

KB i partnerstva: uspostavljanje infrastrukture nacionalnih informacija

The KB and its partnerships: towards a national information infrastructure

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Sažetak

U 2015. godini KB-u će se dodijeliti novi zadaci, posebno upravljanje mrežom javnih biblioteka. Nadograđivajući rezultate postignute prethodnih godina, KB će preuzeti odgovornost za digitalnu nacionalnu biblioteku: integrisani portfolio usluga za krajnje korisnike, te potrebne pozicije za podršku istog. Na ovaj način će se omogućiti uspostava dinamičnog informacijskog okruženja koje će predstavljati osnovu za inovacije i razvoj. Saradnja u okviru bibliotečkog sektora kao i u široj mreži institucija kulturnog naslijeđa predstavlja neophodan uslov za realizaciju ove ambicije.

Ključne riječi: Koninklijke Bibliotheek, partnerstvo, digitalna nacionalna biblioteka

Abstract

As of 2015 the KB will be allocated new core tasks, in particular the management of the network of public library facilities. Building on the achievements of recent years the KB will take responsibility for the national digital library: an integrated portfolio of services for end users and the supporting positions needed for this. This creates a dynamic information environment that forms the basis for innovation and development. Cooperation within the library sector, as well as in the broader network of cultural heritage institutions, is a necessary condition to realise this ambition.

Keywords: Koninklijke Bibliotheek, partnerships, national digital library

The KB («Koninklijke Bibliotheek») has been the national library of the Netherlands since 1798. In 1806, it was given the predicate "Koninklijk" (Royal) by Louis Napoleon. The KB has been a national deposit library since 1974, collecting all publications of the

Netherlands. Since 1993, the KB is no longer a part of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and has become an independent organisation.

The vision of the KB consists of two elements:

- offering everyone access to everything published in or about the Netherlands;
- playing a central role in the information infrastructure of the Netherlands.

Strategic priority #1 of the KB is to be able to make all Dutch publications digitally available by 2025.

As of 2015, under the new Dutch Library Act, the KB will be allocated new core tasks, in particular the management of the network of public library facilities and the development and maintenance of the national digital library. This is a considerable enhancement of the positioning of the KB in the library and heritage sector, the information infrastructure and therefore in Dutch society.

Digitising the KB collection

At the moment, approximately 10% of the KB collection (books, newspapers, magazines) is available in digital format. Challenges for the coming years include:

- the digitisation of the print collection (6 million items)
- building up a born digital collection, i.e. the collection of sources that will be published in digital format
- providing integrated access, embedded in the user's workflow
- effective and efficient storage of documents, accessible now and in the future.

The digitisation of the printed collection is expensive and can only be partially funded by public means. That is why the KB has private public partnerships: with Google for the out-of-copyright books and with ProQuest for the special old prints that cannot leave the library. In the partnership with Google, it has been agreed that the KB will be given a copy of the scans made and can also make these available through its own website and through Europeana. The KB can therefore ensure sustainable storage and free access will also be guaranteed in future.