

LITHUANIA

MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA

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FINANCE AND FUNDING

The sum of 21 303,3 Litass (6 169,8) was received by the Library in 2003. 96.36% of the allocations were made up of the annual Government grant-in-aid, 2.51% priced services and 1.13% of grants provided by foundations, individual persons and from special projects. For the constructing of the new Annex to the Library the sum of 8 186,6 Litass (2 371,0) was received from the Government.

BUILDING

The installation of the equipment and mounting works in the Annex to the main building of the Library were continued in 2003. The transportation and security systems have been installed and all mounting works finished. On the occasion of the Day of the State and in commemoration of the 750th anniversary of King Mindaugas' crowning, the new annex to the Library was opened to visitors in July 5, 2003. The reconstructing works of the main Library building were in progress. The 5th floor with the Conference Hall and Music reading room was fully renovated. 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 2004.

ACQUISITIONS

In 2003 the National Library has received 72 833 copies of library documents. Total amount of 867 500 Litass (251 245) was allotted for the purchasing of books (51.1%), serials (46.3%) and other documents (2.6%). Documents received by legal deposit made up 55.3% of the total accessions. 4 Lithuanian and 11 foreign electronic databases have been subscribed to, of which EBSCO Publishing was the most popular among others. The National Library and other Lithuanian libraries received a discount for the subscription to this database.

READER SERVICES

The Library had 30 703 registered users including 9 431 new registered in 2003. 55% of the users were students while researchers and specialists made up 20.6%. 454 831 visits were made to the Library and almost 1.5 million documents were retrieved for readers. The reading rooms housed 669 reader desks and 71 out of them are computerized.

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. During 2003 these preservation programs were in progress: restoration, binding and disinfecting of the documents from rare and old Library's collections, restoration of bindings, producing of paper-cases for the archival documents, microfilming program of the pre-war Lithuanian periodic and current Lithuanian newspapers.

IT AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

The development of the Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System LIBIS has continued in 2003. Following targets were achieved:

Implementation and realisation of Z39.50 in LIBIS cataloguing subsystem.

Creation of the database of electronic resources: cataloguing of these records, new agreements with the publishers that determine the preparation of and access to the electronic resources.

Creation of the bibliographical data bank of the articles from Lithuanian press. Contains 265 thousand bibliographic records.

Implementation of Readers Admission Subsystem of LIBIS in Lithuanian public libraries.

Implementation of the software for LIBIS Interlibrary Loan and Publishing subsystems.

The WWW-OPAC module was implemented in other Lithuanian libraries – LIBIS system participants. All of the LIBIS databases and the Union Catalogue were connected to an online backup archival system using Tivoli software. At the end of 2003 there were 60 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. 117 thousand records prepared by Lithuanian libraries were added to LIBIS Union Catalogue, which contained 525 thousand records at the end of 2003. 407 thousand requests were delivered to the Union Catalogue during the year.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

196 exhibitions commemorating national dates, events and prominent persons were organized by the Library. According to the agreement with the Embassy of People's Republic of China and the National Library of Lithuania two exhibitions dedicated to the culture of China were opened in 2003. An exhibition of Lithuanian books and documents presented at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2002 was presented in the Library exhibition hall and in the National Library of Belarus.

The National Library maintained broad international contacts with European National Libraries, library institutions and organizations. The main events in 2003 that stimulated further development of international relations were the annual meeting of the Foundation Conference of European National Librarians CENL and the final conference of the TEL project to be held in Vilnius .

BASIC STATISTICS IN 2003

COLLECTIONS:

Books and bound periodicals	5 161 453
Manuscripts	61 921
Microforms	100 255
Audiovisual materials	68 735
Electronic documents	2 231

OTHER MATERIALS

(including maps, printed music,

broadsheets, etc.) 1 523 777

TOTAL HOLDINGS

- in items	6 918 372
- in titles	1 995 335
Registered users	30 703
Number of visits	454 831
Number of loans	1 469 776
Publications issued	25 titles
Library staff	506 (367 out of them professional librarians)

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