

Annual Report
Bibliotheca Biblica
August 2019 – June 2020

At the beginning of December 2019, Bibliotheca Biblica and the library at the Theological Faculty jointly applied for the Sofia University “Quality Mark” award. At a meeting of the Academic Council of the University (on December 18, 2019), on the basis of a report of the Quality Commission, the two libraries received a certificate of nomination in the category "Stable Development". The award was given for constant maintenance and enrichment of the library fund and for organization and participation in cultural and educational events and activities carried out in order to increase the quality of education, scholar and scientific researches and library services.

The pandemic of COVID 19 (March, 2020) and the imposed quarantine has significantly limited the access to Bibliotheca Biblica, and the average attendance has dropped noticeably. 477 visits were recorded, 1321 library items were used.

The items now available at Bibliotheca Biblica are 11,173, of which 54 are on electronic media, 8,077 are hardback books and 3,041 are periodicals.

During the period under review, a total of 217 library units were cataloged: 116 books and 101 volumes of periodicals. These new books are in German, English, French, Hebrew, Latin and Bulgarian languages.

In February, at the invitation of Bibelwerk Stuttgart, Naydenov and the former librarian Mlechkova visited the library in Stuttgart and received a donation, which is still held in store in Sofia and will be cataloged in due time.

Among the particularly valuable donations a mention deserves a Bible written in Braille, designed for visually impaired people. It was donated by the foundation "Dveri".

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