

Annual report for 2006








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Do you like spending your time reading newspapers and magazines? Save your money, we buy them for you.





In 2006 we bought 1.9 million crowns' worth of periodicals. Others come from our supply of compulsory periodicals. In total at our libraries you can find over 4 thousand magazine and newspaper titles – from national dailies to gardeners' bulletins from the “Back of Beyond”.

For at least five thousand years now man has been keeping a record of what he has learned and experienced, to preserve and share this knowledge. And so the letter, book and collection have come to mean a guarantee of the continuity of human society, the spread of learning and humanity. We can be so bold as to say that libraries are as old as civilisation itself, and have witnessed the beginnings of every nation's history.

The first books were a minor miracle, a great rarity and a mark of exceptional wealth. For they contained all the secrets man had so far managed to uncover. The magnificent design and amount of time and work people had to put in to make such a volume also made them rare and immensely valuable things. What a wonder then that those lucky enough to own a book like this were unwilling to share it, and often valued their precious treasure so much that they themselves didn't even read it. Lucky the whole process became much more simple and less expensive, so nowadays a book is primarily worth what it contains, with the power of thought it expresses, the author's personality and the impact his or her words have. However, the miracle involved in the creation of a book has in no way diminished, nor has the meaning a book has in our lives in any way lost its value.

Now we are experiencing an information boom, at a time when our advances in technology continually amaze us with the efforts to pack as much data as possible into the smallest possible medium. So we know the "palmtop book" in electronic diaries and pocket computers, or the "mobile-phone book"...yet there are still plenty of people who would not give up holding a classic book in

their hands. As well as how a real book looks, feels and smells, it also meets the important criterion of being accessible, regardless of what equipment you have at home or how computer-literate the reader is.

A library is made up not merely of books, but mainly of people. People who look after the books, choose them and prepare them for loan, and those the library was principally designed for, the readers. For whole generations of Prague people the Municipal Library of Prague has been in the same place as when it opened more than one hundred years ago, next to the City Council of the Capital City of Prague. The physical proximity of these two institutions and the many years of support offered by the City reflect the importance of the City Library management as one of the pillars on which this metropolis is building a renowned European centre of culture and education. The interest shown by the people of Prague in our library's services and the ever-increasing standard of these services is pleasing proof that the City Library is holding up against the competition from modern media and is carrying out its task to perfection.

MUDr. Pavel Bém  
Mayor of the Capital City of Prague

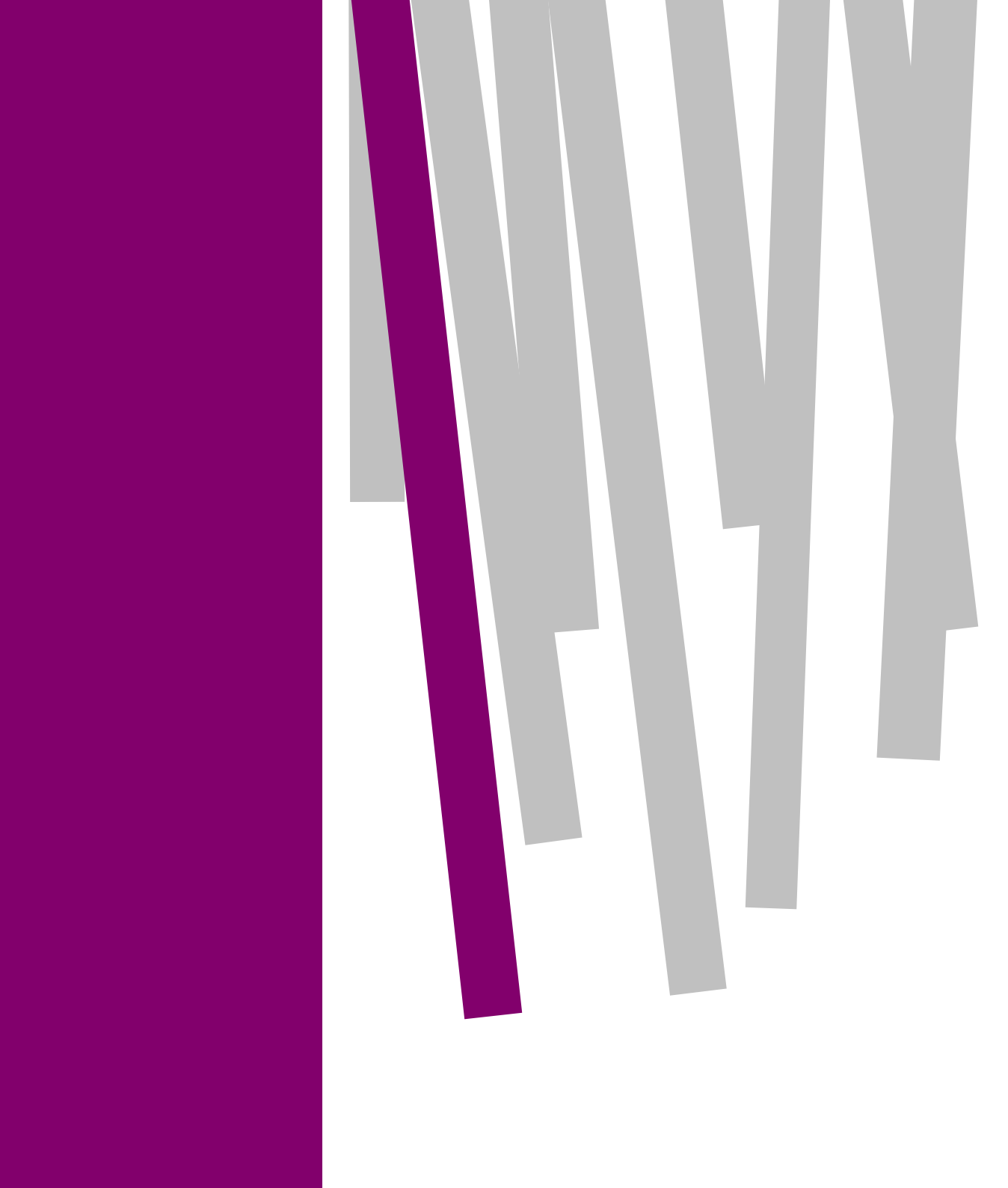






Is there nobody at hand who can advise you?





Try the Czech and English  
internet information database.  
In 2006 MLP readers had  
remote access to this  
database from their home  
computers. In 2006 we  
invested 620 thousand  
crowns for the purchase  
of the electronic database.

You see it almost everywhere. Just take a good look around – maybe on the metro. Maybe that one... no, that's not it. Nor that one. But the one the young man just down there by the window is holding, that's ours. That characteristic coloured strip stuck across the spine is unmistakable. Somewhere at the back of my mind I remember what that combination of blue and green on the strip means, but I can't think now. Maybe technology. That young man looks like a future or starting out engineer.

And now another one's got on. Natty, petite, slender, all in black. The same could be said for the girl who's holding it. I'd like to see if this ethereal-looking being is perusing Lermont or one of the other rather romantic poets, but a cheeky and curious glance over her shoulder tells me that the young lady is swotting physics equations. Final exams are approaching...

You see it almost everywhere. In crowds of tourists in front of the Louvre or queueing for the lift at the Empire State Building. In the back seat of a cabriolet or the saddle pack on a mountain bike. By the unfinished beers on the table at the roadside inn or the white damask tablecloth of the spinster's chintzy morning-room. On the stage at the theatre or at scout camp. In a mountaineer's backpack or a school briefcase. On the shelf in the children's room or on the bedside table by the painfully abandoned hospital bed.

They share the fate of we people. They go where we take them. We take them with us so we don't get lost. Because we don't want to get bored. Because we want to talk. Because we want to improve our minds. Because we have no idea who's going to be there. Because we want to fall asleep. Because we want to forget our pain. Because we can't wait to see what happens in the end. Because certain words need certain places.

This one got wet. Soaked. It's hard to know whether it happened years ago or just recently. We could find out – in its family tree there is a record of who paid for the damage and when. And yet this one's dry. So dry that fine sand rains from its pages. Hm – a guidebook to Tunisia. Perhaps it's real Sahara sand.

As the director of the library, perhaps I should worry where they all are. It is just that books only really come into their own when they are in people's hands. So I like to console myself by thinking that some of them pay for their service with their own skin. Or rather, pages.

Ten years ago we rebuilt the Central Library premises on Mariánské náměstí. We decided to get rid of the study room and use the space to extend the access to shelves, so the largest number of books possible could be displayed on the shelves and readers could handle them and make their choice. And we decided to open up as much of our collection as possible for absence loans, in other words to allow readers to take the books home. Or to work, to their weekend cottage, to the river or to the mountains.

Our decision was also shaped by our strategic intention of not being one of those SSH libraries. These three letters are not some mysterious abbreviation, but represent the sharp hissing noise ordering you to „Be quiet!“ This goes with the rumpled brow, disapprovingly tight lips and reproachful glare of the librarian, reminding the reader that he has dared to break the Sacred Silence of the Temple of Knowledge. Perhaps by gasping at the depth of what he was reading.


One day you might not be able to help laughing at something on the open page in front of you. On a park bench; on a blanket by a lake; on the train to Černošice or flying to Australia. Maybe someone will look over, frown and hiss: „SSH!“ Don't be surprised – you're in the study room of the Municipal Library of Prague.

**RNDr. Tomáš Řehák**  
Director of the Municipal Library of Prague



Music – the most noble companion





150 thousand pieces of sheet  
of music in the form of scores,  
piano excerpts and individual  
solo parts – this is what we  
offer those who are passionate  
about their music. In 2006  
the number of new pieces  
of sheet of music added  
to the collection was 129 titles.

The Municipal Library of Prague was set up by the Capital City of Prague and is active throughout the whole of the city. It provides services not only in the central building on Mariánské náměstí in Prague 1 (MLP Central Library), but also in other libraries (branches) within the territory of the capital. As of 31. 12. 2006 there were 45 libraries, in 16 of the 57 city districts (in CD Prague 1 to 15 and CD Velká Chuchle), i.e. in 16 of the 22 districts of administration (districts of Prague 1 to 16). This network of permanent branches is accompanied by another 12 mobile library stops, i.e. places where one of the three MLP bibliobuses (buses fitted out like mini-libraries, each offering a selection of around 3 thousand books) visits regularly each week.

### Loans activity

The number of registered readers was 192 417, comprising 16.2 % of the population of the capital; the number of reader visits was 2 242 999; if we count the 310 316 „virtual“ visitors (people using the Internet to perform an address operation, such as making a reservation, extending a loan, blocking a library unit, etc.), the number is 2 553 215 visitors; MLP readers took out 7 200 183 loans, more than 37 loans per reader.

### Library network

The MLP library network predominantly runs services at automated libraries – these serve 85 % of MLP readers, make up 86 % of the number of visits and are the site of 81 % of MLP loans; of the 46 MLP branches, thirty-one were automated at the end of 2006.

### Library automation

The opening of other automated branches (Ďáblice, Krč, Chmelnice, Skalka, Michle, Vikova) is linked with the ongoing optimisation of the library network and the branch automation schedule (preparation for reconstruction of another 2 branches – Ruská and Modřany); at the end of the year MLP had 31 automated and 15 non-automated libraries.

### MLP strategy

Completion of the conceptual material entitled “MLP strategy up to 2015”, assumed to be in force for 10 years; it should be presented in the first half of 2007; the target is to have a fully automated branch network with libraries optimally situated across most of the capital, accompanied by mobile library stops and working closely with the libraries run by the city districts.

### Mobile libraries

The “MLP Mobile Libraries Concept” was drawn up, the aim of which is to increase the efficiency of services by expanding the number of stops, shortening stopping time, finding the most suitable locations and points to stop at, improving the timetables for the individual bibliobuses and cutting the journey distance required; MLP works closely with city district representatives to find new stops.

### Financing

An analysis entitled “Problems in Financing Activities and the Further Development of MLP and Provision of Requisite Operating Space” was performed, aiming at securing funding for an adequate acquisitions policy for the MLP library collection, assuring the required funds to cover increased wage tariffs resulting from analysis of the structure of the MLP payroll fund, and providing the space needed by MLP, including the need to find premises for the Pankrác branch.

### Amendment to MLP Library Regulations

After a year's experience with the completely new MLP Library Regulations, as of 1st October 2006 they were partly revised, particularly as regards payment for lost or damaged library units.

### Legal department

The legal department successfully continued using the court to recover debts owed by library readers (unreturned library units, delay charges or other debts); the sum of

887 th. CZK was recovered (an increase of 44 % against 2005 and 151 % against 2004); this was partly due to 400 letters to debtors whose duties had already been decided by the court and who had still not paid (the payment request was this time backed up by the option to enforce a court decision or distraint); 353 library units were also recovered and returned.

### Education

The specialised education program continued – a total of 2 642 MLP staff and employees from other public libraries around Prague took part in 112 educational events (presentations and training sessions regarding the amended MLP Library Regulations, work with information and communications technology; language courses; specialised outings to other libraries and other specialty events).

### Employees

The relative number of employees as of 31. 12. 2006 was 460 on a contract; of the 528 MLP employees (physical entities), as of the same date 20 % of them had a university education; 3 % had higher vocational training; 69.5 % had a secondary-school education and the remaining 7.5 % were educated but had no final leaving certificate.

