

# **ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL 2018**

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## **Mission**

The National and University Library in Zagreb has a dual mandate – it is the national library of Croatia as well as the main library of the University of Zagreb. The Library is responsible for collection, cataloguing, processing, archiving, protection, long-term preservation and making available to the public its entire collection and especially the national collection *Croatica* that is acquired by legal deposit. As the major research library of the University of Zagreb, the Library also collects and stores foreign literature. The Library performs scientific, research and development activities with the aim to support, organise and develop the library system of the Republic of Croatia.

## **Legal status and management**

Founded and financially supported by the Croatian government the Library reports to the Ministry of Science and Education and the Ministry of Culture. The current Law on Libraries dates from 1997. The new law has been in force since February 2019.

The chief executive is the director general and the Governing board consists of nine members, representing the Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Culture and the Library.

## **Major achievements and general overview of activities**

All the fundamental library activities were performed in accordance with the Library strategy for the period 2016-2020 and the plan of activities for 2018.

The acquisition is determined by the dual function of the Library. Out of the 60,786 new items in 2018, the majority were acquired by legal deposit (55,810) 4976 by exchange and only 633 items were purchased due to continuous lack of resources. Within the regular cataloguing activities 30,969 bibliographic records and 26,079 authority records were produced. Preventive and curative protection measures were performed regularly.

A number of user services were developed, with a special emphasis on digital services. Digital collections are available at <https://digitalna.nsk.hr/pb/>. Six digitisation projects were realised.

Integrated library system is based on Aleph which was upgraded to version .22. The system consists of 43 libraries of the University of Zagreb and is coordinated by the National and University Library in Zagreb.

Cooperation Agreement on the Development and Management of the Croatian National Union Catalogue was signed. It is the first and unique union library catalogue in Croatia which provides discovery services for print and electronic resources available in the catalogues of more than 45 academic and special libraries in Croatia, as well as the catalogue of the National and University Library in Zagreb.

The Library, with its partners, is responsible for the following digital repositories Croatian *Digital Theses Repository* <https://zir.nsk.hr/>; Croatian *Digital Dissertations Repository* <https://dr.nsk.hr/>; *University of Zagreb Repository* <https://repositorij.unizg.hr/>. New records were sent to DART-Europe.

The Library is in charge of the five-year project *Increase of access to electronic resources of scientific and technical information (E-resources)* launched in November 2016. The project supports the Croatian scientific and academic community and is financed by European Social Fund.

The Library specialists participated in the preparation of many national strategic documents: new law on libraries, national heritage protection programme, national digitisation strategy till 2025, project documentation for the EU project E-Culture: Digitisation of cultural heritage, creation, publishing and maintenance of national dataloguing rules.

The programme of continuous education for Croatian librarians was organised in ten modules, 78 courses and four web seminars.

TRACE, Traditional children's stories for a common future an international project, funded by Erasmus+ was launched. The Library coordinates the project involving four European countries.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia decided that the National and University Library in Zagreb will serve as one of the seats of Croatia's presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2020. Accordingly, the construction of the remaining part of the Library's premises will be completed in its entirety. This decision has also presented a number of new activities and duties for the Library and will mark the activities in the following years.

### **Cooperation with national and international institutions**

The cooperation with national and international institutions continues. The Library and its staff participate in numerous European and international organisations, networks and projects including IFLA, CENL, CDNL, LIBER and so on.

The Library regularly contributes data to international identifier networks (ISBN, ISMN, ISSN), but also to VIAF, it send metadata to Europeana. The Croatian office for DOI operates in the Library.

Intensive cooperation with national and other European libraries is shown on the Glagoljica.hr portal which holds digitised Glagolitic items stored in those libraries.

### **Conferences, cultural events, exhibitions, publications**

The activities presenting the Library's holdings and achievements were intensified during the European year of cultural heritage. These activities also include organisation of lectures, book promotions, and celebrations and other events like Croatian Book Night. To promote the Croatian heritage several exhibitions were organised: *Croatian Glagolitic Heritage* took place in the Library, *Book Art in Croatia* was organised in the National and University Library in Ljubljana, Slovenia and *Faust Vrančić in the context of European heritage exhibition* in Rome.

Among conferences and meetings, organised alone and with partners the following deserve special mention: 8<sup>th</sup> Festival of Croatian digitisation projects and the 1<sup>st</sup> international conference on green libraries *Let's Go Green!*.

Representatives of the Library actively participated at numerous events in Croatia and abroad and gave presentations.

The Library publishes national bibliographies (44 new issues in 2018, available online at <http://bibliografija.nsk.hr>), a journal *The Voice of NSK* and other print and electronic publications: catalogues, manuals, instructions, guides and so on.

### **Key facts and figures for 2018**

#### Acquisitions:

60,786 items

#### Users:

10,537 users registered during the year

Over 2,100,000 visits to digital contents

Over 10,800 registered users on Library's social networks

#### Staff:

306 people, about two thirds are library staff

#### Budget:

12.9 million EUR<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Out of the Library budget 3.1 million EUR was allocated through the ESF project for the subscription of electronic resources for the Croatian scientific and academic community.