

CENL ANNUAL REPORT 2005

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NORWAY

1. Management of the library: performance indicators, planning, decision-making, evaluation, mission statement

The National Library of Norway's strategy period is 2005-2008

Our vision and goal:

The National Library is to be a multimedia centre of knowledge which will:

- be among Europe's most exciting and modern national libraries
- form the core of the Norwegian Digital Library
- offer high quality knowledge and experiences
- assist in the understanding of culture and technology
- be an organization willing and able to change

The board that laid out this strategy was dismantled by the Ministry in December 2005, after having completed its tasks. The main goals will remain in effect throughout the period, while the strategic measures will be continually evaluated to ensure their correspondence with the goals.

Indicators for 2005 point to a positive development and better results than those aimed at in several areas (performance indicators).

2. Handling of electronic publications and formats, including new legislation

In 2005 Norway amended its copyright act with basis in the European Union's InfoSoc directive. Several of the amendments concern libraries. One important addition is that libraries now have the ability to make **digital** copies of works in their collections, provided that the library already has legal grounds for making a copy. Furthermore, an important rule of making digital works accessible to the public was introduced. A library can now make a work in digital form available to individual members of the public, through terminals situated on the library's physical premises.

In 2005 the National Library decided to make information about Norwegian and Nordic periodicals in the Norart database available as a free service from 2006.

3. Funding

The National Library's budget for 2005 was considerably strengthened to facilitate the renovation and rehabilitation of the Oslo building. This work, which was the main effort of 2005 has also been a prerequisite for the achievement of the strategic goals of the National Library and the fulfillment of expectations defined in the Ministry's letter of instruction. The rebuilding and rehabilitation project was completed within the time and

cost limits set by the Ministry in consultation with the board of the National Library.

Through rationalization and reorganization, in 2005 the National Library freed considerable resources so they could be applied to areas of strategic importance.

4. Legislation

There have been no changes in this field.

5. Buildings

Moving in and reopening

The primary goal of the National Library of Norway for 2005 was to complete the upgrading and rehabilitation of its building in Oslo that began in 2003. As mentioned above moving into modern and suitable premises has also been a prerequisite for the achievement of our strategic goals.

In order to ensure the best possible offering for our users we kept our user services running on temporary premises until our holdings were secured in the renovated building.

The opening of the newly renovated building and the new web site was marked by a spectacular show with famous artists and students of music and stage on August 15, 2005. In parallel the National Library organized an outdoor event with a concert and a large screen transmission of the King's opening ceremony to 3000 IFLA delegates and the employees of the National Library.

Another important aspect of the move and the opening of new premises, was new security assessments and the adoption of a new security regime in Oslo and Mo i Rana.

6. Staff

The number of employees has not changed much during 2005, but some have been assigned to other tasks as a consequence of rationalisation and better utilization of resources.

The National Library has taken several initiatives in order to develop its organization and enable it to meet the demands of the future and reach all its goals. After the opening of the rehabilitated building all employees took part in a seminar on strategy and the digital library in Oslo. The leadership development programme that began in 2004 continued in 2005.

7. Information technology and networks

During 2005 we put into use several new administrative tools and support systems which has led to considerably improved efficiency and better governing information.

To improve the quality of governing information the National Library has also implemented a system of electronic invoice workflow, Agresso Budget Manager, an electronic archive, case management system and a system for

internal auditing. (A legally required auditing of health, environment and safety.)

A new pricing policy has also been drawn up, to be implemented in 2006.

8. The digital library

As a part of the effort to be the core of the Norwegian digital library, the National Library launched its new web site *nb.no* in conjunction with the opening of the rehabilitated building at Drammensveien 42 in Oslo. The web site is *the digital face of the National Library* and provides access to many digital services and digital content. By the end of 2005 there were about 410.000 digital documents available at *nb.no*, broken down to about 143.000 newspapers and periodicals, 169.000 radio programmes and 90.000 pictures.

In order to increase the amount of Norwegian digital content, in the fall of 2005 the National Library began planning the digitization of its collection, and the board adopted strategies and allocated resources for this purpose in 2006.

Developing new net services is in line with the National Library's strategic foundation for a digital library, and represents a step forward for better access to the collections for users throughout the country. Through access control at *nb.no* (using the FEIDE authentication system in the educational sector), researchers and students will be able to access digital content that cannot be made freely available to all. The web site is also a gateway to many internal databases and services in the National Library, enabling the user to search all these with no need to be familiar with each service.