### Events

Participated in a series of nationwide and regional events: March – Internet Month; Night with Andersen; the “Book World” trade fair (MLP represented by its bibliobus); the 9th annual Bambiriády (nationwide presentation of the activities of children's and youth associations and leisure centres); nationwide “Libraries Week”, etc.

### Awards

The 2005 MLP Annual Report won a special award from the CZECH TOP 100 association, which every year assesses the annual reports of Czech institutions and companies, and has also met with a positive response



# Library network of the Municipal Library of Prague



## 47 – Mobile library (stops):

- | Baba II (Prague 12)
- | Braník (Prague 4)
- | Černý Most (Prague 14)
- | Čimice (Prague 8)
- | Horní Měcholupy (Prague 15)
- | Jinonice (Prague 5)
- | Karlín – 2 stanice (Prague 8)
- | Košík (Prague 15)
- | Michle (Prague 4)
- | Podolí (Prague 4)
- | Vršovice – Ruská (Prague 10)

No.	Branch	District	No. of members	Under 15	Visits/member	Total items lent	% Non-fiction	Items lent per member
1	Ústřední knihovna (AK)	1	59 408	4 352	12	2 098 125	46 %	35
2	Hradčany	1	392	162	20	29 055	25 %	74
3	Školská (AK)	1	9 718	694	9	282 628	41 %	29
4	Dittrichova (AK)	2	1 922	361	10	67 746	25 %	35
5	Ostrčilovo nám. (AK)	2	1 327	330	10	51 121	24 %	39
6	Záhřebská (AK)	2	2 101	580	10	75 435	28 %	36
7	Chmelnice (AK) *)	3	771	227	10	38 051	17 %	49
8	Žižkov (AK)	3	2 029	399	10	82 025	27 %	40
9	Krč (AK) *)	4	1 132	414	8	37 108	21 %	33
10	Michle (AK) *)	4	857	265	9	33 151	18 %	39
11	Na Veselí (AK)	4	836	571	8	24 785	32 %	30
12	Novodvorská (AK)	4	4 078	1 181	10	161 842	28 %	40
13	Spořilov (AK)	4	2 147	636	12	75 130	24 %	35
14	ul. 5. května	4	1 083		11	67 169	17 %	62
15	Víkova (AK) *)	4	1 470	393	9	58 679	18 %	40
16	Barrandov (AK)	5	1 802	1 015	10	66 707	27 %	37
17	Cibulka	5	595	366	10	35 938	16 %	60
18	Košíře	5	573	176	11	39 494	14 %	69
19	Na Skalce	5	965	319	10	49 405	19 %	51
20	Smíchov (AK)	5	11 681	2 192	10	333 263	36 %	29
21	Břevnov (AK)	6	5 805	1 111	10	191 407	35 %	33
22	Dědina	6	824	234	11	45 292	19 %	55
23	Dejvice	6	4 985	1 062	10	193 770	22 %	39
24	Petřiny (AK)	6	1 590	522	10	66 891	27 %	42

AK– Automated branch

\*) The branch was closed for at least 1 month (reconstruction; preparation for automation; long-term repairs; inspection of the library collection.)

Branches of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2006

No.	Branch	District	No. of members	Under 15	Visits/member	Total items lent	% Non-fiction	Items lent per member
25	Holešovice (AK)	7	1 993	445	10	54 402	29 %	27
26	Letná (AK)	7	3 780	681	8	109 470	32 %	29
27	Bohnice (AK)	8	5 877	1 245	11	251 099	30 %	43
28	Ďáblice (AK) *)	8	3 321	799	8	93 148	34 %	28
29	Kobylisy	8	1 958	519	10	140 567	15 %	72
30	Prosek (AK)	9	3 674	819	10	158 848	30 %	43
31	Vysočany (AK)	9	2 140	589	10	78 014	24 %	36
32	Korunní (AK)	10	7 935	1 494	10	292 398	33 %	37
33	Malešice	10	911	340	9	37 642	15 %	41
34	Ruská	10	3 153	998	12	190 555	29 %	60
35	Skalka (AK) *)	10	1 377	460	11	53 187	19 %	39
36	Vršovice (AK)	10	1 382	420	10	57 338	24 %	41
37	Zahradní Město	10	1 482	554	9	77 772	21 %	52
38	Jírovcovo n. (AK)	11	1 788	674	11	74 412	28 %	42
39	Opatov (AK)	11	14 911	2 763	10	645 737	34 %	43
40	Modřany	12	2 222	1 391	9	86 334	26 %	39
41	Lužiny (AK)	13	7 250	2 322	10	275 364	34 %	38
42	Stodůlky	13	1 272	593	11	61 994	26 %	49
43	Černý Most (AK)	14	1 768	944	9	69 308	26 %	39
44	Hloubětín	14	1 670	480	10	76 625	15 %	46
45	Hostivař (AK)	15	1 000	407	10	37 823	25 %	38
46	Velká Chuchle	16	213	108	9	11 560	17 %	54
47	Mobile library		1 320	488	9	60 855	20 %	46
	Total		192 417	36 800	12	7 200 183	34 %	37

Department CL/DL	Events for adults		Events for youth				Events for children				Total	
	Events	Participants	Total		Of which LBP*		Total		Of which LBP		Events	Participants
			Events	Participants	Events	Participants	Events	Participants	Events	Participants		
Cultural and educational centre	387	29 009									387	29 009
Central Library			80	2 417	80	2 417	109	2 238	39	975	189	4 655
DL Prague 1, 2, 3	31	685	6	113	3	63	167	3 839	52	1 166	204	4 637
DL Prague 4, 11, 12	77	1 324	64	1 521	26	522	455	8 775	106	1 771	596	11 620
DL Prague 5, 13, 16	85	1 275	15	375	10	250	606	12 982	36	763	706	14 632
DL Prague 6, 7	9	84	3	63	2	39	127	2 565	61	1 299	139	2 712
DL Prague 8, 9, 14	56	403	10	205	6	153	372	7 141	124	2 501	438	7 749
DL Prague 10	70	164	36	747	17	243	407	9 358	78	1 560	513	10 269
DL Prague 1 – 10	328	3 935	134	3 024	64	1 270	2 134	44 660	457	9 060	2 596	51 619
CL and DL 1 – 10	328	3 935	214	5 441	144	3 687	2 243	46 898	496	10 035	2 785	56 274
MLP	715	32 944	214	5 441	144	3 687	2 243	46 898	496	10 035	3 172	85 283

\* LBP = Library and bibliographical preparation

Educational and cultural events at MLP branches



<b>Number of branches (as of 31. 12. 2006)</b>	<b>45 (plus Central Library and 3 bibliobuses)</b>	
of which automated:	Central Library and 31 branches	
<b>Number of employees (converted to full positions)</b>	<b>460</b>	
<b>Book collection, total (as of 31. 12. 2006)</b>	<b>2 254 257</b>	
of which:		
educational literature	956 894	
fiction	1 017 728	
maps	20 962	
audio materials (CD, MC, LP)	96 959	
electronic documents (CD ROM)	522	
sheet-music	151 114	
graphical works and reproductions in the Artotheque at Opatov library	10 078	
<b>Increases in book collection in 2006</b>	<b>126 743</b>	
Average price of books purchased (at average trade discount of 33 %)	142 CZK	
<b>Loans, total (of which automated branches)</b>	<b>7 200 183</b>	<b>5 859 943</b>
of which:		
educational literature (of which automated branches)	2 431 742	2 158 277
fiction (of which automated branches)	3 834 005	2 906 082
maps (of which automated branches)	42 665	39 223
newspapers and magazines (of which automated branches)	354 739	229 315
audio materials - CD, MC, LP (of which automated branches)	467 852	457 866
electronic documents - CD ROM (of which automated branches) *	67	67
sheet-music (of which automated branches)	66 549	66 549
graphical works and reproductions in the Artotheque at Opatov library	2 562	2 562

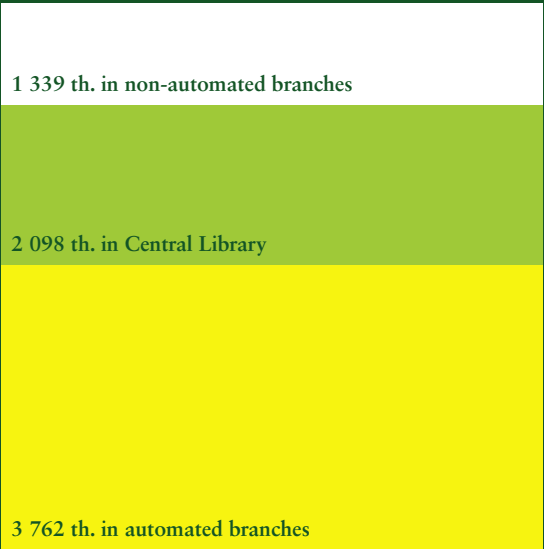
\* Most loans of electronic documents (CD-ROM) are presence loans and are not recorded; there are approximately 24 000 per year.



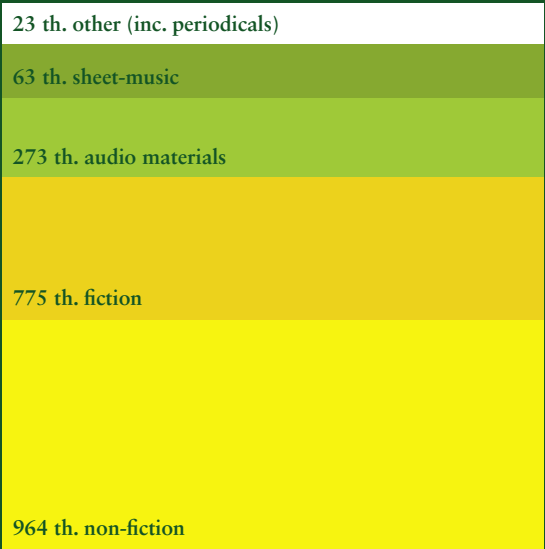
<b>Number of registered readers (of which in automated branches)</b>	192 417	164 347
of which readers up to 15 years of age:	36 800	27 665
<b>Number of visitors (of which in automated branches)</b>	2 242 999	1 928 253
<b>Electronic catalogues and Internet</b>		
Number of personal computers set aside for users		283
Number of libraries with Internet user access		46
Number of work stations for Internet user access		174
Number of Internet users		228 504
<b>Proportional indicators</b>		
Proportion of readers from populace (in %)		16,2
Number of library users per inhabitant		1,9
Number of loans per inhabitant		5,6
Number of library units per reader		11,7
Number of loans per reader		37,4
Number of visits per reader		11,7
Turnover of library collection (Number of loans per library unit)		3,2
<b>Cultural-educational events</b>	<b>events</b>	<b>participants</b>
! for adults	715	32 944
! for young people	214	5 441
! for children	2 243	46 898

