

2005 Annual Report

Municipal Library of Prague

The rapid pace of the new way of life requires new people who will be educated by libraries. Individuals capable of facing an accelerated reality without fear, yet at the same time capable of using scepticism to defend themselves against its excessive pride.

The motto and all texts attached to photographs are taken from the publication entitled “Library as a National Institution” published in Prague in 1928 by the Association of Public Municipal Librarians.

Introductory note from the Mayor of the City of Prague

The Czech writer Julius Zeyer once said that “a house without books is like a body without a soul”. This leads me to the conclusion that a house with more than two million books must have an extremely vivid and beautiful soul. Even more so since this house generously makes its wealth available to everybody who desires it. There are certainly plenty of those who wish to make use of the public library’s generosity and enrich their souls – the number of visitors to the Municipal Library of Prague last year exceeded the total number of volumes in the library.

The very first books were seen almost as a miracle, something very precious and of great wealth. They contained all mysteries the human race had managed to discover up until that moment. However, their value was also in their exquisite designs and the volume of human labour and time required for producing each book. There is little wonder that those who owned books had no intention of sharing them with others and often cherished their treasures so much that they never read the books themselves.

Fortunately, the entire process has been made simpler and less costly over the centuries and the value of books now depends mainly on their contents, the power of ideas described in them, the author’s personality and the beauty of their words. However, this did not remove the mystery behind the creation of a book or reduce the value of books for a human life. A good book can touch your heart, relieve pain and take away worries or even give your life new sense. John Ruskin expressed the importance of books for human life in a lapidary and pertinent statement: “Books to a man are the same as wings to a bird”.

As far back as 1919 the founders of our state legislated that every municipality must have a public library. Perhaps they were inspired by Cardinal Federigo Borromeo, who opened his private library in Milan to the public in 1609, or by Julius Caesar, who declared opening a public library a duty every ruler should honour. Prague has had its own public library since 1st July 1891. The Municipal Library of the City of Prague in its current location, i.e. in the vicinity of the Municipal Authority of the City of Prague, was opened on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the state’s existence. The physical proximity of these two buildings and continuous financial support provided to the library reflects the municipal council’s view of the public library’s importance for confirming and reinforcing the city’s position of a European centre of culture and education. The continued interest of Prague residents in the library’s services and the constant improvement in the quality of the services provided show that the library successfully fulfils its function.

Pavel Bém, the Mayor of the City of Prague



Library, its people and their library

We walked together side by side through a long corridor all the way to the door at its end. The man next to me looked ancient. He wore an anthracite suit with a waistcoat in the same colour, broadcloth sleeves pulled over his jacket. His elegant beard was almost white and so was his slick hair brushed to the back. Glasses with a bone frame gave his face an air of strictness and the only detail disturbing his reserved appearance was a pink carnation in the lapel. He pulled a gold watch out of his pocket, glanced at it, nodded and hastened. His appearance was strange and had I met him elsewhere, I probably would have been very surprised. But not here; I knew I was only dreaming him and this man seemed an appropriate character for a dream.

When we reached the end of the corridor, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a large key. He turned the key in the lock with a loud click and opened the door. He made a gesture with his hand letting me know that I should go ahead. I walked forward cautiously because the room was dark. My steps on the parquet floor echoed like in an empty gymnasium. The man reached somewhere to the side and the click of a switch could be heard shortly after that. The room was flooded with light at the same moment when the man proudly proclaimed: "This is our new public library!"

The room was enormous, larger than the gymnasium it had reminded me of earlier. Massive and completely empty. Barren walls framed the rectangle of a bare floor. There was nothing. I looked at the strange man in amazement and my look was met with a smile that had a question written all over it. He was eagerly expecting my reaction. I cleared my throat and asked: "Yes... but where are the books?"

The smile disappeared of his face as fast as spring snow and his eyes showed disappointment. The man looked at me reproachfully and sighed: "You have asked the wrong question! You should have asked: 'Where are the people?'"

It is true – the idea of a library without books seems strange. However, the idea of a library without people makes absolutely no sense. Not books but people are the purpose of a library; people who visit the library to seek knowledge, beauty or relaxation. Books by themselves are not the essential part of what a library offers. Libraries offer a service and books are only one of the parts of this service, however important part that may be. The basic principle of this service is to acquaint the right book with its reader.

True, many readers visit the library with a clear idea of what they want to borrow. However, when leaving a good library, they always carry more than they intended. Perhaps a book that will satisfy their wishes even better. Or two. Or information where else they can find out more. Or simply reassurance that they have selected the right book. Or "just" a smile, a few friendly words and the knowledge that someone else shares and appreciates their interests.

Then there are those readers who do not have a clear idea of what they need. Google or any other excellent internet search engine will satisfy the need for a wide range of information. However, a computer cannot answer all questions:

— Hello, professor, what will you borrow today?

— I don't know myself. I have trouble falling asleep, my back is playing up.

— I thought some good night reading may help.

— And have you read this?

— I have, my daughter-in-law bought it for me for Christmas.

— Did you like it?

— Well, it wasn't bad but I found it a bit too sad.

— I see, in that case we could try ... have you read this?

— Let me see ... no, I haven't. Is it good?

— I think you might like it. It's the first part in a series of five, so if you get into it, you'll have enough reading for quite a few evenings.

Naturally, a librarian also answers far more sophisticated and complex questions. The music and theatre section of the MLP provides its services to many top professionals – directors, composers, musicians... The same way as leading specialists visit our Pragensia sections and other specialised departments. Even the smallest of our branches answers challenging questions from all fields of human activities imaginable.

A public library is a wonderful institution – democratic to the core of its essence. It does not differentiate between very important and less important readers – all readers are equally important. You could say that any minister, university professor or a famous actor are as important as little John who came to solve his problem with a paper for his Czech language classes. Or to look at it from a different angle: little John will receive as qualified, caring and meticulous service as any famous personality from our public life – and plenty of them do visit our library. Every question is important and every need for information is a challenge for the library.

Therefore, I would like to devote my introductory note to the 2005 Annual Report of the Municipal Library of Prague to people. To my colleagues librarians and our regular readers, as well as those who visit us only occasionally. I would like to thank them all for patronage. You will have a chance to meet some of them on the photographs that accompany this publication. Others, you may meet in person when you visit one of our branches.

And perhaps – if you are lucky – you will meet the ancient man in his anthracite suit. He will be smiling at you.

Tomáš Řehák, the Director of the Municipal Library of Prague



A public library performs a great service by caring for the cultivated use of leisure time by the general public and preventing many from giving in to bad influences or an indecent way of life.



