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National Library of Brazil Principal Projects 2006-2007

Brazilian Digital Library – www.bn.br/bndigital

The Brazilian Digital Library provides access to more than 11.000 items, with 1 million images which represents more than 2 terabytes of digital files. Launched in 2006 it was created from the reunion and systematization of thematic digitalization projects.

The permanence of the Brazilian Digital Library is assured by its Digitization Laboratory created in 2002 and considered the greatest and most important in a public Institution in Brazil.

Digitization International Projects

The World Digital Library Project

The Library of Congress has launched an initiative to create a World Digital Library (“WDL”) with contents relating to the history and culture of peoples and countries around the world.

The National Library of Brazil is a founding institutional participant in the Project (“WDL Participant”);

The WDL Project will provide access in seven languages. With the participation of the National Library of Brazil the Portuguese language was included with the others six ONU official languages.

Regional Center for Preservation (IFLA/PAC/LAC)

Through an agreement signed with IFLA/PAC to enlarge the network of IFLA-PAC centers and give closer assistance to the different countries of Latin American and the Caribbean, the Preservation Coordination of the National Library of Brazil is responsible to provide technical assistance and training to Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Annually a two weeks Course of Preservation and Conservation including theoretical and practical classes is offered for Institutions from Brazil and South America.

The enlarged National System for Public Libraries

The new scope of the Brazilian Public Library System is the creation of public libraries in Brazilian municipalities that don't have a public library. These new libraries receive a collection of 2.000 books, computer with a bibliographic free software installed, video, sound equipments and furniture.

They are established through agreements with the municipalities, which will be responsible for their maintenance.

Three hundred new libraries were created in 2007 to add to the 4.420 libraries in existence, which are not sufficient for the entire country.

Programs: Scholarship for Brazilian literature translation and researches in the area of book and lecture

27 Grants for traineeship or courses in Brazil or abroad in the fields of cultural production;

09 grants of US\$ 3 mil each for foreign editors interested in publishing Brazilian authors.