooms at Figure 1]

The Processing Department of the Library is still working to improve the integrated library system UNICORN (up and running since 2007) and after two years of hard work with data migration, the acquisition and circulation modules are now operative. The BNE has also incorporated the *WorldCat* database (with the OCLC management) to the library catalogue and has added the manuscripts collection to the network of Spanish university libraries (REBIUN).

The National Library published a new Strategic Plan for the period 2009-2011 to consolidate management, pay particular attention to weak points and design appropriate actions to address the new challenges identified. The Strategic Plan is, therefore, more a strategic tool that indicates the path to the future than an old-style planning exercise. The implementation of the Plan over a three-year period will opt for specific annual goals for each department, with their respective performance indicators.

The Strategic Plan of the Library for 2009-2011 aims to:

- Open the debate on the contribution by large research libraries to the development of knowledge and to social and economic progress.
- Enlarge the catalogue of products and services to provide current users with a wider variety of resources and attract potential users.
- Provide value-added services, to make the very most of its resources through the use of new technologies.
- Distribute and share information through the institutional, social networking and internal websites.
- Collaborate with other institutions and public and private bodies to advance together in 21st century society.
- Roll out and drive cooperative initiatives and projects proactively.
- Showcase its work in the European and international programmes it takes part in together with other national and research libraries.
- Keep a close eye on changes in the current environment and apply competitive intelligence.
- Secure more funding through subsidies, sponsorships and donations.
- See to it that the commemoration of the Tercentenary contributes to create new knowledge in the field of research into and the dissemination of Spanish culture.

This new conception of the BNE is accompanied by a change in work methods to ensure that its internal organisation adapts to a scenario of efficient and effective service in the 21st century.

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 2009, over 107.055 bibliographic records and 22.564 authority records have been entered into the database.

The Processing Department of the Library is working to incorporate new functionalities in its integrated library system and has continue with the verification of 23.000 records of 16th century works to clean up the information and especially to avoid duplication when entering the database. Furthermore, the work of restructuring and reorganising the existing union catalogues (Union Catalogue of Serial Publications and the Novum Regestrum) and the essential technical requirements for this kind of catalogues. The links for the field 856 at the catalogue have been updated on a continuing basis when records had to be included at the Hispanic Digital Library. Therefore, it is possible to access the collection of digitised works both from the Hispanic Digital Library website and from the bibliographic record of each of those digitised works.

In 2009 descriptions of publications accessible at the Digital Newspaper Library have been increased and the websites of Spanish digital libraries have been revised to select all links to images of serial publications not included at the Digital Newspaper Library of the BNE and including these links to the field 856 of the bibliographic record of our catalogue.

[See some statistic information on the Digital Newspaper Library at Figure 2]

ACQUISITIONS

The most outstanding works purchased in 2009 were:

Manuscripts

- BLASCO IBAÑEZ, Vicente (1867-1928). Recuerdos de viaje.
- BUERO VALLEJO, Antonio (1916-2000). El Concierto de San Ovidio, 1952.
- VEGA, LOPE DE (1562-1635). Códice Daza manuscrito autógrafo, escrito por Lope de Vega y Carpio, 1631-1634.
- OFFICIUM Beatae Virginis Mariae. Libro de horas.- S. XV.
- UNAMUNO, Miguel de (1864-1936). De Fuerteventura a Paris. Diario íntimo de confinamiento y destierro vertido en sonetos, 1924-1925.

Printed works

- Naipes sin cortar .- Toledo: [s.n.], 1584.
- PESQUERA, Gregorio. Doctrina Christiana y espejo de bien vivir...- Valladolid: Sebastián Martínez, 1554.
- PRADILLA, Fernando de la. La obra del Bachiller de la Pradilla cathedratico de Sancto Domingo en grammatica poesia y rhetorica.- Logroño: Arnao Guillén de Brocar, [1502].
- SARIÑANA Y CUENCA, Isidro. Llanto del occidente en el ocaso del mas claro sol de las Españas....- Mexico City : Widow of Bernardo Calderon, 1666.

Photography, Drawings, Engravings and posters

- ECHEVARRIA, Juan de.- [Cuaderno con 30 dibujos a lápiz].- Dibujo.
- CLIFFORD, Charles.- Calle Ancha de San Bernardo. Inauguración del Canal de Isabel II.- Madrid : 1858.- Fotografía.
- CLAVÉ, Antoni (1913-2055).- Hommage a Domenikos Theotocopulis.- París : tirées sur les presses a bras de Jackes Desjobert, 1965.- Libro de artista.
- Colección de etiquetas de perfumería y de farmacia - Ephemera.
- Goltzius, Hendrik (1558-1617).Cristo ante Pilato / cAº HG [monograma] 1596.- [Haarlem?: H. Goltzius?], 1596.
- Orbea.- Realizado por Acosta, 1947.- Cartel