LÉKAŘSTVÍ

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Sexuologie a sexuální praxe pro každého

Activities of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2005

— successful lending activities – a record number of registered readers (195,797) and historically the second highest number of visits (2,321,294) and lent items (7,396,260); the year 2004 remained undefeated in the number of lent items (by 2.6 %) and the number of visits (by 4.7 %) – many libraries were closed temporarily in 2005 (a number of branches were automated and one-off projects for entering the library collection in a database as a prerequisite for the subsequent fast automation were implemented in other branches), the decreased number of visits is also associated with the fact that physical presence in the library is no longer required for many lending tasks (such as booking, extending the period of loan; they can be performed over the Internet);

— the interest of readers in services provided by automated libraries is increasing – automated libraries currently serve 81 % of MLP readers, 84 % of visits to the library and 79 % items lent in the MLP;

— opening additional automated branches (Černý Most, Petřiny, Hostivař, Na Veselí) and their integration into the network; associated with the continuing optimisation of the library network and fulfilling the schedule for its automation (reconstruction of an additional 2 branches – Ďáblice, Krč); as of the end of this year the MLP should have 25 automated libraries and 24 libraries without automation;

— development of new services, such as providing access to the new Czech encyclopaedic online database COTO.JE (containing more than half a million of topics and almost 30,000 images; the database used Otta's Educational Dictionary, Otta's Educational Dictionary of the New Age, Small Czechoslovak Encyclopaedia and the Universum encyclopaedia as sources of information) in the Information Centre of the Central Library; the MLP also provided remote user access to three online databases (ProQuest 5000, COTO.JE, The Oxford Reference Online Premium) through its web pages; the library also provided access to information about the European Union through the ČTK's Infobank;

— the Koniáš automated library system used by the MLP – implementation of changes relating to the new Library Rules of the MLP (such as the option of booking library items over the Internet and improved administration of bookings), modifications aimed at improving the performance of the system as a whole and increasing its capacity with a continuously increasing number of service points;

— further reinforcement of user access to the Internet (to 118 workstations in 29 libraries);

the grant obtained from the "Program for Internet-enabled Libraries" of the Ministry of Informatics of the CR allowed the work on connecting the remaining branches without automation – to be completed in 2006;

— wireless access to the Internet (Wi-Fi) has been provided to the readers registered with the MLP in the premises of the Central Library since 1st March 2005;

— books, magazines, music media and other types of documents to the total value of CZK 17.6 million were purchased, involving 105,654 library items; furthermore, electronic databases for CZK 500,000 were purchased; the newly acquired library items were subjected to standard library and book processing; new items were catalogued;

— the department of valuable and historical prints with a restoration shop focused especially on working with the library collection affected by the flood in 2002;

— educational activities of the Central Library and branches (especially in connection with children) and an extensive range of cultural and educational events organised by the Civic University, the total of 2,800 events for 74 thousand participants;

— participation in a range of national and regional events: March – the month of the Internet; Night with Andersen; the "Book World" book fair regularly taking place in May (a new mobile library introduced); 8th annual Bambiriáda (i.e. national presentation of activities of children and youth associations and leisure centres); nationwide Week of Libraries;

— visibility of the MLP in the Prague general public and in the CR as a whole was improved significantly; the library's activities and events are frequently mentioned in the media;

— work on the structure and appearance of the MLP web pages (www.mlp.cz) continued, interactive functions of the web pages are being enhanced; a new design for the English version of the web pages is being prepared;

— the new "Library Statute of the MLP" has been in force since 1. 1. 2005 and the library's organisational structure was modified; for example, the former department of strategic development was transformed into the department of information technologies of the MLP, the department of special collections was created within the library collection section and the post of internal auditor was established;

— intensive work on the concept material "Strategy of the MLP" with an anticipated validity period of 10 years was in progress and completion of the material is expected in the first half of 2006; this material describes the target status as a fully automated network of bran-

ches with libraries of specified parameters located optimally throughout most of the territory of the City of Prague, supplemented by mobile library stations and closely cooperating with libraries established by individual city districts;

— a detailed “Analysis of the MLP branches with regard to rental fees and their location in the relevant parts of the City of Prague” was completed and confirmed that the aim to relocate branches operated in expensive private buildings to suitable municipal buildings needs to be pursued;

— the library’s potential development programs, in particular long-term investment goals in the branch network, were updated once again; the MLP is in the process of obtaining a few grants in connection with this issue – the HISPRA project (Preservation of historical Prague-related and other valuable documents from the collection of the MLP) from the financial assistance provided by EHP and Norway with the objective to obtain digital copies of selected documents; another 3 projects strive to obtain subsidy from the European Fund for Regional Development through JPD2 – Unified Program Document for Goal 2 of the Prague region;

— the new Library Statute has been in force since 6th June, 2005 in the MLP; the new library statute fully respects the legislative changes that have occurred over the last few years, provides the thorough protection of personal data of readers and is an effective tool of the contractual relationship between individual readers and the library; this is also associated with the comprehensive update of essential forms and information materials, detailed training for all operators and some new tasks implemented in the Koniáš automated library system; the new library statute has become a model for other Czech libraries as they adopted some of its provisions or its entire structure;

— effectiveness of the reminder process and debt collection from readers (unreturned library items and overdue fees) was increased; the library collected a record sum of CZK 615 thousand (increase by 74 % compared to 2004); the trend of filing a maximum number of actions appears to be effective (the number of filed actions is therefore expected to increase in 2006); cooperation of the MLP with CreditExpress (administration of irrecoverable receivables) can also be assessed as effective;

— a mechanism for central valuation of publications damaged or lost by readers was created as an integral part of the debt collection mechanism;

— a number of specialised teams continued in their activities focused on solving indivi-

dual tasks related to the library’s services and activities (for example the service commission addressed the issue of booking library items, inter-library lending, summer opening times, self-service operation, etc.); the commission for reconstruction and automation focused on 10 branches, including selected prospective projects – a potential branch in a newly constructed building of the future National Technical Library and the extension of the Ruská branch);

— the specialised education program for librarians and employees of the MLP and employees of other Prague libraries continued – 96 educational events were attended by 2,207 participants (presentation and training for the new Library Statute of the MLP; working with information and communication technologies; language courses; specialised excursions to other libraries and other specialised events);

— the converted number of employees as at 31.12.2005 was 460; as at the same date 7 % of 524 employees of the MLP (physical persons) has university education related to library science, 13 % have university education in other fields; 1 % have a bachelor degree; 25 % have secondary education related to library science; 44 % have other secondary education and the remaining 7 % have basic education without A levels;

— regional cooperation with and specialised assistance for other Prague public libraries continued as a part of our regional activities required from the MLP as the regional library by Act No. 257 (Act on Libraries);

— the MLP is a collective member of the “Association of Librarians and Information Specialists of the CR” and a member of the “Association of Libraries of the CR”; the library cooperates with other major Czech libraries, in particular with the National Library of the CR, regional libraries and municipal libraries of major centres (Brno, Plzeň); the library takes part in joint projects of Czech libraries, such as selected VISK programs (Veřejné informační služby knihoven – Public Information Service of Libraries) related to educating librarians, establishing a structure of national authorities and digitalisation of library collections;

— international specialised cooperation with libraries in major cities (especially in Europe), newly established cooperation with the Queens Borough Public Library in New York; reciprocal study visits of the MLP employees involved five foreign libraries (Aix-en-Provence, Bratislava, Copenhagen, Vienna and New York – Queens) and were followed by study visits of their employees to the MLP; other study visits involved 8 other foreign libraries.

**Employers and their employees,
the councillor's wife and a factory
worker meet in the lending department;
a worker sits next to a professor
in the reading room, etc.**

**Sometimes it becomes obvious how
the visitors are aware of the democratic
equality that exists at the lending
counter or at a reading room table.**



The INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO 1998-99

Automated library system Koniáš

The process of automating the network and developing the library system Koniáš, which owes its name to the main application of the system including acquisition, cataloguing and lending modules, continued in 2005.

Automation of the MLP network also continued uninterrupted in 2005: branches in Černý Most, Petřiny, Hostivař and Na Veselí were opened. These are mainly smaller branches that could be opened without extensive reconstruction, as reconstruction would not be adequate in these cases. As the core branches in the network were automated, the automation process entered its second stage. Similarly to other automated libraries in the MLP network, these libraries are also integrated in the unified Koniáš system and allow visitors to other libraries to make use of their collection and naturally provide access to the Internet.

Two separate projects were carried out with regard to extending access to the Internet – the “Internet-enabled Public Libraries in Prague” project entered by the MLP in the JPD2 challenge with participation of European structural funds was successfully prepared and initiated; this project will allow us to implement high-speed Internet connection in an additional nine branches of the MLP during next year. A project bearing a similar name - “Internet-enabled Public Libraries” organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Informatics of the Czech Republic will allow the MLP to implement public access to the Internet for readers for most of its branches in one step. Both projects will be completed in 2006.

