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Headings:

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

   - On December 20th, 2013, the construction work of the new building of NLL was finished. The commissioning of the building and furniture and appliance installation continues through June, 2014. The moving of collections is scheduled through September 1th, 2014.
   - In 2013, NLL concluded the work on NLL's Strategy 2014-2018. The Department of Communication and Marketing was created; Department of Services underwent structural changes. In total the number of employees increased by 9 %, significantly strengthening NLL's capacity in IT, public relations and event organizing sectors.

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 01.01.2014.

- Number of registered users: 100 200
- Number of visits: 913 346
- Number of loans: 366 964
- Collection (total number of units): 4 115 614
    - books: 1 969 886
    - serials: 828 623
    - audiovisual materials: 73 529
    - microforms: 110 494
    - cartographic materials: 27 583
    - sheet music: 221 343
    - graphic documents: 229 979
    - manuscripts: 27 369
    - e-books: 1 020
    - small prints 592 013
    - other 33 775
- Number of personnel: 362
    - Including 242 librarians
- Size of premises used by NLL: 16 749 m^2
- Number of places for readers: 260
- Total budget year 2013: 5 867 743 EUR

  Including:
    - Financing from state budget: 5 771 245 EUR
    - Other financing 96 498 EUR
- Expenses – salaries: 2 903 630 EUR
- Expenses – social insurance, allowances, compensations: 671 102 EUR
- Expenses – building of collection:
    - books 295 596 EUR
    - periodicals 36 000 EUR
- Expenses – services: 1 111 445 EUR
- Expenses - IT services: 318 249 EUR

4. New developments in creating and building collections

- The Baltic Research Center for East Asian Studies in cooperation with NLL, Taiwan's Chiang-Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF), and other academic contributors has founded the Research Library for East Asian studies which will be located at the new building of NLL.

- In 2013 library's collection received several donations, e.g., NLL continued to acquire the personal library of distinguished Latvian poet Knuts Skujenieks (more than 1200 vol.). The collection of art literature received a donation of more than 700 books and catalogues from an expat Helmī Rozanovska. 2013 was also the final year of a project of several years: in 2013 the philanthropist (who wished to stay anonymous) donated 35 600 EUR for the purchase of books: about 400 volumes in foreign languages have been acquired.

New developments in creating and building digital collections.

- In the second half of 2013 NLL introduced some significant changes in the collection building policy turning towards greater focus on e-resources. This includes establishing procedures for acquiring legal deposit copies of e-publications and expanding of Latvian web content harvesting. Furthermore, NLL increases the ratio of subscribed online databases within the collection building budget. In 2013, 10 new databases were acquired, including digital archives of several periodicals which are important for the research of the Soviet period (*Pravda, Izvestija, Literaturnaja gazeta*).
- Since December 2013, a new collection of Latvian historical sound recordings http://audio.lndb.lv/lv/ is available. At the time it was launched it contained 300 recordings and is planned to offer up to 2000 items by the end of 2014.
- NLL continued partnership in the project of European Commission's Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) "Europeana Newspapers". 475 000 pages of newspapers were digitised as a result.

5. New developments in managing collections

- The archive of legal deposit is being consolidated and moved to the separate section in the Main depository.
- In the second half of 2013 the entire open access (self-service) collection of books was labelled with new author marks that match designated colours of the levels in the new building.
- Due to the security requirements collections are being transferred from barcode to radio frequency identification system. In 2013, the new RFID system's software and hardware was purchased.

6. New developments in providing access to collections

- The preparing of open access (self-service) collections (up to 350 000 objects) for the new building of the NLL has been done.

New developments in providing access to digital collections.

- In 2013 NLL concluded the European Regional Development Fund's (ERDF) project "Development of Digital Library – 2nd Stage" which was aimed at the development of National Digital library's infrastructure and digitization of the materials held by the NLL. As a part of the project information systems for access and presentation of various kinds of materials were developed, incl., interfaces for newspapers, books, and web archive, which were joined by the interface for audio recordings audio.lndb.lv in 2013.

- With ERDF funding, NLL continued also the implementation of the project "Development of Digital Library Services". As a part of this project the existing platform for management and preservation of digital objects was upgraded. Furthermore, a new metasearch engine and a mobile application for seamless access to digital and physical collections were developed, as well as an interface for digitized maps, and a new service for digitization on demand.

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

- NLL's Institute of Library Development is a competence centre for Latvian library professionals: it provides consultative support for library sector and organizes professional development seminars and courses.
- NLL also coordinates several national level library projects: "Children's Jury", major book donation programs, targeted book purchases, etc.
- NLL collaborates with museums on regular basis in order to create digital collections, exhibitions and other events. In 2013, NLL collaborated with Latvian War Museum, Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre, J. Vītols historic house *Anniņas*, and other institutions.