PARTNERSHIP / FELLOWSHIP / CONTACTS

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National Libraries of the CIS Member States: Common Future in the Information Environment [Discourse held by E.V. Nikonorova]

Abstract. The article presents interview with V.V. Duda, General Director of the Russian State Library (RSL). The discourse is focused on the mission of the national library, which defines its long-term goals. One of the most important tasks of the RSL is creation and development of the National electronic library (NEB). The paper identifies the NEB problems and marks the ways to solve them. Collections of the national libraries that are part of the Library Assembly of Eurasia are the greatest cultural heritage. The activities of major libraries should be coordinated and lead to the creation of unified, maximum complete bibliographic resource. We must work in the interests of the entire library community, think about the future and develop librarianship together with our colleagues from the CIS countries.

Key words: Russian State Library, RSL, V.V. Duda, mission, national library, NEB, National electronic library, cultural heritage, digital environment, unified national bibliographic resource, electronic catalogue, national repertoire of documents.

National Libraries of the CIS in 2019: Statistical Information Abstract. The paper presents the statistical information on the activities of the national libraries in the CIS countries. The review includes the main indicators, development trends and results of activities as of January 1, 2020. Information is provided by the national libraries of the CIS countries. Information about the National Library of Ukraine is obtained by analyzing materials from the websites of these libraries and publications.

Key words: librarianship, organizational structure, OS, national libraries, NL, first-order hierarchy, second-order hierarchy.

LIBRARY / COLLECTIONS / READERS

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Transformation and Victory of Book: MIBF-2020

Abstract. The article presents the main events of the 33rd Moscow International Book Fair, held on September 2—6, 2020. The author marks trends in book publishing, distribution and public interest in the literary process, related to the modern realities: mass use of electronic text formats and emergence of new book publishing technologies. Among the many professional events of MIBF-2020 the author highlights the 17th International competition of book publishers of the CIS countries “The Art of Book”, which was held in online format due to the sanitary restrictions of contacts. The paper presents the winning publications in various categories.
Key words: 33rd Moscow International Book Fair, guest of honour — Republic of Korea, Book of the year, library of Old Russian literature, book traditions, transformation of book publishing, digital technologies, impact of the pandemic on the book publishing industry, Declaration of the International Association of publishers.


The Role of the Azerbaijan National Library in the Development and Popularization of Reading

Abstract. The article describes the works carried out in the M.F. Akhundov Azerbaijan National Library in order to increase readers’ interest in books, as well as presents innovations in this direction. The author emphasizes the role of book in the cultural space of society, its importance for the development and socialization of individual. The author presents the “Open library” project as a model of qualitatively new system that changes stereotypes of relationships in the reading and library communities.

Key words: reading, book, reading rooms of the M.F. Akhundov Azerbaijan National Library, e-library, electronic information databases, Open library, groups of volunteers.

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Promotion of Books and Reading: Forms and Methods of Belarusian Libraries

Abstract. The article considers library events and projects as forms, having task-oriented and mediated influence on library users that affect the development of their reader interest.

The author highlights innovative advertising approaches used in practice that help attract public attention to library activities and show the importance of books in the development of human personality.

Key words: promotion of reading, exhibition projects, reading programs, library space, advertising of reading and library, Gomel Regional Universal Library named after V.I. Lenin.

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Family Reading is one of the Forms of Reader Interest Development

Abstract. The article presents information on the work carried out in the Republic of Uzbekistan to reform the information-library sphere, in particular, the activities of information library institutions of the country and the National Library of Uzbekistan named after A. Navoi on the issues of familiarizing children and youth with the values of world and domestic literature, meeting their needs for spiritual and intellectual growth, education and self-education, ensuring equal access to information and creating comfortable conditions for creative development.

Key words: Abay Kunanbaev, Kazakh poet, Kazakh literature, unique publications, research studies, literary heritage, Abay studies.

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Preserved Heritage: on the First Book of Abay

Abstract. The article is dedicated to the 175th birth anniversary of the great Kazakh poet, philosopher Abay Kunanbaev. His personality and creative works are of lasting importance not only for the culture and self-consciousness of the Kazakh people, but also arouse interest in the world. The author describes research studies of Abay’s creative heritage, offers bibliographic review of the unique publications of his poetic and philosophical heritage, as well as scientific works from the collection of the Department of rare books and manuscripts of the Scientific Library of the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University.

Key words: Abay Kunanbaev, Kazakh literature, unique publications, research studies, literary heritage, Abay studies.
poet and thinker, the founder of modern Kazakh written literature. The article also highlights the role of the outstanding Kazakh scientist, the founder of the scientific direction — Abay studies, textual critic Kayum Mukhamedkhanov, who restored and returned to the cultural and literary space the name of Iliyas Boragansky.

**Key words:** Abay Kunanbaev, Iliyas Boragansky, Mukhtar Auezov, Kayum Mukhamedkhanov, world literature, humanist writer, Kazakh literature, textology, Abay studies.

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**Legendary Buildings of the Central Library of Crimea: to the 100th Anniversary of the Library**

**Abstract.** The article presents an overview of the historical buildings that housed the I.Y. Franko Crimean Republican Universal Scientific Library in different periods of its existence. Crimean Republican universal scientific library, being one of the largest book depositories in the region, which over the years gathered the most valuable collections in all branches of knowledge, the collection of rare publications, as well as unique literature on local lore, rightfully occupies special place in the cultural life of the Republic. The authors present the main milestones of the library’s formation and development, library employees, their selfless work and love for the profession, and the inseparable historical and cultural ties of the library, city and country. The history of the library from the perspective of historical buildings, the city’s history and architecture is an interesting topic of library research in the near future: in the CIS countries, 2021 is declared the Year of architecture and urban development.

**Key words:** I.Y. Franko Crimean Republican Universal Scientific Library, Republic of Crimea, history, building, library, noble assembly, book collections, war, new building, relocation.