

# National Library of Latvia

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## Collection (01.01.2004)

In comparison with 2003 the collection has increased to 45 879 items.

**Total holdings**                      **4 524 303 items**

## Among them:

Books	1 989 579
Serials	760 245
Audio visual documents	61 289
Microforms	113 360
Cartographic documents	16 667
Printed music	213 271
Graphics	232 821
E- documents	915
Manuscripts	21 530
Unpublished documents	1 681
Other documents	992 350

<b>Readership</b>	44 361 ( including remote readers)
<b>Visits</b>	510 399 (including 109 090 remote visits)
<b>Loans</b>	2 414 571

### **Finance and Funding**

In 2003 the Library's financial position was as follows:

	<b>2003 USD</b>	<b>2002 USD</b>
State budget	2040214	2079130
Payment services	84370	77451
Grants	4024	287003
Culture Capital Foundation	345088	
Income in total	2478392	2 443584
<b>Expenses</b>		
1. 1. salary fund	1006766	968323
2. 2. insurance tax	218806	245120
3. 3. business trips	23177	17180
4. 4. purchase of materials for IT	21682	33670
5. 5. purchase of the Library collection	283588	285897
books	209961	212641
periodicals	68859	61350
e-publications	4768	9197
other documents		2707
Facilities	25253	1149328

The rate of exchange to 01.01.2004 was 0,591 Ls =1USD

On average inflation made 2,9% in 2003 (compared with 1,4% in 2002).

### **Legal Deposit**

In the year of report the NLL has participated in the working group revising the law on Legal Deposit Copy of Latvia. The work is to be continued.

### **New Building and Plant**

Mrs. Helena Demakova, the new Minister of Culture, stressed the realization of the National Library of Latvia project to be a priority in her work.

### **Repair Work. New Premises**

The second stage of the reconstruction project for the repository *Silakrogs* has been revised. Repair works at the central building 14 K. Barona, 6/8 Jekaba Street, and 75 Terbatas Street are being realised.

### **Conservation and Preservation. Digitisation.**

During the period of report several discs have enriched the Digital Library of the NLL. For example, *Poster in Latvia 1945-2000*, comprising ca. 600 posters from the unique collection of the Library;

*Riga from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century until the end of World War II* depicting 3 thousand of the most interesting and rarest pictures of Riga selected from the archive (ca. 54 thousand items) of the Baltic Central Library.

Owing to the target program of Culture Capital Foundation the pre-war newspapers of Ventspils, Kuldīga and Jelgava regions are scanned.

Restoration of the incunabula of the 15<sup>th</sup> century belonging to Aglona Basilica has been a novelty in the field of restoration. Experts from the Document Restoration Laboratory of the State Archive, Foreign Art Museum and the Academic Library with the assistance of Prof. Endelis Valks Falks from Tartu Art College have participated in the assessment of the whole process.

In 2003 the formation of the automated search of restored documents and restored items has started.

### **Main advances in IT and New Technologies**

In this field the year 2003 was remarkable for further integration of Library's business processes into its LIS (Library Information Systems). The Library's main LIS – ALEPH – was upgraded to the next version (v14.2), new databases were established for cataloguing digital documents and rare books and manuscripts. Automation

covered cataloguing, acquisition, OPAC, document delivery and other Library's processes.

The National Library extended its conception and strategy for Digital Library and practically prepared 30 CDs of digitized documents from Library's collections of Maps, Rare books and Manuscripts and Small prints and Graphic Documents. The Library's users and all Internet community will get access to this Digital Library up to limits, permitted by copyright issues.

The National Library continued conversion of National Bibliography into digital format. Ca. 60,000 records were converted, 30,000 of them were edited and prepared for uploading into ALEPH LIS. All National Bibliography data having already been uploaded are accessible on-line to Library's users and all other users with Internet access. The National Bibliography data has amounted to 900,000 records.

The National Library of Latvia uses several licensed Latvian and foreign on-line bibliographic and full-text databases (LETA, NAIS, EBSCO, OCLC, EASTCOM, WESTLAW). The NLL has started new generation of document 'acquisition' in Library's practice with new concepts and resource calculation. The number of PC for readers' access to these databases and other on-line resources has increased to 35 (of 321 in total) still remaining insufficient.

National Library continues publishing National Bibliography and other library's specific publications in 'normal paper format', but it has also published an advance copy of *Press Chronicle* in CD-ROM format. The Library has started to correlate its strategy for such publications with its readers' demand for moving to on-line and digital forms.

## Projects

The NLL participated at the international projects CALIMERA, PULMAN, CONCORDIA and national projects as well.

### Services to Readers

**The main indicators of the NLL (readership, visits, loans) continued to grow in 2003.**

In 2003 the task to ensure the Library users with traditional services and the services provided by modern information technologies has continued. Within the framework of SILIS (State Integrated Library Information System) the NLL has participated in the work of LINC (Library Information Network Consortium).

Specification of the NLL acquisition profile and co-ordination of Latvia libraries acquisition module has been realised. In co-operation with LATABA libraries the work of the Interlibrary

Loan has been perfected corresponding to the contemporary requirements having resulted in Electronic Document Delivery service to readers.

Document Delivery system is available to users. In 2003 the number of requests has increased for more than 20%. The data of the National Bibliography are used thus making the service available and free of charge.

### **Exhibitions**

Exchange of exhibitions among foreign countries has become a tradition.

Celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of Latvia the exhibition *Art Nouveau in Latvia* was mounted at the Hague Public Library on November 19, 2003. In December the joint project of the Children's Literature Centre of the NLL and the IBBY

of the Netherlands *Posters to a Poem* has taken place, not only a presentation of the posters, but also a seminar was arranged. In December the Czech National Library has mounted an exhibition *The Culture of Charles IV in the Centre and Periphery* at the exhibition hall of the NLL.

Ca. 10 000 people have visited the mobile exhibition *Latvians and Estonian Literature* arranged by the NLL in Kuresaare (Estonia).

### **Publishing**

In 2003 the NLL has started to publish the journal *Bibliotēku Pasaule (Library World)*.

The Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts has published the proceedings *Rarities*, dedicated to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts, published with the support of Culture Capital Foundation.

### **Standards**

Intense translation and adaptation of international standards, for example, *AACR 2* and *ISO 5127* as Latvian standards took place. The work with the branch terminology was carried out as well.

### **Co-operation**

The new co-operation agreement has been concluded between the NLL and Tartu Art College.

In the period of report the NLL has participated in the work of 15 Latvian and international organisations.

### **Staffing Matters and Structure**

At the last decade the staff of the NLL has decreased from 540 in 1993 to 380 in 2003.

In 2003 the librarians were 318, the other staff –62.

Higher education is to 231 (73%) of the staff, among them higher professional education to 126 (40%).

Average salary is 113 Ls; and for the Library staff -123Ls.

To ensure the circulation of information several changes have taken place in the structure of the Division of Readers' Services. Four departments have been included into this division: the Acquisitions Department, the Stock Taking Department, Repository and the Department of Restoration and Digitization.

## **Events**

In May Maurice Freedman's, President of ALA, has met with Latvian librarians and the Parliament of Latvia.

Study of the incunabula *Clemens V. Constitutiones (Basel, 1476)* which belongs to Aglona Basilica has been started and its restoration is being realised.

In June 2003 the seminar of three Baltic States LiLaEst took place in Daugavpils (Latvia).

The publication *Rarities* has been awarded the most beautiful book of the year 2003.

The NLL has participated at arranging the international conference *Formation of the Collection of National Libraries – for Culture and Education of the Society*.