

MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA
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Funding and staffing matters

In 2001 the Library budget was 14 786 400 Lt (4 285 913 EUR). The budget resources were made up of the annual Government grant-in-aid (71,5%), the receipt of priced services (4,7%), grants provided by foundations, individual persons and investments (23,8%).

The funding of the acquisition programs was reduced in comparison with the year 2000 in 30%. Total amount of 500 300 Lt was allotted for the purchasing of books (151 800 Lt), periodic (295 400 Lt) and other documents (53 100 Lt). 57,7% of the budget was allotted for salaries and other payments for work. The implementing of the Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System and constructing of the new Library annex received a separate funding from the Government and total 4 604 900 Lt.

The total number of employees was 522, out of them 409 are qualified librarians and specialists.

Buildings

The construction of the annex to the main building of the Library was continued. The floors from 7 till 3 were fully equiped except the shelves in the document storage area. The reading rooms of Humanities and Lituania publications, departments of Current National Bibliography, Parliament Information, Lituania were moved to the new offices.

The architecture of the new premises is very similar to the architecture of the main building except some details: low floors, smaller areas of the rooms for staff, narrow windows. More modern materials and technology were used for the new premises, which reduced the heating, lighting, ventilation and other maintenance costs.

Total gross floor area of the annex - 13 550 m², open access services – 604,8 m². Total potential capacity of shelving - 3 500 000 volumes, divided into 74 000 volumes in open

access stacks, 3 426 000 volumes in closed access stacks and 1 713 000 volumes within compact shelving.

The Lithuanian Government allocations in 2002 amounted to 8 mln. Litas (2,3 mln. EUR) will help to speed up the construction works. The building of the annex is planned to finish in the year 2003.

Information technology and networks

In the course of automation of library processes and creation of the Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System the following targets were implemented in 2001:

1. 1. The project of the creation of analytical databank: concept, creation of SW.
2. 2. Development of the cataloguing, acquisition, readers admission subsystems.
3. 3. The creation of the databank of electronic resources: concept, project.
4. 4. Further implementation of the retroconversion project: integration of 64 729 scanned card catalogue records into the computer catalogue.
5. 5. Development of LIBIS Union Catalogue: 70 000 records were created by 39 Lithuanian libraries in 2001. Total amount of records in the Union Catalogue – 334 thousand.

58 computers, 8 printers and 1 copy machine were acquired in 2001. A financial support was received from the Ministry of Culture for the acquiring of IBM pSeries 620 model 6F1 RS64 server. 13 PCs of the Parliamentary Information Department were renovated with the help of the Lithuanian Parliament.

LIBIS software was implemented in 14 public libraries. This resulted in the realisation of training courses for librarians, the installation of LIBIS SW and HW, the creation of databases, the transfer of computerised catalogue data. At the end of 2001 there were 48 libraries working with LIBIS, among which 5 county, 35 urban and district public libraries, 8 research and specialised libraries.

Acquisitions and legal deposit of materials

Type of the documents	Received in 2001	The Library holdings as at 31 December 2001
Books and serials	68 549	5 204 289
Manuscripts	412	59 117
Microforms	703	104 050
Audio-visual documents	1 526	65 063
Cartography	119	9 804
Printed music	1 225	110 897
Electronic documents	453	1 434
Other	7 609	1 408 041
Total:		
in volumes	80 596	6 962 695
in titles	19 405	2 121 382

The principal source of acquisition in 2001 was the legal deposit (42 171 items and 7 715 titles received). The following quantity of publications were acquired according to other sources: domestic and foreign exchange – 8 115 items, gifts and other free of charge editions – 11 870 items, purchases from booksellers and publishers – 3 951 items, subscription of periodicals – 3 395 items, other – 11 094.

Document exchange relations were going on with 201 partners in 34 foreign countries. Total of 4 111 items of the documents were received and 4 260 items sent to the foreign partners.

