

INNOVATIVE EXPERIENCE OF LATVIAN LIBRARIES FOR MOLDOVAN LIBRARIES WITHIN THE EU4DIALOGUE PROJECT

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The article discusses the progressive experience of the Latvian libraries in Riga and Cesis, which was familiarized with the participants of the Summer School “Library as a public cultural space” from Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia during the period from August 20 to 30, 2023.

One of the priorities for libraries in Latvia is the creation and provision of access to digital collections of libraries, museums and archives of the country. Great importance is attached to the digitization of the cultural heritage of Latvia. For better replenishment and orientation of users, a new version of the digital library has been created, an integrated system that brings together all the collections in Latvia. Not only libraries, but also all cultural institutions and ordinary citizens have the opportunity to replenish the collections of this electronic resource.

The role of the academic library in the development of the University of Latvia is considered, where the priority in the activities of the library is electronic resources and databases, and the main task in the library's strategy until 2027 is “shaping the role of science in society”. The experience of the library 24/7 is interesting, students have the opportunity to take books and work for an unlimited time within the walls of the library and outside it, to borrow and donate books without the participation of a librarian.

The development and modernization of library infrastructure is a priority. This includes expanding the space, modern library furniture, interactive equipment and a unique design for all libraries. The expansion of free space also occurs due to constant work with the library fund, little-used literature goes down to the book depository or is excluded.

These priority areas of library work contribute to the accumulation and preservation of the country's cultural heritage, improve the level of education, the ability to navigate the sea of information and help attract users.

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