List of Important Events

Feb 4  National Programme of Computer Literacy in the Czech Republic – a press conference. In cooperation with the Ministry of Informatics of the Czech Republic, the Intel Company and the Internet Centre.

Feb 11–13  CEE MASTER – a workshop held with the support of the Austrian Academy of Science.

Feb 18–19  1st International Workshop on Restoration of Archival Materials and Book Collections Damaged by Flood.

Feb 22  Concert of Swiss and Czech Music – one of occasional concerts held within the Harmonia Europea concert series. In cooperation with the Harmonia Mozartiana Pragensis assembly with the support of the Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation.

Feb 27  A ceremony on the occasion of publishing the Czech-Bulgarian Dictionary in two volumes, connected with the exhibition Language as a Bridge, Bulgarian Bohemical studies – Czech Bulgarian Studies (Feb 1–March 1 2003).
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

March 20–23  International Book Fair in Leipzig – the National Library’s publications presented there as a part of the national exhibition stand.

March 27  Evening with Friends of the National Library – for the National Library’s patrons and donors, a charity collection was announced in favour of digitizing the Velislav Bible. The event was on the Czech Radio 2 broadcast. Organized in cooperation with the Society of the National Library.

April 5  Opening ceremony on the occasion of the XIIIth Prague Writers’ Festival in the Mirror Chapel. A press conference preceded the event on March 27. In cooperation with the Prague Writers’ Festival.

April 24–27  Bookworld Prague 2003 – 9th International Book Fair, Prague Exhibition Grounds. The National Library participated in it, as traditionally, with its own stand.
The opening ceremony took place in the Mirror Chapel of the Klementinum on April 23rd. On the occasion of the fair the library prepared for students the tours round historical premises of the Klementinum (April 24 – 25), and for the public the Open Days in the Central Depository in Hostivař (April 26) and in the Klementinum (April 27).

May 6  The Day of Europe – a festive meeting on the occasion of the anniversary of establishing the European Community; Jaroslav Šedivý, a historian and diplomat, was awarded the Medal of Jiří of Poděbrady. In cooperation with the Jiří of Poděbrady Foundation for European cooperation.

May 28  Inforum 2003 – an evening ceremony for participants and guests of the conference.

June 4–5  20th Meeting of the Commission for Services – Regional Library in Karlovy Vary.
Sept 14  European Heritage Days – historical premises of the Klementinum were open to the public within the framework of an all-European event.


Sept 23–Oct 29 Music Autumn in the Klementinum – a cycle of six chamber concerts of eminent Czech musicians in the Mirror Chapel, under the auspices of the National Library.

Sept 25  A visit of foreign participants of the International Meeting of the Group for Linguistics and Geography of the UNO countries of “Eastern, Central and Southeastern Europe” – aimed at standardization of geographic terminology. A sightseeing tour of the Klementinum historical premises was prepared for the visitors as well as an exhibition of old maps from the collections of the Department of Manuscripts and Early Printed Books.

Oct 7  The Library of the Year – the state prize awarding celebration. Organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic.

Oct 8  An episode from the life of Dmytro Cyzevskyj – a lecture by Františka Sokolová. Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Oct 8–13 International Book Fair in Frankfurt am Main – publications from the National Library’s production presented as a part of the national exhibition stand.

Oct 14  A colloquium on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Jiří Honzík Organized by the Slavonic Library.


Oct 24–25 Autumn Book Fair in Havlíčkův Brod – the National Library’s publishing production presented as a part of the national exhibition stand.


Nov 10  Distributed Virtual Research Environment – a press conference held in cooperation with the CESNET Association. Information about current development and trends in creating virtual research environment both in our country and in the world in view of creating adequate conditions for demanding scientific and research projects.

Nov 10  We were Born As Dragons – a presentation of the anthology of Bulgarian modern short story. Organized by the Slavonic Library.
Nov 12  
*A presentation of a new collection of the Chinese poet Bei Dao called* Night Watch – in cooperation with the Prague Writers` Festival; the Ambassador of the U.S.A. J. E. Craig Stapleton participated in the ceremony.

Nov 12–14  
*Ukrainian Visual Art in Czechoslovakia between the World Wars* – an international conference dedicated to the 80th anniversary of establishing the Ukrainian Study of Visual Arts in Prague. Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Nov 13–16  

Nov 18  
*In Memory of the Poet Ladislav Dvořák* – a commemoration evening ceremony of the poet`s close friends and former colleagues, members of the Slavonic Library staff.

Dec 9  
*Festive meeting on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of awarding Bjørnstern Bjørnson the Nobel Prize*, held in the Mirror Chapel. Organized by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Dec 10  
*The Problem of Use of Sacral Monuments that do not serve its purpose* – a press conference in cooperation with the National Institute for Preservation of Cultural Heritage, the Collegium Marianum Foundation, the Institute for History of Arts (Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague), the Archive of the City of Prague, and the Museum of the City of Prague.

Dec 16–21  
*A Week for the Church of St Michael Archangel in the Old Town of Prague* – exhibitions, concerts, and lectures in favour of renewing cultural life in one of the most important Prague churches. In cooperation with the National Institute for Preservation of Cultural Heritage, the Collegium Marianum Foundation, and the Collegium Marianum – Týn School.

