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Headings:

1. **General overview of recent major developments at the National Library of Latvia.**

   - It was planned that all construction works of the new building of the NLL will be finished until May 4th, 2013. Unfortunately due to delay in constructing process of the infrastructure building (separate part of the new library project) only 86% of construction works was finished by the end of 2012. It is planned that construction of the new building will be finished on December 21st, 2013.
   - NLL has continued the planning of work in the new building. This process has foreseen structural changes. In the result Department of Strategic Development and Arts and Music Centre were established, Service and Special Collection Departments are now managed by the new personnel, new specialists were hired, existing specialists attended professional trainings.

2. **The National Library of Latvia relationship to government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and any other legislation which directly or indirectly affects the library's operations.**

   - NLL is a state financed direct administration institution under supervision of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia. Budgetary means allocated for its operation are assigned by the Ministry of Culture according to the annual law on state budget. State budget consists of subsidies from general income, paid services and other income.
   - NLL represents Latvia in library operation related international organizations, participates in development and implementation of sector specific international programs, and cooperates with foreign libraries in accordance with inter-governmental and direct agreements.

3. **Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc)**

Key facts given by 01.01.2013.

- Number of registered users: 100 238
- Number of visits: 925 801
- Number of loans: 545 233
- Collection (total number of units): 4 126 076
    - books: 1 969 479
    - serials: 852 851
    - audiovisual materials: 67 673
    - microforms: 112 143
    - cartographic materials: 25 936
    - sheet music: 220 523
    - graphic documents: 231 604
    - manuscripts: 26 960
    - grey literature: 27 690
    - e-publications: 4 217
    - other 587 000
- Number of personnel: 324
    - Including 219 librarians
- Size of premises used by NLL: 16 749 m^2
- Number of places for readers: 320
- Total budget year 2012: 4 150 953 LVL (5 906 307 EUR)*

  Including:
    - Financing from state budget: 2 758 526 LVL (3925051 EUR)
    - Other financing 1 392 427 LVL (1 981 256 EUR)
- Expenses – salaries: 1 528 215 LVL (2 174 466 EUR)
- Expenses – social insurance, allowances, compensations: 358 433 LVL (510 007 EUR)
- Expenses – building of collection:
    - books 363 782 LVL (517 618 EUR)
    - periodicals 13 888 LVL (19 760 EUR)
- Expenses – services: 508 425 LVL (723 427 EUR)
- Expenses - IT services: 327 441 LVL (465 909 EUR)

** exchange rate Bank of Latvia 0.7028*

4. **New developments in creating and building collections**

- In 2012 State allocated to the NLL additional 207 357 LVL (295 042 EUR) for open access collection development that made possible to purchase highly demanded and unique publications, as well as e-resources.

New developments in creating and building digital collections.

- In year 2012 mass digitalization of resources of the NLL has been finished, but the term of the project **"Development of Digital Library – Stage 2"** supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was extended till year 2013 (*for the project outcomes, please see Paragraph 6*).
- Project financed by ERDF and the Government of the Republic of Latvia **"Development of Digital Library Services"** was continued (*for the project outcomes, please see Paragraph 6*).
- Two projects of "ICT Policy Support Programme 2011" framework **"A Gateway to European Newspapers"** and **"Europeana Awareness"** were started.

5. New developments in managing collections

- The major planning for transportation of the collection to the new building of the NLL has been done. The transportation is planned starting from December 2013 until July 2014.

6. New developments in providing access to collections

- The major planning for making open access collections (more than 350 000 new and highly demanded materials) in the new building of the NLL has been done.

New developments in providing access to digital collections.

- The new web site of the NLL has been launched: www.lnb.lv.
- New IS were created with the State and ERDF support:
  - Portal of books (http://gramatas.lndb.lv/) and periodicals (http://www.periodika.lv/);
  - Archive of the web sites on cultural heritage of Latvia (http://webarhivs.lndb.lv/);
  - Portal for children (www.lasamkoks.lv);
  - Language support system with classified search of information (http://laboratorija.lndb.lv/);
  - Service for viewing historical maps (http://kartes.lndb.lv/).

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national memory institutions (libraries, archives and museums)

- NLL has implemented EU Lifelong Learning Programme KA1-ECETA2 project "An integrated system for the recognition of non-formal learning: the establishment of the national cooperation network" (Val-Net). Library of Gulbene (town in Latvia) was one of the five major cooperation partners. Regional seminars took place in different parts of Latvia hosted by different memory institutions. As a result broad cooperation network was established.
- NLL in cooperation with different regional public libraries and memory institutions regularly organizes event "Folklore day" that shows traditional culture of certain region or town of Latvia. These events are accompanied by songs, dances, workshops on local handcrafts, film demonstrations, informative lectures, etc.