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General overview

In 2011-2012, the development of its 2012-2015 strategic plan gave Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec the opportunity to conduct an in-depth review of its institutional priorities for the next three years.

In order to base this plan on the most accurate vision possible of BANQ in both its internal and external environments, it was decided, for the first time, to draft this document through a two-stage consultation process, the first involving the institution's employees and the second involving approximately 50 partners in the cultural and educational sectors in Québec, Canada and elsewhere.

These discussions revealed the major challenges to be faced, the first and foremost of which concerns the integration of the digital fact in the fulfillment of all of our missions. Moreover, during the period in question, BANQ will also strive to assert itself as a citizen institution and a committed partner within its community. In particular, it will focus on reinforcing its ties with the educational sectors by creating a special section for students and teachers on its Internet portal.

This year, in an effort to support its library and archive missions, BANQ has also adopted its Politique de la recherche et de la diffusion scientifique (policy on research and the dissemination of scientific knowledge), which defines its fields of research and expertise. This official framework will serve to articulate BANQ's research and scientific dissemination projects more efficiently in keeping with Québec's documentary heritage, topics related to the institution's mandates (library science, archives, history of the book, etc.), and the metadata and data produced in the pursuit of its activities.

Furthermore, BAnQ has completed the first phase of its reflection on the collection and preservation of Web sites, transforming the pilot project conducted in this field since 2009 into an institutional programme. This undertaking also fits in with the objectives of the Government of Québec's Stratégie numérique (digital strategy), launched at the beginning of 2012, with which BAnQ will be closely associated. In fact, our institution will work closely with the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine to review the *Regulation respecting the legal deposit of published documents other than films* so as to specifically include digital documents and will contribute to the implementation of other dimensions in this important sector, in particular to coordinate the digitization and dissemination of the digitized heritage of Québec's libraries, services, archives and museum organizations.

Finally, in 2011-2012, BAnQ played a key role in the *pretnumérique.ca* platform project; this first Québec e-book lending platform has been spectacularly successful since it was launched in December 2011.