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THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS OF 2006

RSL put at its readers disposal new means in library-information resources usage

- The new stock of the library-information resources of universal profile – “Electronic Leninka” was organised. Besides books and digital texts this stock includes copies of documents of different kinds and various contents: copies of journals, newspapers, dissertations auto abstracts, manuscripts materials, music, maps, posters and other types of graphic publications, audio records;
- The new open digital collection “State Symbols of Russia. History and Reality”;
- The electronic library stock increased more than 1.5 times and amounts to 0.4% of the total RSL stock (in 2005 - 0.25%);
- Nearly twice augmented the number of titles available to RSL users documents incoming into networked resources of distant access;
- Began technology approbation of virtual reference-bibliographic service to users on base of the programme product Question Point which permits to broaden the RSL reference services sphere; and
- Each fifth visitor used RSL electronic resources.

The sphere and geography of distant library users broadened

During 2006, 56 new virtual reading rooms of electronic dissertation library were opened including in the State Duma of the Russian Federation and in the largest libraries and universities.

Up to the end of 2006 more than 200 virtual reading rooms worked in 56 cities of the Russia and in two capitals countries of “Near Abroad”.

In 2006 RSL initiated the establishment of the Public Committee on Libraries Development Assistance

The Committee consists of parliamentarians, heads of a number of the subjects of the Russian Federation, ministries, federal agencies, mass media, representatives of scientific, creative and library communities.

The chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly B V Gryslov was elected as a chair of the Public Committee and the RSL Director V V Fedorov as an executive secretary.

A great resonance had many scientific-practical conferences organised in 2006. Among them:

- International Conference “Rumyantsev Readings 2007” (April, Moscow) on the theme “Publishers - Libraries - Readers in the scientific communication system. Challenges of Internet age”, which took place within the “Year of Russian language and reading”. (It should be mentioned that the previous International Conference “Rumyantsev Readings 2006” on the theme “Libraries, museums and archives creating information and intellectual space” (in cooperation with State Tretyakov Gallery, April 2006) was included in CDNL RSL Annual Report 2006);

- Fifth international conference “Digital Age of Culture – 2006” (September 2006) was held in Kamchatka regional research library named after S P Krashennnikov in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. The president-elect Dr Claudia Lux participated in this event as well Dr John van Oudenaren, Senior Advisor of the World Digital Library Initiative;
- All-Russian annual conference of leaders of federal and regional libraries on the theme “Libraries in Reforms Conditions. Problems and Eventual Ways of their Decision” (November 2006); and
- Public hearings on the actual topic “Counteraction to Xenophobia, Extremism and Neofascism” (March 2006).

Research Publications of Three Scholars

Staff members of the RSL were awarded as the winners of All-Russian Research Works on Library Science, Bibliography and Book Science Competition.

In 2006 One Doctoral Thesis and Three Candidates Dissertations were defended at the Dissertation Council of the RSL.

Two staff members defended before receiving academic degrees diplomas approved by the All-Russian Certifying Commission.

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