

CROATIA

THE NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ZAGREB

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MANAGEMENT OF THE LIBRARY

The National and University Library is fulfilling its dual function: as a national library and as a university library of the University of Zagreb.

The Library is governed by the Library Board consisting of nine members.

STAFFING MATTERS

There are 300 FTE; among them are 131 members of the staff that hold a higher education diploma, or 43.7 %.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORK

In cooperation with the CARNet, (Croatian Academic Network), the Library launched the project of wireless network. The Library LAN consists of 345 personal computers (220 for staff and 125 for users), and 14 servers.

There are 34 libraries participating in the union catalogue. URL: <http://www.nsk.hr/opac-crolist/crolist.html>

The Library continued with the catalogue conversion.

THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

The library has published a cumulative Croatian bibliography, series A – books from 1990-2002, on CDROM.

The Library launched a virtual classroom module consisting of eight separate programmes. http://www.nsk.hr/usluge/edukacija_korisnika/virtualna-ucionica/index.html

The three main series of national bibliographies (Books, Serials and Articles) are available both in print and online.

LEGAL DEPOSIT OF MATERIALS

Under legislation which stems from the Law on Libraries, the Library receives two copies of all materials published in Croatia. By the legal deposit right the Library acquired 5,594 titles of the printed books, additionally electronic books on physical units: 65 on CDROM and 10 on DVD and 190 titles of the networked books. Among the items received are, 1,606 titles (4,746 volumes) of periodicals in a printed format, eight 5 titles on CDROM, 89 titles acquired for remote access, and 209 titles (13,057 volumes) of newspapers.

The Library has purchased 49 titles published abroad by Croatian authors or publications about Croatia and about Croatians, additionally 136 book titles were donated.

ACQUISITION

A part of the library collection is being built by acquisition of foreign scientific and professional literature, both monographs and serials, in printed and in electronic format.

The Library has purchased 3,429 monographs (1,599 foreign and 1,830 Croatian), 672 titles /4.002 volumes of foreign scientific and professional periodical titles and databases.

In 2003, we subscribed to 672 titles in a printed format and 120 in electronic format.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Library has four special collections: The Rare Books and Manuscripts, Music, Prints and Drawing and Cartographic. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection purchased a particularly fine 23 rare books among them are two first prints:

Peter Paulus Vergerije: De ingenuis moribus, Venice 1497,

Dante Alighieri: La Divina Commedia, printed by Dobrić Dobričević in Brescia 1487.

The rare book department had 1,110 users of 4,410 units, 295 written user requests and 21 group visits (314 persons).

The Prints and Drawing collection collects graphic material, maps, exhibition catalogues, posters and drawings. The 936 users of the Prints and Drawing collection consulted 8,110 various items.

In the reading, 820 users consulted 2,480 items.

Collection of Printed Music and audio material added 1,319 items to its collection, and bequests of Croatian composers. The collection had 503 users who consulted 937 various items.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

A special attention was paid to microfilming part of the national newspaper collection, 60,824 microfilm shots (images) have been taken.

Additionally, 38,630 microfilm images were photographed for special collections.

The preservation department is provided with equipment for digitisation.

SERVICES TO READERS AND USERS

The Library is open 72 hours a week and it had 15,652 newly registered readers, 90 % students. The entrance turn-stile registered over 302,000 visits. The Library provides information services including bibliographic and reference as well as subject searching of local information sources and to full text and bibliographic databases with remote access.

Web pages had more than 353,000 remote visitors which have access to catalogues and consortium wide remote access to full text and bibliographic databases. <http://www.nsk.hr/usluge>

More than 100 groups (2,042 individuals) had a guided tour of the Library.

In Library reading rooms, we have provided 287,343 various items including books, periodicals or other non-library material and 975 microfilms.

The Library borrowed 14,226 books, and additionally 122,815 volumes loaned on-site from the closed stack.

The Library has accomplished 1,165 interlibrary loan requests.

By international document delivery service, the Library provided 2,374 articles and loaned 1,086 books.

TRAINING CENTRE FOR LIBRARIANS

The Training Centre for Librarians established as a joint project of the National and University Library and City Libraries of Zagreb, Department of Librarianship and Croatian Library Association, provided 31 training seminars /154 hours which were attended by 323 participants. URL: <http://www.nsk.hr/cssu/>

CULTURAL EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLISHING

The Library is notable not only for its services but for organising various cultural events, concerts and exhibitions. The Library has organised eight exhibitions, accompanied by the catalogue, two with support of foreign embassies.

LIBRARY CO-OPERATION

The Library is a member of IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations, LIBER (The League des bibliothèques européennes de recherche) and CERL. Digitised Croatian childrens books are represented in the international project of ICDL (International Children's Digital Library).

In UNESCO's Index Translationum, 1,463 book records translated into Croatian were added to this international database.

The Library also takes part in international programmes of ISBN, ISSN, and ISMN.

The Library itself is organising or co-organising conferences.

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