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Russian State Library in 2002.

1. Library Management: performance indicators, planning, decision making, evaluation,

definition of the mission: As against 2001 the volume of RSL stocks is unchanged namely 42,8 units owing to an increase in the number of withdrawals. 384,9 thousands new documents have been added including 75,4 thousands foreign ones. About 60 % of the aggregate volume of the literature received are being processed in the automatic mode. 958, 5 thousands visits to the reading rooms have been registered. Under development is the automatic system «Circulation» beginning with the plastic users card. With a view to setting up a standardized legal base for the management of library and information stocks system the following documents are in preparation: the statute on the RF shared library and information stock; the statute on the deposit of documents to RF stocks; the statute of the intrastate book exchange. The statute of the RSL stocks system has been revised. «The concept of the all-Russian register of books monuments» has been finalized.

2. Electronic publications and formats, new legislation included: The RSL jointly with the Russian National Library in SPb are finalized the preparation of the 1st vol. of «Russian cataloging rules» brought nearer to IFLA recommendations and oriented to computer technologies. A model site «Cataloging-in-publication» for rapid collaboration with partners has been created.

3. Financing: The RF Ministry of finance approved the budget amount of 489,9 millions roubles (r.) for RSL. Among non-budgetary sources of funding the with agreements research institutions to the sum of 14,7 millions r. might be named. The total of grant agreements comes to 630 thousands r. External customers have paid 12,4 millions r. (about 25 % rise as compared to 2001). Proceeds from the publishing activities and publicity run to 41,4 millions r. (about 25 % rise as compared to 2001). Under agreements with various firms from advertisement RSL has received 8,9 millions r.

4. Legislation: In February 2002 the Federal law «On introducing additions and alterations into the Federal law «On the deposit copy of documents»» was approved.

5. Buildings: 43,3 millions r. have been allocated for the equipment purchase. 11,8 millions r. – for printing facilities. 17,1 millions r. – for furniture in connection with the reconstruction of the main storage building «D». At the end of 2002 the reconstruction of the 3-tiered storage building «B» and map storage space in building «A» set in. Stationary shelving has been in part replaced by moving shelves in Khimki building. The Moscow government order «On reserving land plots 29th, 37th, 39th blocks for Kremlin and RSL and on measures for assuring the RSL buildings complex reconstruction and restoration» has been drafted. Under this order the acts of land tenure relating to reserving RSL plots have been received. In April 2002 additional premises measuring 742,4 m² were leased out to the RSL. The library have received new certificates of RSL rights on 15 buildings entry into the Unified register in Moscow land registry office.

6. Staff: 2125 people are engaged with the RSL including 1841 in library's and research departments (among them - 21 doctors and 137 candidates of science). Women make up 91,7 %. 108,3 millions roubles have been spent on remuneration, which is 28 % above then 2001. The average pay amounts to 4245 r. which 20 % above then 2001. The RSL senior staff take refresher courses in Moscow higher learning institutes. The document «Management and staff. Proceedings of all-Russian conference of directors of federal and regional libraries» has been prepared.

7. Information technologies and networks: 10,4 millions r. have been spent on the acquisition of computers. 182 PC have been added to the computing park. The number of computer placed users' disposal has risen from 6 to 21. The RSL web-site has had 2,2 millions visits. The RSL electronic catalogue offers about 2 millions records to users in the Internet. The re-systemized general classified catalogue (4 millions entries prior to 1961) is at users' disposal. In September 2002 a new hall of reference and bibliographic services functioning in automatic regime was opened.

8. Digital library: Since December 2002 the national electronic resources of the national digital library have been available through EBSCO. Electronic version of central newspapers and journals, materials of the news agencies, regional press can be offered on commercial terms.

9. Legal deposit copy: The new Federal law see above. The fullness of deposit copies accession hovers between 75–80 %.

10. Acquisition: 40,1 millions r. have been spent on acquiring book stocks (twice more them 2001). 2002 saw both a striking increase in Russia's publishing produce and a precipitous rise in book prices due to the introduction of turnover tax. The average book price has doubled as against 2000.

11. Preservation and Conservation: The quality make up of restored documents has changed, the restoration of ancient book bindings has gone up. 3 thousands bindings have been repaired. 199,5 thousands paper documents have been restored. Research work «Study of the possibility of conserving the documents burnt through by ferro-gall ink» is under way. In 2002 diazocopies of theses (1977–1981) were put into circulation. At the end 2002 the planed scanning of the most requested parts of the thesis stock (1998–2002) started.

12. Services rendered to users: Every month RSL supplies the President administration and Moscow municipality with factual information (memorable days and events, burning issues, etc.). The standing customers of official publications are the Government, ministries, Federal assembly, embassies, etc.

13. Cultural events, exhibitions and publications: 287 thematic exhibitions have been arranged. In October 2002 the exhibition «The Russian book dating from XVI to the early XX century: from the RSL treasures» was held in Oslo (Norway); its catalogue was published. By a license agreement with the UNESCO the Russian translation of «Guidelines for Legal Deposit Legislation» (by Jules Lariviere) was published. It was timed to the November meeting of directors of RF national, republican, regional libraries. On the basis of the RSL holdings the collection «To be Russia in wealth and glory» was published and received the diploma «The best books of the year». «The catalogue of the Hebrew incunables in RSL» in Russian, English, Ivrit is ready for the press.

14. Library co-operation: The RSL interlibrary loan serves 754 borrowers. 3,5 thousands items have been loaned within the framework of the international interlending. The RSL participated in the International committee work and in the opening of the Alexandria library, it contributed to the raising of the Russian collection of this library. The model site «Book exchange» has been developed. At the 6th International conference «LIBCOM – 2002» RSL jointly with State public scientific and technological library presented the date base on CD-ROM «BBK for public libraries». For the first time the act of return to Germany of 100 newspapers received by RSL after 2nd world war. In September 2002 the 3rd conference of NL directors of CIS countries took place in Minsk (Belorussia). Its goal was to develop joint perspective directions.

15. Other noteworthy information: **Fedorov, Victor V.** , Director General of the Russian State Library was announced by Russian Bibliographic Institute a «**Person of the year 2002**» - **Culture** for the great work in the revival of the Main library of the country.

17. Organisational structure

As of January 1, 2003 there are 60 departments, 11 centres, 10 directorates within the RSL.

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