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Name of Country: Republic of Kazakhstan

Name of Library: National library of Republic Kazakhstan

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There from 2006 to 2008 is implemented the capital repairs at the National library of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The full renovation of the internal and external constructions and communications led to the services modernization for users and modernization of the style of work of all the services of the Library.

The “Cultural heritage” state programme for 2004-2009

The National library of the RK is a participant of the “Cultural heritage” state programme.

During the period from 2004 till 2007 the Library implemented the scientific-research expeditions to the libraries and scientific establishments of the European states with the purpose of detection, copying and acquisition of ancient manuscript print sources about the Central Asia, including Kazakhstan. As a result there were acquired more than 80 copies of manuscripts and approximately 1000 copies of books on ancient history of Kazakhstan and the Central Asia.

In 2007 the workers of the National library of the RK continued the scientific-archival work in the libraries and archives of Germany and France for the identification of written heritage having historical-cultural value for Kazakhstan and the Central-Asian region. As a result of the expedition, there were detected 102 sources – books, manuscripts, maps which no other library in Kazakhstan or the CIS has.

The development of informational resources

This is implemented along the three trends: the generation of own resources, the loan of external resources and the corporate interaction. The most extensive segment in the electronic informational field of the National library of the RK are the own resources – the Electronic catalogue was replenished in 2007 by 48 649 bibliographical records, including the “Kazakhstanica” Electronic catalogue in the Kazakh, Russian and foreign languages; the Data-Base “Kazakhstan: past and present” was replenished by 65 137 bibliographical records. There for the “Meetings at the boundaries” Russian-Kazakhstani electronic library, for the Kazakhstani national electronic library (www.kazneb.kz) within the framework of the “Cultural heritage” state programme, and also for the users of the electronic documents delivery system in 2007 were digitized 1311 books, 301 grammophone records, 2524 musical pieces, 128 disks, fragments of documents with the general volume more than 326 Gb.

The scientific-research activity

The primary scientific-research works by the National library of the RK in 2007 were carried out in library study, book study, bibliographical source study, preservation and conservation of library fonds, library economics, automation of library processes,

identification of sources in history and culture of Kazakhstan and the Central-Asian region in the libraries and archives of foreign countries.

In 2007 the library carried out the scientific-research work by the following themes:

- 100 years to the history of the National library of Kazakhstan;
- The history of the Kazakh printed book;
- Kazakh literature and the history of Kazakhstan (the scientific-supplementary bibliography);
- The carrying out of microbiological and chemical researches of the air in the book depositary of the Library;
- The research in the sphere of biological preservation of documents;
- The setting of norms for the library-bibliographical processes;
- The perfection of the Republican automated library-informational system – RALIS;
- The bibliographical-search studying of the fonds of archives and libraries of foreign countries.

The contribution of the National library of the RK into the legislative system of the republic in the sphere of culture and librarianship

In 2007 the National library of the RK took part in the work upon the draft-project of the Law of the RK “About the libraries and librarianship of the RK” as part of the work group which was formed by the Ministry of culture and information of the RK, and it also made proposals for the following documents: “The rules for access to the library fonds through the correspondent and non-stationary servicing forms for invalids and old people”, “The rules for preservation and use of library fonds”, into the articles of the Law of the RK “About culture”, pertaining to the procedure of granting the legal deposit copies for national libraries of the RK etc.

The publishing activity

The volume of published editions in printer’s sheets constituted 208,5. The bibliographical indices, the reference journals, the methodological manuals, the scientific editions were published along such trends like “The historical-cultural cycle”, “The informational editions”, “The editions on the libraries’ problems”.

The production was printed at the Publishing centre as well as the typing-houses of Almaty city.

The international activity

One of the primary trends in the activity of the National library of the RK is the initiation and development of equal partnership relations with the library establishments of foreign countries, with international organizations and associations. In 2007 the National library of the RK participated in the international programmes, actions, forums.

The Library concluded:

- The Agreement on scientific cooperation with King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies (Saudi Arabia)
- Memorandum of Understanding among the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy Branch in Almaty, the National Library in Almaty & Chevron Munaigas Inc.
- The Protocol of intentions among the National libraries of the Turkic-lingual countries, Tajikistan and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea on cooperation.

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