Many significant modifications were made to the Koniáš system in 2005. A range of changes was implemented in the first half of the year in connection with the new Library Statute of the MLP – the most significant changes include the option of booking library items over the Internet and improved administration of bookings including the option of suspending bookings for example during holidays. Additional changes implemented during the second half of the year focused especially on improving performance of the system as a whole and increasing its capacity with the continuously growing number of service points. Certain essential diagnostic measures were taken and an analysis of the transition to a complete three-tier architecture was completed. Implementing this architecture will be among the main tasks for 2006.

Development of the MLP web pages also continued, in particular in connection with additional online services. Selected paid internet databases were made available to MLP readers and remote access was set up to allow our readers to access these databases directly from their home computers.

**A public librarian must never
be content with his work as much
as an artist must never be content
with his work.**



Kaleidoscope of events

MLP

Rebelling ladies of Czech music – Rebelky – concerts in the large hall of the MLP, a joint project of the Taktika Muzyka agency and the MLP in cooperation with the music section of the Central Library

Iva Bittová – violin and vocals,
Maria Barbara Filli – cembalo and vocals

Hana Ulrychová – vocals, Petr Ulrych – vocals and guitar & Javory band

Lenka Dusilová – vocals and guitar & Band, Blanka Šrůmová as a guest
Aneta Langerová – vocals and guitar & band

Bára Basiková & Precedens,
Lili Marlen as a guest

Vladívojnna La Chia & Banana
Triny & Kale

Zuzana Lapčíková & Emil Viklický Trio

Free wireless Internet in the MLP

The MLP at Book World 2005

Helping you read (cooperation with the Spektra company)

The MLP for the first time at Bambiriáda

The Tobogán program from the MLP dedicated to books and libraries

District Library 1, 2, 3

Knight of reading (a series of discussions concluded by dubbing of the Knight)

To be afraid and steal or Danger, what is your name? (author reading by J. Dědeček and T. Brdečková)

Fairytales pictures by L. Dalíková (using H. Ch. Andersen's themes)

3 lectures from the Historical Evenings series (Neruda, Palacký...)

Literary walk through Prague (relay game)

4 important personalities behind the lending counter (M. Basch, T. Míková, J. Ullmann, V. Větvíčka)

District Library 4,11,12

Night with Andersen

Year in the EU (competition)

Spektra (compensating tools for the visually handicapped)

Historical council halls, reeve houses and townhouses (exhibition)

Hana's suitcase (exhibition)

Prague uprising in Prague 4 (exhibition)
28th author evening

I. M. Jirous (discussion with the writer)

Muses for children (exhibition)

Where the wilderness lives (theatre)

What? Me? Racist? (exhibition)

BMI – Eco internet (competition, training, bibliography)

Holidays with animals (competition, creative afternoons)

Week of libraries + Days of Prague 11 (competition, workshops)

Where the world ends (competition)

Art exhibitions (for example J. Papoušek, P. Francová, A. Sukupová)

The king of readers (competition)

Week of libraries + Days of Prague 11 (meeting of generations)

Pre-Christmas singing

District Library 5, 13, 16

Travelling exhibition on the book "Kvik sailing south" and discussion with the book illustrator Michal Cihlář
Discussions about Prague (unique discovery of an unknown Prague vista from 1536)

Insight into the life of the Měchura and Palacký family in the mid 19th century
"Frog" – unusual stone in the Prague architecture

Discussions with the writer R. Štulcová about the book "Nemetonburk or Mystery in the rock"

Welcome the Vietnamese New Year (workshop with a multicultural theme)

2nd annual competition in reciting and author reading by students of the Ch. Doppler grammar school
Donated days (exhibition of pictures by Vladimíra Burianová)

Night with Andersen

Where bananas grow (an African fairytale for children)

Medieval afternoon (an afternoon of fencing and medieval dance)

Spring music (musical performance by the Na Popelce arts school)

"Anna Franková" exhibition

Researchers (workshop of the Educational and Cultural Centre at the Prague Jewish Museum)

Golem – clay servant

(multicultural workshop)

History of Jews in the Czech lands (lecture by Mgr. B. Rozkošná)

Series of exhibitions of travel photographs (Olga Helm – Himalaya, Africa, Yemen)

"We are not different" project

(exhibition of work of children from epilepsy wards)

Literary walk through Prague
“Children for children”, organised
as a part of the Days of Ukrainian
Culture in the CR
Romany magic (in cooperation with
the Museum of Romany Culture
in Brno)
How is life in Kenya? All about the
project for the sponsorship of African
children
Chanukah, festival of lights (in coopera-
tion with the Prague Jewish Museum)
“Mišpacha” signs Jewish holiday songs
Martina Drijverová “Czech history
through a dog’s eyes” (author
reading and book signing)
Talk on Mont Blanc (meeting with the
traveller and book author Josef Štangl)
“They live among us” series (representa-
tive of the City Police of Prague 13)
How I see a library and library of the
future (artistic and literary competition)
Theatre afternoon with students
of the literary and drama department
of the Na Popelce arts school
2nd annual competition “Become
a writer”
“Kladno through children’s eyes”
exhibition of art works created by

members of an art group
Collages, painted silk and jewellery
(exhibition by Naděžda Fuková
and Dagmar Volencová)
Meeting of lovers of reading, talking
and the fantasy genre with the transla-
tor of Discworld, Jan Kantůrek

District Library 6, 7

Christmas concert
Artistic workshops (cup painting,
Origami)
Author readings
Summer house exhibition
Earth-sea travel
Magic the Cathering tournament
V. Kudrlička: What is left of the
Royal Woods (discussion)

District Library 8, 9, 14

Shrove balls, celebrations,
fancy-dress festivals (series)
Prague legends
Welcoming spring (work
of the pottery club)
History of Vysočany
Day of animals (literary extracts
and artistic competition)
Omniscient Internet

My heroes (artistic competition)
Fairytale about water sprites
(puppet theatre)
Easter quiz (history, customs)
The most beautiful Easter egg
(artistic competition)
About Prague 8 (series of quizzes
about individual parts of Prague 8)
Večerníček celebrates his birthday
(all-year-round series of discussions
+ artistic competition)

District Library 10, 15

Painting with Harry Potter (competition)
I know everything (competition)
World around us (competition)
Scary Christmas competition
Tribute to Voskovec and Werich
(discussion)
Proverbs give a clue (competition)
The know-it-all gnome (competition)
Library of the next century (artistic
competition)

Central Library

Easter in the Central Library
Seventh “birthday” of the CL MLP
Children’s day in the CL
Christmas games and carols

Night with Andersen
Introducing specialised pages of the
music section
Exhibition for the 100th anniversary
if Voskovec and Werich (a joint project
of the music and drama section)
Music and songs in Osvobozené
divadlo (Liberated Theatre)
(lecture and discussion with audio
presentation)
Petr Iljič Čajkovskij – 165 years from
the birth of the composer, Gustav
Mahler – 145 years from the birth of the
composer and conductor (exhibitions)
Musical jubilees of baroque masters
(brief introduction of the most impor-
tant stages in the lives and work
of influential Italian musicians)
Serving the goddess Thalia (an exhibiti-
on dedicated to the Hrušínský family
of actors in the premises of the Na
Jezerce theatre)
Lenka Reinerová (discussion with
the last Prague writer who writes
in German)
The light from Bethlehem in the CL MLP

