



# The National Library of the Republic of Moldova

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### GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The National Library of the Republic of Moldova (NLRM) is a state institution, subordinated to the Ministry of Culture, meeting basic requirements set out by UNESCO guidelines for this category of libraries.

National Library represents the national written and printed heritage of the Republic of Moldova and performs:

- filling, holding and provide to users as full as possible collections of national editions, valuable foreign publications, manuscripts, audiovisual and multimedia materials;
- reserving of national memory contained in the printed heritage, providing it to beneficiaries and transmission to new generations;
- scientific exploitation of available heritage collections.

During the 2013 year, The National Library of the Republic of Moldova achieved the following:

- The organization of third *National Book and Reading Festival* dedicated to the year of Spiridon Vangheli, and the XXII - th edition of *International Book Fair 2013*. Both developments were organized under the auspices of UNESCO and First Lady of

Moldova ,Margareta Timofti. At International Book Fair were exposed 6000 titles by about 300 publishers from 18 countries.

- The commencement and development of the *National Campaign „ The book - a priceless gift”* , with an eye to collect books for the funds and the readers of public libraries of the republic.
- The third edition of the **Gala of the National Awards GALEX** awarded by the League of Librarians in Moldova and the National Library.
- “The organization of the regional *Conference of the Directors of Public Libraries* (district, municipal, city public libraries) (CODIBIP) entitled: “*The Library and the community*”
- The organization of *Scientific Symposium “Bibliologic Year 2012”*, untitled : “*The Moldavian public librarian as the object and the subject of changes*”.
- The review and supplement of products for users portofolio , in line with guidelines of the national libraries members of CENL, TEL and Europeana.

### Key facts and figures

	2012	2013
<b>Total holdings at 31.12.12</b>	<b>2555929</b>	<b>2568883</b>
<b>Total accessions</b>	<b>14467</b>	<b>14017</b>
<b>– to books and periodicals</b>	<b>12767</b>	<b>12497</b>
<b>Registered users</b>	<b>6589</b>	<b>7065</b>
<b>Number of visits</b>	<b>68955</b>	<b>82445</b>
<b>Number of loans</b>	<b>393301</b>	<b>380800</b>
<b>Scientific research and information services</b>	<b>26876</b>	<b>20187</b>
<b>Exhibitions</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Cultural activities</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Publications issued</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total staff</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>State budget</b>	<b>616500</b>	<b>618400</b>
<b>Paid services</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>4400</b>

### New developments in creating and building collections

Total collection holdings: **2,568,883** items including:

- “ Books and serials- 2204352
- “ Microfilms, microfiches - 4700
- “ Audiovisual documents - 25871
- “ Sheet music - 62145

- .. Maps- 810
- .. Graphic documents - 137887
- .. Manuscripts - 222
- .. Electronic documents - 3139

### ***Structure of collection by content***

<b>FIELDS</b>	<b>%</b>
Philosophy. Religion. Social sciences	<b>764263</b>
Mathematics. Natural Sciences	<b>300844</b>
Geography	<b>23799</b>
Technique	<b>318090</b>
Medicine	<b>191892</b>
Agriculture	<b>179373</b>
Arts. Sports	<b>321757</b>
Language. Linguistics. Literature	<b>434347</b>
Other fields	<b>103140</b>

In 2013, the collections of the National Library of Republic of Moldova have increased with 14000documents. Printed items received in 2013 via legal deposit: 48,6 %

The main achievements in 2013:

- the reception of the legal deposit of Romania;
- the substantial increase in entries of documents;
- the improvement of the management of legal deposit copies;
- the increase of the number of grantors through cultural events, publicizing, etc.;
- the intensification of the international document exchange;
- publications purchasing directly from manufacturers.

### **DIGITAL LIBRARY**

BNRM continued the development of the National Digital Library "Moldavica" ([www.moldavica.bnrm.md](http://www.moldavica.bnrm.md)), which is a part of the European digital library. Currently "Moldavica" contains 4500 digital units.

During this period ,the collection was enriched with 20 new titles (70,000 pages of old publications included in the Register of the National Programme "Memory of Moldova"). In the previous year the following old magazines were made available to the users: *Atheneum* (Iași, 1935 - 1936), *Bessarabesc* (Chișinău, 1897 - 1900), *Bucovina* (Cernăuți, 1942-1943), *Revista de Pedagogie* (Cernăuți, 1932 - 1938), *Făt Frumos* (Cernăuți, 1927-1940), *Cercetări istorice* (Iași, 1925- 1928), *Cetatea Moldovei* (Iași, 1942 - 1943) and others.