**Exhibitions**

Dec 4–Jan 30 03  
*Two homes – Jan Čep, the translator, Jan Čep in exile*  
The exhibition held on the occasion of the 100th birthday anniversary of Jan Čep, a prose writer, essayist and translator.  
Scenario: Tomáš Pavlíček

Jan 16–Feb 20  
*Tajikistan and Its Place in Czech Culture and Science*  
In cooperation with the Czech-Iranian Society.  
Scenario: Jiří Bečka

Feb 27–March 28  
*Writers on the Air – Russian poets, prose writers, and essayists, in the Radio Freedom*  
In cooperation with the Slavonic Library and the Radio Freedom.  
Scenario: Ivan Tolstoj

March 4–31  
*Digressions and Daring Fakes*  
Selections from the literary work of Zdenka Bergrová and illustrations of Věroslav Bergr.

April 4–30  
*Czech Historical Slavic Studies between 1990 and 2002*  
Organized by the Slavonic Library.
April 7–May 31  **Antiracist Poster** – in cooperation with the Člověk v tísni Society at the Czech TV, on the occasion of the 5th year of the ONE WORLD Film Festival.
Prepared by: Člověk v tísni Society

April 18–May 31  **Fruits of Light. Meditations on hand-made paper**
A free cycle of works of the Bulgarian woman artist inspired by Orthodox Easter. Organized by the Slavonic Library in cooperation with the Bulgarian Cultural Institute.
Author of works: Toni Temenugova

May 13–30  **The Kashub territory in the Mirror of its Literature**
Organized by by the Slavonic Library.

June 3–July 4  **Dangerous Liaisons: V. N. Tukalevskij (1881–1936)**
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

June 11–July 4 and Aug 4–29  **Josef Dobrovsčky (UNESCO world cultural anniversary)**
In memory of the 250th birthday anniversary of the founder of Slavic studies. Organized by the Slavonic Library in cooperation with the Slavonic Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic on the occasion of the international symposium **JOSEF DOBROVSKÝ, FUNDATOR STUDIORUM SLAVICORUM** (10.–12. 6.).
Scenario: Františka Sokolová

July 19–Sept 5  **Franz Kafka in Translations**
Exhibition from the collections of the National Library on the occasion of Kafka`s 120th birthday anniversary.
Scenario: Magda Saxlová

Aug 4–Sept 30  **Russian Art Nouveau Book Graphic Art in the Collections of the National Library**
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Sept 11–Oct 9  **Estonia, a Small Country with Great Literature. Estonian literature in Czech translation**
In cooperation with the Czech-Estonian Club and the Balt-East Publishing House, with the support of the National Library of Estonia, the Pedagogical University in Tallin, and the Embassy of the Estonian Republic in the Czech Republic.
It was held under the auspices of Ingrid Rüütel, the wife of the President of the Estonian Republic.
Scenario: Mrs. Slabihoudová, Mr. Drábek

Sept 16–Oct 30  **On the Threshold of the Year of Czech Music. Musicians from the Czech lands in European context.**
Exhibition from the collections of the National Library`s Music Department.
Scenario: Michaela Freemanová

Oct 7–Nov 7  **Czech, Serbian, and Montenegrin literature in Mutual Translations**
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Oct 16–Nov 20  **“and your name is field poppy, because it gets dry more quickly”**
The exhibition of Czech author`s books and a collection of Pays-Paysage.
In cooperation with the Inter-Kontakt-Grafik Association, the French Institute in Prague, the City of Prague, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.
Curator: Simeona Hošková

Nov 7–Nov 30  **Wyclif and Bohemia. Distant and Close Perspective**
The exhibition presented in the Klementinum Mirror Chapel. Exhibits come from the collection of Wyclif’s manuscripts preserved in the holdings of the National Library’s Department of Manuscripts and Early Printed Books.
Scenario: Zdeněk Uhlíř

Nov 13–Dec 5  **Ukrainian Study of Visual Arts**
On the occasion of the conference on Ukrainian Visual Arts in Czechoslovakia between the World Wars (November 13–14).
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Nov 27–Jan 15 04  **Zdenka Pozaic and Branko Vujanovic – one view on book art in Croatia**
In cooperation with the Slavonic Library, the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Zagreb, and the Embassy of the Croatian Republic in Prague.

Dec 5–Jan 30 04  **The Odyssey**
The exhibition deals with the position of mentally handicapped people in our society.
In cooperation with the Duha Society.

**Minor Exhibitions**

*European Union – Yes or No*
*Electronic Information Sources Accessible in the National Library*
*Tychoniana. Jesuit Mathematics*

**Exhibitions out of the Klementinum Buildings**

**April 7–June 1**  **Prague – Bohemia – Europe**
1100 years of existence of cultural, economic, and political metropole of Central Europe.
The exhibition on the occasion of referendum on the Czech Republic’s joining the European Union. The National Library lent three manuscripts and one early printed book.

