

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF RUSSIA

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1. Library Management: performance indicators, planning, decision making, evaluation, definition of the mission.

Statistics for 2001:

Collections (1 January 2002) 33,110,230 items (6,058,418 in foreign languages)

Reader seats 1,634

Reader visits 1,401,319

Exhibitions 1,377

Lectures, reports, conferences 203

In 2001 NLR carried out analysis of the Library activities in 1996-2000. It resulted in pre-project document on main tendencies of the Library development in 2001-2007.

2. Electronic publications and formats, new legislation included

In 2001 National Service for RUSMARC formats was created on the basis of NLR, with basic function defined as development and updating of RUSMARC format for various types of materials.

The Library is participating the programs aimed to standardization of the description of Internet resources and to adaptation and implementation of the Dublin core format in Russia.

3. Funding

Total budget of the Library in 2001 – c. 202 million roubles (\$ 6,5 million, cf. 157,7 million roubles in 2000).

4. Legislation

In 2001 the Government of the Russian Federation approved the Statute of Federal Institution "The National Library of Russia" (Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 226, dated March 23, 2001).

NLR participated in further development of legislative documents in the field of librarianship and also in revising number of state standards of the Russian Federation: «Conservation of documents. General requirements», «Conservation of documents. Terms and definitions», «Bibliographic description of non-book materials», «Bibliographic record. Representation of data elements in Russian MARC-formats".

5. Buildings

The Library continued moving part of the collections to the new building (165, Moskovsky pr.). New reading rooms were opened in the new building: Social and Economics Literature reading room, Literature and Arts reading room, Standards and Specifications reading room, Engineering and Technology reading room. Local network installation for the new building is in progress.

After the reconstruction the building at 20, Sadovaya str. was opened (Krylov's house), with the Information and Service Center and the Library book shop.

The Library continued reconstruction and renovation of the main building. This allowed to improve greatly conditions of storing books and other materials from the Library collections.

6. Staffing matters

In 2001 the Library raised the salary for the staff which allowed to increase the number of staff by 130 persons.

According to the new Statute the head of NLR is General Director. Also it was decided to change the organizational structure of the Library and to introduce new level of the structure – Directorates, integrating functions of certain area and coordinating activities in the Library.

In 2001 licensing of the Library's training center was approved; the center deals with numerous staff development and training programs.

7. Information technology and networks

NLR is a partner of the program LIBNET aimed to development of the national information and library computer network. In 2001 two Russian national libraries - NLR and Russian State Library (Moscow) organized the «The National Information Centre LIBNET» to develop Russian union electronic catalogue.

In 2001 scanning General Author/Title Catalogue of Books in Russian was completed, and now it is available for open access at the NLR web-site as a database of c.7 million electronic card images. It covers acquisitions from 1725 to 1998. The Catalogue contains bibliographic details of books and other items covering prints, standard-technical documents, dissertation abstracts and microfilms. The Catalogue includes entries for journal, periodical and other serial titles.

Since the scanned catalogue can not provide appropriate access for the users, the decision was made to carry out retrospective conversion of the part of the General Author/Title Catalogue and develop machine-readable bibliographic records in RUSMARC.

Also following catalogues and databases are available:

- Current Books in Russian (since 1998), covering Russian-language books acquired since 1998 by legal deposit, purchasing, gift or exchange;
- Publications in Foreign Languages, including records for books, pamphlets, dissertations, and individual serial volumes in foreign European languages (over 20) published in different countries of the world. The catalogue also includes records for media editions in the NLR collections: microforms, audio- and video material, electronic resources;
- Russian Eighteenth-Century Civil Printed Book, containing almost every book published in Russia between 1708 and 1800, at present the Catalogue contains details for over 13 thousand books, held in the National Library of Russia and in a number of other large Russian, Ukrainian and Baltic libraries;
- Books in Western-European Languages Published in Russia in 1701-1800 - database created by retrospective conversion of printed Union Catalogue of foreign-language books published in Russia in the 18th century. L, 1984 - 1986, Vol. 1-3. This database includes citations for documents published both by Russian printers and by publishing firms using foreign printing facilities. The NLR (Rossica collections) holds 60% of the documents represented in the printed catalogues.
- Foreign Journals/Serials (acquired since 1995), etc.

Electronic catalogue of the library which exists since 1998 includes about 8 million records. NLR continued development of the authority files: corporate body names (130,000 records), personal names (12,000 records), uniform titles (18,000 records), subject headings (1,300,000 records).

With financial support of Ministry of Culture of Russian Federation NLR is working on creation of data base of trophy German materials in NLR collections. Currently the data base includes 4,300 records.

Fiber optic cable was installed connecting three basic buildings (18, Sadovaya str., 36, Fontanki emb., 165 Moskovsky pr.).

1. The digital library

In total 4650 images from the NLR collections were digitised (151 Gb) in 2001.