Preservation and conservation

During 2001 these preservation programs were in progress:

1. 1. Restoration, binding and disinfecting of the documents from rare and old Library's collections: 60 663 pages of documents restored, 1 106 items of documents disinfecting, 3 420 volumes bounded.
2. 2. Restoration of bindings: 110 items restored.
3. 3. Producing of the paper-cases for the archival documents: 3 023 items.
4. 4. Microfilming program of the pre-war Lithuanian periodic and Judaic magazines, current Lithuanian newspapers, publications with dedication to occasions and special events held in the Rare Book and Manuscript Department: total of 130 953 frames and 271 titles filmed.

Services to readers

34 224 readers were registered in the Library in 2001, out of which 55,4% were students, 20,9% scholars, 20,1% children and secondary school students, 3,6% other individual users. 410 000 visits were made to the Library and 1 347 000 documents were delivered to the users.

20 reading rooms with the aggregate seating capacity of 608, including the Summer Library in Palanga operate in the Library.

According to the structural reforms started in 2000 some Library's reading rooms were reorganized into reading rooms specialized according to principal branches of science, e.g. Humanities and Social Sciences. Two reading rooms of Humanities and Lituanica reading room were opened in the new premises of the Library annex. The reading rooms were equipped with computers, copy machines, microform reader-printers. The reference material was put into the open shelves and another part of this collection will be moved to the area of open access and to the closed stacks in 2002. The new reading rooms of the Documents of International Organizations and International Security and NATO Information were opened in 2001.

In the period under review the Library received a significant financial support from the Japan Government for the modernization of video/audio equipment of the Conference Hall, Music Reading Room and Studio. Multipurpose hall system, audio equipment for individual work places with CD players, tape recorders, stereo headphones, audio/video equipment for classroom, sounds and music editing system were installed in the premises of the Conference Hall and Music Department. By acquiring up-to-date video/audio equipment the Library improved the quality of reader service and made the cultural events and education programs more accessible and varied in form.

Cultural activity and publishing

To reveal and highlight its holdings and to commemorate national dates and anniversaries of prominent persons, culture and arts of Lithuania and other countries the Library organized 151 exhibitions in 2001. Several of them, including the following, were co-produced with other institutions and embassies of foreign countries:

- • The presentation of the compact disc "*Latvia and Lithuania between two wars 1920-1940: politics, economics, culture*" based on materials from the collections of the national

libraries of Latvia and Lithuania and photo exhibition “Riga. Riga’s Secession” in the presence of the President of Latvia Vaira Vike Freiberga.

- • The exhibition “*Bratislava – The Capital of the Slovak Republic*” displaying the documents from the City Museum of Bratislava. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic Mr Eduard Kukan opened the exhibition.
- • The book exhibition “*Modern fiction books from Great Britain and Scotland*”, which was opened and presented with the help of the British Council.

Within the program of the Lithuanian Library Week the following events and actions were organised by the National Library:

- • Free access to electronic information for readers.
- • Special training programs for the Internet and data base users.
- • Exposition of the most beautiful Lithuanian books published in 1991-2000.

The Library’s collections were introduced in foreign countries as well. The following exhibitions were organized:

- - *The most beautiful Lithuanian books published in 1996-2000.* The National Library of Poland in Warsaw.
- - *The exposition of the reference publications and books about Lithuania.* The National Library of Luxembourg.
- - *The exhibition dedicated to the patriarch of Lithuanian rebirth Dr. Jonas Basanavičius.* The Gymnasium of 16th of February, Hiutenfeld, Germany.
- - *The exhibition of YIVO documents preserved in the Library’s Judaic collections.* Hamburg, Germany.

A number of seminars and meetings have taken place in the Library in the year 2001. A seminar on the problems of manuscript cataloguing was organized together with the specialists from the National Library of the Check Republic. In March the meeting of the Permanent UNIMARC Committee of IFLA Universal Bibliographic Control and International MARC Core Program has taken place in the Library where the “UNIMARC for Classification format” was approved and other bibliographic standards and formats were discussed.

The activities of the Publishing Department are closely related to the Library research work. In 1993 the NLL published 390 quires of printed matter, with the total run of 3 900 copies.