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Name of Country: Iceland

Name of Library: National and University Library of Iceland

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In the year 2007 some changes in the environment of the library have emerged. A committee has been revising the laws of the library but the work was not finished until January 2008. The University of Iceland and the Iceland University of Education will be united July 1st 2008 and it will affect the services of the library to students and faculties in the future.

In the **Digitization project** the main emphasis is now on Icelandic newspapers up to 2000. Some smaller projects have been undertaken in the instance of publishers or organizations willing to pay for digitization of their material. Also the library is digitizing its own publications from the past. In the end of the year 2007 some 1.6 million pages had been digitized.

Web harvesting started in 2005. The library is an active member of IIPC - International Internet Preservation Consortia and has taken part in developing access to the huge archives of webmaterial that have been harvested. In the end of the year 2007 some 380 million documents had been harvested.

The **Icelandic library system** Gegnir (Aleph from ExLibris) was updated to version 18 in June 11th 2008. Also an new version of the website and search was introduced at www.gegnir.is. Gegnir is a library system hosting the national catalogue and gives access to information about material in most libraries in the country, e.g. college, public, administration, institution, expert, and school libraries at all levels. It is run by Consortium of Icelandic Libraries.

In 2007 **The Icelandic National Bibliography** was published online by the library on the web www.utgafuskra.is. Initially, it is a record of the nation's publishing output from 1999 through 2006 and is based on information contained in the library system Gegnir. The bibliography is dynamic in the sense that a revised edition will appear regularly.

The Icelandic Oral History Center was founded in January 2007 and is housed in the library. The center is a sound archive dedicated to the collection and preservation of Icelandic oral history and a research and educational facility in the field of oral history. The Oral History Center is a collaborative project between the library and various parties belonging to the University of Iceland.

A new board was appointed to the project of **national licences to electronic journals and databases** www.hvar.is in 2007. Data shows a continuous growth in usage. Studies show that usage per inhabitant in Iceland is two to four times higher than in any other European country. This does not come as a surprise with national licences, and it indicates that the research funds provided by the government are being used to serve a big number of the citizens, which was exactly the goal of this project.

Electronic services to patrons continue to develop. The library has offered for several years access to e-journals, some paper journals and OpenAccess journals through TDNet. The SFX Link Solver was established as a service for Icelandic libraries that subscribe to e-journals in collaboration of Consortium of Icelandic Libraries. Also a link service pointing to suitable e-sources has been developed for most of the fields of study in the University of Iceland.

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