### **NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS**

- The development of the new NL website has been continued.
- The library is an active user and has its account on twitter, facebook, slideshare, flickr, youtube and others.
- The Library has improved the access to its collections through exhibitions and online resources.
- The Library provides direct access from its website to the most important digital libraries:
  - World Digital Library
  - The European Library
  - Manuscriptorium
- NLRM maintains several blogs:
  - Blog for musicians and music lovers: <http://audiovideoteca.wordpress.com/>
  - Librarianship and information science blog: [www.clubbib.wordpress.com](http://www.clubbib.wordpress.com)
  - The young librarians' blog [www.bnrm.wordpress.com](http://www.bnrm.wordpress.com)
  - Bibliographic research service's blog : <http://cercetaribibliografice.blogspot.com>
  - Blog for collections of art and maps revaluation : <http://arteharti.wordpress.com>
  - European Information Sources: Databases (<http://cpescmd.blogspot.com/>)
  - Subject files „European Moldova” (<http://cpescmd2.blogspot.com/>)
  - Documents and communication (<http://cpescmdlib.blogspot.com/>)

The National Library of Moldova kept working on the SIBIMOL project. SIBIMOL is one of the most important projects in the library science and culture of Moldova. Its goal is to use in common the information held by all Moldovan libraries via the Internet.

## PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

In the reporting year, the Library undertakes several actions related to the implementation of the special program for improving safety and ensuring the integrity of collections:

- The elaboration of the order concerning NLRM collections security ;
- Review of the Instructions about the removing of documents from the collections of the Library;
- The transition of the patrimonial documents to digital format to safeguard the originals, the digitization of overburdened publications, the doing of scriptorial work for copying missing documents from NLRM collections.
- Performing of the integrity verification of documents returned by the user.
- Performing of the verification of funds under "Verification Program of NLRM collections for the years 2009 - 2018";
- The funds inspection (45 000 vol) in order to determine the conservation status of publications and affected or damaged publications;
- The verification of location accuracy of the documents on shelf (1.5 million );
- The monitoring of the Funds storage (light, temperature, humidity in storage of documents, etc.).
- The protection of collections against biological agents (bacteria, mold, insects, rodents);

- The protection of documents in case of natural disasters (fires, floods).

With the help of Technical Centre for Conservation and Restoration of damaged sheets, were restored damaged book pages (11 000 pages), most of which are in a single copy. Altogether, our Centre extended the lives of over 3700 volumes.

## CULTURAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

2013 year was rich in cultural events. NLRM organized 126 cultural events and 163 documents exhibitions.

International Book Fair is one of the most important events in the local cultural space. This annual event is original by design, program and participating institutions involved. The International Book Fair arrived in 2013 at the 22-nd edition, hosting about 300 publishers from 18 countries, with the participation of writers, academics, scientists and representatives of publishers from the country, and from abroad. It was the richest Shop by number of exposed cards - 6,000 titles published in 18 countries, including: Romania, USA, UK, Turkey, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Switzerland, Tajikistan. There were over 160 book launches. Also, were organized: the anniversary of two millennia of Plato's Academy, Event exhibition: "The burden of our goodness"; The celebration of 85th anniversary of Ion Druță birth and the scientific Session "Creation of Ion Druță: between tradition and modernity"; A roundtable devoted to current editorial policies; Graphics card, painting and ex-libris exhibition; workshops.

Continuing the tradition of organizing series of events under the auspices of "Days of Culture of the world", in 2013 NLRM held:

- Europe days
- Poland days
- Israeli Culture Days
- National Day of Romania
- Egyptian Culture Days
- Italian Culture Days

## COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

At the international level the Library carried out bilateral and multilateral cooperation, giving priority to the cooperation with national libraries, research libraries, professional organizations and international organizations, including those accredited in Moldova. The Library maintained the most fruitful relationships with the National Libraries of Romania, Belarus, Russia, France, and the Library of Congress. The integration of the National Library into the international information system was achieved through permanent contacts and collaboration with CENL, IFLA, UNESCO, BAE, LIBER, EBLIDA etc.

During 2012 the National Library will continue to work with partner libraries in order to better meet the needs for library services. In the near future contacts with academic libraries, museums and the National Archives will be established in

order to coordinate the work of documents digitization.

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