



ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL FOR 2012/13

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(1) General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library

Legal Status

The National Library of Serbia is founded and financially supported by the Serbian government and reports to Ministry of Culture and Media. The Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition of scientific journals is financially supported by Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development.

The new legislation to set out library's mandate has been applied since January 2012:

- Library information activities Law
- Legal Deposit Law
- Old and Rare Library Material Law

Roof Law on Culture dates from 2009.

Mission

The National Library of Serbia provides universal access to information by comprehensively

collecting, cataloguing and making available the recorded knowledge from Serbia and other countries. The Library promotes multiculturalism and diversity of cultures and ideas. The National Library of Serbia supports true values based on knowledge, culture, education and information.

Management change

In the beginning of 2012, Mr Sreten Ugricic has been dismissed from the position of director, and Mr Dejan Ristic has been appointed as acting director. 2012 is a year of changes for the National library of Serbia. It is also the anniversary year when the National library of Serbia marked and celebrated 180 years of its foundation. The new concept of National library work includes, but is not limited to:

- Redefining of the organisational chart in accordance with the new Statute and new systematisation of working positions;
- More flexible and efficient management model with regular meetings of management of all levels, more transparent decisions making, team work;
- Active and ongoing work of the Professional library board;
- Full openness and willingness for cooperation with governmental, national and international institutions, Serbian embassies abroad and foreign embassies in Belgrade;
- Production of completely new cultural events, in order to promote culture and tolerance, to show the social responsibility, to bring more people of all ages to the National library;
- Establishing of the National library of Serbia Foundation with the aim to collect and manage donations and offerings of companies and citizens to the National library, in first order, to continue with building library infrastructure.

International Cooperation

National Library of Serbia has been participated in two European projects:

- Project *EMBARC* (programme Culture 2007-2013), dealing with the manuscript books of three European libraries, has been successfully ended in April 2012. It was the first project with European budgeting for Serbian national library.

- Project *Europeana Collections 1914-1918* (programme CIP ICT-PSP) has been run by the new project team. Library material on First World War are being digitised and made available through the website of Europeana. National Library of Serbia hosted this project meeting in October.

Scientific project about microbial preservation has been accepted in the framework of the UNESCO Participation Programme for 2012-2013.

National Library of Serbia hosted the regional meeting of the national libraries directors in October 2012, based on the model of CENL meetings. The closer cooperation and common application for EU funds has been agreed.

National library of Serbia has signed the cooperation protocols with 17 institutions in 15 countries, based on exchange of publications and library professionals, cooperation in publishing projects, cultural events and international projects.

Collections

From 2012, after the new Legal Deposit Law, each publisher of printed publications has obligation to provide 5 printed copies together with electronic copy in PDF. The statistics on deposited files is below.

The very first compact shelf for the National Library of Serbia stack-rooms has been purchased at the end of 2012. The lack of space in the stack rooms is more and more serious and more compact shelves are needed.

The access to the collection has been improved in following ways:

- through visiting (and in-house) exhibitions with different special collections (maps, medieval manuscripts, Serbian writers and poets)
- through the social networks (Facebook, Twitter)
- through the souvenir collection (notes, mouse-pads and fashion collection) based on manuscript and the special collections.

Collaboration with other national institutions

National Library of Serbia is collaborating with all other national institutions, mostly with National Archives (exhibition on culture of Serbs in Dubrovnik, July-September 2012)

Together with other Serbian national cultural and educational scientific institutions, National Library of Serbia is a part of the national digitisation programme, <http://serbia-forum.mi.sanu.ac.rs/> .

(2) Key Facts and Figures

Acquisitions:

Books: 34.024

Journal issues: 13.620

Newspaper issues: 36.225

Non-book material: 6.870

e-legal deposit: 26.156 files

Users:

13.299 new users

1.000-1.500 visitors a day and up to 3.000 virtual visitors

305.000 visits to Library web site (nb.rs or нб.срб – Cyrillic domain)

423.968 visits to Digital library web site (digital.nb.rs)

317.285 visits to Kobson (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition) web site (kobson.nb.rs)

1.131.414 accesses to the Union catalog of Serbia (vbs.rs)

Staff:

255 employees

Budget:

4.6 million EUR