

ANNUAL REPORT TO CENL YEAR 2016

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Headings:

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

2016 for NLL has been the first full and undisturbed year in the new building of the library (2014 was the year of library relocation from the old buildings to the new one, but in the first half of 2015 NLL was the central location for the events of Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union). The everyday work is stabilized and NLL focuses on developing new and existing services.

New building and the possibilities of library premises attracts more and more new partners. In 2016 NLL has hosted more than 350 events (151 for the corporate clients) and held 11 self-produced exhibitions and 32 made in collaboration. The most recognized exhibitions where both dedicated to Latvian artists – Konrads Ubans and Janis Rozentals. One more very important project was finished with an exhibition “16th-18th Century Dutch Prints from the Peter Böttger Collection”. The exhibition consisted of 83 specially selected works by Dutch artists from the 16th-18th centuries, reflecting the collector's fascination with the Dutch school and the variety of genres represented in the collection.

On NLL 97th anniversary on 29 August 2016, the NLL unveiled its permanent exhibition "Book in Latvia", a story of the history of Latvian book trade in a global context, inspired by the new image of the library. With this exhibition, the NLL tries to revise the conservative traditions of book exhibitions. The exhibit informs about the book – both as a material object and a social and spiritual phenomenon that has changed and is changing people's lives and minds.

NLL has held numerous conferences, seminars, lectures, discussions etc., that includes both broad society and specific audience. One of the memorable events hosted by the National Library of Latvia was the Europeana 1914-1918 collection days (6 -7 November). The event enabled people from Riga and surroundings to present their

personal stories and memorabilia linked to the First World War for digital archiving. The digitized records were added to the Europeana 1914-1918 online archive (www.europeana1914-1918.eu).

Significant work has been done to develop varied event program in space for youth “+15-” – career education, finance literacy, series of meetings with professionals from different fields, board games evenings, experimental workshops in physics, novel writing workshops, reading literacy classes etc.

In 2016 NLL has become accredited educational institution with two accredited educational programs for the next six years - NLL Competence Development Centre realizes Continuing education program “Library science” (960h) and Professional development education program “The basis of Information and library science” (240h).

New building of the library attracts many visitors that are interested both in architecture and in the library services. 2 474 guided tours with the total number of visitors reaching 37 951 were organized in 2016. 594 tours (7 911 visitors) were organized for foreign citizens and given in English, Russian and German languages.

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.

The NLL is a state institution under supervision of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia. The legal mandate for the operations of the NLL is provided by the law “On the National Library of Latvia”, as well as the law on legal deposit and several regulations of Cabinet of Ministers on different aspects of library operations. The budget of the library consists of a subsidy provided by the Ministry of Culture according to the annual law on state budget, as well as of own income for paid services and other income, such as projects and donations.

The NLL represents Latvia in international library 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 01.01.2017.

Number of registered users: 119 283

Number of on-site visits: 388 604

Number of virtual visits: 1 154 803

Number of loans: 329 020

Collection (total number of units): 4 181 103

- books: 1 979 710
- serials: 837 921
- audiovisual materials: 72 600
- microforms: 108 6187
- cartographic materials: 37 501
- sheet music: 221 064
- graphic documents: 235 800
- manuscripts: 28 746
- small prints: 624 200

- other: 4 541

E – resources collection (total number of units): 9 503

- e-books: 5 321
- e-serials: 3 746

Number of personnel: 360

- Including 204 librarians

Size of premises used by NLL: 48 595 m²

Number of places for readers: 1 000

Total budget year 2016: 11 713 748 EUR

Including:

- Financing from state budget: 11 012 420 EUR

Expenses – salaries: 4 595 358 EUR

Expenses – social insurance, allowances, compensations: 1 124 538 EUR

Expenses – building of collection: 319 031 EUR

Including:

- periodicals 34 206 EUR

Expenses – goods and services: 4 192 692 EUR

- Including IT services: 1 271 850 EUR

4. New developments in creating and building collections

Over the past few years, collections have been built with an aim to strengthen the quality and enclosure of science fields. Serious effort is given to identify important information resources in the field of Letika (foreign publications about Latvia or Latvians). For the exchange of information, several collaboration projects with the partners with interest in Baltic collections has been developed.

Content development of the traditional collection has been influenced from the collaborative projects. Free access collection was enriched with two personal libraries – NLL has received book donation from the family of theater critic Normunds Naumanis (1962 – 2014) and from the architect of NLL Gunars Birkerts (1925 -). Arts Reading room collection is enriched thanks to specific donation from Boris and Inara Teterev Foundation.

5. New developments in creating and building digital collections.

National Digital Library of Latvia in 2016 introduced two new collections – “Literary heritage of G.F.Stenders” and academic repository “Academia”. Collection of Latvian Handwritings of the Moravian Brethren was started to develop in 2016.

“Rainis and Aspazija 150” - Linked Digital Collection pilot project has been finished in 2016. It lets users explore various types of content and emphasizes the interlinked nature of the collection. Especially interesting in this regard are annotated transcripts of letters included in the collection that contain references to the objects referenced in the letters thus enriching the collection with new objects and relations.

E-resources collection has developed dynamically – almost 50% growth compared to 2015. The greatest increase is in e-serials; e-books has stable growth as well. The amount of e-legal deposit growth has reached 110% compared to 2015.

E-book collection has been supplemented with the new books from new platforms (EBSCO, Science Direct). The most significant purchase is international

Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences. 2nd. Ed. in 26 vol. Subscriptions to 50 databases were offered to NLL readers (3 Latvian, 47 foreign).

During implementation of the project “Europeana Sounds” NLL has aggregated around 1000 sound objects and 1000 labels which metadata has been published in the Europeana portal.

6. New developments in managing collections

The guidelines for building the collections in free access had been developed. Continues work with recataloguing the resources.

7. New developments in providing access to collections

In order to create friendlier service for the users, NLL as the first in Baltics continues to introduce the Resource Description & Access standard (RDA). In 2016 personal and institutional authoritative data description has been started according to the RDA.

Special attention has been paid to promote new collections and new books in the library. Resource expositions had been created to enrich current events both in the library and in the society (National holidays, an important person birthdays, as complementary to public lectures/discussions etc.).

8. New developments in providing access to digital collections

Digitizing, segmentation and metadata writing continued in planned amount.

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

The NLL serves as a competence centre for Latvian library professionals by developing guidelines and terminology and adopting standards for library sector, providing consultations and organizing seminars and courses for professional development. NLL Competence Development Centre realizes Continuing education program “Library science” (960h) and Professional development education program “The basis of Information and library science” (240h).

The NLL coordinates several national level projects for literacy development and library support: reading promotion program "Children's and Youth Jury", book donation programs, targeted book purchases, etc. The year of 2016 was 16th for the project "Children's and Youth Jury" - 712 libraries in 22 countries where engaged in reading activities within this project.

NLL is the leading partner in ERAF project “Digitization of the Cultural heritage”. Other partners are Culture Information Systems Centre, State Inspection for Heritage Protection and The National Archives of Latvia. 2016 has been year of preparation and planning of the project.