

CDNL COUNTRY REPORT

Name of Country: SPAIN

Name of Library: BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL DE ESPAÑA - BNE

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The National Library is a centre that holds the National Bibliographic Heritage of Spain and it aims to:

- Preserve, manage and disseminate the Spanish Bibliographic Heritage in any format
- Collect, catalogue and preserve the publications in any area
- Promote research, especially in the area of Humanities, by means of requests, study, book loan, etc.
- Elaborate and disseminate the information about the Spanish publications
- Carry out any library work, preservation, growth and dissemination of the National Bibliographic Heritage
- Develop research programs and cooperate with other libraries and other cultural and scientific institutions that can contribute to the best development of the aims of the National Library
- Create, coordinate and encourage research and development programs in the areas of its competency to satisfy the needs of the research community
- Contribute to the transformation of information into knowledge

2008 has been a very profitable year in terms of library work in the new information technology society and the Library has been involved in several projects with the aim of bringing the National Library into the twenty-first century.

The BNE will develop key strategic proposals for the period 2009–2011 to guarantee future development and delivery of library services, together with a determined impulse on digitisation thanks to the agreement with *Telefónica* signed last January. The agreement has facilitated the increase of online queries (+264%).

The support of the Ministry of Industry last November (within the AVANZA Plan) has helped the BNE initiative with the cooperation of the Spanish Publishers Association (Federación de Gremios de Editores de España – FGEE) through the project ODIBNE-Pro to become a knowledge center on the inclusion of copyright-protected works at the Hispanic Digital Library.

On 1st September 2008, the National Library joined the *eContentplus* project ARROW (*Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works towards Europeana*) with the aim of finding ways to clarify the rights status of orphan and out of print works, so they can be cleared for digitisation and inclusion in the Hispanic Digital Library. The project will help the Library enhance the interoperability of rights information (i.e. exchange of information) between rightholders, agents, libraries and users.

The National Library of Spain is the main information and document centre regarding Spanish and Latin American culture in written form, due to the status it has enjoyed as the depository body for published material in Spain since the beginning of 17th century, received by means of Legal Deposit. The Legal Deposit is currently governed at a State level by means of the Orders of the Ministry of Education and Culture of 30th October 1971 and 20th February 1973, but the National Library together with the Library Cooperation Forum of the Ministry of Culture and the Autonomous Regions have been trying for years to instigate a new law on Legal Deposit in the context of new technologies, Internet, and a decentralised State with competences on Legal Deposit transferred to the Autonomous Regions, taking into consideration the essential changes in the publishing sector that have invalidated the printer as central depositor. A draft new bill have already been prepared and presented to the Ministry of Culture in order to be discussed in Parliament.

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