MLP loans in 2006

MLP loans by branch type



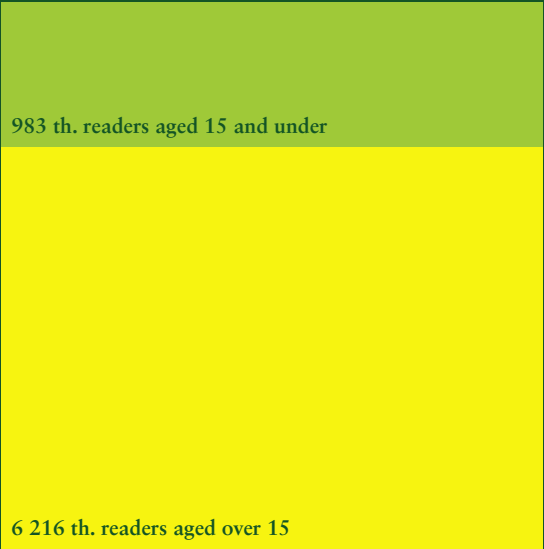
Central Library loans



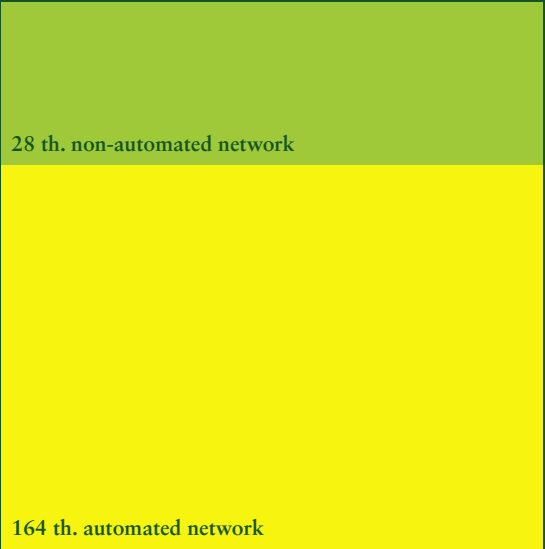
Branch loans



Reader loans



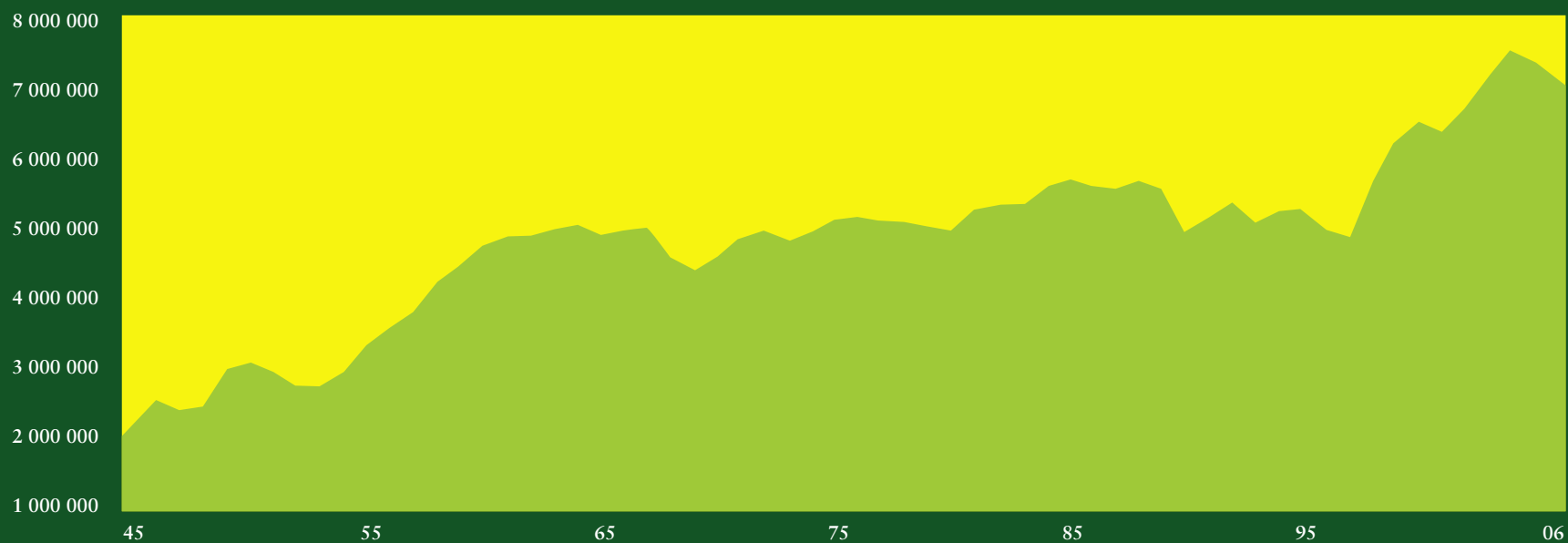
Readers – automated and non-automated network



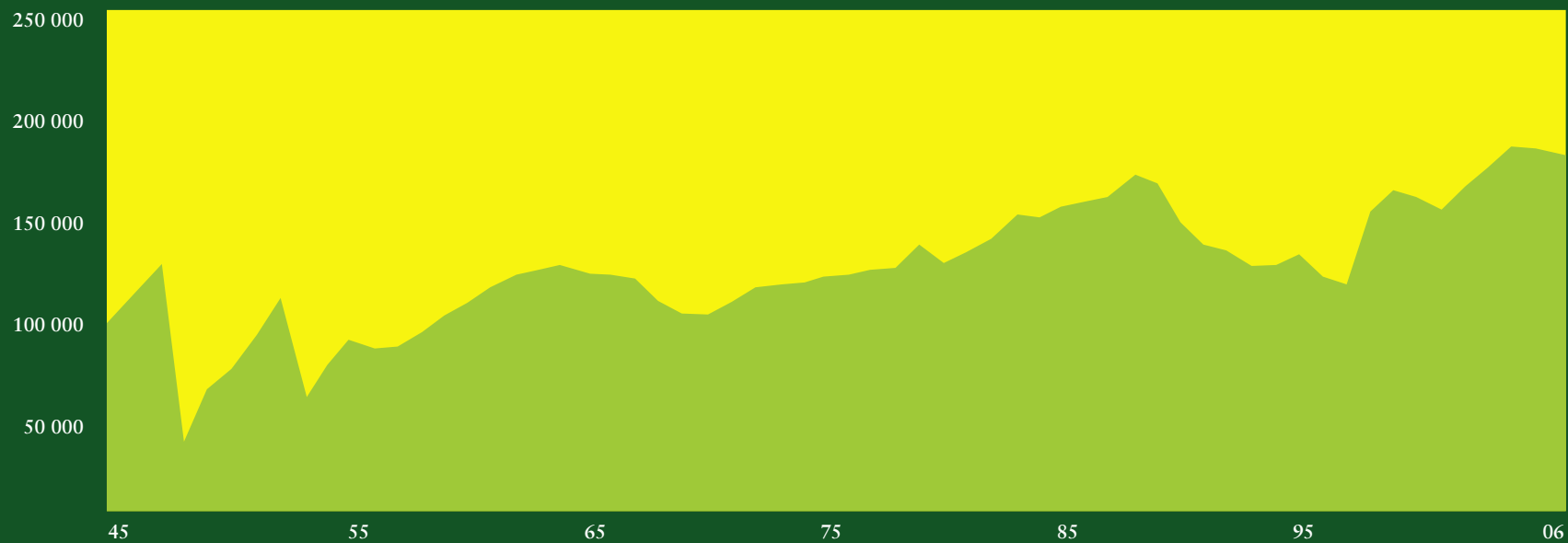
Readers by age



Number of MLP loans between 1945–2006

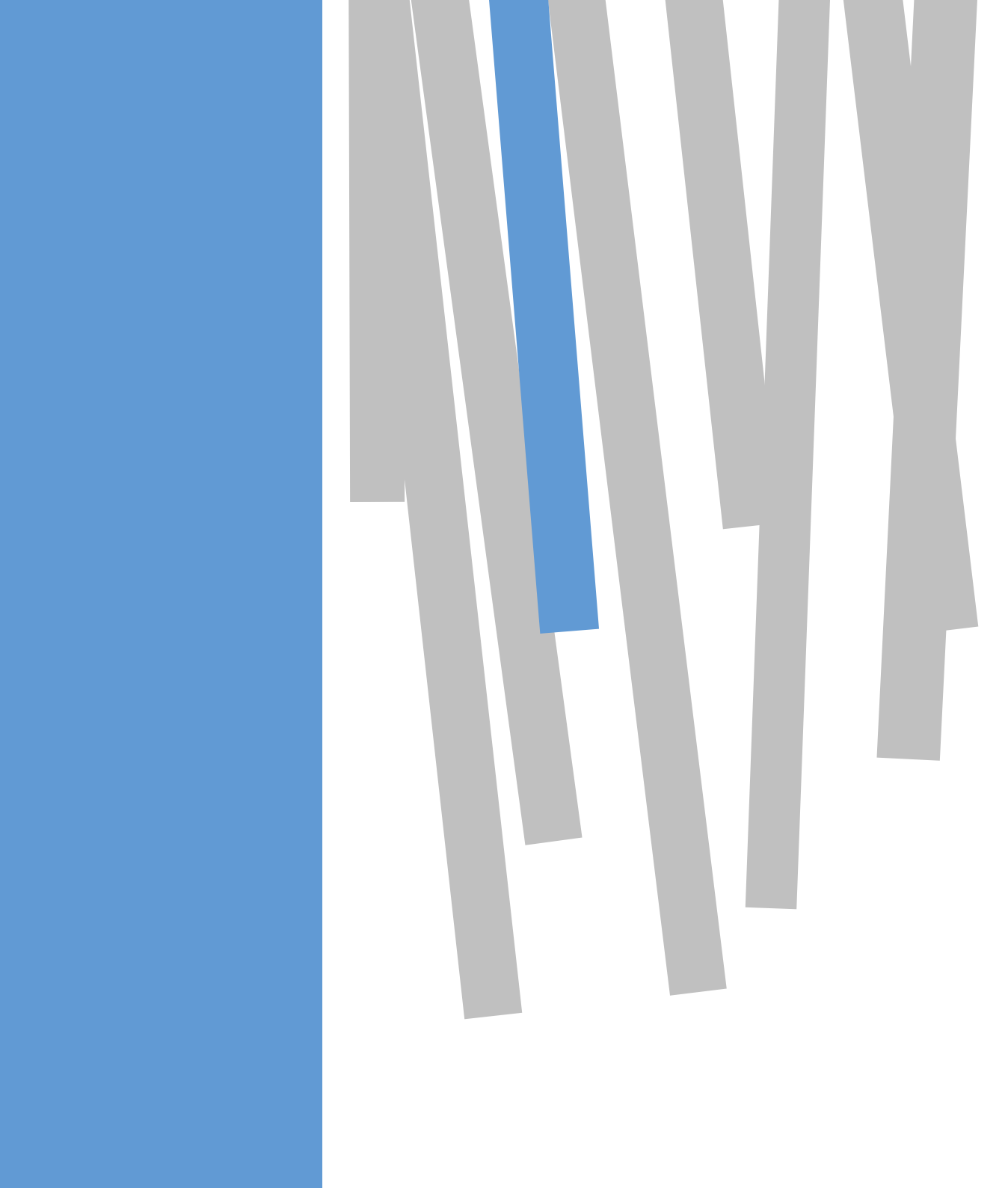


Number of MLP readers between 1945–2006





Everyone will find a book with us!



The average age of readers at the Municipal Library of Prague is 33; for children it is 12.8 and for adults the average age is 37.1. The ratio of senior citizens is 10.9 %. Women and children make up 61 %, men and boys 39 %.

## Website

Work continued on the structure, content and look of the MLP website; we extended its interactive functions so that registered readers can work with their loans transactions and all users can search the MLP electronic catalogue; a new English version of the site was also created. ([www.mlp.cz](http://www.mlp.cz))

## Specialised teams

Several specialised teams continued in their work, dealing with individual tasks relating to library services and activities (e.g. greater internal transmission within the library network, summer opening hours, self-service, etc.); the reconstruction and automation committee dealt with 9 branches, 4 of which involved more extensive reconstruction work (the Dejvice branch in the new National Technical Library building; the completion of the Ruská branch; the possible structural rebuilding of the Modřany and Zahradní Město branches).

## Database

Development of new services, particularly providing access to other online databases (the EBSCO article database, the GroveArt Online specialised encyclopedic database, GroveMusic Online and Film Indexes Online) and efforts to make more intensive use of other databases, via remote user access through the library's website; the ASPI legal database is also available. ([www.mlp.cz/databaze2.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/databaze2.htm))

## Camera magnifying glasses

For visually-impaired library users camera magnifying glasses were installed in some branches (Opatov, Spořilov, Smíchov, Ďáblice); this happened in collaboration with the firm of Spektra and with its financial backing. ([www.mlp.cz/pomcist.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/pomcist.htm))

## Specialised collection

In the Ďáblice branch a specialised collection of English courses was set up through donations by The British Council (textbooks, cassettes, CDs); this is the start of a certain occupational and functional specialisation on the part of selected libraries in the MLP network; MLP also acquired money from European funds for the reconstruction of this library. ([www.mlp.cz/dablice.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/dablice.htm))

## Koniáš

The MLP Koniáš automated library system underwent fundamental changes in 2006 – a diagnosis was made of chronic performance problems and the system was completely rewritten from a two-layer to a three-layer database model; this was the biggest intervention since the system was launched and was successful, if we consider that the speed of the system under load increased almost tenfold. This is an important success, particularly for increasing system bandwidth to cope with the growing number of service points.

## Internet access

There was a major boost to Internet access for users (from 118 to 174 workstations in 44 fixed libraries and in 1 mobile library); use of the grant from the “Library Internetisation Program” of the Czech Ministry of Information Science meant that most of the remaining non-automated branches were connected to the Internet (there are now only two without it); internet computers for readers were completely reinstalled with the Linux operating system, and a new office package and the option to use USB memory devices made available. ([www.mlp.cz/internet.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/internet.htm))

## WIFI

Wireless Internet access (WIFI) is available to registered MLP readers in the branches Smíchov, Bohnice, Opatov, Lužiny, Ďáblice, Central Library. ([www.mlp.cz/wifi.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/wifi.htm))

## Colosseum


From January 2006 tickets to events at the Folk University are sold through the Colosseum cash-desk system, and as of September 2006 this system can now be used to reserve seats via the Internet. (<http://lu.mlp.cz>)





With us you'll always find reliable company on your travels.



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We offer more than 950  
thousand volumes of  
educational literature and  
over 20 thousand cartographic  
documents. In 2006 42 665  
map loans were recorded.

In 2006 books, magazines, music and other types of documents were purchased for a total of 18.8 million CZK. Of this, 10 % went on buying newspapers and magazines (1.9 million CZK). We bought music worth 805 th. CZK. In total 106 200 library units were bought in 2006. Electronic databases were also purchased for 620 th. CZK. Around 9,000 more library units were donated.

Each newly acquired library unit (book, magazine, piece of sheet-music or audio, CD-ROM, etc.) was first recorded in the MLP Koniáš electronic database by the acquisitions department, then each title was processed by specialised librarians in the cataloguing department. In 2006 this system was used to catalogue 16 086 books, compact discs, cassettes and other documents. 4 057 analytical references were made (predominantly backing up informative introductions and postscripts in fiction and separate educational treatises) and 18 768 title references of poems, stories and fairytales. During the course of the year material descriptor files and other records were also added to and specified in greater detail; these play a crucial role in searching for titles in the electronic catalogue. Part of the cataloguing department's work involves processing older titles. The complete cataloguing record was extended to include 1 222 older titles in our automated library system's electronic catalogue.

All titles are bound in the book-binding section, from where they find their way to our branches and our readers.

A complete or partial review of the library collection was carried out in seven branches.

