

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF RUSSIA (NLR)

Annual report for CENL: 2000.

On January the 1-st, 2001 NLR collection is 32 835,7 thousand items.

MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY

March 23, 2001 the Government of Russian Federation has ratified the new NLR Charter, which preparation was completed in 1997. The Charter takes into account changing economic situation in Russia, and also in more detail opens various kinds of activity of library.

In conditions of a computerization of library processes and complication of reader's inquiries, and also in connection with necessity of expansion of access to electronic resources in the country and behind its limits, the more and more important meaning gets constant professional growth of the employees got during continuous education. The various rates, training seminars and presentations of the newest training programs and projects for the NLR experts become the integral part of library life. With the purposes of coordination of educational processes in library in 2000 the independent division - Educational Centre was created.

FUNDING

The financing of library in 2000 makes 100 % from the sum planned by the budget of Russian Federation. The changes of the budget legislation of Russia in the certain measure have reduced financial independence of library; first of all it concerns to distribution of budget means. The additional means act in library divisions for the account grant support of various funds and charitable organizations, and also - from the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation, in which NLR is conducting.

LEGISLATION

The work on scientific maintenance of formation and realization of state library policy proceeded. NLR has taken part in development of additions and corrections to the Federal acts (legal deposit, culture legislation); continued to be assisted in development of the territorial library laws, participated in preparation of a part III of the Modeling library code of the countries which are included in Commonwealth of the Independent States: CIS.

The basic source of formation of NLR funds - receipt of the documents according to the Federal law "On legal deposit of the document". This Law was accepted by State Duma in November, 1994 (is entered into action in 1995). According to it the NLR rights on free-of-charge legal deposit reception through the Russian Book Chamber (RBC) is confirmed.

In 2000 the work on preparation of new edition of the Law on legal deposit proceeded. March 15, 2001 in the first reading accepts the Law "About change and additions to the Federal Law on legal deposit of documents".

BUILDINGS

The construction of NLR new building is not completed, but the service of the users in a reading hall of current periodic, on item of distribution from a fixed capital (Russian book fund and Foreign journal fund), in a Department of the national literatures proceeds. Book delivery from a fixed collections has increased in 2 times, that is a direct consequence of active moving of funds. So, in 2000 the here was given 11 % from all distribution of Russian book fund. From the fixed stock, displaced to scientific halls, is given: Russian book fund - 71.198 items, Foreign journal fund - 33.201 items. Book delivery from Department of the national literatures has made 7.430 items.

Visiting of divisions in a New building in 2000 has increased on 20 thousand and has made 74.310 items (for comparison: in 1999 - 53.785).

In 2000 moving a fixed stock in NLR proceeded.

The works on complex overhaul and reconstruction of a building NLR on Sadovaya street, 20 proceeded. With the purposes of improvement of service of the users in reconstructed NLR building the room (more than 200 sq. ì) for placement of an information Center is allocated which will provide the inhabitants and visitors of city with the information on cultural and business life of city, information on tourism. The necessity of creation at NLR of such help Center equipped with the newest technologies and databases, is connected to absence in city of such a popular organization.

NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

In 2000 the task of creation of a uniform technological chain "Acquisition - Cataloguing - Funds" for processing new receipts has been solving. Software in the appropriate divisions have been created and installed, training the employees has passed.

The work on creation "Russian and internal format for bibliographic and authority records representation of in the machine-readable form" has proceeded.

The "Guidelines for using RUSMARC for component parts" has been developed.

The following materials have begun to be developed and are planned to end per 2001:

- Outline project for using RUSMARC for normative-technical, technical, scientific (dissertations theses, dissertation, deposited manuscript, reports on research work and other unpublished works) and patent documentation;
- Outline project for using RUSMARC for cartographic materials;
- Outline project for using RUSMARC for old print books.

Work on RUSMARC formats support also has been continued.

In 2000 the work on retrospective conversion of the card catalogue has been continued.

The software supporting access to scanned cards from the Internet is prepared for operation.

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

In July, 2000 the discussion of the concept of the program "Electronic library of Russia" in years 2000-2005 has been held. A number of directions evolve in the field of digital programs. In particular, the transformation into electronic form of the most rare documents stored from NLR Department of the manuscripts and Prints Department collection is planned. The pilot project dedicated to St.-Petersburg 300-year's anniversary - on different kinds materials (text, image, sound).

The joint work with the Library of USA Congress for realization the project "Meeting on frontiers" has been continued: in May, 2000 the equipment of the Library of Congress has been installed. In year 2000 585 images, 12552 Mb have been digitized.

In 2000 the works on development the NLR official web-server have proceeded. For the mentioned period 3025 new files, size~75.38 Mb was prepared and placed onto NLR web-server.