**Close contact and connection
with foreign libraries that has
grown from the shared idea
of achieving higher civilisation
goals must therefore be nurtured.**

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Presentation in the media

Television

Česká televize

17.02. – ČT 1 – Události (news) – announcing the annual Magnesia Litera book awards at a press conference in the MLP, including the information that ČT will broadcast the award ceremony live from the Municipal Library of Prague

11.03. – ČT 2 – Knižní svět (Book World) – the head of the CL MLP talked about the interest in the work of A. Jirásek in the library

01.04. – ČT 1 – about the Night with Andersen with the head of the children and youth section of the Central Library of the MLP

11.04. – ČT 1 – Události (news) – report on the use of the Internet in the Opatov branch of the MLP

25.04. – ČT1 – Události (news) – preview of the Magnesia Litera award ceremony in the MLP

25.04. – ČT 2 – live broadcast from the Magnesia Litera award ceremony in the Municipal Library of Prague

04.11. – ČT1 – Barvy života (Colours of Life) – report from the MLP branch in Sue Ryder Home on a joint project

of the library and Spektra called “Helping you read”

TV Nova

31.10. – Právě teď (news) – report from the opening ceremony in the Petřiny library, another automated branch of the MLP

28. 11. – Právě teď (news) – report on opening the 24th automated branch of the MLP in Hostivař

09.12. – Právě teď (news) – report from the Na Veselí library, the 25th automated branch of the MLP

TV Praha

10.03. – interview with the Director of the MLP on the occasion of March – the Month of the Internet (MMI) with a poll for readers at the CL MLP

02.04. – Pražský deník (regional news) – report on the Night with Andersen in the Municipal Library of Prague

24.05. – Pražský deník (regional news) – visit to the MLP branch in Holešovice, introducing the project called “Helping you read”

20.06. – Pražský deník (regional news) – report from the opening ceremony

in the Černý Most library, the 22nd automated branch of MLP

TV Prima

13.01. – Minuty regionu (regional news) – Macrophotography in the Opatov library

10.03. – Minuty regionu (regional news) – with the Director of the MLP about the library’s activities on the occasion of MMI

13.06. – Minuty regionu (regional news) – report from the event Nicely in Czech organised in the Municipal Library

31.10. – Minuty regionu (regional news) – report from opening the automated library in Petřiny

28.11. – Minuty regionu (regional news) – from the opening ceremony at the automated branch in Hostivař

Regional television program of Prague 13

October – about a discussion with the Director of the City Police in Prague 13 in the Lužiny library

TV magazine of Prague 4

November – interview with the Director

of the MLP on strategic plans of the Municipal Library of Prague and particularly about MLP libraries in Prague 4

Radio

BBC

04.03. – with the senior librarian of the MLP on libraries and minorities

ČR 1 – Radiožurnál

15.02. – interview with the traveller S. Rývolová, also about her upcoming lecture in the MLP as a part of the series LU “Overseas with a backpack”

28.03. – Nad věci – P. Mandys as a guest talks about Magnesia Litera in the MLP

08.08. – interview with the head of the CL MLP and with a driver of the biblio-bus of the MLP

ČR 2 – Praha

28.05. – Dobré jitro – information from the press conference of the MLP on the project “Helping you read”

09.09. – Kolonáda – interview with the director Y. Žertová and P. Jančařík on the upcoming radio broadcast of the Tobogán program from the MLP

03.10. – Week of Libraries, including an interview with the senior librarian of the MLP
07.10. – Poradna – the senior librarian of the MLP talks
08.10. – Live broadcast of the Tobogán program from the Municipal Library of Prague as a part of the Week of Libraries

ČR 3 – Vltava

01.02. – Head of the drama and film section of the CL MLP informs about the Voskovec + Werich + Ježek exhibition and related lectures
17.03. – Head of the drama and film section of the CL MLP announces the series Malý průvodce pražskými divadly II. (Small Guide to Prague Theatres II) prepared by the MLP
23.11. – interview with the Head of the drama and film section of the CL MLP about the event “Not only the Shop on the Boulevard – lecture with film screening in the MLP dedicated to the directors E. Klos and J. Kádár

ČR 7

01.04. – with the spokesperson of the MLP about the Night with Andersen in individual branches

ČR – Regina Praha

29.08. – information from the spokesperson about the commencement of operation of the biblio-bus in Karlín
03.10. – news – the spokesperson of the MLP extends an invitation to the events organised by the library on the occasion of the Week of Libraries
04.10. – additional information on the Week of Libraries at the MLP
31.10. – interview with the Director of the MLP about the automation of branches and with the spokesperson about the automated library in Petřiny
12.12. – interview with the Head of the District Library 4,11,12 about the Na Veselí automated library

Radio City

07.07. – with the spokesperson of the MLP about the mobile library in Karlín

Press

Adam.cz

13. 06. – “When books have wheels and come straight to you”

Blesk

27. 04. – “Magnesia awarded Litera”
22. 09. – “Nesvadba for the little ones”

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27. 01. – “Do I have to pay fines for my child?”
01. 02. – “Exhibition in the Municipal Library remembers the trio V+W+J”
07. 03. – “Iva Bittová in MLP”
25. 04. – “A book based on the story of the Mašín brothers has become the Book of the Year”

ČTK

27. 07. – “Libraries apparently do not know what a dead season is. People read even in summer.” – interview with the Head of the CL MLP

Čtenář

Issue 1 – “Saved heritage – opening a new department for valuable prints

in the Municipal Library of Prague”, “The World through children’s eyes – a literary competition for children from Prague 13”, “A new logo for the Municipal Library of Prague”
Issue 2 – “Status of public library web pages as at the end of 2004”
Issue 3 – “The public library section of SKIP in cooperation with the Municipal Library of Prague will once again organise the Librarian’s workshop event ...”
Issue 5 – “Library in Prague Smíchov”, “Libraries for Everyone – invitation to a conference”
Issue 6 – “Librarian’s Workshop 2005”, “Night with Andersen in Prague 13”
Issues 7/8 – “Helping you read”, “Where the world ends 2005 at the Opatov branch of the Municipal Library of Prague”, “Knihovny.cz”
Issue 9 – Libraries in the press – Prague 14 – “The Municipal Library of Prague opened its 22nd fully automated branch on 20.6...”
Issue 11 – “Modern libraries 2005”

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12. 12. – “Library reopens”

Ikaros

05. 01. – “In its art exhibition the Municipal Library of Prague (MLP) has prepared ...”

18. 07. – “Members of the MLP will be able borrow the original of the sixth volume of Harry Potter from Tuesday 19.7...”

26. 08. – “The Municipal Library of Prague (MLP) informs that the biblio-bus in Karlín has resumed operation...”

23. 09. – We recommend: “Coronation of the King of Readers...”

03. 10. – We recommend: “The Municipal Library of Prague joins the Week of Libraries initiative...”, “Report from the conference Modern Libraries 2005”

24. 11. – We recommend: “The Municipal Library of Prague invites you to the opening ceremony at the automated library in Hostivař...”

07. 12. – We recommend: “The Municipal Library of Prague invites you to the opening ceremony at the library for children and young readers in Na Veselí street...”

Lidové noviny

02. 02. – “Cultural ecumenism to remember Hašek”

18. 02. – “Magnesia Litera book awards gain momentum”

22. 02. – “V + W concert tomorrow in Prague”

15. 03. – “Tribute to V + W”

27. 04. – “Documentaries on everyday heroes”, “Open passageway to the Castle?”