### Rare manuscripts

One of the specialised sections of MLP is the rare and historical manuscripts section with its restoration workshop, which in organisational terms is incorporated into the Library Collections Department. The employees at this site have mostly been working with the collection that was hit by the floods in 2002. It is important to completely finish drying out the remaining frozen documents. At the end of November and the beginning of December the last frozen documents were released from the freezer store site in Kladno. In December 2006 the last manuscripts (a total of 859 volumes) were dried out in a vacuum chamber in the Hostivař central depository. One dry, 15 thousand volumes were disinfected and sorted and restoration work on them continues (selected titles first).

As well as doing this, the rare manuscripts section also:

- | helped to prepare a selective bibliography entitled "Charles VI and His Times", by choosing illustrations and captions
- | helped with the exhibition entitled "Charles VI – Emperor with God's Mercy", installed at the Smíchov branch
- | prepared an exhibition in Central Library to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of K. H. Borovský


([www.mlp.cz/vzti.php](http://www.mlp.cz/vzti.php))





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## JPD 2

Once again the potential library development programs were updated, particularly long-term investment plans in the branch network; in connection with this MLP is trying to acquire several grants, particularly subsidy funds from the European Fund for Regional Development through JPD2 – Unified Program Document for Goal 2 for the Prague area (including acquisition of a new bibliobus and reconstruction of the Ďáblice branch). ([www.mlp.cz/jpd2.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/jpd2.htm))

## HISPRA

There has been success with the HISPRA project (Protection of Historical Pragensia and other rare documents from the MLP collection with the aim of making digital copies), which received a grant from EHP/Norsko funds and will begin in 2007 (with the establishment of a digital workplace).

## Regional functions

Regional collaboration and professional assistance to other Prague public libraries continued with the library's sphere of authority as a regional library as granted by law No. 257/2001 Coll. (Libraries Act). As part of its regional duties in 2006 the Municipal Library of Prague served a total of 39 Prague public libraries. This involved 22 professionalised local libraries, 16 with a volunteer, as well as the new hospice care public library – “Library on the Way Home”. All are recorded with the Czech Ministry of Culture as basic libraries and are run by the different capital city districts and the hospice citizens' association Cesta domů (Way Home).

([www.mlp.cz/regiofce.php](http://www.mlp.cz/regiofce.php))

## Membership

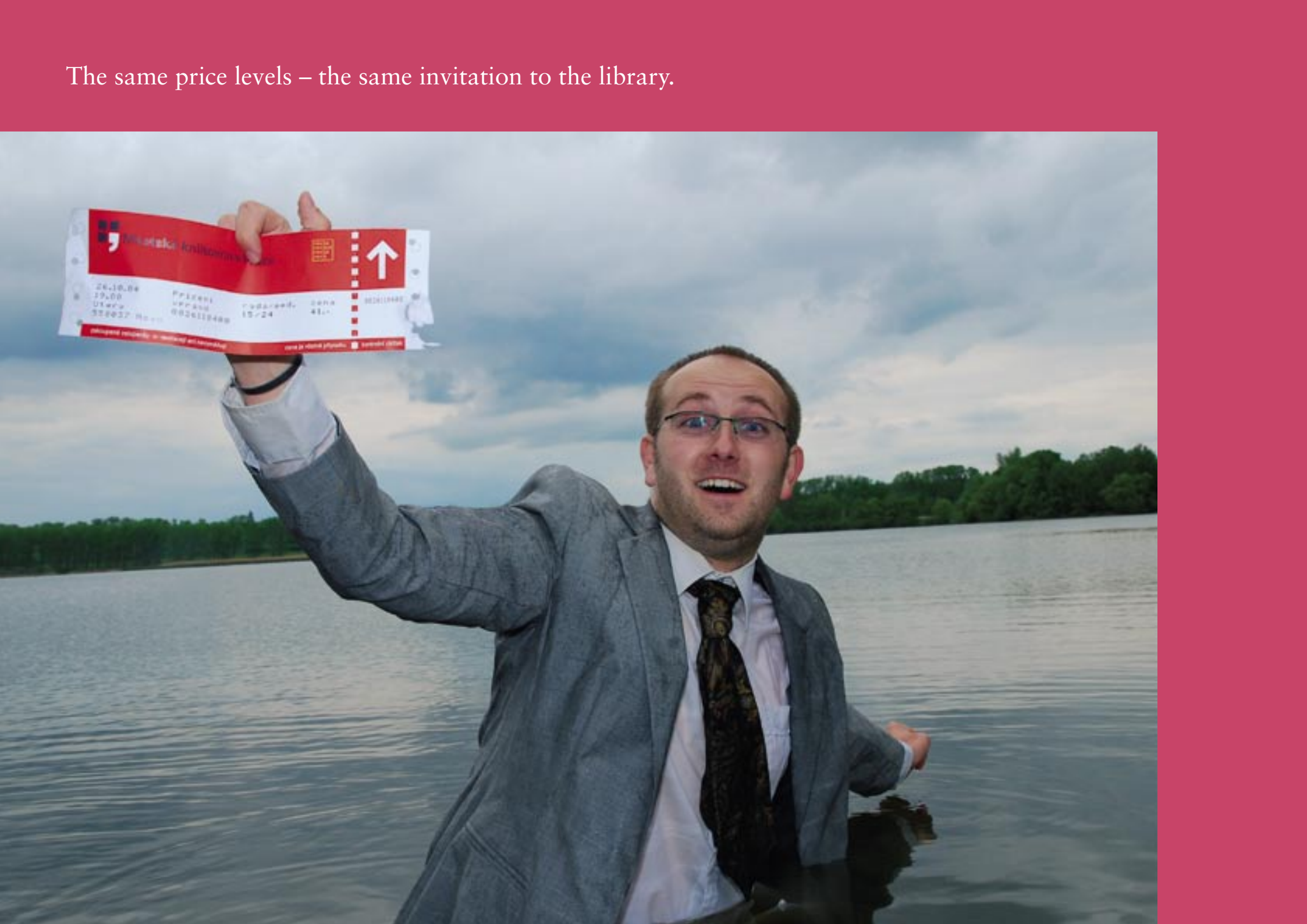
MLP is a collective member of the Association of Librarians and Information Staff of the CR (ALIS), and member of the Libraries Association of the CR; it works together with other major Czech libraries, particularly with the National Library of the CR, with regional libraries, with large city libraries (Brno, Plzeň); it participates in several joint Czech library projects, such as some VISK programs (Veřejné informační služby knihoven - Public Library Information Services) in the field of specialised training for librarians, in the creation of collections of national authorities and the digitalization of book collections; MLP plays an important, even crucial role in formulating the common perspective of Czech libraries and the ALIS as regards copyright issues and how they affect library work.


## Foreign collaboration

MLP is a member of the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) and the IAML (Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres). Professional collaboration has continued abroad with big city libraries, and MLP employees went on study exchange visits to five foreign libraries (Queens Borough Public Library in New York; libraries in Bratislava, Copenhagen, Riga and Helsinki), with the staff of these libraries visiting MLP; other study or congress trips were made to Dresden, Leipzig, Frankfurt, Vienna, Košice, Copenhagen, Göteborg and Paris, involving 12 foreign libraries or events. At a meeting of the Metropolitan Libraries section the IFLA in Paris accepted MLP's pledge to hold this prestigious institution's annual general meeting in 2008 in Prague.

([www.mlp.cz/zahranici06.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/zahranici06.htm))





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The prices of the programmes offered to MLP by the Folk University are steady and do not change much. The most popular programmes are cycles of lectures on different scientific topics, as well as film screenings, festivals and shows. In 2006 a total of 127 programme units were run, involving almost 400 cultural and educational events attended by some 29 thousand visitors.

The Folk University (FU), has been a vital cultural and educational centre and inseparable part of the Municipal Library of Prague for 45 years now, and provides the Prague public with a wide and varied programme of cultural and educational events while offering lifelong education and a creative way of spending one's spare time for a very broad section of the population.

In 2006 it prepared 390 events for almost 30 thousand people, which is an increase against 2005 of 13 % (events) and 15 % (visitors).

The majority of FU programmes are held in the form of lecture cycles, courses, seminars, clubs, literary and composite shows, discussions, concerts, theatrical and dance performances, film projections, festivals and shows, outings, and programmes for young people and senior citizens. The offer is based on current public demand, in addition to established topics visitors can also find out more about less well-known or more specialised subjects.

The current listing of events is regularly published in the monthly FU programme, on the Internet ([lu.mlp.cz](http://lu.mlp.cz)) and in the three main Prague monthly cultural bulletins.

In 2006 the services and activities of the Folk University were extended and improved in several areas:

- | the new Colosseum cash-desk and reservations system was introduced,
- | electronic conferences with programme information,
- | promotion and advertising of FU events were expanded to include new types of promotional and information materials,
- | FU activities were expanded and improved, with new types of cultural and educational programmes and projects organised in collaboration with other cultural institutions.

#### The Folk University offers

- | meetings with interesting people and erudite specialists
- | confrontations of different points of view and opinions on a variety of topics
- | lifelong education and a creative way of spending one's spare time
- | information and consultancy at a local and regional level
- | interesting current affairs in the social and natural sciences
- | an alternative to what is being offered by the massmedia and the commercial presentation of cultural values
- | collaboration with other cultural and educational institutions on joint shows and festivals
- | room hire

#### Folk University works together with

- | cultural and educational institutions and individuals to host joint events on MLP premises, planning and holding festivals, shows, international conferences, etc.
- | artistic agencies, the press, the media and publishing houses
- | specialised teachers, artists and interpreters
- | schools, for which we prepare cultural, educational and pedagogical programs for a variety of pupil and student age groups

#### Special-interest groups and ways the Folk University is run

- | creative arts, architecture, handicrafts, applied art
- | MLP film club, film cycles, seminars, discussions, shows and festivals
- | literary shows, discussions with writers, seminars, autograph sessions, book christenings
- | history, philosophy, religion
- | communication, the spoken work, journalism
- | theatrical and dance performances
- | concerts and composite music shows, artistic performances
- | travel shows, science and technology

- | healthy lifestyle, alternative topics
- | PC courses, clubs, seminars
- | events for children, young people and students (cultural and educational programs)
- | social meetings with well-known figures
- | socio-cultural afternoons for senior citizens
- | collaborative events (nationwide and international shows, festivals and conferences)

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The Municipal Library of Prague is a contributory organisation set up by the Capital City of Prague. The services it provides to the public and which are described in its statutes, are predominantly funded from the budget of its founding body.

#### **Non-investment subsidies**

The Capital City of Prague approved a non-investment subsidy for the Municipal Library of Prague worth 194 925 th. CZK, and after several modifications to the budget it totalled 207 782,8 th. CZK as of 31. 12. 2006.

#### **State subsidies**

During 2006 MLP received a grant from the Public Library Information Services program, subprogram VISK 2 to fund the project entitled “Increasing the information literacy of librarians as the providers of public information services and assisted help with ICT work for public library users”, amounting to 160 th. CZK; MLP drew on 158 th. CZK.

#### **EU subsidies**

On 16. 8. 2006 MLP received a ruling from the Czech Ministry of Regional Development approving expenses for the Reconstruction and modernisation of Ďáblice public library as part of the project JPD 2 – 4. appeal. In October 2006 MLP received an EU subsidy for phase I of this project, amounting to 1 190 483,82 CZK and a state subsidy worth 666 670,93 CZK.

#### **Additional activities**

Additional activities MLP was involved in included the hire of non-residential premises for buffets and short-term room hire including equipment in the building on Mariánské náměstí.

Takings from additional activities fell against previous years, due to the number and length of room hire for additional activities being cut as the rooms became used more for main activities.

When making the financial settlement it was proposed to allocate 80 % of the profit from additional activities to the bonus fund and 20 % to the reserve fund.

#### **Capital Expenses**

In 2006 MLP used investment funds from the EU, HMP and its own resources to finance the events listed in the Capital Expenses table on page 44.

#### **State and EU subsidies**

On 16. 8. 2006 MLP received a ruling from the Czech Ministry of Regional Development approving expenses for the Reconstruction and modernisation of Ďáblice public library as part of the project JPD 2 – 4. appeal. This project was implemented in 2004–2006. In 2004 and 2005 it was funded from HMP subsidies and MLP's own resources – the investment fund. In October 2006 MLP received an EU subsidy for phase I of this project, amounting to 1 190 483,82 CZK and a state subsidy worth 666 670,93 CZK. In 2006 only 43 th. CZK of capital expenses was drawn from EU subsidies, as this grant was provided to cover the expenses incurred in 2005 and 2006. State subsidies amounting to 2 338,2 th. CZK were fully used to cover expenses from 2005. The project was completed by 31. 12. 2006 and in January 2007 the accounts for phase II of the project were submitted to the Czech Centre for Regional Development.