CATALOGUING

On January 1, 2001 in the NLR electronic catalogue includes:

93,5 thousand records in ÎÐÀÑ.

120 thousand records in a technological electronic catalogue database.

Re-cataloguing of the foreign books.

In 2000 500 foreign books of XVI-XVIII centuries have been re-catalogued by hand from the Foreign fund which is not in system of the modern NLR catalogues. In foreign hand-pressed book of XVI century- 3320 brief records and 1936 complete records - from the collection of the 1-st military school are entered.

Development of Rules for bibliographic description and formats of machine-readable cataloguing.

In 2000 together with the Russian state library (RSL) the works on the project of modernization of Russian cataloguing rules (Federal project) began. The text of the chapters that are responsible by NLR is developed conceptually and the first version is prepared: corporate name heading, multilevel records, bibliographic references.

Development of classification tables and systematization technique.

Together with a number of documents regulating work on development and support LBC as a national classification (the Contract of two national libraries, State of Editorial board, Protocol on preparation of the average LBC tables) is developed.

The project of LBC tables is prepared and is sent on a response.

The work on revealing both editing of new concepts and terms for the electronic version of the "Terminological dictionary for librarians on socio-economic subjects " proceeded.

ACQUISITIONS

General parameters.

Legal deposit:

On legal deposit in library 65 % of all domestic editions (in 1999 and in 1998 - 61 %) has acted. The increase of relative parameters of receipt LD in 2000 has taken place at the expense of the dissertation theses of 1999 Receipt LD in 2000 was 184 807 items.

Amount of magazines in LD structure considerably has decreased, that can be a consequence of financial difficulties of the publishers.

Receiving of cartographic editions decreased on 10%, graphic editions - on 61%, normative documents - on 38%.

Purchase:

In 2000 money to purchase of the editions for the first time for the expired fifth anniversary was allocated monthly, that has allowed to restore continuous character of process of domestic acquisition.

For the first time for 5 years was surpass the plan of purchase of the books and magazines of old years, the work of a Purchasing commission became more active, was spent 100 times more money, than, for example, per 1996.

Gift:

In 2000 42742 editions have acted as gift in a Department of acquisition. Short of increase of parameters of 1999 at the expense of receipt microforms from Soros Fund (19875 items), the receipt of gift in foreign fund remains at a level of 1999.

Book exchange:

In 2000 receipt by way of an exchange from libraries of Russian Federation and countries of Near foreign countries have increased in comparison with the previous years, the growth has taken place at the expense of foreign libraries (1999 - 912 items; 2000 - 1 432 items). 48 libraries of Russian Federation and 21 libraries of the countries of Near foreign countries have transferred to NLR for exchange 2364 items (per 1999 1 700 items).

The acquisition of editions from Near foreign countries contents of 2791 books, 2783 magazines, 2486 newspapers. (In 1999 - 2293 books, 2377 magazines, 8654 newspapers).

Foreign acquisition:

The acquisition of the foreign editions in 2000 passed in the best conditions, than in previous three-years period. On international exchange 6022 items has acted (in 1999 - 5179 items), from second-hand bookseller shops is acquired 400 items. In 2000 reduction of international book-exchange continued to have an effect, especially reflected on periodicals reception, and reduction of a subscription through book-selling firms.

The database of group of the foreign book for 1.01.2001 makes 100 thousand records.

The large attention is given to purchase electronic DB on CD-ROM. Among them "Medline Express ", SSI, SSCI etc.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

The activity of the Federal Center of NLR library funds preservation, as well as in previous years, in the following directions preventive work is carried out (control and support of a storage), restoration and stabilization of the documents. Safety policy attention is given to prevent preservation.

The library carries out work on moving a significant part of funds to a New building of NLR. The maintenance of normative conditions of a storage in a new building will allow in the future lower volume of restoration works. Before moving the funds carefully dust-removes also are if necessary disinfected by forces of the specially organized brigade. For performance of this work the units of firm "Rainbow" (England) are acquired. For encapsulating preservation of valuable sheet materials (manuscripts, prints and maps) uses installation "HDS keeper" (England).

The library takes part in introduction of the National Program of safety of library funds of Russian Federation.

In October, 2000 - the international conference devoted to problems of maintenance of safety of monuments of culture "In new century - with new technologies" was held. In conference work about 100 participant from Russia (St.-Petersburg, Moscow, Rostov-on-Don, Nizhni Novgorod, Novgorod Great, Tomsk, Petrozavodsk, Krasnodar, Arkhangelsk, Murmansk), Byelorussia (Gomel), Ukraine (Kiev), Germany (Erfurt), France (Paris), Hungary (Budapest), Austria (Vienna) take part.

