

# SPAIN/CATALONIA

BIBLIOTECA DE CATALUNYA

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2002 – 2003

### 1. BRIEF REPORT ON THE LIBRARY, ITS STATUS AND ROLES

Founded in 1907 as research library by the catalan local administration. In 1914 was defined and oriented as national library of Catalonia centre for collection, preservation and use of books and documents related to catalan language and culture, and for holdings related to Hispanic and universal culture and research.

The history of BC has developed together with the history of Catalonia, as its first and main bibliographical institution. The Library represents what a national library is related to catalan country, its language and culture. The acquisitions policy has covered current materials, old printed books, manuscripts, inculabula, were also acquired and developed collections on Humanities, Sociology and Arts, and the General Reference Library. Holdings are written in catalan and spanish language, and cover a wide range of old (latin, provençal) and modern languages (French, Italian, german and English).

The Library has been fully maintained and supported by the catalan politic and administrative autonomous authorities.

Library laws have been approved by the Catalan Parliament (Acts 1981 and 1993 [LSCA, *Library System of Catalonia Act*, 1993). According to this, the mission of the National Library of Catalonia is to collect, keep and to give access to all range of catalan printed and recorded materials. The Legal Deposit of Catalonia is collected since 1981 by the Biblioteca de Catalunya, where a copy is kept. Other copies are transferred to central local public libraries, and to the National Library of Spain.

### 2. ORGANIZATION AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The BC is organized in four main divisions: Bibliographica, Graphica, Periodicals and Sound Archives. Bibliographica, the biggest one, is divided in 4 sections: General Collections; Old books and Special Collections: Manuscripts; and Printed and manuscripted music. Graphica divides in Engravings, Catographic materials and Epemera. Periodicals covers catalan old and modern catalan press; old and modern general press. Sound Archives collects not only legal deposit materials, but old sound recorded materials. Those four divisions acquire, collect, manage and catalogue their holdings and collections.

Common services for those divisions are: Acquisitions; Document access and delivery; Storage and Preservation.

General departments related to Library management are: Computers and Technology of Information; Communication, Diffusion and General Administration (staff management, budget and economic resources administration, building and security, etc)

Catalan Library System services are: Catalan Legal Deposit Office; National Catalan Standards Services (ISBN, MARC format, etc), Union Catalogue of Catalan Bibliographic Heritage and Catalan Union Catalogue, among others.

### 3. COOPERATION

BC leading:

- **Catalan Union Catalogue** (CCC, since 2001). The main aim is to provide access to remote users of all holdings existing in catalan libraries. Including all other union catalogues and bibliographical local databases.  
232 libraries cooperating  
1.5 items  
3.5 M. documents
- **Union Catalogue Union Catalogue of Catalan Bibliographic Heritage** (CCPBC, since 1991) = 124.033 items/2002; 55 libraries cooperating.
- **Catalogue and database organization, management and on-line access for Special Libraries** (Departments and organizations of catalan government libraries, museums, cultural centers and institutions, and others): 270.00 items; 300.00 documents; 40 libraries and documentation centres.
- **Union Catalogue of Authorities standards/names** (project 2003-2004);
- Institut Ramon Llull (consultance and projecte for the Institut Ramon Llull digital library, 2003-2004)

BC taking part as member:

- Consortium with Academic Libraries for the Union Catalogue of Academic Libraries (CBUC);
- REBIUN, Union Catalogue of spanish university libraries;
- Working groups of libraries organized by the Spanish Ministry of Culture Coordination office for libraries;
- Biblioteca Virtual Miguel de Cervantes (digital general library);

### STATISTICS, INDICATORS AND DATA 2002

#### **CURRENT BUDGET**

7.100.000,-€

#### **HOLDINGS**

3.5 M. Documents

Periodicals: 33.000 titles

Manuscripts: 5.00 documental units and literary archives

Acquisitions 2002: 101.393 documents and manuscripts

Legal Deposit 2002: 87.334 documents

#### **STAFF**

170 fixed staff (public service)

+ outsourcing services

+ grants for educational cooperation + grants for union catalogue catalan bibliographical heritage.

## ***BUILDING***

Central Building (gothic style, s.XV)

15.000m<sup>2</sup>

General storage deposit: 4.000 m<sup>2</sup>, 40km. Stacks + reserve storage + transitional storage

Services building 4.000m<sup>2</sup>

Future storage deposit building 7.000m<sup>2</sup> (project 2003-2005)

## ***USERS AND SERVICES***

General reading room: 3000m<sup>2</sup>, 204 seats

Reserve reading room: 300 m<sup>2</sup>, 40 seats (new reading room 1.VI.2003)

Opening hours: 60 hours/week

Presencial users: 37.300

Remote users ( web access): 476.626

Hours connection Internet at reading rooms: 6.793

Documents consulted: 105.879+ reading room free access materials

Document supply/copies 461.904

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