

## **Liechtenstein**

### **Liechtensteinische Landesbibliothek. Liechtenstein National Library.**

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#### **A. THE LIECHTENSTEIN NATIONAL LIBRARY IN SHORT (AT THE END OF 1997)**

Budget SFR 1,287,800  
Collections Total 195,000 units  
New Acquisitions in 1997 5,703  
Staff 8.1 full time permanent positions  
Loan (statistics) in 1997 77,159 units

#### **B. THE LIBRARY IN POLITICS - LEGISLATION**

The National Library stated its points of view regarding the published draft administrative decrees on working time and further training of the civil servants and personnel of the Liechtenstein Administration. It has particularly been underlined that the planned working time models could conflict with the goal of establishing a customer oriented library.

#### **C. BUILDINGS**

The principal part of the inventory of the National Library is kept in rented rooms in an administration building. Further inventory is kept in two external stockrooms which are also rented.

At the end of May 1997, the Government approved a report and made a proposal to Parliament for the enlargement of the National Library. On 18 June 1997, an obligatory credit of 2.6 million Swiss Francs for the first phase of enlargement was approved by Parliament. Construction worked started in September 1997.

The National Library will receive approx. 380 m<sup>2</sup> in the administration building mentioned above in addition to its existing usable area of approx. 910 m<sup>2</sup>. Over the medium term, the Library should also be able to use the remaining area of the building of approx. 770 m<sup>2</sup>.

Optimised EDP structures for customers and personnel, constructional and technical requirements for better enquiry and advisory service as well as a general renewal of media presentation and the control centre in the public area are priorities in the first limited enlargement of the Library. All changes in construction, the furniture and technical facilities planned for the first phase of enlargement are to provide the basis for the final development.

The second development phase will comprise considerable enlargement of the presentation of Liechtenstein literature in the open-access area, general enlargement of the various media offered, establishment of a multi-purpose room and enough room and furniture in all departments for special presentations and small exhibitions.

However, we cannot totally renounce storage area apart from our headquarters. But there is a possibility of renouncing one of the two external stockrooms. This could be made possible through the installation of a roller shelf facility in the stockrooms which is also planned in the course of the enlargement of the Library. Thus, the capacity of the stockrooms would be increased to approx. 270,000 volumes. The National Library will then have enough storage reserves for an extended period of time.

#### **D. AUTOMATION**

The user group of the SIBIL library system concentrated on the maintenance of the system and on research concerning its replacement before the turn of the millennium. The university libraries of the German speaking parts of Switzerland already started their common evaluation of a new library system in 1995. They are aiming at establishing a common catalogue which would considerably simplify both local and national research and loan of books.

The university libraries will now found a library association and replace their systems by a new one. The National Library wants to install the new system independently and become the centre of a local Liechtenstein library system, closely co-operating with the future library system of the German speaking parts of Switzerland.

#### **E. CONSERVATION AND PRESENTATION**

With the enlargement of the Library outlined above, a suitable protection area for cultural assets in the form of archived versions of Liechtenstein literature and for special collections of the Library was established.

#### **F. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

On the occasion of the „World Day of the Book" on 23 April proclaimed by the UNESCO, the national press published comments on the culture of the book and of reading. In the Library, small give-away articles were given to customers.

In cinemas and at the open air cinema, advertising slides of the National Library were shown. Furthermore, posters in the Liechtenstein buses also contributed to the advertising campaign for the Library.

The 22. Volume of the Liechtenstein Bibliography published in 1997 lists the Liechtenstein works of literature published in 1995. The following volume was prepared for printing and thus regular publication ensured.

## **G. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION**

The National Library participated in the 11. Annual Meeting of the Conference of the Directors of European National Librairies (CENL) and in the workshop on the operation of the common „Gabriel" Internet information service in Warsaw. It also took part in different library meetings of the neighbouring countries and in international activities of the libraries around Lake Constance.

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