**May 9–Nov 2**  **Der Winterkönig – Winter King**
The Bavarian land exhibition, dedicated to Fridrich V, known as the Winter King, took place in the German Amberg. The National Library lent two important early printed books to the exhibition.

(Prague:Vienna. Two European Capital Cities in the Course of Centuries)
The exhibition was held by the Austrian National Library in Vienna. The most beautiful illuminated manuscripts were exhibited there, which came from the library of Wenceslas IV and nowadays are kept in Vienna. The National Library lent to the exhibition two manuscripts of the 14th century from its collections.
12 Aug–Nov 12  **Kepler and Prague**  
The exhibition became a part of the project World View Network – Forming of the View on the World. The National Library lent two Kepler’s works and one by the polymath Tadeáš Hájek of Hájek. Besides the books, also an astronomical clock was lent to the exhibition.

Sept 5–26  **Prazdroj české kultury** (Urquell of Czech Culture)  
The National Library lent 37 exhibits to the exhibition held in the Prague Mánes Gallery.

Sept 23 03  ~ Jan 4 04  **Pathway to School – the most beautiful Czech primers**  
Seventy exhibits from the National Library’s collections were on loan to the exhibition in the Municipal House in Prague.

Oct 8–20  **The Czech Bible in the Course of Centuries. The manuscript, printed and digital forms**  
The touring exhibition started on the premises of the Karolinum Praha gallery, and continued in other towns of the Czech Republic. It was intended to commemorate the anniversary of 1119 years from the time of the first Cyril’s and Method’s translations of biblical texts into the language of Moravian Slavs, the first manuscript Bible, the printed as well as the present digital forms of publishing the Bible and its translations. The National Library lent to the exhibition a facsimile of the Codex of Vyšehrad. The exhibition will continue in various towns of the Czech Republic also in the year 2004.

Dec 4 03  ~ Jan 27 04  **Charles IV and Culture between the Centre and the Periphery**  
The exhibition of copies of manuscripts kept in the National Library of the Czech Republic was held in the National Library of Latvia in Riga. Its objective was to present creating the so-called new Europe in the context of the past and the present. In 2004, the exhibition will be presented in libraries of other nine Latvian cities.

**Seminars**

Jan 30  Seminar on Life and Work of M. Zatovkanyuk and V. Židlický.  
Organized by the Slavonic Library.

Feb 14–16  EBSCO Admin Training – an international seminar.

Feb 25  **Ethnic Policy of the Present Russia – the 6th seminar of the East European history, the Slavonic Library.**

April 5–9  **The Place of Library in Civil Society – an international seminar**  
(co-organizers: Union of Library and Information Staff, State Technical Library, and TCN).

April 15–16  **Regional Functions. (Pardubice)**

April 24  **1st National Seminar on Cataloguing of Early Printed Books – dedicated to question of standardization and cooperation in cataloguing early printed books.**

April 29  **Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek (EZB) – a seminar held on the occasion of the Czech Republic’s joining the EZB Project.**

May 20  **Jews in Tsarist Russia – the 7th seminar of East European history, the Slavonic Library.**
June 3
The Stalin Lawsuits and Our Society – the 8th seminar of East European history, the Slavonic Library.

June 3–5
The Lonely Ones Among Us – a seminar on the problems of work with deaf children in libraries. (Pelhřimov)

June 8–12

June 17
A seminar focused on sources and services provided within the OCLC FirstSearch – it was intended for both representatives of the libraries participating in the consortial licence and those of other Czech information institutions, who want to be acquainted with new sources and possibilities of the system (netLibrary) and with new services (QuestionPoint): in view of using sources, the present access to them was taken into account as well as the fact that the existing consortial licence will expire next year, and what will be the possibilities of holding the access to the unique OCLC sources.

July 1–2
A conception of the development of public library and information services. (Havlíčkův Brod)

Oct 1
Ukraine and West European Integration Grouping in the Beginning of the Third Millenium – the 9th seminar of East European history, the Slavonic Library.

Oct 23–24
Effective Acquisition? Effective Processing? (Havlíčkův Brod)

Dec 4
22nd June 1941 – the Dispute about Theses on Preventive Attack – the 10th seminar of East European studies in the Slavonic Library.

Dec 16
2nd National Seminar on Cataloguing Early Printed Books – dedicated to standardization and cooperation in processing the early printed books.

Training Courses (Selection)

- Training courses of computer and information literacy
- Retraining course of library and information science
- Cycle of courses on Digitization in Libraries or What a librarian needs to know about digitization
- Subject Classification for Needs of Conspectus
- Services to Public Libraries – training course in twelve regions of the Czech Republic
- Lectors’ Skills (co-organizer: Union of Library and Information Staff)
- Library as a Local Centre of a Community (co-organizer: Union of Library and Information Staff)
- Uniform Information Gateway

Blue Monday

Public authors’ readings held in cooperation with the Society of the National Library.

Authors: Ivan Binar, Karla Erbová, Milan Hrabal, Zdeněk Janík, Milada Karezová, Roman Ráž, Eduard Světlík, and Zdeněk Šmíd, a special programme was dedicated to the work of Jiří Karen, Miloš Vacík and Hana Prošková.