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Alisher Navoi National Library of Uzbekistan: Republic of Uzbekistan

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

Alisher Navoi National Library of Uzbekistan is the oldest and largest library of the Central Asian region. One of the library's main tasks is to provide broad and free access to the preserved documentary heritage, to develop nation-wide and regional and international information exchange network and to promote open educational and scientific resources.

The National library of Uzbekistan is a initiator of International library Conference "Central Asia".

The main goal of the Conference is activation of informational library institutions, educational organizations, archives, museums and other establishments' activity for effective and successful partnership and digital information resources application in science, education, culture and business.

In 2014 the 8th International Conference «Central Asia - 2014: Internet and library information resources in science, education, culture and business" was attended by 230 participants and more than 70 invited guests from various regions of Uzbekistan, including foreign guests from Azerbaijan, Germany , Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, USA.

The contingent of participants: leaderships and leading specialists of information resource and library information centers, libraries, archives, museums, as well as scientists, teachers of educational institutions, public figures, representatives of ministries and departments.

Conference touched on various issues of legal, scientific, methodological and regulatory support, training and retraining of information and library activities, enhance their professional skills and practice of information-library institutions servicing of users (children, youth, elderly, disabled users capacity) by using new information and Internet technologies and their interactions with universities, archives and museums in the development of electronic information resources to strengthen the scientific and educational potential of the country.

The fruitful work of the conference carried out in the sphere of international cooperation with foreign partners, networking to enhance access to online resources and databases, empowering book exchange, as well as bibliographic exchange and experience exchange of information and library services, archives and museums.

During the conference in plenary, breakout hearings, roundtables and workshops sounded 86 reports.

In October 2014 The National library of Uzbekistan held Annual National Information Library Week "INFOLIB 2014".

The main objectives of the National Information and Library Week - promoting reading, improving the information culture, improvement of possibilities of the Internet in the transformation of information and library services.

Within weeks have passed a variety of activities (round tables, seminars, meetings, training sessions, workshops, presentations, etc.).

2. Relationship to government

The Library fulfills its role by carrying out the functions defined in the *National Act about Information and Library activities 2011*.

In 2014 according to Act the National library of Uzbekistan designed 2 Acts in order to develop Information and library Science in Uzbekistan.

- Legal deposit Libraries Act
- Adjustments to Copyright Law from 2011

3. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating

№	Title	2014 1-quarter	2015 1- quarter
Total collection holdings	6 607,602	6 636,611	0,4%
1.	Acquisition.	14 079	4 513
2.	Subscription on Electronic Resources	-	7
3.	Electronic Catalogue	504,400	543,050
4.	Full text electronic resources	323,756	348,220
5.	Users (in thousands)	76 504	102 894
6.	Attendance	119 329	182 319
7.	Circulation	1 221,954	1 192,933
8.	I&R service	33,746	50,039
9.	Paid services (in million)	129 991,6	146 789,3

4. New developments in creating and building collections.

In 2014 the National library of Uzbekistan digitalized collection of newspaper "Xalk sizi"(National word)and collection of scientific journals "Social sciences in Uzbekistan" and "Uzbek Language and literature"

5. New developments in providing access to collections.

Since 1999, the National Library of Uzbekistan creates its own electronic resources and makes them available for use by users. This is an electronic catalog of all kinds of new acquisitions of documents (more than 341.800 records), electronic databases theses, analytical painting incoming periodicals, including in Uzbekistan, which is formed in the database "Uzbekistanika." One of the priorities is to create a full-text electronic resources through the digitization of the most valuable collections of libraries belonging to the national cultural heritage of the country. To date, the fund of electronic resources is 32947 editions.

The new building of the National Library has 15 reading rooms, more than 109 000 readers registered since the opening of the new building of the library in 2012, the library is visited daily more than 2000 people, delivery of books a day on average 3200 editions.