12. 05. – “Festival tips for the following days”

27. 05. – “From infinity to standstill by death”

02. 08. – “Tactile drawings and pastels”

08. 12. – “Valuable prints three years after the flood”

Listy hlavního města Prahy

April – “Internet at the Municipal Library”

July – “Literature has come to life at the library”, first regular column of the MLP: The new Library Statute in force, Helping you read, The 22nd automated branch of the MLP

August – regular column of the MLP: During the holidays not only for books

– Opatov library, Smíchov library, Dittrichova library, Spořilov library, Central Library

September – regular column of the MLP: Electronic databases available to members of the MLP

October – regular column of the MLP: Week of Libraries – selected events organised by the MLP. “Culture stimulates the economy”

November – regular column of the MLP: Rebelky, MLP Film Club, Literature Alive,

How I see the library, Paint with Harry Potter. “Access free of barriers”

December – regular column of the MLP – pre-Christmas special

Malé (ale naše) noviny

30.03. – “Sleeping in a library”

06.06. – “Thanks for the fairytale!”

09.06. – “When books have wheels and come straight to you”

23.06. – “Library on the outskirts...”

20.07. – “Bestseller with the book number AG 6681”

Metro

01.02. – “Exhibition and film

remembered V+W+J”

07.03. – “Bittová will perform in the library”

14.04. – “Interview with the councillor Hana Halová on donating blood. Two evenings in the Municipal Library are...”

22.04. – “The popular actress Jana Paulová today in the large hall of the Municipal Library...”

27.04. – “The One World festival starting now”

05.05. – “The One World 2005 festival has its winners”

27.05. – “The offer for the Children’s Day is diverse”

01.06. – “Children can celebrate their day in many places”

21.06. – “Černý Most. The library is here mainly for children”

22.06. – “The world-famous theatre found short-term refuge at the Municipal Library”

29.08. – “The mobile library operating once again”

07.10. – “Tobogan in the Municipal Library”

25.11. – “The library will be extended by computers”

Mladá fronta Dnes

04.01. – “Most companies will increase their wages from January”
02.02. – “The Municipal Library remembers the trio V+W+J”
04.02. – “Nesvadba will play for the little ones”
16.02. – “Dancers will help Asia”
18.02. – “Magnesia Litera for the first time in a live broadcast”
26.02. – “The library tempts you with dance, the sports ground in Krč with races”
25.03. – “The nominations for Magnesia Litera announced”
29.03. – “...Malostranská beseda to undergo reconstruction”
12.04. – “Introducing a book about Charles IV”
27.04. – “Magnesia Litera: As good as it gets?”, “When heroes take a break”
02.05. – Prague Spring – Festival map. Program “What the 60th annual festival offers”.
05.05. – “Books waiting in freezers”
25.05. – “Visually handicapped people can read in the library”
01.06. – “Children all over Prague will have fun today”

22.06. – “Premiere. Černé divadlo (Black Theatre) will perform a play about Peter Pan”
19.07. – “The new Harry Potter has arrived at the Municipal Library”, “Harry Potter: both drawn out and riveting”
21.07. – “With a few exceptions, libraries open during the summer holiday”
26.07. – “New young readers...”
01.08. – “Some libraries operate even in summer”
10.08. – “The library offers services for the visually handicapped”
26.08. – “Who would be scared of fear...”
13.09. – “Clerks to be under scrutiny”
14.09. – “Bára Basiková will sing in the library”
05.10. – “The city will keep the library and the gallery”
12.10. – “Dalibor Janda to show a musical “Všechno na Mars” (All to Mars)”
17.10. – “The musical will turn the hall of the Municipal Library into a sanatorium”
18.10. – “How Dalibor Janda returned from Mars in the musical”

26.11. – Survey on the television program “Vyvolení” (Chosen) – including an opinion of the Director of the MLP, T. Řehák.

MF Plus

Issue 41 – “Books arrived”

Polygrafie revue

June – “Live broadcast did not add glamour to the Magnesia Litera competition”; “Restorers will be busy, tens of thousands of books are waiting”

Právo

01.02. – “V+W+J at the Municipal Library”
23.02. – “Suchý sings Ježek”
25.02. – “Free internet in the library”
24.03. – “Iva Bittová to perform in Prague”
20.04. – “The Central Library contemplating”
26.04. – “Jan Balabán awarded the best prose writer”
28.04. – “The One World film festival dedicated to human rights has started”

31.05. – “Even visually handicapped people can read in libraries”
01.06. – “Head to libraries on the Children’s Day”
06.06. – “The library has a new statute”
04.07. – “Biblio-bus does not operate during the summer holidays”
09.07. – “The new Potter breaks records and is even on the internet”
19.07. – “The sixth Potter also in the library”
28.07. – “Potter and Pratchett both attracting readers. Libraries are becoming centres of the Internet and artistic activities.”
30.08. – “Biblio-bus is back”
30.09. – “The queen read 200 books during summer”
07.11. – “The library in Petřiny in a new coat”
19.11. – “Head to a library for health”
30.11. – “Library reopens”

Reflex.cz

17.10. – “Books, libraries and the desire to own...”

Respekt

Issue 40 – “Islam in the CR. Public discussion...”

SPY Online News

07.06. – “Monika Šramlová: I live with Nature!”

Student in

Issue 1 – Column of the MLP – latest information

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Issue 4 – Column of the MLP – latest information

Šíp

11.11. – “Dalibor Janda. Who is blackmailing him? The show business bosses.”

22.11. – “Library to be without readers for a short time”

29.11. – “Librarians wiped the dust”

10.12. – “Day in Prague. Automated library.”

Týden

Issue 13 – “From Březina to Zonová. Nominations for the Magnesia Litera book awards.”

Issue 15 – “Matej Krén: Passageway.”

Issue 17 – “Czechs in Plzeň, world in Prague”

“...The Municipal Library of Prague published a match-a-pair game...”

Issue 19 – “The Litera civic association thanks its partners and congratulates all winners”

Issue 37 – “Fifty thousand for a delay. Failing to return books does not pay off, fines continuously increase.”

Večerník Praha

12.01. – “Beseda to regain its beauty”

24.02. – “The library offers free internet”

16.03. – “Tip – As a part of the March – the Month of the Internet event, the Municipal Library organises...”; “Bittová to start the female rebellion.”

24.03. – “Bittová adding more”

06.04. – “Readers have to look for books elsewhere”

22.04. – “Jana Paulová daring to sing chanson”

25.04. – “Jana Kirschner to take part in the Magnesia Litera award ceremony”

23.05. – “The visually handicapped can visit the library”

30.05. – “Library with a magnifying glass”

09.06. – “Aneta is a rebellious lady”

20.06. – “A new library in Černý Most”

21.06. – “Library closed”

30.06. – “Peter Pan makes miracles happen at the Municipal Library”

25. 07. – “Important! The central branch of the Municipal Library on Mariánské náměstí”

30. 07. – “No books next week”

08. 08. – “Tip of the day. An exhibition of tactile drawings by the blind artist Pavla Francová...”

09. 08. – “Longer opening hours at the library”

20. 08. – “The blind artist thinks in colour”

06. 10. – “Fairytales for children”

10. 10. – “With Dalibor Janda to Mars”

VP and Bohemia daily

– magazine **Nový víkend**

07.05. – “Magnesia Litera 2005 – a very pleasant gathering”

The Municipal Library also presented its activities and information in the SKIP Bulletin during 2005. The library has developed its cooperation with the local press. A range of information on the library appeared regularly not only in Tučňák, Klíč, but also in the following local press: Pražská pětka and Hobuleto.

The public was also informed about the Municipal Library in Listy Prahy 1, Noviny Prahy 2, Radniční noviny Prahy 3, Břevnovan, Šestka, Praha 10, Noviny Prahy 12, Zpravodaj občanů Prahy 13, Listy Prahy 14 and Kolovrat-ský zpravodaj.

