

Progress Report

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1. Mission statement

The Koninklijke Bibliotheek, National Library of the Netherlands, gives everyone access to the knowledge and culture of the past and the present by providing high-quality services for research, study and cultural experience.

The collection constitutes the living national memory of written, printed and electronic publications. The humanities take pride of place, with special attention being given to Dutch history, language and culture in a wide international context. Information outside the KB's own collection is effectively mapped. The KB knows how to find anything. It is also the knowledge centre for the supply of scientific and scholarly information and the pivot of national and international co-operation.

2. Computer Networks and Internet connectivity

Please tell your colleagues about your network type, protocols used, services provider, telecommunication equipment used, etc. below

a. In general HW, SW:

TCP-IP, Windows NT, Novell

b. New HW, SW; connectivity upgrades:

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3. Library automation

Please tell your colleagues below what library automated system you use, what hardware you use to run it and which unusual modules do you use or develop

a. In general HW, SW:

OCLC-Pica Local library system.

b. New HW, SW, other:

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4. Union catalogue

If you run a Union Catalogue, please specify which software you use and which interesting features are linked to your UC

a. Software used:

We participate in the OCLC-Pica Union Catalogue

b. New features:

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5. Digital library

If you run a Digital Library, please tell us more in following list items

a. Based on your own production of digital documents:

- Medieval Illuminated Manuscripts Digitised
- Digital atlases ('Atlas van der Hagen' and 'Atlas Beudeker')
- Watermarks in Incunabula printed in the Low Countries
- History of the Book (Bibliopolis)
- Dutch Newspapers from the 1920's ('The Roaring Twenties')
- Bibliotheca Universalis Travel Books from the Linschoten Society
- Digital Historical Atlas (pamphlets, prints and medals from seventeenth century history)
- etc.

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b. If so, what is new in your digitalization programmes:

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c. Based on external sources:

- Digital Information and Archival System (deposit system for long term preservation of electronic documents)
- Memory of the Netherlands (Images and texts from the often hidden collections of Dutch cultural institutions)

d. Important commercial web services accessible to your users:

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6. New in-house database

Any interesting databases?

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7. Special web services

Something nobody else has? Or much better than any other place?

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8. Electronic document delivery

Do you have or plan EDD? How do you fight EU Copyright Directive?

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9. Research and technology development projects

Any other interesting R&D projects?

Among others:

- Long Term digital Preservation Study in co-operation with IBM
- Participation in The European Library
- Memory of The Netherlands

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10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

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