NLR continued to work in the "Meeting of Frontiers" project (joint project with the Library of Congress), which explores the comparative history of the Russian expansion across Siberia to the Russian Far East and the Pacific, the American

expansion westward, and the meeting of the Russian-America frontier in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. In the framework of the project multimedia digital library is being developed providing a gateway to much that remains important about the national identities of Russia and America in the twenty-first century. In 2001 1582 images were digitised 144 CDs were delivered to the Library of Congress, and currently number of editions from NLR collections digitised in the project are available at the web-site of the Library of Congress, including Maps of Pacific Voyages, Imperial Russian Playing Cards, Album of the Amur and Ussuri Regions, Views of Sakhalin Island, Tsine-Louine "Siberia" Postcards Series, Atlas of Kruzenshtern's Circumnavigation, Album of Seniavin Lithographs.

2. Legal deposit of materials

Legal deposit is the main source of acquisitions, but in 2001 it reduced by almost 15%. Number of books received decreased by 50%, while number of serials increased by 50%. In 2001 number of editions received from the Russian Book Chamber was more than 303,000 items.

3. Acquisitions

Acquisitions in 2001 359,766 items (40,677 in foreign languages)

Including:

Books 182,208

Serials and periodicals 151,743

Newspapers 7,989

Legal deposit 52%

Purchased 33%

Donations 13%

International book exchange 6,300 books, 17,000 issues of periodicals, 1,600 serials.

Subscription for periodicals for 2002 – 450 titles.

The library purchased 400 valuable manuscripts, including 32 oriental.

Now all new acquisitions are processed using the library automatic system regardless of their source (legal deposit, purchase, gift).

4. Preservation and Conservation

As in previous years, the Federal Document Conservation Centre, which is one of NLR departments, worked on ensuring conservation of collections. Much work was done because of moving of part of NLR collection to the new building - more than 16,000,000 documents were processed (disinfected and dust-removed).

In April 2002 4-th National workshop "Problems of security of libraries and library collections" was held in NLR.

5. Services to readers

In 2001:

Reader visits 1,401,319

New readers 79,337

Document deliveries 13,402,547 (including interlibrary loan)

Document deliveries per reader 9,5 items

In 2001 there were some difficulties in delivering services to readers because of moving part of the collections to the new building. Nevertheless number of readers and document deliveries decreased just by 3.3 % and 3.9 % correspondingly. Number of users of inter-library loan increased by 7 %. Electronic Document Delivery Service and Services and Legal Information Centre are much in demand by the users.

Information Service Centre was opened in 2001 with financial support of the World Bank. Services delivered to users of the Centre include: information search (in NLR databases and remote databases), providing access to full text sources, providing access to Internet resources, scanning documents from the Library collections for users, etc. Also Book shop was opened where the visitors may purchase both editions published by the Library and by other publishers.

NLR provides access to full-text electronic journals. More that 6,000 titles of full-text electronic journals are available to users.

6. Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

Centre of Cultural Programs was created on the basis of one of the departments of the Library, its main function is organization of exhibitions, lectures, guided tours, concerts, etc. In 2001 the Centre organized 1,377 exhibitions, 203 lectures, reports, conferences.

50 titles were published by the NLR Publishing Office (circulation in total – 26,420 items), among them – "National Library of Russia. Legal Status", "The Public Library Service: IFLA/UNESCO Guidelines for Development" (in Russian), etc.

In 2001 Internet-shop was opened at the NLR web-site .

7. Library cooperation

NLR works in co-operation with Russian and foreign libraries in the Germany, USA, United Kingdom, Poland, etc.

NLR is the Headquarters of the Russian Library Association, and Vladimir Zaitsev, General Director of NLR, is the President of the Association.

NLR continued its activities in the framework of the Agreement on collaboration of the national libraries of Russia. Regular session of the Council of cooperation of the National Library of Russia and the Russian State Library which was held in Moscow resulted in the draft national program of development of the retrospective national bibliography up to 2010.

NLR is a member of international organizations: IFLA, CDNL, CENL, CERL, LIBER, "Biblioteka Baltica", etc. In March, 2002 NLR hosted annual meeting of IFLA Permanent UNIMARC Committee.

In December 2001 NLR and the British Library organised the seminar "Dialog of National Libraries: Russia-Great Britain" which was held in London.

NLR continues to work with CERL to develop HPB (Hand Press Book) data base. Currently number of NLR records in HPB is about 10,000 records.

In 2001 NLR arranged 101 business trips of its representatives abroad to study the library experience. Also representatives of NLR were invited by foreign libraries (e.g. Slavonic library of the Illinois University library, July 2001) to give lectures about the experience and practical work of Russian libraries.

8. Major celebrations (anniversaries and events)

In October 2001 NLR and Institute of Finland in St.-Peterburg held the international conference "Sukhtelen readings" devoted to 250 years anniversary of well-known bibliophile Peter Sukhtelen.

9. Other notable information

General Director of NLR, Vladimir Zaitzev is a member of the Science Advisory Board of the Chairman of the Council of Federation of Russia.

10. Organisation chart

In 2001 structure of the library was reorganized. It was decided to create Directorates to coordinate activities in certain area: Directorate of Information Service, Directorate of Automated Technologies, Development Directorate, Financial Directorate. Following departments were created: Strategic Development Dept., Interlibrary Co-operation Dept., Research Dept. of Library Collection, Dept. of the History of Librarianship, Dept. of Archival Materials of NLR. Also were created: Centre of Cultural Programs, Training Centre, Information and Service Centre, Legal Information Centre, Federal Document Conservation Centre; Publishing House (on the base of Publishing Dept.), National Service for RUSMARC formats.