In 2005 the National Library harvested the Norwegian part of the Internet (the .no domain) twice. In all more than 300.000.000 files have been collected, and the work is partly based on the results of international cooperation in preserving information that has been published on the Internet. Net based legal deposit of radio programmes from the NRK has also begun. This, together with a running project of digitizing the NRK historical radio archive, makes for a steadily growing digital archive of NRK radio broadcasts. Work is under way to include other broadcasters.

http://www.nb.no/english/facts/about_the_national_library/digitising_the_collection_at_the_national_library

http://www.nb.no/english/facts/about_the_national_library/a_digital_national_library

9. Legal deposit of materials

The Norwegian Legal Deposit Act has not been amended, and new legal deposit arrangements are not planned in the short term. The Norwegian act applies to all media formats. The act is technology-neutral.

However, one of the recent amendments of the Norwegian copyright act applies to legal deposit documents. It is now a compulsory requirement that all documents equipped with technological protective measures (TPMs) that are subject to legal deposit, are to be delivered to legal deposit

institutions accompanied by keys to unlock TPMs or accompanied by the information necessary to remove such technological protective measures.

10. Acquisitions

Information about the collection of the National Library has been transmitted to the general public through a series of positive media mentions. In 2005 the National Library added several important documents to its collections, some of these are:

- the original manuscript of Christian Sinding's acclaimed piano music *Frühlingsrauschen*
- a special atlas of Northern Europe with maps by van Keulen from 1682-1786
- more than 1.250 photographs from Otto Sverdrup's second Arctic voyage with the *Fram*
- two Henrik Wergeland manuscripts
- several letters from Gustav Vigeland
- letters from Nils Collett Vogt to Carl Nærup
- important Knut Hamsun material from the 1940s
- the archives of the late sculptor Nils Aas
- considerable additions to the archives of Arnulf Øverland
- documentation of the work of scenographer Arne Valentin
- multitrack master tapes from the recording company *Curling Legs*

11. Preservation & Conservation

An important improvement took place when the National Library moved into the rehabilitated building and a new conservation room with modern equipment. Security assessments and measurements, and crisis planning also for this field were part of a general assessment of security related matters as mentioned above.

Please refer to Section 8 for details about the programme of digitization for conservation.

12. Services to readers

Following the opening of the new *nb.no* and the renovated building with very attractive public areas, we have seen a steady increase in the number of users and increased use of the National Library's web pages.

As for physical loans the National Library is seeing some changes in the usage pattern, with an increase in the repository library in Mo i Rana and stable use of the Oslo reading rooms. A few indicators, such as lending, show a decrease. The main reasons for this are changes in how the statistics are made. However, viewing the development in conventional distribution against the digital, this may also be a sign of a change in usage patterns. This we intend to observe and analyze in the time to come. The repository library's 15% increase in loans confirm the National Library's position as an important actor in the Norwegian library remote lending system.

13. Cultural events, exhibitions and publishing

Since the opening, the rehabilitated building has served as the backdrop for activities that support the strategic goal of offering high quality knowledge and experiences and of imparting an understanding of culture and technology.

This has been carried out through an extensive programme of events and exhibitions in which the contents of the collections has been made interesting and available to the public. This has also contributed to an increase in the number of visitors to the National Library, with a concurrent increase in visits to the digital National Library *nb.no* .

The following exhibitions took place at the National Library in the second half of 2005:

Illuminations. Middle Age manuscripts from the collections of the National Library.

Illuminations. An installation by Marianne Heske

The story of Norwegian Christmas traditions.

In addition to exhibitions, lectures and concerts which contribute to putting selections from the National Library's collections in perspective, selected physical objects have been highlighted through the "Object of the month" programme. Here the object in question is presented through a combination of animation at *nb.no* and in a lunch event by a specialist. The "Object of the month" has also been exhibited in a glass case.

14. Library co-operation

The National Library has participated in international cooperation in several areas. In addition to participation in CENL and CDNL we also participate in IIPC (International Internet Preservation Consortium), and work on standardisation in identification, conversion and preservation.