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The library has unique on the completeness and content of the collection of oriental manuscripts, lithographs, Turkestan (state, covered the territory of Central Asia from the end of the XVIIIth and beginning of XXth centuries) newspapers, magazines, books and scientific publications on the history of the region, collection of Russian and Western European publications XVI-XIX centuries. The department of manuscript and rare books collection was established in 1918. Nowadays collection is estimated more than 16 000 titles.

Activities of the NLU in the field of preservation of unique documentary heritage have been further developed following to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers (№ 202 of 9th July 2012) "On measures to ensure the preservation of unique, valuable and rare editions, system enhancement and enrichment of library's fund". NLU received government's financial support in acquiring manuscripts and rare prints stored in private collections, as well as in restoration, conservation and digitalization of rare documentary heritage.

In 2014 The National Library of Uzbekistan has acquired new software designed for a higher resolution digitalization of the rare documents without negative impact on original. The software "Database of rare books and manuscripts" is designed as for specialists as well for users.

The program allows users to see the catalogue of unique books and full-text databases. The program has the ability to connect to databases of other libraries, museums, archives, institutions that hold rare editions. The program is interactive and certain categories of users (scientists and researchers) can leave comments when viewing the full-text of a rare edition of the catalogue. Such approach provides platform of open discussion among expert-users, to setup cooperation network among specialized institutions and to carry out necessary scientific research of the rare document if needed.

The program also provides space for update passport information on level of preservation of documentary heritage (the degree of preservation), regular monitoring of the degree of preservation allows to introduce early warning system for restoration of damaged documents.

At present, there are new challenges in preservation of documents. It is important to develop regular networking with other information and library agencies, which have rare manuscripts and publications in its collection. Similar software should be introduced in each information-library centers and a single search engine for users should be elaborated.

The National Library of Uzbekistan provides the access to the collection of the manuscripts, rare and valuable books for the specialists and users via web-page <https://nodir.natlib.uz>.

6. International cooperation

The National Library of Uzbekistan in accordance with its tasks carries out international cooperation with foreign information and library institutions and international organizations.

I. Membership in international organizations

National Library of Uzbekistan is a member of 4 international organizations:

- IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)
- ISBN (International Standard Book Number)
- ISSN (International Standard Serial Number of publications)
- eIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries).

II. Cooperation with foreign libraries

The National library of Uzbekistan cooperates with 32 foreign information and library organization from 19 countries.

In 2014 The National library signed agreements with the following organizations:

- State Public Scientific and Technical Library of the Russian Academy of Sciences (2014)
- Kyung Hee University Central Library (2014)

In 2014 The National library established cooperation with the following organizations:

- National Diet Library
- National library of France
- The British Library
- National Library of the Czech Republic
- National Library of Turkey
- National Library of Latvia
- National Library of Lithuania
- The Royal Library (Denmark)
- The National library of Israel

III. Innovative projects

- The UNESCO program "Information for All"

The library has received a grant of UNESCO for 2015 "Development of open educational resources and the preservation of documentary heritage in libraries." The project is planned to hold two training seminars for regional specialists.

– The project «Window on Korea»

The project «Window on Korea» is a mutual project of Embassy of the Republic of Korea, the National Library of Korea and the National library of Uzbekistan.

The National Library developed a detailed implementation plan for the creation of a specialized room of Korean literature «Window on Korea» at the 4th floor of the National Library of Uzbekistan. The project involved the refurbishment costs, repair and equipping the hall technical equipment and furniture.

Within the project The National library of Korea sent to the National library of Uzbekistan more than 3000 information resources.

The Opening ceremony of the reading room "Window on Korea" was held on December 22, 2014.

– The «Fulbright specialist» program (USA)

National Library of Uzbekistan designed a project for the organization of training seminars for regional specialists for conservation and restoration of rare books collections.

Within the «Fulbright specialist» the National library of Uzbekistan invited the R. Silverman, preservation librarian of Marriott University (USA).

During 1st stage of the program were trained 30 regional specialists of libraries, archives and museums.