

MARTYNAS MAŽVYDAS NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LITHUANIA
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Basic statistics in 2004

Collections:

Books and bound periodicals	5 127 757
Manuscripts	63 563
Microforms	107 012
Audiovisual materials	70 812
Electronic documents	2 606
Other materials (including maps, printed music, broadsheets, etc.)	1 572 341

Total holdings

- in items	6 944 091
- in titles	1 946 063

Registered users	23 473
Number of visits	346 773
Number of loans	1 306 257
Publications issued	23 titles
Library staff	527 (373 out of them professional librarians)

MANAGEMENT. LEGISLATION.

On September 29, 2004 Mr. VYTAUTAS GUDAITIS has been appointed as the Director of Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania after he had won the competition announced by the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture. The Lithuanian Parliament passed the new Lithuanian Library Law on 15.07.2004 according to which the new Statute of the National Library of Lithuania was revised. The draft is currently passing through the necessary coordination process in the Ministry of Culture.

FINANCE AND FUNDING.

In 2004 the Library budget was 13 998 000 Lt (4 054 101 EUR). The budget resources were made up of the annual Government grant-in-aid (93,3%), the receipt of priced services (4,1%), grants provided by foundations through the programs and projects, individual persons (2,6%).

BUILDING.

The reconstructing works of the main Library building were in progress in 2004. The sum of 530 000 Lt (153 498 EUR) was allotted from the State budget for the strengthening of the basement of the building and other major repair. According to the reconstruction project the collections from the old part of the building started to be moved to the new storage of the Library's Annex. This process will continue in 2005. A transfer of the collections of the National Archive of Published Documents from old into the new premises and storages of the Annex continued in 2004 and finished in 2005.

COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS.

In 2004 the National Library received 98 852 copies (15 569 titles) of library documents. The main source of acquisition was the legal deposit (59 554 copies, 60,24%). The following quantity of publications were acquired according to other sources: domestic and foreign exchange – 9 072 copies, gifts and other free of charge editions – 17 578 copies, purchases from booksellers and publishers – 4 799 copies, subscription of periodicals – 5 286 copies, other sources – 2 563 copies.

IT AND NEW TECHNOLOGY.

In the course of automation of library processes and creation of the Lithuanian Integrated Library Information System the following targets were implemented in 2004:

- LIBIS SW and WWW-OPAC module were implemented in other 14 Lithuanian libraries – LIBIS system participants.
- For Union Catalogue of Lithuanian libraries - automated bibliographic records transmission and import system installed, direct ordering of the documents from electronic catalogues of Lithuanian libraries – LIBIS participants through UC implemented, web search software changed and improved.

There were 423 PCs (352 – for staff, 71 – for Library users, 377 connected to internet) and 11 servers in the library.

DIGITAL LIBRARY.

The following research and development projects were prepared in 2004:

- The project of the creation of LIBIS Virtual Environment
- Feasibility study “Creation of Integrated Virtual Library Information System” (PHARE support)

- The project “Creation of Integrated Virtual Library Information System” was prepared for the support from EU Structural Funds. 13,3 million Litas (3,8 million EUR) will be received in 2005 for the digitisation and public access of cultural heritage. The main project contractor is Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, partners - the Lithuanian Art Museum and the Lithuanian Archives Department. Over 3,6 million pages of original manuscripts and rare books, newspapers and other valuable documents of Lithuanian heritage will be digitised thus ensuring free access to the objects deposited in the memory institutions – libraries, museums and archives for the users from Lithuanian and worldwide.

In 2004 the National Library of Lithuania carried out some planning and research activities on the long-term preservation of published cultural heritage and on the creation of the concept on the digitisation of and access to the Lithuanian cultural heritage.