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Name of Country: Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

Name of Library: National Library of Luxembourg

Name of Chief Executive: Monique Kieffer

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Funding

The budget has increased in 2007-2008.

Legislation

The law of 25th June 2004 gave a new legal framework to the National Library. The new law extends the legal deposit to digital publications and websites of the national domain. The application rules will be defined by a national regulation (Règlement grand-ducal).

Buildings

The new building for the National Library, decided in 2002, has been postponed by the Gouvernement. In 2007/2008 some departments and deposits of the National Library have been relocated to two new annexes.

Library cooperation

The National Library coordinates the network of Luxembourg libraries "bibnet.lu" (www.bibnet.lu) which links up to 34 members in 2007, among them the library of the University of Luxembourg. The National Library coordinates the Luxembourg national Consortium for digital publications (www.portail.bnu). Furthermore, cooperation agreements grant interlibrary loan facilities to various small libraries around the country, so as to enable them to increase their offer.

The digital library

The digital library has been work in progress since 2002 and gives online access to more than 200,000 digitised items (www.luxemburgensia.bnl.lu). The main focus has been given to the BnL's newspaper collection. In 2007 two national newspapers have been digitised, as well as *La clef du cabinet des princes de l'Europe*. At the end of 2008, about 220.000 pages will be set online in an OCRised version.

The National Library is an active member of the European Digital Library project, of EDL-net and the Europeana project and has been a funding member of the "Réseau francophone des bibliothèques nationales numériques" in 2006.

Acquisitions

Above all, a lavishly illustrated early 18th century manuscript copy of the Jesuit Alexandre Wiltheim's (1604-1684) *Luciliburgensia, sive, Luxemburgum Romanum : hoc est, Arduennae veteris situs, populi, loca prisca, ritus, sacra, lingua*.

Preservation and conservation

Continuous efforts are made to improve preservation and conservation of the national heritage collections.

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