

Annual Report to CDNL 2005 – 2006

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Legal framework

The State Duma (the lower house of the Federal Assembly) of the Russian Federation formed a working group for revision of the Library Law of the Russian Federation (1994)

Statistics for 2004

Collections 34.150.096 items (6.176.335 items in foreign languages)

Visits 1551652

Exhibitions – 388

Conferences, Lectures 287

Acquisition in 2004

366528 items (in Russian).

15149 books in foreign languages, which is the largest annual acquisition of foreign books for the last ten years.

2387 titles of foreign serials.

The Library currently participates in the international book exchange with 1073 institutions in 71 countries.

Our users

Each reader have to renew the registration every four year. In 2004 40225 persons received new passes to Russian National library. Total number of readers at present is about 250 000, including 1657 foreign persons from 95 countries.

Catalogs

The total number of records in the electronic catalog at the moment is over 2 million. More then 851000 searches of our web catalog were made in 2004.

In 2004 the electronic catalog of "Rossica" (125000 records) became available in our website. The Rossica department contains books about Russia and works of Russian writers published since 16th century to 1930s.

Bibliographic service

At present testing free access is provided to some recourses of the e-libraries World Bank, to 38 databases of CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts), Lexus Nexus Professional database, EIU (Economist Intelligence Unit), Keesing's Record of World Events (KRWE8) and other recourses. After testing subscription for much full text resources was realized. Access was organized to a number of new electronic full text resources of Russia.

The online service "Ask a bibliographer" was organized on our website. To December of 2004 the service had about 1300 queries.

Digital Library.

Digital library today: about 20000 items

Digital masters storage volume: more than 1500 CD-Rs (by May 2005)

Annual digitisation: about 4500 items

On the 17 of December 2004 General Directors of both National Libraries sign the final version of the "Concept of the National digital library", which determines the scope, main principles and some other aspects of the project.

The joint project with the Library of Congress "Meeting of Frontiers" was successfully completed. "Meeting of Frontiers" is English-Russian digital library that contains materials on the American exploration of North of American Continent, Siberia and the Russian Far East, and the meeting of the Russian-American frontiers in Alaska.

Library Buildings

The renovation of the Medicine and Technologies Reading Room in the historical building of the library started. It is the largest reading room in the Library (350 places). This will be the first renovation of this room for the last hundred years.

In 2004 we have developed a plan for transportation the acquired items to the new building. In addition the schema was created for the new building of the organization of exhibitions of new legal deposit copies entered in the Library stock.

International conferences:

Conference "UNESCO program "Information for Everyone" took place in June of 2004

The LIBER General Conference took place in June - July of 2004. For the first time the conference was organized in Russia. 228 participants from 30 countries were registered, which was a largest number of the participants in the history of LIBER.