Shout it out and loud in the public!
Distribute posters for shop windows,
inexpensive leaflets with lapidary
and relevant statements! And do not
forget large billboards near the train
station to immediately capture
strangers arriving in town on their
first day and bring them to your
reading rooms!

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International cooperation

The Municipal Library of Prague is a member of many organisations providing an umbrella for international cooperation between libraries and actively participates in their activities:

IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions),
IAML (International Association of Music Libraries Archives and Documentation Centres),
SIBMAS (International Association of Libraries and Museums of the Performing Arts)

Overview of international events in 2005

International cooperation of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2005 focused on a few basic areas. These included reciprocal visits organised as a part of cooperation with libraries abroad, international business trips by employees of the MLP, and business visits by foreign experts to the Municipal Library of Prague.

Reciprocal events

These are reciprocal visits of employees organised at an international level between cooperating libraries. The Municipal Library of Prague works with the following libraries:

Københavns Kommune Bibliotekerne, Copenhagen, Denmark
(<http://www.kkb.bib.dk/>)

La Cité du Livre, La bibliothèque Méjanès, Aix-en-Provence, France
(<http://www.citedulivre-aix.com/>)

Büchereien Wien, Vienna, Austria (<http://www.buechereien.wien.at/>)

Mestská knižnica v Bratislave, Bratislava, Slovakia
(<http://www.mestskakniznica.sk/>)

Queens Borough Public Library, New York, USA (<http://www.queenslibrary.org/#>)

During their reciprocal visits our employees focus on specific projects according to their specialisation.

Topics for study visits of individual employees during 2005:

Methods of processing, storing and providing conventional and new types of documents with emphasis on digitisation;

Comparing the potential of different approaches to lending audiovisual media, options for processing the collection in electronic databases;

Theatre and film literature, stage design, costumes, cataloguing and options for obtaining texts of theatre plays and scripts;

Work in a children's department, educational programs for children, cooperation of librarians for children, cooperation with educational institutions;

Organisation of library services, trends and forthcoming changes, work with minorities;

Experience and work of the relevant library with periodicals, deposit copies; Reconstruction and operation of libraries;

Management, strategic planning, human resources, organisation of labour, PR and communication, information technologies;

International business trips

Employees of the Municipal Library of Prague regularly take active part in conferences and seminars abroad:

Germany, Düsseldorf – 94th Day of German Librarians;

Germany, Chemnitz – Seminar on the topic “Innovative approaches to library management presented with the example of the Municipal Library in Chemnitz”;

Slovakia, Bratislava – 27.9. Plenary meeting of the Slovak National Group IAML – contribution: “Report on activities of the Czech National Group (ČNS IAML)”;

seminar Music library services in Slovakia – contribution “Current topics in (Czech) music library services”;

Poland, Warsaw – Conference of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archive and Music Information Centres IAML 2005;
Belgium, Brussels – Conference “VIRUS”, a lecture entitled: “The most dangerous enemy sits in my chair”;
Germany, Berlin – America–Gedenkbibliothek;
Germany, Chemnitz – Stadtbibliothek Chemnitz;
Latvia, Riga – IFLA, metropolitan library section,
Conference “Libraries and lifelong learning: inspiring users and staff”;

Business visits by foreign experts to the MLP

Slovenia, Association of Slovenian Librarians;
Finland, State Provincial Office of Lapland, Department of Education and Culture;
USA, Summer Seminar 2005, organised by ÚISK FF UK and University of North Carolina and its School of Information and Library Science;
Germany, Fachhochschule für Öffentliche Verwaltung und Rechtspflege in Bayern, Fachbereich Archiv- und Bibliothekswesen;
Australia, Brisbane City Council and the State Library of Queensland;
Russia, Centralized Library System of Kirovsky district and Centralized Library System of Petrodvorets district;
Lithuania, group of 40 librarians, Latvia, Riga Central Library.

**Open new worlds to women!
Reconsider the weight of her role
as a woman! Provide her with books
that do not simplify her care for
the household but evaluate her work
and carry the woman for a short
time to higher worlds, paralysing
the destructive effect of her daily toil.
Heal her with references to cheerful
ideas and liberating spiritual beauty.**

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Marcela Dostálová
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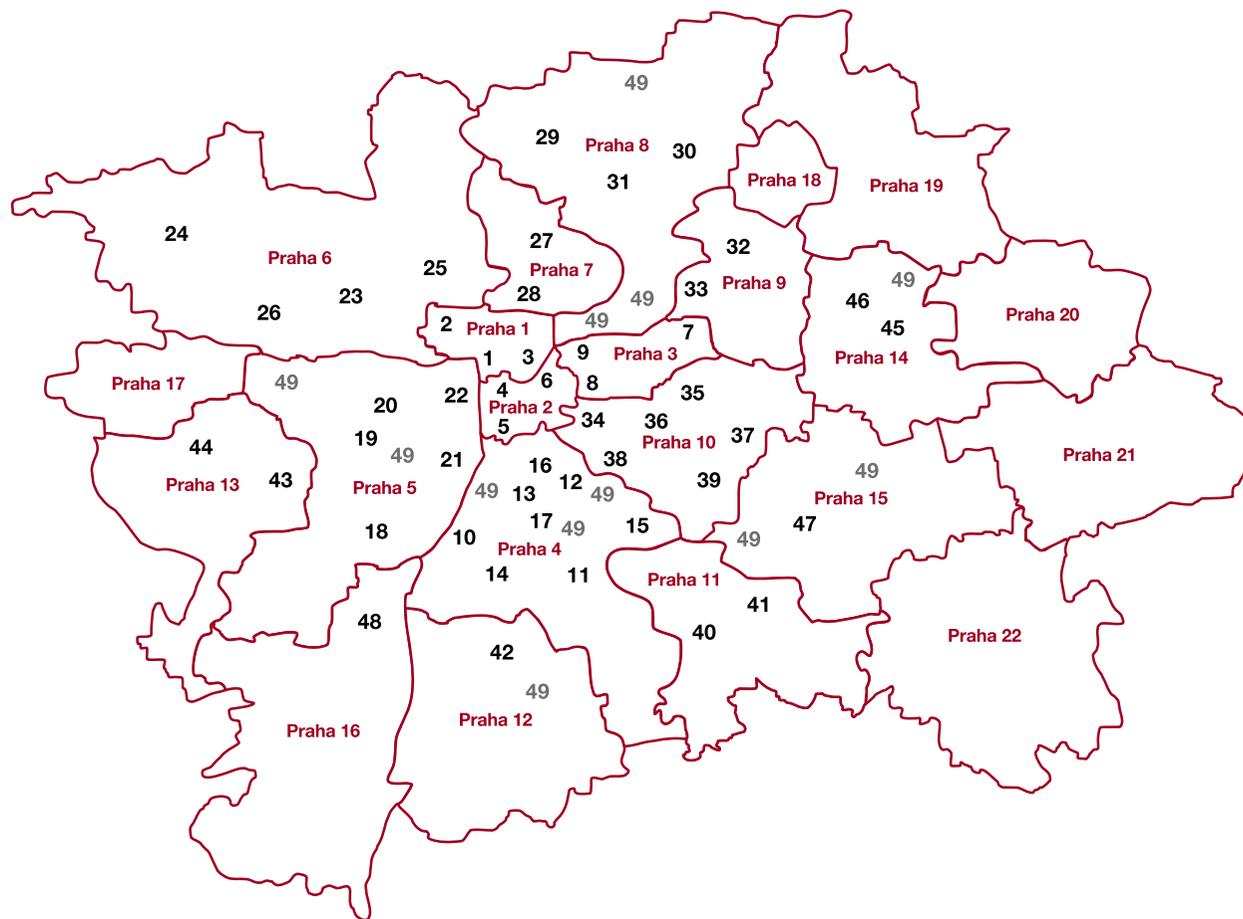
Branches of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2005

