

## NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SPAIN ANNUAL REPORT, 2012-2013

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The Biblioteca Nacional de España, which celebrates its tercentenary in 2012, is not only one of the world's finest repositories of cultural heritage; it is also an international leader in stimulating public engagement with history, literature, and the arts. One of the greatest challenges facing any venerable institution is to engage creatively with contemporary audiences while remaining true to its historic mission. In this regard the Biblioteca Nacional de España serves as an example to cultural institutions throughout the world. Its ambitious digitization program, dynamic web presence, exceptional exhibitions, commitment to scholarship, and collaborative spirit are notable far beyond the borders of Spain.

### OUR MISSION

The Biblioteca Nacional de España (BNE) is a centre that holds the National Bibliographic Heritage of Spain and it aims to:

- Preserve, manage and disseminate the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage in any format
- Collect, catalogue and preserve the publications in any area
- Promote research, especially in the area of Humanities, by means of requests, study, book loan, etc.
- Elaborate and disseminate the information about the Spanish publications
- Carry out any library work, preservation, growth and dissemination of the National Bibliographic Heritage
- Develop research programs and cooperate with other libraries and other cultural and scientific institutions that can contribute to the best development of the aims of the National Library
- Create, coordinate and encourage research and development programs in the areas of its competency to satisfy the needs of the research community
- Contribute to the transformation of information into knowledge

### SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

The BNE continues the work on library cooperation within other European projects as Europeana, continues involved in the VIAF project (The Virtual International Authority File) and the World Digital Library and has renewed its collaboration with TEL (The European Library).

The Library also has an active collaboration with the following associations: CENL, CERL, ABINIA, IFLA, IIPC, CDNL, EBLIDA, LIBER, Redial, SEDIC, FESABID, REBIUN, etc.

On its tercentenary the Library has examined its past and present and has developed a strategic Plan 2012-2014 in order to continue being the future generations Library.

2012 has been a good year in terms of depository collection and collection building, with 604.310 entries by means of Legal Deposit. By other remaining procedures like purchase have entered 1.858 items (books, magazine titles and databases) and by exchange 1.488 books and magazines have been received together with 16.028 items (books and other materials) by donation procedures.

The year 2012 has been a rather good year in terms of library users; 108.933 library users and 2.024.346 remote users through the website of the National Library, using the catalogue, the El Buscón, The Digital Newspaper Library and the Hispanic Digital Library. As far as the collection is being digitalized and it is possible to access to all kind of documents, virtual users are increasing while the number of traditional users are falling.

[See some statistic information on Service at Reading Rooms at Figure 1]

Some of the most important goals achieved in 2012 were:

- The Law 23/2011 of July 29 Legal Deposit come into effect on 30 January 2012
- Development of activities to celebrate the Tercentenary of the BNE
- It reached 108572 of titles scanned in Hispanic Digital Library and Digital Newspaper Library

- The automated catalog was over 4 million records

## CATALOGUING

The Bibliographic Control Department develops the database that includes the cataloguing of all that it is published every year in Spain. Over the year 2012, over 117.132 bibliographic records, 318.182 holdings records and 32.688 authority records have been entered into the database.

The Processing Department collaborates with national and international working groups on standardisation (ISBD, MARC21), attends to specialised meetings at IFLA, ALA or MARBI and it is actively implied in RDA and VIAF.

## ACQUISITIONS

The most outstanding works purchased in 2012 were:

### Manuscript

- Axioco traducido al castellano por Pero Diaz de Toledo.

### Incunabula

- NEBRIJA, Antonio de (1444-1522).- Differentiae excerpte ex Laurentio Valla, Nonio Marcello et Servio Honorato Salutatio ab Antonio Nebrissensi.- [S.l. : s.n., c. 149-?].-

### Printed works

- ANÓNIMO.- Flor de virtudes.- Sevilla : Juan Cromberger, 1541.
- SANTA CRUZ DE DUEÑAS, Melchior de.- Floresta española de apotegmas o sentencias sabia y graciosamente dichas de algunos españoles....- Cuenca : en casa de Salvador de Viader, 1636.-

### Graphic materials

- GOYA, Francisco de Goya.- Desastres de la guerra , 8 grabados.
- REMBRANDS HARMENSZOOM VAN RIJN (1606-1699).- La oración del Huerto

### Music

- Colección de 25 partituras manuscritas de los siglos XVIII y XIX.

### Photo

- LAURENT, J.- Córdoba, escena de calle, el requiebro.- 1862-1870

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The traditional activities that the Library develops, has been change this year on the occasion of the celebration of its Tercentenary. Some of the most remarkable activities during 2012 were the following:

- *Premios Nacionales en la BNE*, National Prizes at the National Library of Spain
- *El libro infinito. Biblioteca Nacional de España, tres siglos*. Theatre show
- *El libro como universo*. Conference series about the book world
- *Menéndez Pelayo en la crítica e historia de la Literatura fuera de España* Conference series to celebrate the centenary of the dead of Menéndez Pelayo
- Another events were held to celebrate the Tercentenary: *Meeting-Tribute to the Cervantes Prizes, International Meeting of Hispanic*, many music concerts, etc.

Exhibitions

The Library held several exhibitions last year and can be consulted at the Library website:

<http://www.bne.es/es/Actividades/Exposiciones/Exposiciones/exposiciones2012/>

Some of the most outstanding exhibitions held at the National Library in 2011 were the following:

- *Biblioteca Nacional de España: 300 años haciendo historia* (14 December 2011 - 29 April 2012)
- *El imaginario de Leonardo. Códices Madrid de la Biblioteca Nacional de España* (28 May -29 July 2012)

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## ANNEX. FACTS AND FIGURES

FIGURE 1. SERVICE IN READING ROOMS

CARDS AND TEMPORARY PASSES ISSUED	2012
Cards	10136
READER ROOMS USERS	
Recoletos y Alcalá de Henares	108.933
LOAN	
In-house loans	174.387
Interlibrary loan	4076
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182.539</b>