

ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL 2021

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Name of library or equivalent national-level organization: NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ROMANIA

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Vision

Fundamental institution for the national written cultural heritage, the National Library of Romania conserves, manages, and promotes an important part of this heritage and participates in the construction of a modern, dynamic, and well-informed society, integrating at the national level its documentation and information resources, creating a path to knowledge, in general, and to the knowledge of Romanian culture and spirituality, in particular.

General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library

The restrictions imposed by the pandemic continued to affect the activity of the National Library of Romania in 2021 too. Just as the entire world did, the National Library of Romania was forced to face an unprecedented reality, the biggest challenge being the attempt of keeping the public close and safe in the same time. Nevertheless, our Library managed to cope with its assumed priorities, and comply with all the essential functions.

National Library of Romania's reading rooms were reopened under the condition of complying with the rules settle down by the library, in accordance with the government regulations. Users had access both to the current and special collections of the Library. The consultation of current collections' documents was facilitated through the use of 5 professional book sterilization devices, purchased with the financial aid of CENL, following the winning of a grant under the COVID-19 Support Fund.

Apart from the reading rooms, other spaces for reading were available for the users on the entire year period. More than 300 people per day, principally students or young people who study for exams, came into the Library for a quiet place and free internet connection. Likewise, NLR continued to support its users, the scanning activity on demand registering a significant increase. However, many projects, especially cultural ones, have been rethought, postponed or moved to online platforms.

Developments in managing collections

In 2021, NLR continued, in a sustained pace, the gap recovery on the flow of bibliographic processing for documents arrived under the legal deposit registration scheme, therefore the number of documents available for readers has increased with 35%.

The Batthyaneum Library, the Alba-Iulia Branch of the National Library of Romania, finished the general inventory and reopened its documentary heritage collection to the use of researchers.

Cultural and professional events

The cultural and professional agenda was not neglected; it was achieved by the promotion of the special collections of the Library on the site and through social networks, as well as by organizing, in person or/and in online, different activities like guided tours for students or other librarians, but also cultural, professional, educational or artistic events.

Library cooperation

In 2021, National Library of Romania was involved in several cooperation projects at both national and international level, such as:

- *TECH.LIBRARY Project - Improving public library services for visually impaired users through ICT tools and training.* Objective: Fostering the exchange of good practices between staff in different libraries on ICT services and tools, for the involvement of visually impaired users, the extension of the digital skills of library staff through tailored training activities on ICT tools and the creation of a library network for cooperation to meet the needs of visually impaired users. Partners: Unione della Romagna Faentina - Italy, Mestna Knjiznica Ljubljana - Slovenia, Regionalna Narodna Biblioteka Petko P Slaveykov - Bulgaria, Gradska Knjiznica Rijeka - Croatia, Mazsalaca Municipality - Latvia and ARGO di Donda Andrea e C. snc – Italy.
- *TEACH 4FUTURE Project - Adult Educational Transformation through Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship.* Objective: Determining a Favourable Change in the Educational Framework and Competency Profile of Adults in Romania, Bulgaria and Greece. Partners: National Association

of Librarians and Public Libraries in Romania, Global Libraries Bulgaria Foundation in Bulgaria and Initiative for Heritage Conservation in Greece.

- *Arta, minune dintr-o carte*. Objective: implementing of an innovative model for the promotion of the documentary cultural heritage through the reinterpretation of book illustration, made by contemporary illustrators and transposed into digital art. Partner: GRAFILL – Norwegian Organisation for Visual Communication.
- *Innovative exhibition with restored goods from the collection of the National Theatre Museum in Bucharest*. Objective: improving cultural entrepreneurship and cultural heritage management, specific objectives aim to improve cultural management by organizing an innovative exhibition with restored movable cultural goods. Partners: “IL Caragiale” National Theatre, National Art Museum of Romania, “Dimitrie Gusti” National Village Museum, “King Ferdinand I” National Military Museum.
- At national level, in 2021, National Library of Romania ran a project of monitoring the local editorial production in cooperation with county libraries.

Key facts and figures

Funding:

In 2021, the National Library of Romania had a budget of 23.144.673 RON (approx. EUR 4.677.487 EUR).

Staff:

Staff at the end of 2020 - **200**

Staff fluctuation in 2020:

Hired staff – **2**

Staff departures – **4**

Documents included in our collections in 2021:

Legal deposit Intangible collections: **95.694** bibliographic units

Acquisition of documents: **465** bibliographic units

International Exchange of documents: **2.265** bibliographic units

Donations: **1.911** bibliographic units

Pages scanned for the Digital library: **59.320**

Assigned codes:

ISBN – 39.529

ISSN – 1.151

ISMN - 318

ISIL - 73

Users in 2021:

New users registered: **4.727**

Users in all the reading spaces of the Library (reading rooms and free spaces for reading): **60.843**

The library's website is constantly being updated with useful information, easy to access by our users.

	No. of visitors	visits
Website	180.705	305.207
Use of the online catalogue	26.447	
Digital Library	23.470	

	Posts	Like	Followers
Facebook, Twitter	193	25.314	26.896