E-publishing in Bulgaria. The Role of Libraries as an Active Partner in the Scholarly Communications

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EU Digital Library Initiatives

• The aims
  ▫ Make Europe’s cultural and scientific heritage accessible to all

• The priorities
  ▫ Cultural content & Scientific Information

• The approaches
  ▫ Deals with different types of material and different types of cultural institutions
  ▫ Digitisation, online accessibility, digital preservation

✓ i2010: Digital Library
  (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/digital_libraries/index_en.htm)

✓ ICT PSP (Information and Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme)/i2010
  (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm)

✓ Seventh Framework Programme for Research an Development (FP7)

✓ eContentplus programme
  (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/index_en.htm)
• 2008 were surveyed 2351 Bulgarian public libraries
• Only 9% has got any libraries software
• 59% has got Internet connections

LIBRARIES WITH COLLECTION ABOVE 200 THOUSANDS

1. LIBRARIES WITH COLLECTION ABOVE 200 THOUSANDS

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2. LIBRARIES BY CATEGORY WITH COLLECTION ABOVE 200 THOUSANDS IN 2008

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3. LIBRARIES WITH COLLECTION ABOVE 200 THOUSANDS BY STATISTICAL ZONE AND STATISTICAL REGION IN 2008

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Academic Libraries

- E-journals
- Created e-collections with “digital born” materials
- Digitized documents
The Library on the New Bulgarian University

• Bibliosphere. Electronic journal of services, resources and technology in information science and library.
  ▫ Since 2005 has been present by Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ)
  ▫ Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek
The Library on the New Bulgarian University

- Scholar electronic repository “New Bulgarian University Scholar Electronic Repository”
  - free access to scientific e-publications. Authors are teachers and PhD students at the university
  - the Open Archives Initiatives
- 2007 – 25 publications
- 2009 – 170 documents; 76 authors; 914 visits
The Library on the New Bulgarian University

Welcome to the New Bulgarian University Scholar Electronic Repository!

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View items added to the repository in the past week.

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Browse Repository
Browse the items in the repository by subject.

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More information about this site.

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View the usage statistics for this repository. For summary statistics in BC, please click here.

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Source: New Bulgarian University <http://eprints.nbu.bg/, 27.05.2010>
National Academic Library and Information System

- The Library of Bulgarian Academy of Science
- The Library of the Sofia University
- The Library of the American University in Bulgaria

Aims of the project:
- Digitalization of the traditional catalogues of the main academic libraries in Bulgaria
- Building university libraries net
Public libraries

- In 2000 the Bulgarian libraries were 6,942
  - Public libraries - 3,877
    - 27 district libraries
    - 3,414 chitalishte’s libraries
  - School libraries - 2,599
  - Special libraries - 381
  - University libraries - 84
Regional Libraries

• Projects of Digitalization

  ▫ The Regional Library “Pencho Slavejkov” at the town of Varna
    • “Varna periodicals 1880-1944”
    • “Post cards and photos from Varna 19-20 centuries”
  ▫ An aggregator of data for EuropeanaLocal
Нова българска пчела [вестник седмица]: Вестник поучителен, занимателен и шеговит / Ред.-издател С. И. Доброволци - Год. 1, № 1-15 (1887). - Варна: Ред.-издател С. И. Доброволци, 1887. - 22 см
Source: Pencho Slaveykov Public Library<http://www.libvar.bg/old-varna/index-oldvar.html, 23.04.2010>
Union Catalogue “Regina PI”

Source: <http://reginapi.ilib.libsofia.bg/, 23.04.2010>
Union Catalogue “Rare and Precious Books”

This is one of the most rare and precious books with a leather cover and gold pages. The author is the eminent pharmacist and plant collector Johann Siebmacher, who lived in the 16th century. His book is a masterpiece of illuminated manuscripts and contains the most important herbs and plants of the time.

Europeana, Europeana Local

Source: Милков, Емилия, Калчева, Радка, Канева, Даниела, Димчева, Кристиана. Парадигмата Europeana: дигитална култура, европейски хоризонти, ноу-хау.
Bulgarian National Library “St. St. Cyril and Methodius”

- Projects
  - “The European Library”
  - “World Digital Library”
  - “Digitalization and preservation of written heritage of Bulgaria”
  - “Improving access to text”
The value of libraries and librarians in the digital era lies not only in their own resources, not only in their role as gateways enabling access to other collections, but also in their role as creators and managers of digital resources.

The key issues for the information space are digitisation, online access and preservation of digital media.

The information society need to preserve and to make accessible the existing “analogue” resources as well the increasing amounts of data and content that are being created in digital form.
THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION!

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