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**Commonwealth of Independent States: Prospects and Priorities for the Development of Cooperation in the Field of Culture**

**Abstract.** Among the priority documents considered by the bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States in the fourth quarter of 2020, the article highlights the Plan of priority activities in the field of humanitarian cooperation of the CIS Member States for 2021–2022, the plan of the Main activities of cooperation in the field of culture for 2021–2025 and the draft of Model Recommendations on establishing unified approaches to the issue of submitting legal deposit copy of printed publication in the electronic form in the CIS Member States.

**Key words:** humanitarian cooperation, CIS, Heads of CIS States Council, IPA CIS, legal deposit copy of printed publication in electronic form.

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**The 24th General Meeting of the Library Assembly of Eurasia**

**Abstract.** The article is devoted to the results of the 24th General Meeting of the Library

Assembly of Eurasia (LAE) – the association of the largest libraries of the Commonwealth. The author presents information about the development of the CIS library community projects on model lawmaking and childhood reading, as well as initiatives in the framework of the 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945. The article summarizes the results of the elections to the LAE Board for 2020–2024. Special attention is paid to promising areas of LAE cooperation, including the formation of unified approaches to the creation of full-text databases and national electronic libraries, advanced training of specialists, joint scientific-research activities and the development of national bibliography.

**Key words:** Library Assembly of Eurasia, LAE, CIS, model lawmaking, cooperation of CIS libraries, Year of the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945, IPA CIS.

NATIONAL LIBRARIES

**Anniversaries of the National Libraries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in 2020**

**Abstract.** The article presents the facts and documents related to the foundation of the National libraries of the CIS countries, members of the Library Assembly of Eurasia, which celebrate their

anniversaries in 2020. These include the National libraries of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The article examines the political, demographic, humanitarian and educational basis of their establishment and formation, as well as the role of prominent political figures, scientists and library professionals in preserving and popularizing the written wealth of the peoples of Eurasia. The article reveals the basic principles of activity of the national libraries in modern realities.

**Key words:** CIS, national library, history of creation, written culture, national book repository, state library stock, electronic resources, international activities, strategic priorities.

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**Ethical Norms for the Conservation of Manuscripts and Lithographed Editions**

**Abstract.** In the article the author reflects on the basic rules and norms for preservation of historical monuments using the example of manuscripts, lithographs and historical documents from the collections of the Beruni Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The author focuses on the importance of awareness by

society, researchers, conservators and restorers of the role of cultural heritage. He also emphasizes the need for coordinated actions of specialists for the preservation and transfer of cultural heritage to future generations.

**Key words:** conservation, restoration, manuscripts and lithographed editions, ethical norms, historical monuments, art value, ensuring access to historical monuments, specialist, conservator – restorer, curator, problems of preserving cultural heritage.

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### **L.M. Koval – Library Scientist, Chronicler of the Russian State Library**

**Abstract.** The article highlights the significant contribution of L.M. Koval, the well-known specialist in library science, to the study of history of the Russian State Library (the first public library in Moscow). The author emphasizes the impressive scale of her publishing activities and characterizes the features of her creative work as combination of scientific search with writer's gift and the firm reliance on a document.

**Key words:** L.M. Koval, Russian State Library, Moscow Public and Rumyantsev Museum, history of librarianship, chronicle, memory.

## LIBRARY / COLLECTIONS / READERS

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### **Reading for Children and Young Adults in the Republic of Belarus: a Look through Decade**

**Abstract.** The author examines the trends in the development of children's reading in the Republic

of Belarus, using the comparative analysis of the results of sociological studies conducted by the National library of Belarus in 2009–2010 and 2018–2019.

**Key words:** Republic of Belarus, State Program for support and development of reading, National library of Belarus, children's reading, sociological research.

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### **The Role of Book in the Preservation and Development of the National Culture of Tajikistan**

**Abstract.** The article examines the role of book in the modern society of Tajikistan. The author analyses the condition and development of the book business in the Republic of Tajikistan, assesses its level from the point of view of social needs and offers the ways to solve the problems of the quality of published books: their themes and the variety of genres.

**Key words:** role of book, culture, manuscript, cultural monuments, library, reader, reading as a need, literature, patriotism, spirituality, Republican competition.

