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

2014 was the Jubilee Year for the NLR. 200 years ago the Imperial Public Library (now - the NLR) was opened for the public. The official ceremony took place in the Tavrichesky Palace, home of the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the NIS. It was attended by over 700 guests from Russia, the Baltic states, Poland, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Moldova, Tadzhikistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. The IFLA President Sinikka Sipilä and the CENL Chairman Bruno Racine, President of the National Library of France, gave their Jubilee addresses at the Plenary Session.

The International Research Conference "Voltaire's readings", in the memory of Nikolai Kopanev, was presented with the theme "Russian and West European Enlightenment". More than 160 participants and speakers from Russia, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland attended the Conference over three days. The Conference was organized in cooperation with Peter the Great's Historical Society.

In July the NLR received the UNESCO official certificate stating that the Laurentian Chronicle of 1377, a treasure of the cultural and historical heritage of Russia, had been added to the UNESCO International Register "Memory of the World". This made an electronic representation of this unique manuscript open for access to people throughout the world.

The NLR was selected by the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation to receive a free license for access to the Web of Science database published by the Thomson Reuters media company (USA) under its National License Program.

2014 the NLR started a long term program, "The World Map in Persons", in cooperation with diplomatic missions of foreign states in St. Petersburg. The aim of this project is to acquaint Russian citizens with the customs and traditions of different countries, and provide opportunities for personal communication with representatives of foreign missions in the city.

In the course of the project there were successful programs prepared by consulates of Switzerland, Belgium and France which included presentations, lectures, musical performances raising great interest among citizens and media of St. Petersburg.

In April the NLR participated in the annual national project "Biblioch" (Night at the Library) - 2014".

Together with the All-Russia Library for Foreign Literature and the Embassy of Portugal the NLR organized a presentation of the book by L. de Camoens "Luziada". It took place during the St. Petersburg International Cultural Forum.

As part of continuing cooperation between the NLR and The National Library of Poland the joint Russian-Polish edition "Inventory of Manuscripts of Library of Zaluski in Imperial Public Library" was published.

In 2014 an international project on digitization of the Finno-Ugric materials from the NLR's collections was accomplished by the National Library of Russia and National library of Finland.

2. Key facts and figures (size of major collections, number of staff, total operating budget, etc).

As of January 1, 2015:

- Total collections comprised 37,140,000 items. New acquisitions in 2014 were: 421,230 items, of them 10,647 were publications in foreign languages. The main source for new acquisitions remained - federal legal deposit.
- New patrons with library cards in 2014 - 150,568.
- Number of visits to the NLR website - 7.23 million number of webpages viewed online - 98.3 million, including 4.74 million pages of the NLR Digital Library.
- Number of information requests answered by the NLR staff in person comprised 464,000. Number of online reference questions answered by the staff was 234,000.
- In 2014, the NLR organized 13 International conferences.
- Total number of staff by the end of 2014 amounted to 1,361.

3. New developments in creating and building collections.

- 1,9 million rubles were allocated for retrospective conversion of the NLR's card catalogues.
- A major audit of the NLR's collections was provided last year: 11 million items went through a documentation and placement review.
- 1,429,609 items from the Collection of Russian books were moved to the repository in the newly constructed building.

4. New developments in managing collections.

- Complete barcoding of the reading-room collections.
- Completed Migration to the new library automated system, Aleph, including electronic circulation of collection items.

- Reading-room reorganization aiming to improve and optimize user services: creation of two major points through combining science and technology, and humanities reading-rooms collections.
 - Testing of the new document delivery system, TELELIFT, and staff training.
5. New developments in providing access to collections.
- In 2014, the NLR's Electronic Document Delivery Service fulfilled 57,087 requests.
 - Through EDD service 57,087 digitized pages were sent to users.
 - The total number of items in the NLR's Digital Library reached 524,833.
6. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums).

The NLR constantly strengthens relations with diplomatic and cultural missions in St. Petersburg. As result, there were the traditional visits to the National Library of Russia by newly appointed diplomats, General Consuls and Consuls on Culture, as well as Directors of foreign cultural institutes. Joint projects were carried out with Consulates General of Belgium, France, Sweden, Italy, Koreas, Poland, Lithuania, Great Britain, Germany, the USA and also Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Turku.

The main projects of year 2014 are:

1. "The World Map presented by people" (*Joint projects with Diplomatic missions in St. Petersburg*).
2. Opening of the French-speaking club «ça va?!» (*in cooperation with French Institute in St. Petersburg*)
3. Gift to the Republic of Lithuania by the NLR - a digital copy of the First Lithuanian Statute of 1529 (*In cooperation with Committee for External Relations of the City Government of St. Petersburg*)
4. Exhibition "Manchester-St.Petersburg" (*in cooperation with the Association of International Cooperation, and the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg*)
5. Book Gift to the NLR by the Shanghai Library within the Chinese International Project "Window to Shanghai" (*Joint with Association of International Cooperation*)
6. Concert of the traditional Korean music "Samulnori", dedicated to Russian-Korean friendship, and the exhibition " Republic of Korea: ancient and ever young " (*Joint with the Consulate General of South Korea*)
7. Czesław Miłosz. " Chosen city Krakow" and presentation of the book "Polish myth" (*In cooperation with the Consulate General of Poland*)

8. International exhibition “Russian Social Democrats in the World War I: search for solutions or the war and peace problem” (*In cooperation with Goethe Institute in St. Petersburg, and the American Cultural Center*)

In 2014 the NLR worked closely with the following cultural institutions and public organizations: the Association of International Cooperation, the International Center of Cultural and Scientific Cooperation of "Helenika", the German Culture Center named after Goethe, the French Institute of Culture in St. Petersburg, the Danish Institute of Culture in St. Petersburg, Peter the Great's Historical Society, and the Polish Institute of Culture in St. Petersburg.