15. Major celebrations (anniversaries and events)

Please see 5. Buildings and 8. The digital library

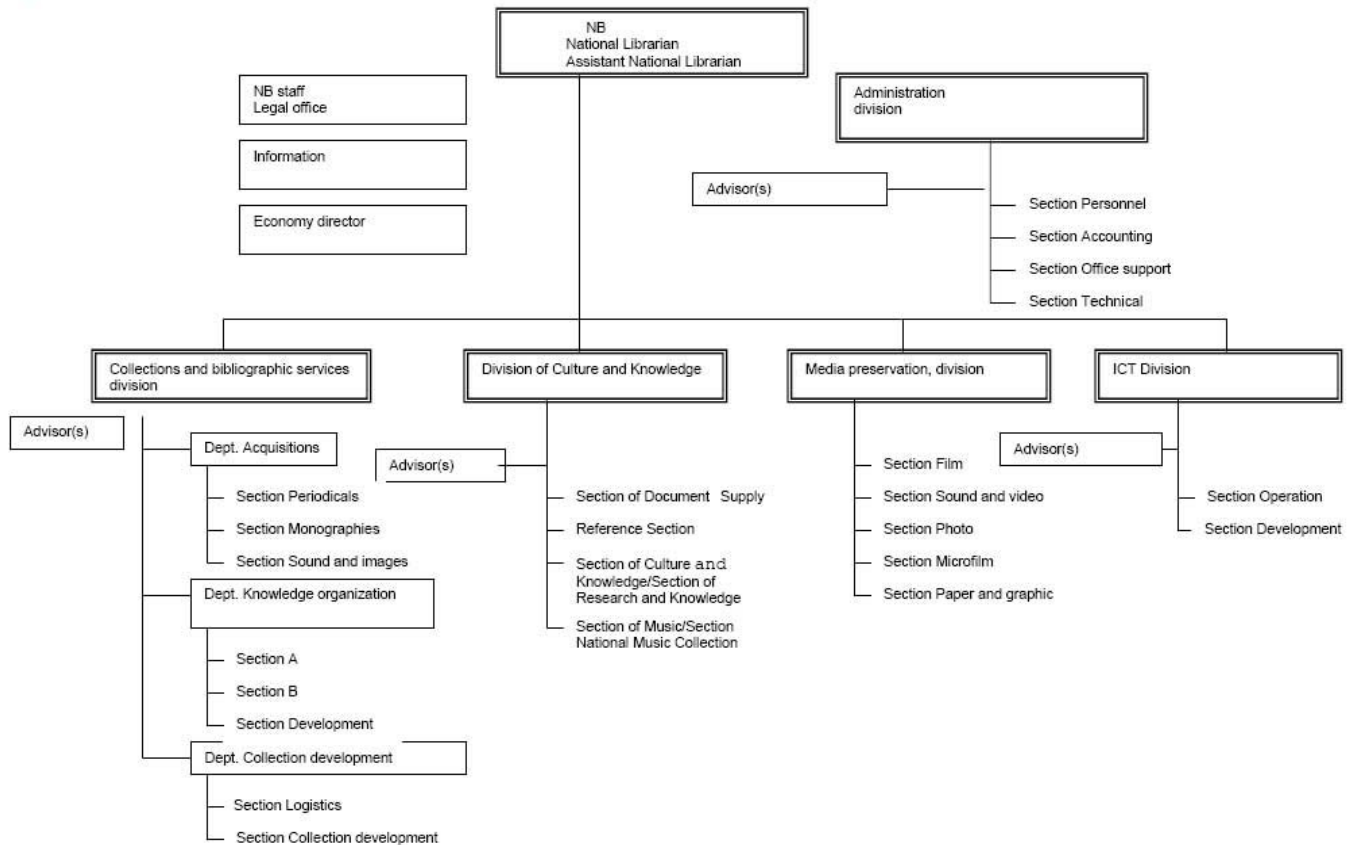
16. Other notable information

Organization development and rationalization in several areas:

In addition to the work towards effective administration and operation, several initiatives have been taken to avoid doing the same work twice. Among professional rationalization initiatives is a project to improve internal utilization of resources and to give users easier and better access to metadata and content. Whereas the National Library up to now has based its bibliographic work on the use of many and unrelated ICT systems, our goal is to have only two systems for the handling of metadata by the end of 2006. Besides giving a rationalization benefit, this Metadata project is in line with the goal of being the core of the Norwegian digital library.

The National Library also has implementet measures which have made cataloguing more effective and made possible better utilization of resources.

17. Organisation chart



Please note: At the time of writing, the organization chart is changing as the Media preservation division and ICT will be combined, and a new unit for Research will be established in order to strengthen our professional profile and our focus on research, while at the same time ensuring optimal flow in the digitization process. You will find the updated organization chart at:

http://www.nb.no/english/facts/about_the_national_library/organisation_chart