Branch number	Branch [AK]	Automated branch	City District	Number of members	Of which children	Number of visits per member	Number of lent items	Share of non-fiction books	Number of lent items per member
1	1	Central Library [AK]	1	58 679	7 %	13	2 207 784	45 %	38
3	2	Hradčany	1	387	40 %	16	27 641	23 %	71
4	5	Ostrčilovo nám. [AK]	2	1 523	28 %	10	54 902	25 %	36
5	27	Holešovice [AK]	7	2 062	28 %	11	54 715	29 %	27
7	31	Kobylisy	8	2 316	30 %	11	156 756	17 %	68
8	3	Školská [AK]	1	10 058	8 %	9	289 150	40 %	29
10	33	Vysočany [AK] *)	9	2 240	34 %	10	77 769	24 %	35
13	46	Hloubětín	14	1 907	33 %	10	88 610	18 %	46
15	9	Žižkov [AK]	3	2 272	23 %	10	87 645	28 %	39
16	8	Vinohradská *)	3	380	100 %	6	9 625	32 %	25
18	34	Korunní [AK] *)	10	7 910	22 %	9	277 101	32 %	35
19	38	Vršovice [AK]	10	1 670	34 %	10	65 373	25 %	39
21	47	Hostivař [AK] *)	15	1 280	34 %	9	43 746	23 %	34
24	12	Michle	4	1 155	35 %	9	51 102	19 %	44
25	17	Víkova	4	1 769	29 %	11	81 658	18 %	46
27	42	Modřany *)	12	2 192	59 %	7	72 666	24 %	33
29	22	Smíchov [AK]	5	11 500	23 %	10	340 666	35 %	30
30	19	Cibulka *)	5	622	61 %	11	35 538	18 %	57
31	48	Velká Chuchle	16	229	53 %	10	11 700	24 %	51
33	20	Košíře	5	693	33 %	12	47 847	16 %	69
35	23	Břevnov [AK]	6	6 232	24 %	10	213 461	35 %	34
37	24	Dědina	6	819	32 %	11	43 723	19 %	53
38	25	Dejvice *)	6	4 846	21 %	9	175 006	24 %	36
39	28	Letná [AK]	7	4 995	23 %	9	154 497	32 %	31
41	14	Novodvorská [AK]	4	4 426	33 %	10	171 831	28 %	39

42	26	Petřiny [AK] *)	6	2 012	26 %	6	72 396	29 %	36
43	16	ul. 5. května *)	4	1 033	0 %	9	53 362	19 %	52
43	13	Na Veselí [AK] *)	4	1 076	54 %	6	31 953	37 %	30
45	15	Spořilov [AK]	4	2 216	36 %	12	78 441	26 %	35
47	39	Zahradní Město	10	1 293	32 %	11	63 935	19 %	49
48	21	Na Skalce	5	986	33 %	9	47 121	19 %	48
51	4	Dittrichova [AK]	2	2 060	19 %	9	61 613	26 %	30
52	29	Bohnice [AK] *)	8	6 110	26 %	11	265 954	29 %	44
54	32	Prosek [AK]	9	3 996	29 %	11	177 382	30 %	44
56	36	Ruská	10	3 344	29 %	12	159 571	30 %	48
58	41	Opatov [AK]	11	15 210	23 %	10	690 430	33 %	45
60	11	Krč *)	4	Branch no. 60, Krč was closed during 2005 – reconstruction and automation.					
61	35	Malešice	10	979	37 %	9	34 054	17 %	35
62	18	Barrandov [AK]	5	1 989	68 %	10	69 635	27 %	35
65	6	Záhřebská [AK]	2	2 347	30 %	10	78 293	28 %	33
66	7	Chmelnice	3	1 260	38 %	10	65 140	16 %	52
70	37	Skalka	10	1 781	37 %	10	70 731	21 %	40
80	10	Braník *)	4	678	32 %	8	22 986	14 %	34
81	43	Lužiny [AK] *)	13	7 713	38 %	9	271 857	34 %	35
84	44	Stodůlky *)	13	1 404	46 %	8	52 959	27 %	38
87	45	Černý Most [AK] *)	14	2 852	29 %	5	59 604	26 %	21
88	30	Ďáblice *)	8	Branch no. 88, Ďáblice was closed during 2005 – reconstruction and automation.					
89	40	Jírovcovo n. [AK]	11	1 929	42 %	11	75 804	29 %	39
99	49	Mobile library		1 367	36 %	9	51 040	20 %	37

*) the branch was closed for at least 1 month (reconstruction; preparation for automation; long-term repairs; inspection of the library collection; entering the library collection into a database)

Department CL / DL	Events for adults		Events for young people				Events for children				total	
	Events	People	total		Of which KBP		total		Of which KBP		Events	People
			Events	People	Events	People	Events	People	Events	People		
Civic University	343	24 224									343	24 224
Central Library	7	108	82	2 395	82	2 395	83	1 667	34	724	172	4 170
DL 1, 2, 3	29	519	1	32	1	32	168	3 407	43	861	198	3 958
DL 4, 11, 12	95	1 234	61	1 593	24	608	442	8 732	99	1 957	598	11 559
DL 5, 13, 16	77	877	10	203	9	135	530	11 695	32	685	617	12 775
DL 6, 7	19	294	7	155	0	0	137	2 738	66	1 256	163	3 187
DL 8, 9, 14	58	342	0	0	0	0	277	4 882	108	1 800	335	5 224
DL 10	5	165	5	220	4	120	362	8 559	79	1 933	372	8 944
DL 1–10	283	3 431	84	2 203	38	895	1 916	40 013	427	8 492	2 283	45 647
CL and DL 1 – 10	290	3 539	166	4 598	120	3 290	1 999	41 680	461	9 216	2 455	49 817
MLP	633	27 763	166	4 598	120	3 290	1 999	41 680	461	9 216	2 798	74 041



Regular contact with readers face to face – this is important. Live material. An integral librarian act is a systematic journey to higher levels with each reader separately. A librarian helps readers to find themselves and determines where their place in their lives may be. Once detected, they do not let go of the threads of personality and work hard to reinforce them systematically.



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Analysis of financial management of the MLP in 2005

Organisation	Approved budget for 2005	Modified budget for 2005	Actual status as at 31.12.2005	% fulfilment of MB
Municipal Library				
Total receipts	15 000	15 316	22 044	143,93
Of which: from librarian activities	13 900	13 900	19 234	138,37
from other activities – library events	1 100	1 100	999	90,82
Other revenues		316	1 811	573,10
Total expenses	209 385	220 531	223 896	101,53
Consumed purchases	29 600	33 028	34 354	104,01
Of which: consumable supplies	20 500	21 025	22 976	109,28
small tangible assets	3 800	6 638	6 114	92,11
energy consumption	5 300	5 365	5 264	98,12
other				
Services	37 590	39 090	41 479	106,11
Of which: communications	5 000	5 077	5 077	100,00
lease and services (for non-residential premises)	18 085	18 487	20 162	109,06
cleaning	5 900	5 609	5 670	101,09
leasing costs	0			
repairs and maintenance	5 000	3 841	4 131	107,55
travel expenses	355	443	419	94,58
entertainment expenses	50	50	27	53,78
other	3 200	5 583	5 993	107,34