## Own revenues

Own revenues	th. CZK
Takings from library activity	19 495
of which:	
automated libraries	8 507
mobile automated libraries	9 488
non-automated libraries	883
copying	404
rental surcharges	213
Takings from Folk University activity	1 249
Other revenues	2 206
Total revenues	22 950

## Structure of investment funds

source of subsidy	amount of subsidy in th. CZK	% ratio
HMP	207 030,80	90,99
State	158,00	0,07
EU	594,00	0,26
MČ HMP	80,00	0,04
own resources	19 662,20	8,64
Total	227 525,00	100,00

## Structure of investment funds

source of subsidy	amount of subsidy in th. CZK	% ratio
HMP	5 178,00	48,74
EU	43,00	0,41
Own resources – IF	5 402,00	50,85
Total	10 623,00	100,00

Economic Analysis for 2006 – Main Activity

City Library	Budget 2006	Actual situation as of 31. 12. 2006
Revenues total	15 636,1	22 950,0
of which:		
from library activities	13 900,0	19 495,0
from other activities – sp. events	1 100,0	1 249,0
other income	636,1	2 206,0
Costs total	225 525,9	227 525,0
Purchases	32 672,0	34 426,0
of which :		
expendable supplies	22 573,0	23 546,0
small material assets	3 211,0	3 977,0
energy consumption	6 888,0	6 903,0
other		
Services	40 898,0	41 943,0
of which :		
links provided	4 874,0	4 380,0
hire and services	19 155,0	19 128,0
(non- residential premises)		
cleaning	6 087,0	6 167,0
leasing costs	0,0	0,0
repairs and maintenance	4 025,5	4 400,0
travel costs	683,0	531,0
costs on representation	57,0	57,0
other	6 016,4	7 280,0

Personnel costs	140 181,0	140 183,0
of which :		
other personnel costs	550,0	552,0
wages	101 862,0	101 862,0
compulsory social insurance	35 732,0	35 732,0
compulsory social expenses (CSSF)	2 037,0	2 037,0
other		
Taxes and surcharges	60,0	53,0
(excluding income tax)		
other costs	914,0	946,0
of which:		
interests		
shortages and losses		
remaining other costs	914,0	937,0
Depreciations	10 801,0	9 968,0
of which:		
from buildings and constructions	401,0	401,0
facilities	10 400,0	9 567,0
depreciated cost of sold LTA		6,0
Non-investment contribution		
of Prague city districts	80,0	80,0
Non-investment contribution	209 809,8	207 782,8
Economic result	0,0	3 287,8
Number of employees	460,0	460,0

Economic Analysis for 2006 – supplementary activity

Municipal Library	Budget	Actual situation		
	2006	as of 31. 12. 2006		
Revenues total	1 900,0	1 927,0	other costs	100,0 56,0
of which:			Personnel costs	753,0 629,0
rent	1 900,0	1 887,0	of which:	
from other activities			other personnel costs	50,0 45,0
other income		40,0	wages	500,0 415,0
Costs total	1 104,0	1 134,0	compulsory social insurance	193,0 161,0
Purchases	80,0	145,0	compulsory social expenses (CSSF)	10,0 8,0
of which:			Taxes and surcharges	
expendable supplies			(excluding income tax)	
small material assets			other costs	5,0 8,0
energy consumption	80,0	145,0	of which:	
Services	266,0	352,0	interests	2,0
of which:			shortages and losses	
links provided	6,0	4,0	remaining other costs	5,0 6,0
hire and services (non-res. premises)	40,0	54,0	Depreciations	
cleaning	120,0	238,0	of which:	
leasing costs			from buildings and constructions	
repairs and maintenance			facilities	
travel costs			Economic result (before tax)	796,0 793,0
			(+profit, -loss)	
			Number of employees	3,0 2,4

Capital Expenses

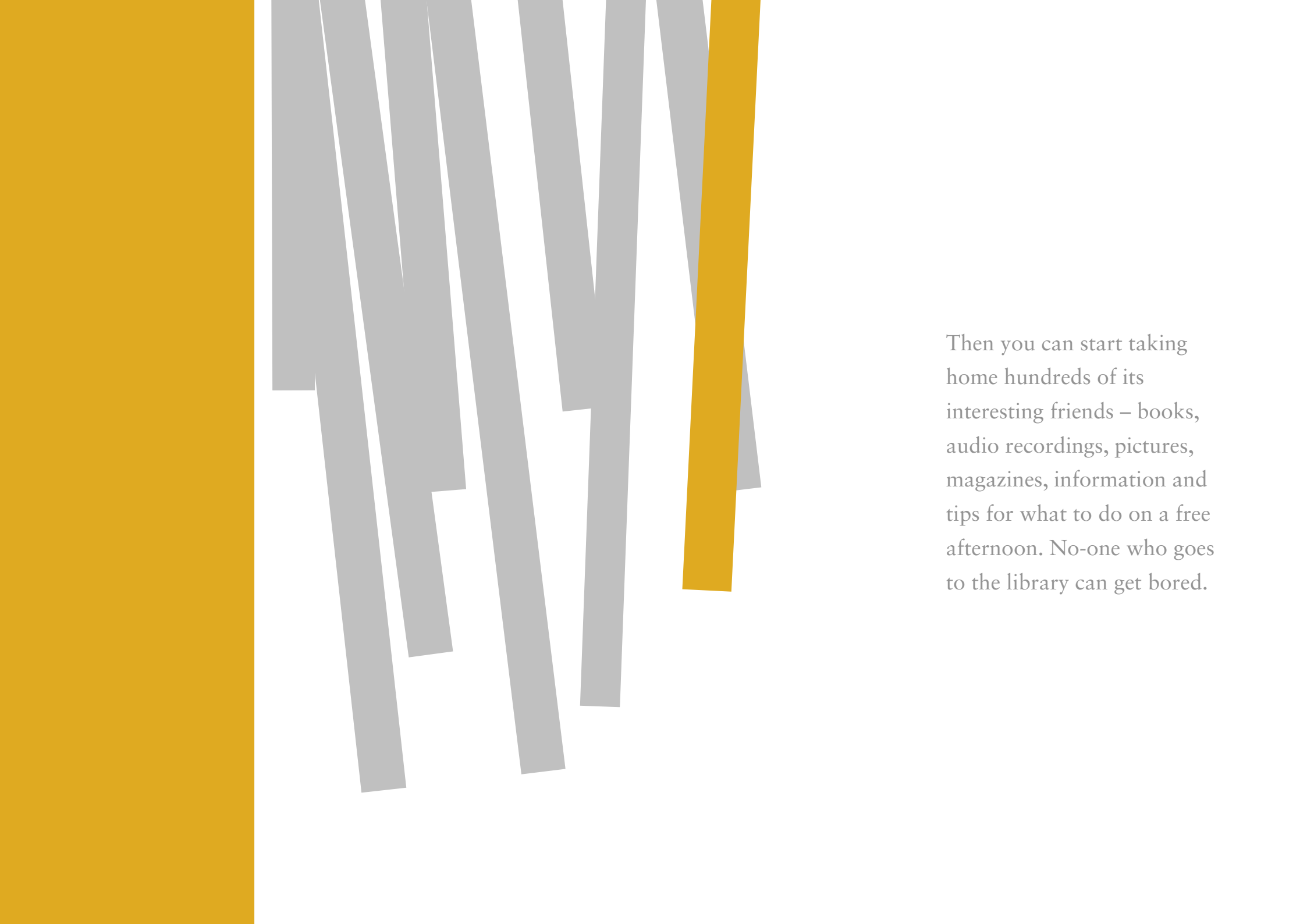
name	number	UZ	CZK	funded by	RHMP resolution/ZHMP resolution
Reconstr. and modernisation (RE&MO) of CL Central Library	4246	94	3 388 412,90	HMP subsidy	ZHMP res. no. 32/01 and RHMP no. 1867
RE&MO of Ruská library	8757	94	1 006 799,50	HMP subsidy	ZHMP res. no. 32/01 and RHMP no. 1867
Incorporation of Dejvice library into NTL	8756	94	452 000,00	HMP subsidy	ZHMP res. no. 32/01 and RHMP no.1867 and 1385
Automation of Krč library inc. struct. modifications and equipment	7673	94	94 235,00	HMP subsidy	ZHMP res. no. 32/01 and RHMP no. 867 and no.1128
JPD 2 – Reconstruction of Ďáblice library – HMP subsidy	1052	100	236 810,00	HMP subsidy	ZHMP res. no. 38/04 and RHMP res. no. 834
JPD 2 – Reconstruction of Ďáblice library – EU subsidy	1052	17779	43 261,00	EU subsidy	RHMP res. no. 1595
KIA cargo vehicle		610	618 538,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Škoda Fabia car		610	332 500,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 1704
Pre-financing of Library Internetisation JPD 2	1015	610	3 874 164,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0585
Incorporation of Dejvice library into NTL, supplementary financing	8756	610	200,00	Own resources	ozn. 21. 12. 2006
Vikova loans desk		610	67 639,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Michle loans desk		610	69 429,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Chmelnice loans desk		610	59 488,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Skalka loans desk		610	52 620,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Splicer		610	65 450,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860
Photocopiers x 3		610	178 362,45	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860 and no. 1704
Franking machine		610	83 181,00	Own resources	RHMP res. no. 0860



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 | Zoological Gardens Prague

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# Calendar



## Discussion with Ivana Janišová in MLP Central Library

Writer Ivana Janišová tells young readers about her book *Tomáš a jeho rytíř Bětka*. For the children there were competitions and games, they drew their own illustrations for the book, while the writer read excerpts from the book and signed the children's books.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | Highest number of visitors in the newspaper reading-room in Central Library: 5 775.
- | Remote access available to on-line databases GroveArt Online, GroveMusic Online and Film Indexes Online.

### Branch events

#### Břevnov

- | New-year Scrabble tournament

#### Černý Most

- | Four-leafed Clover (creative workshop)
- | A walk around Old Prague (event accompanying the competition Seven Keys for Charles IV)

#### Korunní

- | Winter brainteaser (competition) at Skalka: History and development of the Hřebenka quarter of Smíchov, RNDr. Tomáš Přistoupil Csc. (discussion)
- | Meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Baldínský on the activities of the MBU missionary association in Tanzania, Africa

#### Novodvorská

- | We make bookmarks from Father Christmas (creative workshop)

#### Opatov

- | Trip to a Hot Country (creative workshop)
- | Eva Růtová – Pictures and graphic works (exhibition)

#### Smíchov

- | Illustrations by Lenka Vybíralová (exhibition)
- | New-year's concert by the Špaček brothers – violin and violoncello

#### Vysočany

- | Prehistory in the work of Eduard Štorch (discussion)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

- | Project 100 (film screenings)
- | Conversations without Boundaries – 15 years of Český dialog magazine
- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Richard Tesařík
- | Live literature – Contemporary British fiction (in collaboration with the British Council) – lecture cycle

## Media summary

### 24 hodin

- 10. 1. / 20. January open to the public in the City Library...
- 24. 1. / The first public seminar of the Essential Defence project thrilled the people of Prague

### Ikaros

- 2. 1. / Just become a millionaire is... how the New Year's Eve mini-competition ended up the wrong way round

### Klíč

- No. 1 / Invitation to an exhibition in the Artotheque: Eva Růtová (pictures and graphic works)

### Lidové noviny

- 6. 1. / Hunt the Book

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

- No. 1 / Břevnov – New-year Scrabble tournament, Smíchov – New-year concert by the Špaček brothers, exhibition by Lenka Vybíralová – illustrations, Opatov – Ice Fairytales and creative workshop, Novodvorská – small exhibition of lost and found items, CL – exhibition showing examples of graphic techniques used by the rare manuscripts section, FU – Live literature – cycle of lectures in collaboration with the British Council

#### Listy Prahy 1

- No. 1 / Invitation to hear the authors J. Dědeček and T. Brdečková read from their books at the Hradčany branch

#### Metro

- 10. 1. / Culture is being discussed in public

#### MF Dnes

- 10. 1. / Where money goes on culture

#### Právo

- 11. 1. / They bid for culture, Radniční noviny Prague 3
- No. 1 / Where's the best place to borrow a good book?

### Tučňák

- No. 1 / Bibliobus in Braník delayed; Small, but automated

# February



## Performance of Vivat Carolus Quartus

As part of the project “Charles VI - Emperor with God’s Mercy”, there was a performance of Vivat Carolus Quartus, which sold out. It was composed from the Moralities of Charles VI by Alfred Strejček, and the music was written by Štěpán Rak.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

| In February 2 227 titles in 11 190 volumes were purchased for the MLP collection at a cost of 1 355 954 CZK

### Branch events

#### Břevnov

| Jan Burian (discussion)

#### Na Veselí

| Jáchym Topol (discussion)

#### Novodvorská

| What One Can Find in Books (exhibition of items left in books)  
| Origami (creative workshop)

#### Opatov

| Mandalas (creative workshop)  
| Pictures and textile originals – Marta Holásková (exhibition)

#### Smíchov

| Surrealistic collage and sculptures by Martinec and Kohout (exhibition)  
| Mozart, the man and the artist (exhibition to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer’s birthday and the 215th anniversary of his death)

#### Vysočany

| Old Greek Myths and Legends (discussion)  
| About Water-sprites (puppet fairytale)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

| Project 100 (film screenings)  
| MLP Film Club – the start of a cycle of spring film screenings  
| Jan Burian’s Triumphant February (show with period songs)  
| Handling Difficult Situations with the psychologist Zdeňek Altman

| Documentaries by Kristina Vlachová on unpunished crimes under communism (discussion with film clips)  
| Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Pavlína Filipovská  
| Masters of World Painting – lecture cycle by doc. PhDr. J. Kotalík  
| Architecture under the reign of Charles IV and Wenceslas IV – lecture cycle by Mgr. J. Sojka  
| Archeological localities and historical buildings in Prague – lecture cycle  
| Roaming around France II – we discover Bretagne – lecture cycle  
| Everyday Psychology – lecture cycle by PhDr. T. Cenková  
| Graphology – the psychology of expression – lecture cycle

## Media summary

### 24 hodin

21. 2. / Moralities of Charles VI

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22. 2. / Deny the holocaust in a book? It happens in this country.  
23. 2. / Denying the holocaust in the library

### Česká televize 1

11. 2. / show “Neznalost zákona aneb...” – filmed in Korunní library

### Český rozhlas 2 – Praha

12. 2. / Good Morning: promotion of the MLP performance of Vivat Carolus Quartus

### Český rozhlas 3 – Vltava

20. 2. / Culture Kaleidoscope, the head of the theatre and film section of MLP CL talked about the Vivat Carolus Quartus and the biography that has been written about Charles VI and his times

### Čtenář

No. 2 / If the library says so... Vít Fiala, jazz double-bassist

### Hobuleť

No. 2 / Library closed

### Ikaros

16. 2. / MLP invites you to come and see Vivat Carolus Quartus

### Klíč

No. 2 / Municipal Library of Prague – Opatov branch – Borrowing hours, invitation to an exhibition at the Artotheque – Marta Holásková, pictures and textile originals Lidové noviny  
15. 2. / Magnesia Litera might expand

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 2 / Vivat Carolus Quartus – Hold Otci vlasti, králi Karlu IV.