Cartography

- Itinerario tipográfico y de longitud desde la Capital de Puerto Rico hasta el pueblo de Ponce, con los croquis de los lugares más notables: formado sobre la marcha por el Coronel D. Rafael de Sevilla y el Capitán de Artillería graduado de Comandante D. Juan Ojeda, ambos comisionados al efecto por orden del Excelentísimo Señor Conde de Mirasol, Capitán Jeneral de esta Isla. En el mes de mayo de 1845.-Manuscrito.
- Mahón (Menorca) (Puerto). mapas generales. 1864. Plano del puerto de Mahon en la isla de Menorca en las Islas Baleares.- Sevilla, Febrero de 1864.- Mapa manuscrito.
- Mapa itinerario del Teatro de la Guerra en las provincias bascongadas y Navarra .- [Barcelona]: del Guardia Nacional, 1837.- Mapa impreso.
- Tormo y Monzó, Elías (1869-1957).- Sigüenza .- Madrid : Patronato Nacional del Turismo, [1928-1936](Gráficas Marinas).

Music

- 25 cilindros Edison. Primer curso castellano 1904.
- ARRIETA, Emilio (1821-1894). Cantata a D. Pedro Calderón de la Barca.- 1881.
- Colección de 11 carretes de hilos magnéticos de canciones populares de los años 1935 a 1939 del bando republicano y Nacional y varios discursos de políticos y militares de la época. .- Grabación sonora.
- GRANADOS, Enrique (1867-1916). Domenico Scarlatti... Veintiseis sonatas inéditas, transcriptas libremente para piano por el pianista compositor Enrique.
- MONTSALVATGE, Xavier (1912-2002). Álbum de habaneras.- Barcelona: Editorial Barna, 1948.- Partitura impresa.

Serial Publications

- Monigotes.- Madrid Cómico.- Madrid: octubre-diciembre 1892.

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/Exposiciones2009/>

Some of the most outstanding exhibitions held at the National Library in 2009 were the following:

- *La Copla en la Biblioteca Nacional de España* (3 February – 31 May). Music Holdings, photographs, posters and books related to this so popular music genre that attracted 29.464 visitors.
- *Tesoros al descubierto: adquisiciones patrimoniales de la Biblioteca Nacional de España* (26 November – 21 February 2010). A selection of some works access the heritage collection in the last few years: manuscripts, incunabula, old printed materials, maps, engravings, photographs and drawings, plus music scores and sound records.
- *Dibujos de arquitectura y ornamentación del siglo XVIII* (17 September – 22 November), in collaboration with Banco Santander Foundation and COAM Foundation. Some works from the excellent collection of architecture drawings of the library.

Other cultural activities

The Library has also offered other cultural activities during 2009 that can also be consulted at the library website:

<http://www.bne.es/es/Actividades/AgendaMensual/Agendas2009/>

Some of the most remarkable activities of 2009 were the following:

- *Tardes de literatura en la BNE*. Conference series of Literature at the BNE with Luis Mateo Díez, Luis de Val, Esther Tusquets and Lorenzo de Silva.
- *Tramas europeas: encuentro con autores europeos en la BNE*. A conference series organised with the collaboration of the cultural departments of some European embassies in Madrid, with the presence of European writers as Uwe Timm and Rafael Chirbes.
- Premios Nacionales en la Biblioteca Nacional de España. National Prizes at the National Library of Spain.

ANNEX. FACTS AND FIGURES

FIGURE 1. SERVICE IN READING ROOMS

CARDS AND TEMPORARY PASSES ISSUED	2008	2009	VARIATION %
Cards	14.263	13.151	-7,79
Duplicates	444	531	+19,59
TOTAL	14.707	13.682	-6,96
READER ROOMS USERS			
Morning	57.246	59.240	+3,48
Afternoon	59.160	60.682	+2,57
TOTAL	116.406	119.922	+3,02
LOAN			
Books	192.678	141.553	-26,53
Electronic documents and serial publications	28.142	21.416	-23,90
TOTAL	220.820	162.969	-26,19
LIBRARY REQUESTS			
In-house	37.496	39.145	+4,39
By mail or e-mail	2.995	2.623	-12,42
By telephone	9.667	8.889	-8,04
TOTAL	50.158	50.657	+0,99
ALCALÁ DE HENARES REQUESTS			
Books	27.245	26.138	-4,06
Serial publications	2.446	2.523	+3,14
TOTAL	29.691	28.661	-3,46

FIGURE 2. DIGITAL NEWSPAPER LIBRARY STATISTICS

Digital Newspaper Library	2007	2008	2009
Visits	111.077	244.909	286.013
Requests	3.810.913	13.877.916	25.393.114
Pages	750.271	2.331.305	5.847.677
Demand loads	6.911.743	26.315.400	46.494.180