

NORWAY

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NORWAY

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BUILDINGS

In Oslo the Ministry of Culture is now planning for an extension including a total renovation of the old building from 1913 as well as building new underground stacks and a new office building on top.

A new building for the Repository Library (Depot II) in Rana with fully automated storage facilities has been started. The building will be finished in 2003.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS

NETWORKING

The library participates in the EU funded METAe-project and in the originally EU-funded project ONE-2. The library also takes part in the NORDINFO funded project TIDEN that focuses on digitising and OCR processing of newspaper articles from the 17th and 18th centuries. The National Library of Norway also cooperates with the other Nordic National Libraries in the NWA-project (Nordic Web Archive).

The library has joined the CDRS – eller Collaborative Digital Reference Service, organised by OCLC and the Library of Congress. The National Library of Norway answers questions on Norway, Norwegians and Norwegian culture.

DIGITAL SAFE DEPOSIT STORAGE

In 2001 the Long-Term Preservation Repository (LTPR) was taken into service and filled with approx. 350 000 digital documents (mainly broadcasting material – historic and current).

RETROSPECTIVE CONVERSION OF CATALOGUES

The digital conversion of the printed Norwegian National Bibliography was continued back to the year 1921. In fall 2001 a new project of converting catalogues started at the Oslo Division. The aim is to convert 350.000 titles within 2003. In 2004-2005 one hopes to convert 250.000 more so that the National Bibliography will be completed back to 1643.

EXTENDED NUMBER OF DATABASES ACCESSIBLE ON THE WEB

The Norwegian national discography was published on the web in 2001.

THE JAZZ BASE

The Jazz Base contains information about the history of Jazz in Norway. It includes discographic information, biographies, historical overviews, photographs, sound clips, and a set of links to musicians and record companies web sites. The portal has been developed in cooperation with the Norwegian Jazz Archives, and is based on the book *Norwegian Jazz Discography 1905-1998* written by Johs Bergh.

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

LEGAL DEPOSIT OF DIGITAL DOCUMENTS

The Paradigma project (**P**reservation, **A**rrangement & **R**etrieval of **A**ssorted **D**igital **M**aterials) started in August 2001. Paradigma's goal is to develop and establish routines for the collection and preservation of digital documents, and to give users access to these documents in compliance with The Legal Deposit Act.

DIGITISING

A scrapbook of the Dirik family consisting of 13 volumes is now being digitised. The choice of this particular material is founded on the variety of formats, text and pictures.

In cooperation with the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) a digital radio archive has been established. So far more than 40,000 radio programs of historical interest have been digitised, both sound and catalogue being available to selected users on the Internet.

The Approximately 150 000 newspaper pages were digitised in 2001 after making special agreements with three local newspapers.

The number of calls to the national bibliographic databases and the union catalogues were still increasing with app. 19% compared to 2000.

CULTURAL EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLISHING

EXHIBITIONS

The library produced the exhibition *Gastronomy* focusing on placing gastronomy and taste in a wider context. The exhibition showed the history of Norwegian cooking books, history of gastronomy and taste and cultural history.

PUBLISHING

Connected to the exhibition *Gastronomy* the National Library published Mr. Henry Notakers book *Fra kalvedans til bankebiff*. A bibliography and history of Norwegian cooking books up to 1951.

Pamphlets in both English and Norwegian have been published.

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