### Listy Prahy 1

No. 2 / Koniáš training at the Školská branch

### MF Dnes

15. 2. / April to decide best Czech books  
23. 2. / Irving books to stay in Czech Republic

### Právo

3. 2. / Malostranská beseda with lift

### Radio Impuls

3. 2. / Raging reporter in MLP

### Stop

No. 2 / Stodůlky library not idle

### Šestka

No. 2 / Invitation to the library

### Šíp

7. 2. / Malostranská beseda to change  
16. 2. / Library to close until April

### Tučňák

No. 2 / What libraries offer



## Opening of Ďáblice branch

In collaboration with the British Council and as part of the European Union JPD2 project the 26th automated branch was opened in Ďáblice, specialising in an English-language collection. The renovated Ďáblice branch was “opened” by little imps.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | Highest number of loans in the month: 723 321.
- | March – Internet Month (BMI): The theme of the 9th annual BMI was e-government and easy access to state and local government information via the Internet. This topic was supported by training sessions entitled Connect to an Office, Database or How It's Done, and an Internet-based competition entitled To the Zoo. MLP organised 53 events, attended by 753 visitors.

## Branch events

- | Competition with the portal Centre.cz

### Dittrichova

- | Cactus-grower J. Ullman (discussion)
- | Trainers of guide dogs for the blind (discussion)

### Hloubětín

- | Czech and worldwide fairytales and Czech legends (discussion)

### Hradčany

- | Senior citizens paint on the theme of Homage to the Landscape and Life (exhibition)

### Korunní

- | Afternoon board games

### Skalka

- | Slovak lesson (seminar in collaboration with the Slovak Institute in Prague and the U Čerta Reading Room)

### Na Veselí

- | Illustrator Inka Delevová – What does the Queen of the Butterflies look like? (discussion)
- | Writer Ludvík Vaculík (discussion)
- | Writer Jan Vodňanský (discussion)

### Novodvorská

- | Floral welcome to spring (creative workshop)

### Opatov

- | Let's play with rice (creative workshop)
- | Artist Zdenek Vojta (exhibition)

### Smíchov

- | Readings by young authors from the Christian Doppler grammar school competition
- | Zoo animals, silk workshop (creative workshops)

### Stodůlky

- | Ghana through the eyes of children (creative workshop)

### Vysočany

- | Ceramic cacti (exhibition by Špitálská primary school)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

- | Project 100 – 2006 (film show)
- | MLP Film Club
- | Laura a její tygři – concert from the Rebel Ladies of Czech Music cycle
- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Soňa Červená
- | Architecture under the reign of Charles IV and Wenceslas IV – lecture cycle by Mgr. J. Sojka
- | Gestalt architecture – Residential Space in the Order of Nature (lecture cycle by akad. arch. O. Hozman)
- | Live literature – Contemporary British fiction (in collaboration with the British Council) – lecture cycle
- | Conversations without Boundaries – Evening to commemorate the artist and man of letters Václav Pinkava
- | Czechoslovak Fliers in the RAF in the Battle of Britain – lecture cycle by PhDr. J. Kudrna
- | Psychology of Introspection and the Transformation of Man – lecture cycle by MUDr. P. Špatenka
- | Our Attitude to Life – lecture cycle by PhDr. T. Cenková
- | How to Speak Well – all-day seminar by Mgr. M. Hrachovinová



## Media summary

### 24 hodin

20. 3. / Library reopens

21. 3. / Library wants to move

### aktualne.cz

23. 3. / Tomáš Řehák: Each of us is a prophet!

### Český rozhlas 1 – Radiožurnál

31. 3. / About Night with Andersen at MLP

### Český rozhlas 2 – Praha

6. 3. / Domino Enter – MLP director giving an opinion on rivals to books and the Internet

23. 3. / Host do domu – information on the opening of Ďáblice library

### Český rozhlas 3 – Vltava

23. 3. / Mozaika – article about the opening of the automated MLP library in Ďáblice

### Čtenář

No. 3 / State of public library websites at the end of 2005, Libraries in the Press – Prague 4 – the City Library's 25th automated branch

### Hobuleť

No. 3 / At the office via the Internet

### Ikaros

7. 3. / At the office with the library, to the Zoo and fairytale night

15. 3. / English with the Municipal Library of Prague and the British Council

## Lidové noviny

28. 3. / On spring – Ludvík Vaculík

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 3 / March – Internet Month, Ďáblice library – English language courses and a friendly “Hell” for children

### Listy Prahy 1

No. 3 / Internet Month in the library

### Metro

7. 3. / Library tempts us to the Zoo

17. 3. / Ethnicity on display in the library

21. 3. / Little devils open new library; thanks to the British Council it will become a centre of English language learning

### MF Dnes

8. 3. / Letná library temporarily closed

17. 3. / Best books being sought

21. 3. / Ďáblice – library opens after a year

22. 3. / Two libraries under one roof

### Právo

17. 3. / Two nominations for Litera for Martin Šmaus

### Stop

No. 3 / Stodůlky library not idle

### Šestka

No. 3 / March Internet Month 2006 or At the Office via the Internet and the Office via the Internet

## Šíp

7. 3. / Information in the library

18. 3. / Library opens

20. 3. / Library for English students

21. 3. / To Ďáblice library!

22. 3. / Where we live – Prague 13 – Library particularly devoted to children

23. 3. / Get to know the Internet

### Tučňák

No. 3 / What libraries have in store

### TV Nova

20. 3. / Právě teď – report on the grand opening of the 26th automated MLP branch in Ďáblice

### TV Prima

20. 3. / Regional news – reportage footage of the grand opening of Ďáblice library

### www.praha8.cz

31. 3. / Ďáblice library open again



## Night with Andersen

The traditional end to the nationwide event March – Internet Month is Night with Andersen, where children enjoyed a fairytale night or evening at several of our branch libraries. A total of 134 children and 31 adults spent the night on MLP

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | The 27th automated branch was opened at Krč.
- | From 30th March to 3rd April, as a result of a grade 2 flood alert, the Holešovice branch on Ortenovo náměstí was closed. This was partially due to the experiences suffered in the floods of 2002; luckily this threat did not come to anything.
- | The Municipal Library of Prague was involved in voting for the best Czech book of 2005 – Magnesia litera 2005. The best Czech books of 2005 were announced at a gala evening on 24. 4., broadcast by Czech Television from the MLP Great Hall.
- | In April the Municipal Library of Prague purchased the most titles for its collection, a total of 3 025.

## Branch events

### Skalka

- | Writer Iva Procházková – Kryštofe, neblbni a slez dolů (discussion)

### Na Veselí

- | Paintings – Sabina Gruberová (exhibition)

### Opatov

- | The Bottles of Igor Ševčík (exhibition)

### Ostrčilovo náměstí

- | Charles I, the Last Bohemian King (discussion)

### Smíchov

- | Destiny Governed by the Heart – about Božená Němcová (show)

### Central Library

- | Play with Us! (Easter composite show)

### Vršovice

- | Terrible Brainteasers (competition)

### Vysočany

- | The books of Jules Verne (discussion)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

- | Project 100 – 2006 (film show)
- | MLP Film Club
- | Al Yaman and guest Monika Načeva – concert from the cycle “Rebel Ladies of Czech Music”
- | Armchair for the Guest – Ljuba Skořepová (discussion)
- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Jaroslav Suchánek, Bea Pšeničková and Uršula Kluková (discussion)
- | Creative arts and architecture between the Nile and Persia – lecture cycle
- | History of Jewish Prague – lecture cycle
- | Communication – Res publica (lecture cycle)
- | Rhetoric – different modes of expression, not simply verbal (lecture cycle)
- | On a current topic with Přítomnost magazine – meeting with the magazine editorial board and guests
- | Non-verbal communication – all-day seminar with writer Daniela Fišerová

## Media summary

### Český rozhlas 1 – Radiožurnál

24. 4. / Information about the declaration of Magnesia Litera in the Municipal Library of Prague

### Čtenář

No. 4 / Public Relations in Czech libraries

### Ikaros

4. 4. / Library on Ortenovo náměstí open again  
19. 4. / Opening of the automated branch of the Municipal Library of Prague in Krč  
24. 4. / Krč branch in Blue Pavilion 27th MLP automated library

### Klíč

No. 4 / MLP Opatov branch: Borrowing hours, invitation to an exhibition in the Artotheque: Igor Ševčík – selection of works

### Lidové noviny

20. 4. / Magnesia Litera 06 – Czech annual book prizes to be awarded on Monday

### MF Dnes

25. 4. / Library blockbuster is the Da Vinci Code; You can take Švabinský originals home; Prague Jury – Are library prices high?; 220 million libraries – City Library visited by a record number of readers

### Stop

No. 4 / Celebration at Albatros Publishing

### Šíp

14. 4. / Library working again  
25. 4. / New bead added

### Tučňák

No. 4 / Guests at Na Veselí library

### TV Nova

24. 4. / Právě teď, reportage footage of Krč library



## Bambiriáda

The second Bambiriáda took place on Vítkov Hill and the MLP bibliobus had to be there! We did origami, shot at MLP logos, drew pictures, did competitions, wandered through the mysterious land of Narnia and, of course, measured our heights as part of the project Grow up with a Book.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | In May and June 2006 MLP was open to the public for 22 days, which was the most days open that year.
- | Internet computers for readers were completely reinstalled with the Linux operating system. Switching to the new system increased speed when searching for webpages and expanded the range of services available: files can now be saved to flash memory devices, the Open Office text and table editor is now available, as are ICQ and printing.
- | MLP took part in the international book trade fair Svět knih Praha at the Prague Exhibition Centre.

## Branch events

### Jírovcovo náměstí

- | Competition for fantastic prizes! (competition to mark the 5th anniversary of the opening of the branch)

### Korunní

- | Peg animals (creative workshop)

### Modřany

- | 20 candles on the birthday cake for Modřany library (anniversary)

### Na Veselí

- | Folk musician Lukáš “Vořech” Pokorný and guests (concert)

### Opatov

- | Satyrikon s. r. ó. (kóMIX from Petronius's Satyricon) – Eva Holá and Petr Šourek (exhibition)
- | Bird on the Branch (creative workshop)

### Smíchov

- | Fiery Wolf's Pouch and Other Stories – writer Svatopluk Hrnčíř and illustrator Lenka Vybíralová (discussion)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

- | Feng-Jun Song – concert from the cycle “Rebel Ladies of Czech Music”
- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Jiří Bartoška – discussion
- | History of Jewish Prague – lecture cycle
- | Women, Men and the Media – Gender stereotypes in the media (cycle of lectures and discussions)
- | Human Rights and Reality – Amnesty International, o. s. Berkát (lectures and presentations)

## Media summary

### 24 hodin

- 16. 5. / Exhibition to mark the anniversary of Sigmund Freud
- 25. 5. / Knowledge Test

### Čtenář

- No. 5 / Night with Andersen 2006 ends – long live Night with Andersen 2007, Libraries in the Press: Prague 8 – on the grand opening of Ďáblice library

### iHned zpravodajství

- 7. 5. / Prague celebrates 150 years since the birth of Sigmund Freud

### Ikaros

- 3. 5. / Svět knih 06: Grow up with a Book in the Municipal Library of Prague
- 10. 5. / Other Rebel Ladies of Czech Music in the Municipal Library of Prague
- 26. 5. / Meeting with the programme director of New York Public Library
- 30. 5. / Ro(c)ky of Charles IV.
- 31. 5. / World Puppeteering Festival 06 in the Municipal Library of Prague

### Klíč

- No. 5 / Opatov branch – Borrowing hours, invitation to an exhibition at the Artotheque: Satyrikon s. r. ó – Eva Holá and Petr Šourek, Opatov library offers for children in May 06, Night with Andersen at Prague 11 library, Library competition

### Lidové noviny

- 3. 5. / Consider it as read with a book
- 18. 5. / City Library cuts opening hours

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

- No. 5 / Invitation to Krč, Grow up with a Book in the Municipal Library of Prague, MLP again at Bambiriáda

### Metropolitní expres

- 18. 5. / Libraries cut summer opening hours

### MF Dnes

- 30. 5. / Women in Art

### Noviny Prahy 12

- No. 5 / Twenty candles on the birthday cake for Modřany library

### Právo

- 30. 5. / Word of Illusions to visit Prague for the tenth time

### Šíp

- 24. 5. / Prague people start to get chipped

### Tučňák

- No. 5 / Library in Štúrová street open again

### TV Nova

- 20. 5. / Television news – Saturday report on A. Pokorná (97 let), who draws on her incredible vitality to take present and past MLP employees on trips to visit monuments around the CR.