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### **Disclosure of the National Booklore and its Current Tasks**

**Abstract.** The article discusses the main positions of the history and functioning of the Department of national literatures of the National Library of Russia (NLR), the system of reflection in the collections of cognitive, cultural and ethical needs of the historically formed multi-ethnic urban population of St. Petersburg, various religious denominations and cultural codes. The author emphasizes the role of the NLR

in the formation and preservation of national book cultures of the peoples of Russia, in the development of their languages, writing and educational system. The article analyses the features of the NLR activities in the modern conditions developed in the post-Soviet period. The author notes the importance of modern digital technologies in the expansion of knowledge about the book culture of the peoples of Russia and the joint activities of the national libraries of Russia, the CIS and the neighbouring countries.

**Key words:** National Library of Russia, NLR, Department of national literatures, polyethnicity, history of the national booklore of Russia, national-cultural community, native language Day, national cultural centres, consolidated alphabetical catalogue of the Department of National literatures.

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### **Network Capabilities of Near-Border Libraries: Diversity of Relationship**

**Abstract.** The article considers the cultural and educational tasks of border libraries: preservation of tradition, formation of the positive attitude to the inhabitants of neighbouring states, interest in the culture of another people. The author defines a new historical situation in which the border library workers use forms and methods that allow not to lose cultural and book heritage, which was created by many years of mutual enrichment, to use the possibility of modern communications for the development of the humanitarian component of the cultural process: network communication,

social networks, new formats of library services.

**Key words:** library as a social institution, cross-border cooperation, mixed linguistic area, Year of the book in the CIS, historical and philological local history, educational functions of culture, network communities, communication role of the Russian language.

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### **The “Reading Crimea” Project: Promotion of Books and Reading**

**Abstract.** The article considers the activity of the Department of cultural and leisure services (Reading Promotion Centre) of the Crimean Republican Universal Scientific Library named after I.Y. Franko in the context of the project “Reading Crimea”. The author summarizes the practical experience of work in the sphere of books promotion and reading support using all the advantages of modern library equipment for strengthening the positive image of the library in the public eye as the information and cultural centre.

**Key words:** Reading Crimea, reading promotion centre, National Program for support and development of reading, family reading, library image, Tolstoy Readings, festival, Great Russian word, readers’ marathon.

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### **Interethnic Cooperation: Linking the Resources of Organizations in the Pskov Region**

**Abstract.** The article reveals the experience of the International Centre of the Pskov Regional Universal Scientific Library in the areas of interethnic and international cooperation, promotion of information, books and reading, as well as provides specific examples of cross-cultural communications.

The author gives examples of practices of cultural interaction of libraries of the Russian Federation and near abroad on preservation of national collections, international Forums “Culture of the Borderlands”, festivals and network Internet-projects.

**Key words:** Pskov Regional Scientific Library, intercultural interaction, Eurasian cooperation, collections of national libraries, partner libraries, borderland culture, network Internet-projects.

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### **The Role of Sevastopol Libraries in Preserving Russian Literature and Language as the Basis of National Cultural Identification**

**Abstract.** The article presents the history and the key priorities of work of Sevastopol libraries. The author emphasizes the importance of adapting to the Russian legal system after 2014. The article considers information, educational and cultural-leisure functions of the Regional Information Library

System and notes its special role in preserving the national foundation of spirituality. The author highlights the importance of using all modern library technologies for the popularization of book culture, conducting the policy of integration into the all-Russian library system.

**Key words:** Regional Information Library System of Sevastopol, Central City Library named after L.N. Tolstoy, cultural and historical heritage, depository of local lore literature, Pushkin library, Russian Museum – virtual branch, Walking with Tolstoy.

## BOOK SHELF

**Margarita Y. Dvorkina,**  
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### **Libraries during the Great Patriotic War**

**Abstract.** The author presents the book by A.M. Mazuritsky “Libraries during the Great Patriotic War” (Orel, 2020), reveals the content of its sections devoted to the pre-war and war periods of the state of libraries in the USSR, notes the importance of this historical study for understanding the humanistic role that libraries play in countering the war. The author emphasizes the importance of the book by A.M. Mazuritsky for the education of professionals in librarianship, as well as in the preservation of book culture.

**Key words:** libraries, Great Patriotic War, occupied territories of the USSR, book losses, restitution of book collections.