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**Libraries of the CIS during the
Quarantine Period**

Abstract. The article is devoted to the activities of libraries of the CIS countries during the quarantine declared in almost all post-Soviet countries in March 2020 in connection with the spread of the coronavirus infection that causes COVID-19. The article focuses on the library working hours, professional and sociocultural activities, interlibrary cooperation, as well as security measures applied to employees and readers. The information is provided as of the beginning of July 2020.

Key words: libraries of the CIS, national library, coronavirus, COVID-19, quarantine, Year of the 75th Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945, Library Assembly of Eurasia, LAE.

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**Resuming Services for Readers
in Libraries: Foreign Experi-
ence**

Abstract. The article reviews the process of national libraries' working during the quarantine period and provides information about the features of their operation. Adapting to new realities and organizing the safe and effective work of their employees, national libraries continue to implement their mission of providing relevant and reliable information to users.

The article analyzes the work of the National Library of China, German National Library, Royal Library of Denmark, National Library of Finland, National Library of Lithuania, National Library of the Czech Republic, National Library of Moldova, etc.

Assessing all the risks and trying to ensure maximum security for employees and readers, libraries are re-opening their premises to visitors. Some libraries can only be visited by pre-booking. Visitors' temperature is being measured, spaces are being regularly disinfected, and social distancing standards are being observed. All users and employees must wear masks and keep their distance from each other. Many national libraries are loaning their books and journals only after pre-ordering online. To comply with the requirements of safety and disinfection of public spaces, each library can set its own rules: limit

the number of users, regulate the circulation routes inside its buildings, cancel some of the provided services, restrict access to services, etc. National libraries are equipping their employees with personal protective equipment and providing training for staff before starting work.

The current situation with COVID-19 is still very volatile. The restrictions on library visits and health risk levels are different from country to country.

Key words: COVID-19, personal protective equipment, workplace disinfection, national libraries, quarantine, social distancing.

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**Safety Measures and Preserva-
tion of Documents in the Con-
text of the Spread of COVID-19
Coronavirus Infection**

Abstract. Basing on the recommendations of Rospotrebnadzor, Russian State Standards and international guidelines, the Division for Preservation of Library Collections of the Russian State Library prepared these recommendations for libraries of any level and subordination to work with books in the coronavirus pandemic context.

Key words: COVID-19, coronavirus infection, collections disinfection, SARS-CoV-2, quarantine.

Natural Attenuation of SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus as a Method of Decontamination: Fifteen Library and Archive Materials' Examples

Abstract. This document synthesizes various studies and data; however, the scientific understanding regarding COVID-19 is continuously evolving.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and OCLC are working in partnership with Battelle to create and distribute science-based information designed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to staff and visitors who are engaging in the delivery or use of museum, library, and archival services. This REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) project is studying how long the SARS CoV-2 virus (the virus that causes COVID-19) survives on common materials and methods to mitigate exposure.

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Key words: coronavirus infection, SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19, study, quarantine.

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The Memory Connects Peoples and Generations: "Libraries as Witnesses of the Great Victory" International Online Resource

Abstract. This article describes in detail the international web-based open access resource "Libraries as Witnesses of the Great Victory", developed and launched by the M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature in 2020 for the remarkable date of the 75th anniversary of the Great Victory. There is an overview of the online meeting with directors of national libraries of CIS countries "Libraries as Witnesses of the Great Victory: How to Make the Victory Their Own for the New Generation" held in May 2020 to launch the project.

Key words: 75th anniversary of the Victory, CIS national libraries, "Libraries as Witnesses of the Great Victory" international online project, M.I. Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, intercultural dialogue, international web-based open access resource, project discussion.

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CIS National Libraries Project – "Library Front: 1941–1945" Documentary

Abstract. The article provides information about the documentary film "Library Front: 1941–1945", created by national libraries of the CIS countries within the framework of the Library Assembly of

Eurasia. It describes the main idea of the film, its content and the main participants who took part in its creation. Special attention is paid to the activities of libraries of the Soviet republics in the period from 1941 to 1945 in the occupied territories, on the front line, and in the rear.

Key words: Great Patriotic War, 75th anniversary of the Victory, library, Commonwealth of Independent States, documentary film, humanitarian cooperation, Library Assembly of Eurasia, Boris Yeltsin Presidential Library.

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Without a Statute of Limitations: A Study of Russian Libraries' Electronic Resources

Abstract. The article reveals the role of the library as a social institution in preserving the historical memory of the Great Patriotic War. There are presented the results of a study of official websites of central libraries of 85 constituent entities of the Russian Federation. The article characterizes electronic information resources on this topic, most often created by libraries: electronic reference books, thematic sites, electronic collections, electronic bibliographic indexes, databases. There is emphasized the reliability of the information about the Great Patriotic War contained in the electronic resources of libraries.

Key words: central libraries of constituent entities of the Russian

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LIBRARY / COLLECTIONS / READERS

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Republican Scientific Medical Library of Armenia during the Great Patriotic War

Abstract. The article presents information about the contribution of medical libraries of Soviet Armenia to the general Victory over the enemy. Without exaggeration, their employees, representing two branches at the same time – those medical and library, doubly deserved to be memorized by posterity. The work and feat of librarians of medical libraries was multifaceted: it was the provision of scientific and medical literature for practicing military doctors, the continuing scientific work of medical scientists during the war, but above all – the difficult work with wounded soldiers in evacuation

hospitals to maintain their morale for recovery.

Key words: Republican Scientific Medical Library of Armenia, Great Patriotic War, medical librarians, military doctors, scientific work, 75th anniversary of the Victory.

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The Book Front

Abstract. The article analyzes the activities of the library of the Russian State Agrarian University – Moscow Timiryazev Agricultural Academy during the Great Patriotic War, which resulted in the growth of the library's collections and the assignment of the title "scientific" to it. The author summarizes the biographical information preserved in the library's collections about its employees who worked during the Great Patriotic War. The article is devoted to the 75th anniversary of the great Victory.

Key words: Russian State Agrarian University, Timiryazev Academy, library, Great Patriotic War, collections, 75th anniversary of the Victory.

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Bibliography in Uzbekistan: Its History and Current State

Abstract. The article analyzes the activities of famous professional library scientists and bibliographers of Uzbekistan of the 20th century. There is shown the chronology of the compilation by leading bibliographers of the famous "Turkestan Collection of Essays and Articles Relating to Central Asia in General and the Turkestan Region in Particular", which consists of 594 volumes dedicated to an important period in the history of Central Asia. The article examines the history of the formation of bibliography as a science in Uzbekistan, as well as the basics of the development of library science and bibliography in information and library institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan. There are presented the main documents related to the development of this field of knowledge at the present stage.

Key words: national bibliography, library science, representatives of library science and bibliography of Uzbekistan, bibliographic indexes.