## Seven Keys for Charles IV

The grand announcement of the winners of Seven Keys for Charles IV, the general knowledge and art competition for children, was held in the Chapel of St. Wenceslas at Prague Castle, attended by Cardinal Miroslav Vlk and MLP director Tomáš Řehák

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

| The 28th automated branch was opened at Chmelnice

### Branch events

| Competition with the portal Centre.cz: Topic – fairytales

### Barrandov

| Children's Day

| Old Czech and Moravian Legends – writer Alena Ježková and illustrator Renata Fučíková

### Břevnov

| Jácíček and the Squirrel (theatre for children)

### Holešovice

| Museum of Romany Culture in Brno (exhibition)

| Trip from a Fairytale (theatre)

### Hradčany

| History of the Valorous Czech Nation – Lucie Seifertová (discussion)

### Jírovcovo náměstí

| Meeting of Friends of the Library (celebration to mark five years since opening)

### Na Veselí

| Photography and Poetry – Jirůšek siblings (exhibition)

### Opatov

| Children of all countries, get to know each other (multicultural children's day)

| Natural and Human elements – Zuzana Fučíková (exhibition)

### Ostrčilovo náměstí

| Light and Shadow of Czech Catholicism in the 19th and 20th Centuries in the Czech Lands (lecture)

### Central Library

| Play with Us (Children's Day)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

| World Puppeteering Festival 2006 (10th year)

| Ester Kočíčková, Ta Jana z Velké Ohrady – concert from the cycle “Rebel Ladies of Czech Music”

## Media summary

### Ikaros

7. 6. / Chmelnice library part of the Municipal Library of Prague automated library network

10. 6. / Automated branch of the Municipal Library of Prague in Prague 11 celebrates its fifth birthday

20. 6. / Linux on computers with internet connection in the Municipal Library of Prague

29. 6. / London orchestra IMPERIAL COLLEGE SINFONIETTA at the Municipal Library of Prague

### Hobuleť

No. 8 / Library open again

No. 9 / Summer opening hours in the library

### Klíč

No. 6 / Do you go to the library on Jírovcovo náměstí too?, Children's day at Opatov library

### Lidové noviny

22. 6. / More funds go to culture

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 6 / General book knowledge and art competition for Charles IV in the Chapel of St. Wenceslas; Computer club at Opatov library, Smíchov library, Invitation to Rebels

### Listy Prahy 1

No. 6 / Municipal Library of Prague

### Metro

6. 6. / Birthday of Svatopluk Hrnčíř

### MF Dnes

2. 6. / Summary of several June festivals in Prague

6. 6. / Chmelnice has a modern library

### Právo

12. 6. / Puppeteers leave Prague with memories

### Šíp

1. 6. / Library flooded

7. 6. / Another automated library at Chmelnice

30. 6. / Indian in the library

### Tučňák

No. 6 / Night with H. Ch. Andersen 2006 at Novodvorská library



## King Jírovec

Every summer the library on Jírovcovo náměstí organises a competition for children to find the most diligent reader. During Libraries Week the new reader king is crowned – King Jírovec.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

| On 30. 8. 2006 11207 document reservations were made in Central Library.

| WORLDLINQ – don't lose touch with home when staying in the USA. MLP has become involved in this well-established project organised by its partner, Queens Borough Public Library. The project monitors the structured compilation of links on updated websites from many countries around the world, now including the Czech Republic.  
<http://www.worldlinq.org/index.asp>

## Branch events

### OK 4, 11 a 12

| Holiday postal competition

### Opatov

| Anna Svatušková and Ivan Beneš: watercolours, pastels and oil paintings (exhibition)

### Smíchov

| Bouquets in Us (exhibition)

| Arlette's Colourful Dreams (exhibition)

| A Wander around the Charles IV Exhibition

## Selection from the Folk University programme

| Orchestra of the Imperial College Sinfonietta London (concert)

## Media summary

### 24 hodin

21. 8. / Bibliobus returns

29. 8. / Libraries await influx of students

## Bulletin ALIS

No. 2 / ALIS Prague regional conference; Mozaika; Night with Andersen – Dittrichova branch in mysterious land of Narnia; Night with Andersen at Karlštejn (Smíchov); Prague-Ďáblice; Prague-Krč

## Český rozhlas 2 – Praha

1. 7. / Tobogan in the Municipal Library of Prague to mark Libraries Week

24. 7. / Káva o čtvrté: the head of District Libraries 1, 2, 3 on the topic Summer with a Book

## Český rozhlas – Regina

20. 8. / Interview about bibliobus services with Ivana Vaňková

## Česká televize 1

18. 7. / Události: Libraries Act and connection to the Internet, plus a talk by the head librarian of MLP

## ČT 24

23. 7. / Média svět, filmed in MLP

## Čtenář

No. 7–8 / Chapel of Saint Wenceslas hosted young readers; the Municipal Library of Prague is registering...

## Ikaros

25. 7. / Municipal Library of Prague gets involved in Worldlinq project

## Klíč

No. 7–8 / Holiday postal competition; Invitation to the philately workshop and an exhibition of pictures by Jan Sokol

## Lidové noviny

10. 8. / Pražský navigátor – “Municipal Library of Prague – summer opening hours”

## Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 7 / Holiday postal competition; Adventure-packed Summer; Arlette's Colourful Dreams; Pastels, watercolours and oil paintings; King of Readers or Queen?

## Metropolitní expres

18. 8. / Bus back bringing books to the people

## MF Dnes

18. 8. / Buses with books return to their routes

## Noviny Prahy 12

No. 7–8 / Holiday postal competition

## Pražská pětka

No. 8 / European Heritage Days

## Radniční noviny Prahy 3

No. 7–8 / New potential of Chmelnice library

## Šestka

No. 7–8 / Information from the district library

## Tučňák

No. 7–8 / Library summer opening hours; Holiday postal competition; Philately workshop

## TV Prima

21. 8. / Report on the bibliobus in Karlín



## Václav Havel a české divadlo

Meeting with Mr. Václav Havel and actress Táňa Fischerová at a discussion on the topic Václav Havel and Czech Theatre, presented by the head of the theatre and film section of Central Library Mgr. Marie Valtrová.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

| As part of the joint project between MLP and the cooperative Spektra, v. d. n., we equipped the Opatov, Spořilov, Smíchov and Ďáblice branches with camera magnifying glasses, allowing visitors to see print magnified several times. ([www.mlp.cz/pomcist.htm](http://www.mlp.cz/pomcist.htm))

### Branch events

#### Ďáblice

| Open Day

#### Korunní

| Heeeelp, ghooooosts (literary and creative competition)

#### Na Veselí

| Diary of Anne Frank (exhibition)

#### Opatov

| Roman Sailer – Metamorphoses of Nature II (exhibition)  
| Do you know where you live? (competition)

#### Smíchov

| Imprint of Famous Names (exhibition)  
| European Heritage Days (tours)

#### Central Library

| Václav Havel the Playwright (exhibition)  
| Book Float (start of the year-long competition)

#### Vršovice

| Geographical competition

## Selection from the Folk University programme

| Play, Mozart, Play (“Hrej, Mozarte, hrej”) (discussion, christening + autographing of Petr Sís’ book) (in collaboration with Labyrint publishing house)

| Conversations without Boundaries – Norbert Auerbach (meetings)

| Festival of Arabian Film

| Literary Questions, Mysteries and Myths – lecture cycle

| Literary Autumn, not Just for Senior Citizens – cycle of discussions with well-known writers

## Media summary

### Český rozhlas – Leonardo

15. 9. / Interview with MLP director – about the library

### Čtenář

No. 9 / Another automated branch of the Municipal Library of Prague; Mobile libraries – part 1

### Expres

12. 9. / The book Play, Mozart, Play

### Hlasatel

No. 7 / Libraries Week in Prague 10

### Ikaros

23. 9. / Open Day at Ďáblice library

28. 9. / Skalka library the 29th automated branch of the Municipal Library of Prague

### Lidové noviny

20. 9. / About the theatre with humour and self-irony

21. 9. / How hard it is to be Václav Havel

### Klíč

No. 9 / School in the library; Programme of Prague 11 Days; Invitation to an exhibition of pictures by Roman Sailer – Metamorphoses of Nature II

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 9 / Václav Havel in the library; Book Float; Worldling project or don’t lose touch with home when staying in the USA

### MF Dnes

13. 9. / Cultural Days of Iran in the City Library

14. 9. / MF Dnes doporučuje: Petr Sís christens his new book

20. 9. / Václav Havel reminisces about the theatre

### Praha 10

4. 9. / Automated library – not robots behind the desk

18. 9. / New books free every week

22. 9. / Libraries Week in Prague 10

### Právo

21. 9. / Václav Havel spoke about the theatre at the Municipal Library of Prague and said: I’ve been into writing since I was little

### Pražská pětka

No. 9 / Cultural tips for September; European Heritage Days – update; Imprint of Famous Names

### Pražský deník

26. 9. / Thousands of books stolen from City Library last year

27. 9. / Camera magnifying glasses to be installed in Prague libraries

### Tučňák

No. 9 / Library’s doors are open to schools



## Benefiční koncert Bratří Ebenů

MLP became the co-organiser of a benefit concert by the Eben Brothers, prepared to mark World Hospice Day. The Eben Brothers held their concert for the Cesta domů citizens' hospice association, which received the takings from the ticket sales.

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | In October 2 automated branches were opened, at Skalka and Michle.
- | After a year's experience with the completely new MLP Library Regulations, as of 1st October 2006 they were partly revised, particularly as regards payment for lost or damaged library units.
- | MLP joined in the nationwide Libraries Week with the motto "The Way to the Library".
- | Libraries Week is an annual happening in the library world. Last year it was on the topic "A Nation unto Itself II". At the ceremonial gathering at Letná representatives from Czech libraries, including MLP, passed on the foundation stones for the construction of the new Czech National Library building. (<http://skip.nkp.cz/akcTyden06Hap.htm>)
- | Bibliobus in front of IKEA Zličín: As part of Libraries Week the MLP bibliobus was available in front of OD IKEA Zličín.
- | Prague 11 Days: the libraries in Opatov and Jírovcovo nám. had a unique opportunity to present their services to public as part of the regional celebrations to mark Prague 11 Days.

## Branch events

### Hostivař

- | From Fairytale to Fairytale (competition)
- | Writer Jarmila Hannah Čermáková (discussion)
- | Writer Eva Bernardinová (discussion)

### Jírovcovo nám.

- | The World Comes Together in Prague 11 – Rhythms of Africa (discussion)

### Korunní

- | Where to go amongst books (competition)
- | In search of the mystery of the book (creative workshop)

### Michle

- | Many Herbs Stand in the Fields (theatrical performance)

### Opatov

- | European triennial VI PRAHA GRAPHIC 2006 – Mail art and its influence (exhibition)
- | Book to swap (creative workshop)

### Spořilov

- | The Neighbours Have Disappeared (exhibition)

### Stodůlky

- | Writer Iva Procházková (discussion)
- | The Most Beautiful Story in the World (theatrical performance)
- | Services for children and young readers section in Central Library:
- | What You Readers Have Left in the Library (exhibition)
- | About the Treasure of the City Library (competition)

### Central Library

- | Dmitrij Šostakovič (exhibition)

### Vršovice

- | From Fairytale to Fairytale (competition)

### Vysočany

- | Tale of Solitude and Friendship (discussion)
- | Ghosts and Goblins in the Household (discussion)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

- | MLP Film Club – start of autumn film screenings
- | FILM ON MUSIC 2006 – MOFFOM (international festival)
- | Documentary films by AEROFILMS – cycle of screenings
- | Women in Film – film screenings with discussion
- | Be Published or Be Forgotten: Library of America and saving the American literary heritage – meeting with Max Rudin
- | Václav Koubek – concert from the cycle entitled Wild Men on Earth and Outside

- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Alfred Strejček (Great Hall)
- | Masters of World Painting – lecture cycle by doc. PhDr. J. Kotalík
- | Architecture of Historicism – lecture cycle
- | World Literature through the Eyes of Translators (cycle of lectures)
- | We're Not Afraid of Czech, or What We Struggle with in Language – cycle of lectures
- | Psychology of Self-recognition – Love, Relationships and Partnerships – cycle of lectures
- | Family and Partner Systems According to Bert Hellinger (seminar)

## Media summary

### 24 hodin

- 3. 10. / Libraries Week begins
- 31. 10. / Library celebrates birthday

### Country Radio

- 24. 10. / Zpravodajství: on the 30th automated MLP library

### Český rozhlas – Rádio Česko

- 2. 10. / Head librarian of MLP talks about Libraries Week at MLP

### Český rozhlas – Regina

- 2. 10. / Head librarian talks about Libraries Week in MLP

### Český rozhlas 1 – Radiožurnál

- 7. 10. / Invitation to a benefit concert by the Eben Brothers at MLP

### Česká televize 1

- 2. 10. / Cultural events

### ČT 24

- 2. 10. / Events in the metropolis; information about Libraries Week from the head librarian of MLP

### Čtenář

- No. 10 / Mobile libraries – part 2



#### **Ikaros**

3. 10. / Library happening 06; Report from the conference Contemporary Libraries 06  
5. 10. / Benefit concert by the Eben Brothers  
12. 10. / Bibliobus of the Municipal Library of Prague in front of OD IKEA in Zličín  
21. 10. / Michle library joins the other automated branches of the Municipal Library of Prague

#### **Klíč**

No. 10 / Ways to the library – straight or crooked

#### **Lidové noviny**

11. 10. / Municipal council opens new information portal  
18. 10. / Musical film festival starts  
24. 10. / Wild Men invade library

#### **MF Dnes**

2. 10. / Libraries are filling up, visited by one in six Prague people, Two new libraries in 4 years, Some very curious book thefts, What are people borrowing the most? The Da Vinci Code, Libraries Week – selected branch events  
6. 10. / Radotín library reopens to the public  
19. 10. / Film marathon introduces foreign guests

#### **Praha 10**

No. 21 / Game-filled afternoon in the library  
No. 22 / Save the Children with a doll

#### **Právo**

18. 10. / Dar Prazde: American Library series

#### **Pražská pětka**

No. 10 / Libraries Week

#### **Pražský deník**

6. 10. / Discussion with Eva Bernardinová  
9. 10. / Today's cinema in the capital – MLP: Super Size Me  
10. 10. / The Da Vinci Code  
11. 10. / Prague unable to draw money from EU; Projects improving life on housing estates  
21. 10. / Michle library awaits change  
24. 10. / Readers can reserve books electronically

#### **Radio Futurum**

23. 10. / Press spokesperson talks about the 30th automated MLP branch

#### **Regenerace**

No. 10 / Podvečery s Regenerací

#### **Šíp**

3. 10. / Skalka has an electronic library  
6. 10. / Lábus and the Ebens at Seniors' Day  
24. 10. / Thirtieth library is automated

#### **Tučňák**

No. 10 / Ways to the library are straight and crooked TV Prima  
2. 10. / Regional news: report on events to mark Libraries Week at MLP  
23. 10. / Regional news: report on the opening of the 30th automated branch of MLP

#### **Týden**

No. 40 / The Blushing Man



# November



Do you want to help children? Come and make a doll!

