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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The revised Government's "pluriannual investment plan for public works" adopted in 2010 includes the future BnL building. Works will begin in 2014.

NOTE OF THE REPORTING LIBRARY'S 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 roots of the National Library of Luxembourg go back to 1798, when the authorities of the French Republic created the "École centrale du Département des forêts". It included a Central Library entrusted with gathering the remains from the libraries of the former Jesuit College, from the estates of the Duchy de Luxembourg and from the libraries of religious institutions which were suppressed after the invasion by French Revolutionary troops in 1794/1795.

The remaining documents of that collection today represent the core of the old non-Luxembourg collection and of the "Réserve précieuse" of the National Library.

It was only in 1848 that the state of Luxembourg gave itself a heritage library by acquiring the library of the City of Luxembourg, the successor to the Central Library. Legal deposit only came into force in 1958.

A library with an encyclopedic vocation from its origins, the National Library is the main scientific and research library in the Grand Duchy. The National Library became the coordinator and service provider of Luxembourgish libraries.

The present missions and organization of BnL are defined by the law of June 25th 2004 "portant réorganisation des instituts culturels de l'Etat".

It was the law of 24th June 2010 concerning public libraries that extended and specified the missions of the BnL as national digital service provider to Luxembourg libraries. Furthermore, the law created a public library service within the National Library. In order to obtain Government funding, public libraries will have to join the national network *bibnet.lu*, which is coordinated by BnL. The existing bookmobile service has also been integrated into the BnL.

The bibnet network counts 50 libraries who use a shared library system and its services are developed and maintained by the BnL together with the Centre des technologies de l'information de l'Etat.

In 2012, 10 libraries have entered the bibnet network and their catalogues have been added to the collective library catalog *catalog.bibnet.lu*.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Total collection (physical documents, 31 dec. 2011): about 1.5 million documents

Print monographs (copies)	2009	2010	2011	2012
Non-Luxembourgish	568 619	577 338	586209	593800
Luxemburgensia	205 718	211 110	215226	226299
Operating budget ¹	7 108 000 €	7 385 000 €	7 947190€	8 858898 €
Subscribed users	11 922	12 356	12 311	12 326

Table 1. Key facts and figures

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CREATING AND BUILDING COLLECTIONS

Creating and building digital collections

Work on the digital library began in 2002. The main focus is on the BnL's newspaper and magazine collections. They can be accessed through the new portal www.eluxemburgensia.lu, whose interface offers enhanced searching and browsing possibilities.

The third digitization campaign has been completed in spring 2012. Nine further periodicals of the 19th and 20th centuries have been added to www.eluxemburgensia.lu, amounting to 305.508 pages. The fourth digitization campaign was launched in 2012. In October 2011 the app "BnL elux" for iPad was launched in order to provide mobile access to the digitized collection.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS

A new discovery tool

In May 2013, a one stop discovery tool, named *a-z.lu* allows users to search simultaneously in the network catalog *bibnet.lu* as well as in the *eluxemburgensia.lu* and *findit.lu* portals.

¹ IT equipment not included

Access to international e-publications

The bnu portal [www.portail.bnu.lu] providing a central access point to e-publications has been newly launched and renamed *findit.lu* in November 2011 and got supplemented by a blog: *blog.findit.lu*

Findit.lu is the largest digital library in Luxembourg entirely focused on digital content. It was launched by the National Library of Luxembourg in 2006 with the University of Luxembourg and has since included three public research centers, CRP Henri Tudor, CRP Gabriel Lippmann and CRP Santé, in its “Consortium Luxembourg” structure. Consortial services are centralized at the National Library, whose IT services also manage all systems. *findit.lu* is a key player in developing the knowledge society, serving academia, research and the general public. A national access policy is in place, as well as sustained investment in content, interfaces and administrative tools.

The current offer of *findit.lu* consists of over 50 000 electronic journal titles, 80 000 science eBooks and several hundred specialized databases and reference platforms in English, French and German.

Access to digitized content by BnL

The portal *eluxemburgensia*, driven by DigiTool, gives access to the OCREd digital collection (305.508 pages in Luxemburgish, German and French). The METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard) and ALTO (analyzed layout and text object) technology allow DigiTool to perform a full-text search and to display results at article and page level, with the search term highlighted in the results. A new in-house developed viewer has become available in 2010, offering enhanced functions. The BnL made it available as open source (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/bnlviewer/>).

As the BnL is a founding member of the *Réseau francophone numérique (rfn)*, a subset of its digitized titles in French language is available via the rfn website (<http://www.rfnum.org>).

The BnL is an active member of Europeana and has provided to date 63.450 objects to Europeana [<http://www.europeana.eu>]. The National library of Luxembourg was work package leader for the Europeana Licensing” workgroup and developed along with its partners the new “Europeana Data Exchange Agreement” as well as the “Europeana Public Domain Charter” and the legal framework for “User generated Content”.

The BnL works together with Europeana on the project: “Europeana Awareness” from 2012 to 2014 and will supervise the intellectual property section. This project includes “Europeana1914-1918”, a digital World War one memorabilia collection for which the BnL held a public collecting and digitizing day in March 2012. More than 2.500 documents and items have been digitized and published online.

The BnL is also a partner of the project “Europeana Regia”. A virtual reconstruction of the manuscripts of the former abbey of Echternach is to be aimed. The manuscripts are currently scattered in three different places: Bibliothèque nationale de France, Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg, Stadtbibliothek Trier. The reconstructed manuscript will be online in fall 2013.

The BnL is an active member of the Member State Expert Group (MSEG).

Since 2009 the *bibnet.lu* union catalogue, which includes the BnL’s collections, is searchable via the *Karlsruhe Virtual Catalogue*, a metasearch interface developed by the University Library of Karlsruhe, which allows users to simultaneously search library and book trade catalogues worldwide.

EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE REPORTING LIBRARY AND OTHER NATIONAL COLLECTING INSTITUTIONS (LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS)

As mentioned before, the National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries *bibnet.lu* [www.bibnet.lu] (50 members, including the library of the University of Luxembourg). Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan services to various small libraries in the country, so as to allow them to increase their offer.

The Government has reorganized the public library sector, extending thus the coordinating missions of the National Library of Luxembourg. The law was passed on June 24th, 2010. Furthermore, the law created a public library service within the National Library. In order to obtain Government funding, public libraries will have to join the national network *bibnet.lu*, which is coordinated by BnL.

Since late 2008, a group (Group Europeana Luxembourg) of circa 30 representatives from various cultural heritage organizations holds meetings to exchange information about projects and best practices. It is managed by the National Library of Luxembourg. Working groups are formed ad hoc to move forwards in topics of common interest.

Varia

The BnL received in 2013 a substantial donation of Toyo Engineering Europe, a Japanese engineering company, that allowed the National Library to expand its Japanese book collection.