SERVICES TO READERS

In 2000 the following parameters are marked:

New patrons - 40.784,

Visits - 1.446.095,

Book delivery - 13.940.790 items.

The basic moments of policy of service of the NLR readers are complex character of granting of services, differential approach to the readers, branch character of services. The changes of informational environment and changes of information needs of the readers conduct the necessity of search the new forms and methods of service. Planned changes can be referred:

- combinatory of service (combination traditional and based on modern technologies with gradual increase of a share of the automated services);
- expansion of work with the readers in a mode of the removed access (information about NLR and access to its database through the Internet);
- electronic delivery of the documents;
- functioning the Center for the legal information;
- amplification training function of library.

The reading halls in practice are more accessible to the students of the senior rates - with the account of more loyal rules of record and invitations; the pupils make not less than 25-30 % of the visitors of the Main building of library, and in a New building the service is made by uniform principles, irrespective of a kind of the reader's ticket, that is it is possible to ascertain a beginning of formation in NLR of a uniform reader's flow. Humanities researches are the most of the NLR readers, especial historians, philologists, economists.

The works on expansion of service of the readers local and external database are conducted. The access to database on CD-ROM and to external information files through the Internet is given to the users. The development of the program on organization of service in a new building of library is conducted. The program defines principles, condition and opportunity of service of various categories of the readers in a New building as in traditional, and automated modes.

EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES

In 2000 the following exhibitions were spent: "The Poster of Russian avant garde" in Southern Korea; "Rastrelly and Elizabeth. Baroque Epoch" in expocentre "Smolny cathedral"; "Dostoevskii iconography" in a Literary - memorial Dostoyevsky museum; "A Christianity in a life and culture of the peoples of Russia" - in the Russian ethnographic museum - etc.

PUBLISHING

In 2000 53 editions were published; among them:

The collections of the proceedings and monography - 11 names;

The methodical editions - 3 names;

The information-bibliographic editions - 17 names;

Materials on disclosing library funds - 4 names;

Out of plan - 18 names.

LIBRARY CO-OPERATION

Cooperation at a national level.

The sessions of Council of cooperation of two national libraries (NLR and RSL) held annually. December 21-22, 2000 in St.-Petersburg in the Russian national library the next, fifth session of Council of cooperation was held which will be carried out within the framework of the Agreement on partnership and cooperation between two national libraries of Russia. During cooperation RSL and NLR in 2000 not only many questions were successfully solved, but also the circle of new problems requiring realization within the framework of the joint programs and the projects was defined.

Cooperation at a regional level.

The regional communications with the Russian libraries are carried out during joint researches "Reading in libraries of Russia ", " History of libraries of Russia " etc., by organization of the All-Russia and regional meetings, scientific - practical conferences and seminars, preparation of the editions and separate publications.

In 2000 in NLR and at its active participation the All-Russia seminars and conferences hold: III the All-Russia seminar "Problems of safety of libraries and library funds", IV a scientific conference "Modern problems of subjectization and subject systems", All-Russia meeting of the chiefs of federal and central libraries of the subjects of Russian Federation "State policy in the field of preservation of library funds", All-Russia scientific conference in frameworks "Of the Petersburg readings - 2000": "A History of library, book and archival business of St.-Petersburg", scientific - practical conference "Library service on a boundary of century: problems and prospects", All-Russia meeting "Document fund of the country: problems of development of system of an legal deposit, deposit and exchange collections", scientific - practical conference "Public libraries of Russia in the end of century: traditions and prospects of development".

Rendering the methodical help to the Russian libraries is traditional is carried out during visitings by the experts NLR of regional libraries, including by their order and applications.

Cooperation at the international level.

NLR is the member of the international organizations: IFLA, CDNL, LIBER, CENL, " Library - BALTICA " etc.

The work in the project CERL (Consortium of the European Research libraries) on creation database of the European book of the period manual press proceeds. In 2000 the loading in ÍÐÂ of the first NLR file was held which contains more records of the books in the West-European languages issued in Russia in 1701-1800, and also books in Russian of 1725-1800.

Within the framework of the bilateral Agreement with the British library in NLR the bilateral Russian-British seminar has passed, on which the general problems of two national libraries in new millenium were discussed.

The international contacts actively develop: the employees of library visit foreign libraries, library-information centers and organizations. For example, the group of the experts from NLR has visited Library of a Congress; the working visits, business trip in Yagellon library (Krakow) - were held with the purpose of acquaintance with " by the International summary catalogue of the Russian book, 1918-1926 ", in national library of Canada - on VIII the International symposium Dublin Core, in Estonian national library International conference " the National bibliography in varied information environment"; the representatives of publishing NLR House took part in work of 52-nd Frankfurt international book fair etc.