In November Korunní library hosted an afternoon creative workshop to support UNICEF. This involved sewing dolls as part of the project entitled Adopt a Doll and Save a Child. A total of 9 dolls were made. The dolls will make their way to the UNICEF headquarters, where they will be recorded and offered up for adoption

## Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

November was a month which broke several statistical records for MLP:  
| 3 935 new readers registered at automated branches.  
| 222 192 visitors used at least one of our library services (loans, Internet,)  
| The library was visited by the highest number of Internet users: 22 624.  
| In November the highest number of children's loans was registered at automated libraries, a total of: 54 277.

## Branch events

### Barrandov

| Chinese lantern procession

### Břevnov

| Santa Claus and the Devils (creative workshop)

### Ďáblice

| Czech Fairytales (discussion)

### Chmelnice

| My favourite literary hero (competition)

### Kobylisy

| From Martin to Advent (cultural band for senior citizens)

### Krč

| "Straky na vrbě" publishing house and Michael Bronec (discussion)

### Letná

| Scattered Batik (creative workshop)

### Skalka

| Why read – Saša Gedeon (discussion)  
| Writer Ivona Březinová (discussion)

### Na Veselí

| 29th author evening (literary show)

### Opatov

| Photo Frame (creative workshop)

### Prosek

| Czech Fairytales (discussion)

### Smíchov

| Arabian Lampshades (creative workshop)  
| Cyrillic – The New Language of the European Union (exhibition)  
| Celebration to mark the 3rd birthday of this branch  
| Prague Still-life on the 80th birthday of the late Mr. J. Mácha (exhibition)

### Školská

| Literary evening – authors read from contemporary Czech literature  
| Central Library services for children and young readers section: Where the World Ends (exhibition)

### Vysočany

| Astrid Lindgren (discussion)

## Selection from the Folk University programme

| MLP Film Club  
| Film documentaries by Igor Chaun – screening with discussions  
| Conversations without Boundaries – Irena Budweiserová and Jan Brabenec (Great Hall)  
| Barocko, I don't Love You Any More – theatrical and dance performance (Great Hall)  
| Tros Sketos – concert from the cycle Wild Men on Earth and Outside (Great Hall)  
| Vladimír Mišík and ETC. – concert (Great Hall)  
| Spiritual Quintet – concert (Great Hall)  
| Allied through Music – Musical Bridges – concert (Great Hall)  
| Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – V. Nerušilová, A. + N. Shonert (Great Hall)  
| Science and Technology Week – lectures for schools  
| Modern Art – Expressionism, cycle of lectures – programme accompanying the exhibition "The Scream – Prerequisites of Expressionism", Prague City Gallery  
| British and American Literature of the 20th Century – lecture cycle  
| Literary Evenings – the actress Zdenka Procházková reminiscences  
| Hartmann (discussion)  
| Publishing Portal Updated – cycle of lectures and discussions  
| World of Sacred Stones – cycle of lectures by the writer V. Vokolek  
| Roaming around France III, China – The New Tourist Magnet, Roaming Around Southern India,  
| Expedition to Greenland and Expedition to Canada – cycles of travel lectures

## Media summary

### Čtenář

No. 11 / Contemporary Libraries, A Nation unto Itself II or Foundation Stones for the Czech National Library

### Hlasatel

No. 9 / Is there a library in Hostivař?

### Ikaros

2. 11. / Mobile library vs. shopping centre

2. 11. / Smíchov branch of the Municipal Library of Prague celebrates its third birthday

6. 11. / Vladimír Mišík in the Municipal Library of Prague

29. 11. / Vikova library is the 31st automated branch of the Municipal Library of Prague

### Klíč

No. 11 / Library has a new king; Africa in the library

### Lidové noviny

1. 11. / Three concerts in the City Library

8. 11. / Science and Technology Week

9. 11. / Science and Technology Week

20. 11. / Writers vote for Eva Kantůrková

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 11 / Internet in libraries available to people in Prague; MLP Folk University celebrates 45 years of service; Folk University – cultural and educational centre of MLP; Dolls for Unicef

### Listy Prahy 1

No. 11 / MLP – Školská branch – invitation to literary evening; Hradčany branch – invitation to Christmas exhibition

### Listy Prahy 14

No. 11 / Creative competition in the library

### Metro

8. 11. / The Sixth Science and Technology Week has started in Prague

### MF Dnes

1. 11. / New library branch with a long history

7. 11. / Ludvík II. Bavorský in the City Library

9. 11. / A translator speaks about her work...; On Expressionism

13. 11. / How we are seen by those around us; Meeting with music and great entertainment

14. 11. / Learn to work with PowerPoint; Director Igor Chaun and his film...

15. 11. / My Friend the Library: children rate their favourite; Interesting Facts about China, Literary evening, Reminiscing about actor Karel Höger

16. 11. / Myths about Love; On Expressionism; On nationwide architecture; course: Learn to use a PC

20. 11. / On the influence of parental behaviour; On southern India

21. 11. / History of spirituality in the Czech lands

22. 11. / Roaming around France; On the principles of therapy

27. 11. / Roman Ráž speaks about his work and other topics

28. 11. / World of Sacred Stones; Lecture on British literature

29. 11. / Library gets connected to the Internet

30. 11. / Inspiration of Feng Shui; Tros Sketos Serios

### Praha 10

24. 11. / What do we know and not know about Christmas?

### Právo

8. 11. / Mišík in the library

### Pražská pětka

No. 11 / Three years in books

### Pražský deník

8. 11. / Pražský deník: Concerts in the library

30. 11. / Children hear African fairytales

### Šíp

8. 11. / Concert by Vladimír Mišík

15. 11. / Spiritual Quintet celebrates 45 years

### Tučňák

No. 11 / Thirty-first library is automated

# December



## Christmas

Christmas was celebrated in the Children and Young Readers Section in Central Library together with a class from school invited on Friday 15. 12. 2006. Of course, there were well-known Christmas carols and talks and readings about Christmas. Children also made little Christmas decorations.

### Events and items of interest from the Municipal Library of Prague

- | A concert by the group Jablkoně was attended by 313 people ([www.mlp.cz/galerie/Jablkon\\_06](http://www.mlp.cz/galerie/Jablkon_06))
- | Vikova, the 31st automated branch, was opened.
- | Like last year, MLP was again involved in the tradition of passing on the Light of Bethlehem, which symbolises the coming of Christmas.
- | Registered MLP readers can enjoy wireless Internet access (WIFI) not only in Central Library, but from December 2006 also in the branches Smíchov, Bohnice, Opatov, Lužiny and Ďáblice.
- | In December 17 060 volumes were purchased for the collection, which was a monthly record for 2006.

### Branch events

#### Barrandov

- | A Midsummer Night's Dream (theatrical performance)
- | Christmas fair with demonstrations of traditional crafts

#### Břevnov

- | Poetess Olga Szymanská (discussion)

#### Holešovice

- | Children's folk ensemble Osminka from ZUŠ Taussigova (dance performance)

#### Hostivař

- | Christmas creative workshop

#### Hradčany

- | Christmas pictures by Lída Dalíková (exhibition)

#### Kobylisy

- | When the Angels Come (literary spot)

#### Korunní

- | Writer Valburga Vavřínová on the composition of a Christmas (discussion)
- | Christmas creative workshop

#### Lužiny

- | Creative workshop

#### Skalka

- | Renata Štulcová – Nemetonburk (author reading)

#### Na Veselí

- | Small Christmas concert
- | Veselé na Veselí (exhibition)

#### Novodvorská

- | December under the Sign of the Lazy Tomcat (competition)

#### Skalka

- | Christmas creative workshop

#### Smíchov

- | Berber Jewellery (creative workshop)
- | Bethlehem (exhibition)
- | Kabul Myths (creative workshop)
- | The Melancholy Elephant (reading and dramatisation of African fairytales)

#### Central Library

- | Light of Bethlehem (event)

#### Vysočany

- | Ilja Hurník – How It Was with the Drum (dramatisation of fairytale)

### Selection from the Folk University programme

- | MLP Film Club
- | Two evenings with Jan Burian – musically-themed shows
- | Armchair for the Guest – Václav Větvíčka, Karol Efraim Sidon
- | The Orff Brothers and the group Schodiště (concert from the cycle Wild Men on Earth and Outside)
- | Meeting with Michael Cunningham – discussion, author reading, autograph session (in collaboration with the Prague Writers' Festival)
- | Social afternoon for the 3rd Age – Zuzana Bubílková (Great Hall)
- | Advent concert (Great Hall)
- | Live literature – Contemporary fiction of Northern Ireland (in collaboration with the British Council)

## Media summary

### Bulletin ALIS

No. 4 / Experience with camera systems in the Municipal Library of Prague

### Český rozhlas 1 – Radiožurnál

9. 12. / Interview with the director of MLP about the automation of the MLP library network and services, including mobile libraries

### Český rozhlas 2 – Praha

12. 12. / Dobré jitro: in his presentation A. Strejček and others promoted the upcoming Vivat Carolus Quartus at MLP

### Čtenář

No. 12 / What disappeared from branches of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2005...

### lkaros

18. 12. / Light of Bethlehem in the Municipal Library of Prague

### IT lib

No. 4 / For publication in the library. One view from the Municipal Library of Prague

### Klíč

No. 12 / Invitation to the events Lída Švihlíková – illustrations; Tales of Santa Claus; Christmas fish; Paint the sun

### Lidové noviny

5. 12. / Prague 4 has a modern library  
8. 12. / Michael Cunningham to read in Prague  
18. 12. / Light of Bethlehem reaches Prague

### Listy hlavního města Prahy

No. 12 / Report on the drying-out of the last volume of the MLP rare manuscripts collection, inundated during the floods of 2002; Christmas in the library; Christmas wishes

## Metropolitní expres

4. 12. / City Library expands again  
13. 12. / Books are dry now after floods

### MF Dnes

4. 12. / Sri Lanka; How are we behaving?  
5. 12. / Modern branch library in Krč; Sacred Stones  
6. 12. / Children and Us magazine; Show about women's and men's crises  
7. 12. / Ecological buildings  
11. 12. / With Z. Bubílková; On Past Life  
12. 12. / Armchair for the Guest – interesting discussion with V. Větvická  
13. 12. / Flood-hit books are now dry; Books damaged by floods are now dried out; Workshop – Discover the Jewellery of Berber Women  
14. 12. / Orff Brothers; On Czech Comics  
15. 12. / A distinguished literary star is coming  
18. 12. / I believe in the power of love, says author of The Hours  
18. 12. / Meeting – Zdeněk Šmíd  
19. 12. / Cheerful Jan Burian on harsh matters

### Právo

5. 12. / Another automated branch of the city library is opened  
11. 12. / Last flood-hit books being dried, Rare manuscripts chipped from blocks of ice  
16. 12. / Michael Cunningham, the author of the bestseller The Hours is in Prague  
18. 12. / Cunningham believes in the power of love  
19. 12. / For light in the library  
23. 12. / Light of Bethlehem brought by scouts from Castle on historic tram

## Pražský deník

5. 12. / Library in Vikova ulice open  
13. 12. / Flood-stricken books have been dried out, Jablkoně recital  
18. 12. / Cunningham has not forgotten Prague  
19. 12. / Light of Bethlehem in the library

### Šíp

16. 12. / Evening with a writer

### Tučňák

No. 12 / New library services in Prague 4

### Týden

4. 12. / Books destroyed in floods, Rare manuscripts chipped from blocks of ice



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