

RUSSIA

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF RUSSIA

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THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT OF THE YEAR

The President of Russian Federation V.V.Putin was present for the Grand Opening of the New Building of the National Library of Russia on 12 April 2003.

STATISTICS FOR 2002

Collections at January 1, 2003	33,465,9 items
Staff at January 1, 2003	1,736 persons

LEGISLATION

In 2002-2003, the introduction of Government Regulation on "Changes in State Legal Deposit System" was realized.

MANAGEMENT

In 2002, the new structure of Strategic Development Management, the task of which is to elaborate the strategic plans of library development for 10-15 years, was created in the NLR.

BUILDINGS

- The Juvenile Reading Room was opened on January 15, 2003.
- The Microform Room was opened on January 14, 2003.
- The "Centre on Study of European Culture of the 18th Century (Voltaire's Room)" will be opened on May 30, 2003.

READER SERVICES

The Room where Recent Acquisitions are displayed was opened in the New Building on May 5, 2003. The Room is equipped with individual carrels for readers' work.

The Specialized reading room providing access to scanned General Alphabetical Catalogue was opened in 2002.

STATISTICS BY JANUARY 1, 2003:

Registered quantity of new readers: 123,000 persons
Visits: 1,254,000 persons
Books delivered: 12,050,600 items
Bibliographical references fulfilled: 308,000 references

NLR WEB-SITE

In 2002, NLR web-site was visited by 7,221,000 persons. User quantity is 583,000 persons.

In 2002-2003, continuous work on the renovation of information on the web-site, where on-line resources of the library are presented along with current information, was carried out.

Since May 2002, the section "School of novice subject-cataloguer" illustrating the technique of subject-cataloguing in electron catalogue is introduced on NLR web-page. Methodical section "Cataloguer's Pages" (English and Russian versions) enjoys wide popularity.

In 2003, NLR Internet-Shop, both English and Russian versions was created together with company SPAERO.

DIGITIZATION

Work on the joint project with the U.S. Library of Congress "Meetings on the Borders" on the digitization (9,000 images) continues

The database of electronic copies of documents from the NLR collections, which numbers 5,170 documents, is created.

Project on the digitization of volumes from the Voltaire's Library was carried out. On May 31, 2003, by the opening of the Voltaire's Centre at the National Library of Russia two volumes from this collection will be presented in digitized form with comments.

Manuscript Division is carrying out the project "Ensuring the safety of Polish documents from Dubrovsky's collection" on the digitization of Polish autographs.

ACQUISITION

In 2002 acquired 449,706 items (37,593 items in foreign languages)

including books: 6,794 items in foreign languages

International book lending: 5,160 books

155,000 periodicals

1,576 serials

Subscription for periodicals

for 2003 542 titles

Partners

1,047 organizations

CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

In 2002, binding restoration and reconstruction was performed on 2,273 items.

Work on the re-equipment of restoration sector commenced with the addition of modern workplaces for the restoration of documents and bindings.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

In 2002-2003, the following foreign delegations visited the National Library of Russia:

- The delegation of U.S. Congress Senators headed by Dr James H. Billington, Director of the Library of Congress, May 2002.
- The delegation of Spain headed by Mrs. Pilar del Castillo, Minister of Culture of Spain, and Mr. Luis Alberto Rodrigues Blanco, Consul General of Spain.
- Dr James H. Billington, Director of the Library of Congress, and Mr. Stevens, Senator of Alaska State to discuss the joint project on map digitization.

Within the framework of the Consortium of European Libraries, the National Library of Russia continues its participation in the creation of database of "Early Printed Books". At present, NLR file numbers 13,340 entries.

Manuscript Division continues its cooperation with Publishing House ADEVA in the publication of three manuscripts, with Publishing House Lucern in the publication of Mary Stewart's Prayer Book, and with ARS Magna in the project of the publication of four manuscripts.

LIBRARY COOPERATION

In 2002-2003, the NLR worked with the National Library of Czechia, the National Library of Hungary, and the National Library of Estonia within the framework of close cooperative agreements. In framework of the joint projects, NLR cooperated with the Library of Duke August, the Library of Duchess Anna Amalia, and the University Library of Helsinki.

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