

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

Name of Country : Kazakhstan
Name of Library : National Academic Library
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The National Academic Library was established by the decree of the Republic of Kazakhstan Government on April 23, 2004, and now a great work is in process to provide a full activity of the library at the start, which is to be a standard for libraries in Kazakhstan. From the very beginning of its activity, the library works towards establishing an intellectual centre in Central Asia region fit out by the modern computer equipments providing their users not only with traditional print sources but also multimedia.

Now the library is on the very start of its activity, but the directions of development have already been set up. They are partner relationships with legislative and executive bodies in Astana, with non- government bodies, with various organizations, institutions and private persons. And there also can be found international professional contacts and participation in IFLA. Also, the National Academic Library created its Guardian Council that includes the most respected people of the republic. The Guardian Council will carry out the policy of the library and settle the main institutional problems, such as: copyrights, confidentiality, intellectual freedom, mastering of the virtual space, creation of library web- sites for corporate electronic catalogue.

The fund of the National Academic Library is a strategically resource of the Republic providing the formation of regular reserve for a high technical future production. For this reason, there are being established training centers in the library, which will work on such directions, such as creating the information competence up to information competent user and getting computer skills.

One more peculiarity- acquisition of collection with specific publications: with Brail's print, sound books, video documents with a deaf translation and subtitles for the limited ability people.

The design of the library is also specific, there are ramps - entrance to the library for readers on wheelchairs and invalids.

The exchange with foreign libraries, the cooperation with the large information holders of the near and far abroad will give an opportunity to get the access to the technologies of developed countries and inculcate them with the regard for the Republic national realities.

The use of modern technologies will give the opportunity of keeping the information safely, compactly, effectively, providing for the quick search among the large number of own and borrowed book collections. NAL RK will be like a pioneer in the realization of projects and mastering of the form of information service basing upon the technological innovations

Distance Service.

Electronic depository deals with the demands of virtual users having made the inquiry from geographically remote districts of countries, near and far abroad.

All the regional libraries of RK will be connected with each other through Internet together with the main library server of NALRK. It gives the opportunity to form a single large amount of information with the perspective creation of the Joint On – Line Catalogue of RK libraries.

Created Kazakhstan Library's Network has the possibility of providing for the access to the electronic depository of NAL RK for the reader of any settlement (even the most remote) on a level with the megapolis resident.

Thus, owing to new technologies the library provides for the equal access of people to information sources.

NALRK appears in the role of guarantor for the equal rights of information access for all the people of RK, independently of nationalism, social position and geographical location. The realization of the idea of modern access canal to various library services and information resources will be the Library Wide Web as original information ways for remote users.

Besides the catalogues, NALRK provides for the various database, from bibliographic to full text and factual. The access to on-line encyclopedias and dictionaries, electronic journals will also be an element of Library Wide Web.

Local Service

A special Service Routine will be provided for readers, being physically in the library and after working in such electronic catalogues of NALRK, they will be able to look through all the necessary materials through terminals, take the interested material with them, ordering it on any record medium, beforehand (disk, CD) or in a printed form.

Working by the development of information literacy program NALRK will provide for the constant teaching of readers to the basis of presentations and interactive training courses.

International Cooperation

Even with the good financing and effective work with readers it is impossible to keep all the world information in our funds. The more so as the current condition of communication canal development between countries gives the opportunity of getting any information material by Interlibrary Loan.

Development Perspectives.

In the perspectives of library development is the creation of multimedia library standards. Tasks, connected with the organization of new access forms to traditional library resources with the improvement of its quality, free access to new information sources, electronic resources are important and define the rest management decisions in NALRK.

On this level, the effective action by the program of cultural inheritance preservation and image raising of RK and its capital – Astana will be carried out on a new qualitative level.

Multinational and Multi-confessional Kazakhstan was always the example of tolerance and regarding of the culture of the World.

NALRK considers itself to be a godmother and successor of these traditions and bases its policy of fund acquisition in this way.

NALRK, will be the place of friendship for a reader from every corner of the world.

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