

LITHUANIA

MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA

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BASIC STATISTICS IN 2002

COLLECTIONS:

Books and bound periodicals	5 163 652
Manuscripts	59 931
Microforms	105 222
Audiovisual materials	67 034
Electronic documents	1 848
Other materials (including maps, printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1 531 357

Total holdings

- in items	6 929 044
- in titles	2 050 677

Registered users	29 256
Number of visits	365 501
Number of loans	1 313 067
Publications issued	31 titles
Library staff	510 (376 out of them professional librarians)

FINANCE AND FUNDING.

The sum of 20 163 400 Litas (5 844,5□) was received by the Library in 2002. 96,95% of the allocations were made up of the annual Government grant-in-aid, 2,18% priced services and 0,87% of grants provided by foundations and individual persons. For the constructing of the new Annex to the Library the sum of 8 572 200 Litas (2 484,7□) was received from the Government and because of this rate the growth of Library's budget is 36% in comparison

with the year 2001. The total number of employees was 510, out of them 376 were qualified librarians and specialists.

BUILDING.

The installation of the equipment and mounting works in the Annex to the main building of the Library were continued in 2002. The transportation and security systems have been installed, the Centre of the Document Conservation and Restoration has moved to the new offices in the floor 2. Because of the upraised differences between the old and new parts of the building the reconstructing works of the older parts were in progress. The newspaper and art literature reading rooms were closed for repairs and opened for the public in the renovated premises. A transfer of the National Archive of Published Documents into the new premises and storages of the Annex is the main and one of the final tasks in 2003.

ACQUISITIONS.

In 2002 the National Library has received 18 569 titles (65 394 copies) of library documents. Total amount of 878 900 Litas (254 800€) was allotted for the purchasing of books (30,4%), serials (51%) and other documents (18,6%). Documents received by legal deposit made up 48,5% of the total accessions. 3 Lithuanian and 8 foreign electronic databases have been subscribed. A database EBSCO Publishing was the most popular among others. The National Library and other Lithuanian libraries received a discount for the subscription of this database.

READER SERVICES.

The Library had 29 256 registered users including 8 554 new registered in 2002. 54,3% of the users were students while researchers and specialists made up 23,3%. 365 501 visits were made to the Library and 1,3 Mio documents were retrieved for readers. The reading rooms housed 621 reader desks and 63 out of them computerized. In 2002 the system of unified readers card for 6 Lithuanian libraries was implemented.

STORAGE AND PRESERVATION.

The conservation measures were primarily reserved for the Library's unique documents, such as manuscripts, old and rare Lithuanian and foreign books. Following the recommendations of the Library's Scientific Board a concept of periods of the old Lithuanian book was determined for the Library's collections. Documents published till 1905 were transferred from the collections of the former Lituanica department to the stocks of the Rare Book and Manuscript Department. A big work was done in treatment and conservation of the rare book collection from XVI century. Microfilming of Lithuanian serials has continued in 2002, total of 19 titles of old and current serials were microfilmed in cooperation with the Library of Congress and Norman Ross publishing Ltd.

IT AND NEW TECHNOLOGY.

The development of the Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS has continued in 2002. Following targets were achieved:

1. Creation of the bibliographical data bank of the articles from Lithuanian press. The main tasks of the project is to create the system of shared cataloguing of articles and in cooperation with other Lithuanian libraries to integrate all the information resources in one data bank.

2. Creation of the database of electronic resources. The special harvesting technology has been adapted for the selection and archiving in the Library's server of the web pages and sites with domain "lt" (3 Mio records total) and other sites related to Lithuania. Next stage of the project is the cataloguing of these records. Special agreements with the publishers that determine the preparation of and access to the electronic resources were prepared and negotiations with the publishers started.
3. Implementation of Readers Admission Subsystem of LIBIS in 6 Lithuanian libraries, i.e. the National Library, the Library of Medicine, the Technical Library, Kaunas, Šiauliai and Utena Public Libraries.
4. Creation of the software for LIBIS Interlibrary Loan and Publishing subsystems.

At the end of 2002 there were 47 Lithuanian research and public libraries that have installed and implemented Library system LIBIS and its software. Throughout the year workshops and training courses were held in which qualified librarians were introduced to the principles of work in this system. 73 thousand records prepared by 50 libraries were added to LIBIS Union Catalogue, which contained 407 thousand records at the end of 2002. 395 thousand requests were delivered to the Union Catalogue during the year.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

176 exhibitions commemorated the national dates, events and prominent persons were organized by the Library. Three exhibitions presented Lithuanian culture and revealed the unique documents of Library's collections were on display in Germany during the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2002 where Lithuania was invited as a honour guest. An exhibition of the Jewish books and posters from Vilna Ghetto (1941-1943) was opened in the Frankfurt Jewish Museum, an exposition of German books held by the National Library of Lithuania was presented in Frankfurt city and University Library. The cultural centre in Wiesbaden together with the National Library of Lithuania organised the presentation of the most beautiful Lithuanian books.

The National Library maintained broad international contacts with European National Libraries, library institutions and organizations. The main events in 2002 that stimulated further development of international relations were the joining the Consortium of European Research Libraries CERL) as a full member and signing of the cooperation agreement with the National Library of Croatia.

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