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**BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE LUXEMBOURG**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2002 – 2003**

The National Library of Luxembourg has been able to increase both its budget and its staff in 2002/03.

As the library is suffering from severe lack of space, the BnL is preparing to be relocated in a redesigned building in the European Quarter of Luxembourg City. An international architecture competition is organized to replan the Robert-Schuman-Building to this end especially.

A prime concern of the National Library of Luxembourg has been the extending access to internet resources, information technology and networks, for the readers, the staff and the 25 members of the Luxembourg library network (including the university libraries).

There has been local developments and system migrations, mainly

- migration of the periodicals catalogue from the GLAS System to Aleph
- increase of the collection of commented on-line links to over 600
- on-line access to the national bibliography edited by the BnL
- virtual library including electronic journals and databases.

New digitizing projects have been launched with the help of funds from the “e-Luxembourg” initiative. One target is a complete digitization of the old paper catalogue of non-luxembourgish books acquired before 1985, which will be at the readers’ disposal by the end of 2003. According to its mission, the BnL continues to develop its skills concerning the handling of digital documents in the domain of the national heritage.

Special efforts have been made to develop the services to the public by improving the OPAC of the new Aleph version. In May 2003, there were 35 PCs at the readers’ disposal, 16 of which offer free internet access. The possibility to order books from home was particularly welcomed by readers. The combination of these factors led to an increase in the number of readers and loans.

Traditionally, the BnL organises exhibitions and conferences in its own building and is participating in diverse book and reading-related events.

Main publication: Georges-Majerus, Malou : Bibliothèque nationale de Luxembourg, Livres illustrés et livres d'artiste, 2002, 270 p., ill.

Concerning the other libraries in Luxembourg, the BnL is actively developing its cooperations, mainly through extending the network of libraries using Aleph. The BnL has close ties with the Swiss network IDS (Informationsverbund Deutschschweiz). The BnL joined the City Library of Trier and the "Médiathèque du Pontiffroy" of Metz in the project Culture 2000 (1 September 2001 - 1 September 2002) "Zukunft für Vergangenheit" (A Future for our Past). The aim of this project is to restore incunables of the three libraries and to illustrate to the general public the problems of document preservation (see: [www.libri-europae.org](http://www.libri-europae.org)).

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