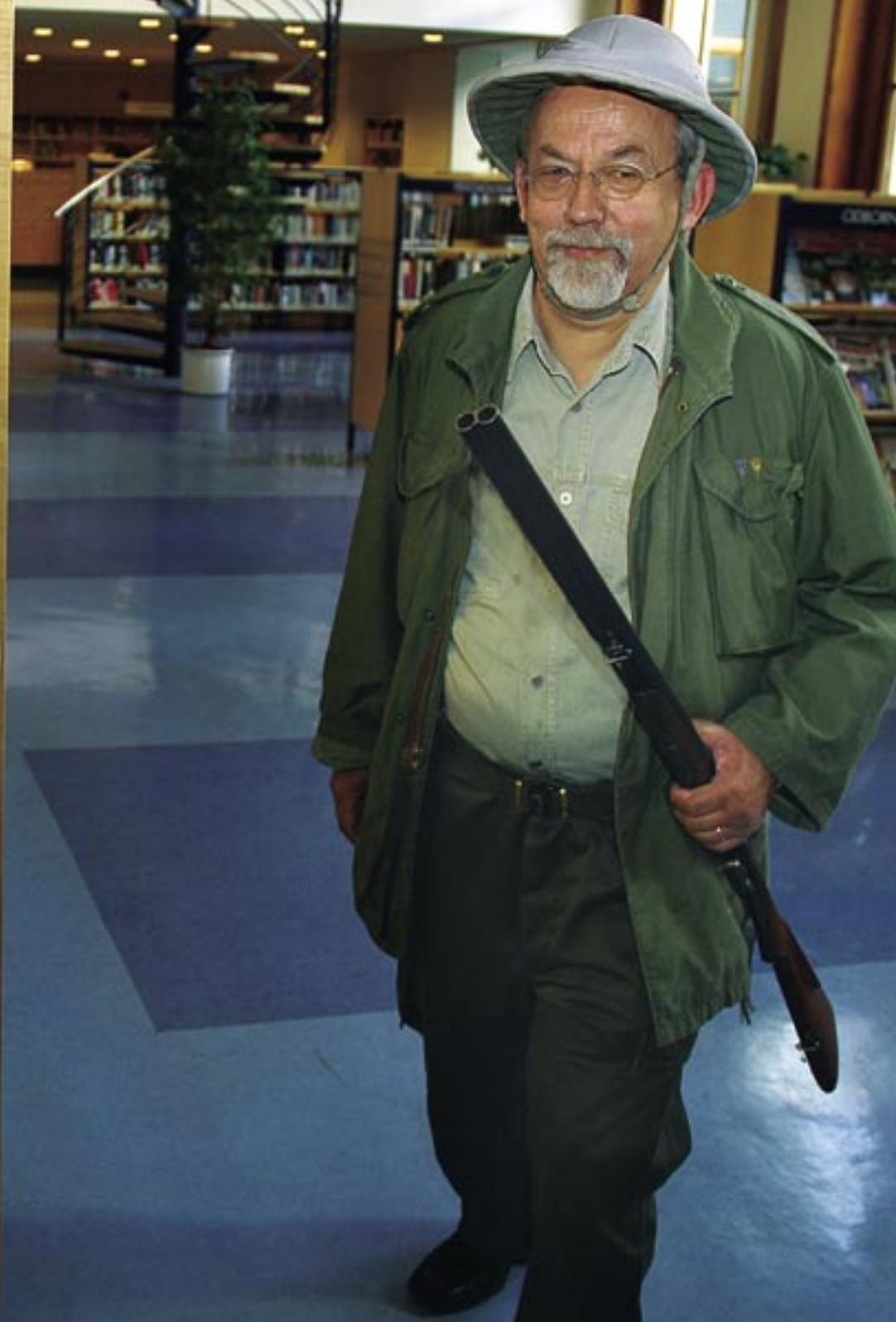
Personnel expenses	129 697	135 603	135 243	99,73
Of which: other personnel expenses	900	1 110	727	65,50
wage expenses	93 782	98 112	98 112	100,00
statutory social insurance	33 139	34 419	34 419	100,00
statutory social expenses (cultural and social needs fund)	1 876	1 962	1 962	100,00
other		0	23	
Taxes and fees (except for income tax)	80	80	49	61,25
Other expenses	800	830	871	104,94
Of which: interest paid				
deficits and damages			33	
remaining other expenses	800	830	838	100,96
Depreciations	11 618	11 900	11 900	100,00
Of which: buildings and constructions		400	401	100,25
equipment		11 500	11 499	99,99
Profit/loss	0	0	3 363	
Use of reserve fund, financing additional activities				
Non-investment contribution	194 385	205 178	205 178	100,00
Non-investment contribution of the city district		37	37	
Number of employees	460	460	460	100,00

Analysis of financial management of the MLP in 2005

Organisation	Approved budget	Actual status
Municipal Library	for 2005	in 2005
Total receipts	2 300	1 479
Of which: lease		1 377
from other activities		
other revenues		102
Total expenses	1 104	1 020
Consumed purchases	80	33
Of which: consumable supplies		
small tangible assets		
energy consumption	80	33
Services	266	253
Of which: communications	6	2
lease and services (non-residential premises)	40	30
cleaning	120	185
costs of leasing		
repairs and maintenance		
travel expenses		
other expenses	100	36

Personnel expenses	753	727
Of which: other personnel expenses	50	88
wage expenses	500	444
statutory social insurance	193	186
statutory social expenses (cultural and social needs fund)	10	9
Taxes and fees		
(except for income tax)		
Other expenses	5	7
Of which: interest		
deficits and damages		
remaining other expenses	5	7
Depreciations		
Of which: Buildings and constructions		
Equipment		
Income/loss (+ profit, - loss)	1 196	459
Number of employees	3,00	2,06

Booking ensures that readers can receive books they are keenly interested in as soon as possible. This however requires consistent reminders for those who have kept books beyond the determined loan period. Reminders sometimes create conflicts and discourage insulted readers but reasonable readers understand their necessity. They teach readers to observe deadlines.



Lending activities of the Municipal Library of Prague in 2005

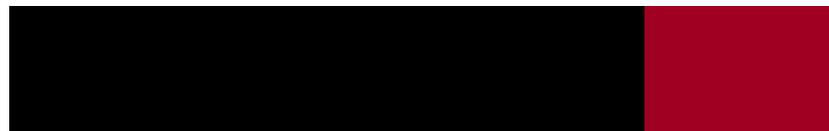
Lent items at the MLP total (in thousands)

1,049 fiction 944 non-fiction 151 music 94 audio material 30 other



Readers – automated and non-automated network (in thousands)

148 automated network 47 non-automated network



Lent items at the Central Library (in thousands)

975 non-fiction 797 non-fiction 302 audio material 80 music 26 other



Readers – over and up to 15 years of age (in thousands)

153 over 15 years of age 42 up to 15 years of age



Lent items at branches (in thousands)

2,990 fiction 1,438 non-fiction 455 news and magazines 283 audio material 18 other



Lent items in automated and non-automated network (in thousands)

5,530 automated network 2,061 non-automated network



Library collection of the MLP as at 31.12.2005 (in thousands)

1,049 fiction 944 non-fiction 151 music 94 audio material 30 other



Items lent to readers over and up to 15 years of age (in thousands)

6,358 over 15 years of age 1,233 up to 15 years of age



Lent items at the MLP (in thousands)

3,349 other aut. libraries 2,181 Central Library 2,061 Non-aut. libraries



Lent items during 1945 – 2005



Members of the MLP during 1945 – 2005



Visitors to the MLP during 1945 – 2005



In certain circles of the so-called intelligence, in particular where a certain level of material comfort and security exists, a significantly greater degree of spiritual laziness can be found than in the common middle class circles.

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