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Name of country: ESTONIA

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Key facts and figures (at 1 January 2013)

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| Items on hard copy | 3 412 958 |
| Electronic items online | 163 041 |
| Databases compiled by the NLE | 12 |
| Licensed databases | 41 |
| Registered users | 42 203 |
| Library visits | 541 986 |
| Incl e-visits | 297 056 |
| Seats for users | 595 |
| Budget | 5 612 523 (EUR) |

General

At the end of 2013 the NLE celebrates its 95th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of its current building. The anniversary events began already in February with the Open Doors Days, and continued through spring, featuring the Tallinn Book Fair in April and the Estonian Night of Museums in May, and offering to visitors different free library tours, lectures, workshops and other events.

For the NLE, the year 2012 passed under the sign of reconstructing the building at Tõnismägi 2 which lasted from March to October and was financed with 3,5 million euros allocated by the Government from the sale of CO₂ quota. These extensive works involved the renovation of the ventilation and air-conditioning system in reading rooms and stackrooms, the replacement of 696 windows and 45 outside doors, insulation of the facade of the D-building, roof repairs and new lighting in the reading rooms. The total cost of the renovation works was EUR 3 511 641. The economic report for 2012 specified the increase of value of the library building by 2,9 million euros due to the renovation.

During the reconstruction works, the NLE opened a service point in the Tallinn Central Library where users could avail of the databases and assistance from consulting librarians.

In spring 2012 the NLE published an in-depth overview of the results of a service quality survey *Let's make the library better!* which had been carried out in 2011. This overview served as a basis for a marketing and customer service audit launched in 2012 and engaging 30 staff members whose discussions and ideas enable to compile the NLE strategy for 2013-2018.

Building and managing collections. Long-term preservation

Collection supplementing and preservation required microfilming and digitising which were carried out both on the collection-based principle and on the orders of users.

Digitisation orders from users enabled to supplement the NLE collections with 217 e-books, half of them were prepared via the digitisation service **EoD** (eBook on Demand). The readers can now use the copies of 1679 rare endangered books which were digitised under the „Red Book of the Estonian Publications” project.

The NLE **digital archive DIGAR** currently stores 17 233 publications issued in Estonia (14 956 in 2011). Cooperation with the Estonian Newspaper Association has resulted in all major dailies and county newspapers sending their print files to the library for deposit and archival in DIGAR. Negotiations for archiving are being held with publishers of cartographic materials.

The **federated search portal** assembles all e-resources – its usage grew by 6% in 2012. The portal now offers a new cloud-based user environment featuring brand-new tools like the list of foreign-language e-books and a recommended list of related articles.

The **e-catalogue ESTER** contains over one million items belonging to the NLE collections, from these ca 180 000 Estonian-language titles and ca 160 000 foreign-language titles (except Russian) have been entered under retrospective conversion projects. The last big step is to complete the conversion of the Russian-language card catalogue with its ca 380 000 titles, of these 28 700 records of Russian-language books were entered into ESTER in 2012. The NLE staff entered another 13 867 titles during June to December as voluntary collective teamwork. By the end of December 2012, the number of titles entered in ESTER amounted to 251 600. The input of the remaining ca 126 000 Russian-language titles is planned to be completed by the end of 2014.

The **National Bibliography Database ERB** contains the records of about 300 000 items and is continuously supplemented, the modernised user interface makes its use more convenient. The interface is now available also in English.

In 2012, the NLE published the first two volumes of the **Estonian retrospective national bibliography** „Books in Estonian 1918-1940”. The extensive compilation process which was launched 15 years ago will come to an end with the last two volumes, to be released in 2013. The bibliography provides complete data on Estonian-language print publications dating from 1525 to 1940.

The NLE receives **print files** from major Estonian newspapers and thus the library terminated the microfilming of Estonian newspapers. In order to ensure the preservation of analogue recordings, the NLE digitised nearly 800 audio cassettes. 439 items were conserved (66% of them single copies in the collection), and 957 items got a new binding. The cleaning capacity of 2012 was 5724 items with the total 380 077 sheets.

Cooperation

In 2012, the NLE hosted two international events. The **IFLA post-conference *Beyond libraries – subject metadata in the digital environment and semantic web*** was held in August, and the **XII symposium of the Bibliotheca Baltica**, which unites libraries in the Baltic Sea region, took place in October under the title *Changing library services for researchers – best practices from the Baltic Sea region*.

The NLE is a partner in the project **Europeana Awareness** which aims at raising awareness of Europeana as a rich source of cultural heritage. The year 2013 will bring an awareness campaign under the title *1989*, involving 7 countries.

The NLE has joined the **shared catalogue of the EoD Consortium** member libraries. The shared catalogue enables to make a simultaneous search among the records of all member libraries. Joining the catalogue considerably increased the number of orders submitted to the NLE from other countries. The NLE continued to act as the Activity Leader of the EOD dissemination.

Major exhibitions were born in collaboration

April opened the possibility to enjoy the exhibition *Estonian binder's labels 1840-1940*, offering an insight into 100 years of the history of binder's labels which were used by Estonian binderies and masters to sign their work. The exposition was accompanied by a film demonstrating the binding of books and restoring of documents, and showing the tools of bookbinders. *Estonian binder's labels 1840-1940* was also published as a book in the series *Treasures of the National Library of Estonia*.

Another major exhibition hosted by the NLE in autumn was *Estonian literature on the screen*, prepared in cooperation with the Estonian Film Archives and celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Estonian film.

The exhibition *First time in London!* was a cooperation project with the Estonian Olympic Committee, Estonian Sports Museum and the British Embassy in Estonia. The extensive display introduced the history of the Olympics, the 100-years history of Estonian athletes in the Olympics and London as the Olympic City 2012.

The visit of the President of Latvia Andris Bērziņš to Estonia was observed with an exhibition *Livonia on 16th-17th century maps: insight into the National Library of Latvia collections*, showing 38 original maps from this library's map collection.