

Annual report on the activity of Bibliotheca biblica - Sofia September 2016 – August 2017

Bibliotheca biblica in Sofia is becoming more and more required place not only for individual scholar studies, for students, doctoral students and lecturers from different schools and educational institutions, but also a place for sharing different ideas and opinions. On the eve of 20th anniversary of Bibliotheca biblica the statistics show 510 visits for the last year, during which 1397 books and periodicals were used.

The service of copying and scanning of pages of books and periodicals and sending them on e-mails is being more and more appreciated among readers from different places in Bulgaria.

The books and periodicals, available for reading, are 10 353 units, including: 54 digital sources, 7641 books and 2658 periodicals.

In the period under review 208 library units were received generally, including: 129 books and 79 periodicals. The new incoming units are predominantly in English and German.

The books from the personal library of the departed prof. Slavcho Valchanov are being gradually inventoried. A seal with his name as a donator has been made to mark the books he has donated.

The donation of prof. Chr. Dohmen has been completely inventoried.

BB's initiatives

In June 2017 at the Theological Faculty of Sofia University "St. Clement of Ochrid" a student conference was organized on the topic of Christian arts. The conference was carried out by the students of the Theological Faculty in cooperation with Bibliotheca biblica. The participants of this event of students, which were coming from different universities, had the opportunity of becoming familiar with the book-stock of BB and how to use it.

The website Pravoslavie.bg, working together with BB, announced a national essay competition with the holly Bible as it's topic: *God's word to us is something alive, full of energy; it can penetrate deeper than any two-edged sword, reaching the very division between soul and spirit, between joints and marrow, quick to distinguish every thought and design in our hearts* (Hebr. 4:12). For the writing of their essays the participants were encouraged to use the resources available at BB. The results were announced on 23th of October 2017, and the best essays will be published.

Bibliotheca biblica participates also in a new project of the Biblical department of the Theological Faculty, called "Biblical images and motives in the Bulgarian literature". Until the end of the year different activities are planned.

Main donations for the period from: prof. Chr. Dohmen, the spouse of prof. Sl. Valchanov, prof. I. Zh. Dimitrov.

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