

SWITZERLAND

SWISS NATIONAL LIBRARY

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On 1 January 2007, the name of the Swiss National Library in German changed from Schweizerische Landesbibliothek to Schweizerische Nationalbibliothek.

As of 1 January 2006, the Swiss National Library has become a FLAG (German acronym for management under performance mandate and global budget) unit within the Federal Office of Culture. This provides the library management more flexibility than before in the pursuit of the Federal Council's goals as part of the performance mandate for 2006-2008. The most important goals include:

- Fulfilling of the dual mandate to conserve and access the Helvetica collections.
- Expanding services, in particular online services, targeted at the needs of the customer.
- Developing national and international coordination and cooperation.
- SNL management detailed how to achieve the goals in its draft strategy 2007-2011, issued in mid-2006, by focusing on the following points for the coming years:
 - Consistently orienting services toward primary user groups;
 - Establishing a national centre of excellence for paper conservation;
 - Establishing and expanding the electronic Helvetica collection.

Full details are available in the Annual report, available in French, German, Italian and English from the website: www.nb.admin.ch.

E-PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITISATION

The ingest process within the e-Helvetica project is operational since February 2007 and has started to integrate new suppliers of e-Publications. The main products acquired are:

- Dissertations.
- Official publications.
- WebPages.
- Serials.

The web page collection is carried out in co-operation with cantonal libraries in Switzerland and that of dissertations with Swiss university libraries.

Discussions are also underway with the cantonal libraries to establish an inventory of digitisation projects as a first step to coordinating digitisation in Swiss libraries.

In co-operation with the publisher 'Le Temps' and the Bibliothèque de Genève, the Swiss National Library is digitising the 'Journal de Genève' (around 600,000 pages).

On 15 May 2007, the Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire Lausanne announced that it will partner with Google to digitise 100,000 books.

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

Since 1 January 2007, the national bibliography 'The Swiss Book' is no longer printed but is available without cost on line at <http://www.helveticat.ch/swissbook> and in PDF format.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The NL is an active partner in the European Library and is taking part in the EDL project (www.edlproject.eu) to add the remaining EU and EFTA national libraries to the European Library. The NL has joined the French-speaking network of digital national libraries (RFBNN).

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