

## **HISTORY of BUCOVINIAN STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY'S LIBRARY**



The necessity to open a higher educational establishment in Chernivtsi was brought about, in the first place, by health condition of local population and shortage of medical care specialists.

Thus, in 1944 immediately after the liberation of Western Ukraine from fascist invaders, the Great Patriotic War still going on, there in Bucovine Chernivtsi Medical Institute was founded.

The Institute was opened owing to the redislocation of the Second Kyiv Medical Institute.

### **COLLECTIVE-BODY of the LIBRARY**

Materials about outstanding scientists, who laid the foundations of our educational establishment and were founders of scientific schools, are presented on the Library's site page "Luminaries of Science in BSMU" (Bucovinian State Medical University).

Textbooks were brought to the library from higher educational institutions of Kharkiv, Kyiv, Sverdlovsk, Leningrad and other cities of the Soviet Union.

On the first days of Chernivtsi Medical Institute's formation the Library was given one room and 400 books, which were found in the ruined houses of the city. Even under these difficult conditions the Library admitted to 290 readers, issuing about 4 thousand books during the first year of its work.

In 1946 collecting the Library's stock started according to the plan. In 1946 and 1947 the Library obtained 250 thousand roubles for the purchase of literature. As it was impossible to acquire books in Chernivtsi, they were brought from Moscow. A weighty contribution to collect the stock of our Library at that time was made by the

State Scientific Medical Library (Kyiv) and Central Collector of Scientific Libraries (Moscow).

**Dynamics of the Library's stock growth during the first years of its work**

December, 1944	400 copies
1945	530 copies
1946	14000 copies
1947	19495 copies
1948	40084 copies



In 1949 the Library was already housed in 9 light large rooms. There was a collecting, processing and catalogue room, a self-service room – a reading hall which seated 120 students, a lending library for students, a scientific foreign library, a reference - bibliography room.



In 1948/49 academic year the library's stock was compiled 100 per cent according to the main subjects.

The formation of Alphabetic and Systematic catalogues began in 1946 and in 1949 Subject catalogue was started. On the first of January, 1961 the Library's stock made 170196 copies of books and journals.

### **Dynamics of growth in lending books.**

1944/45	3394 copies
1945/46	28890 copies
1946/47	46812 copies
1947/48	47297 copies
1948/49	54386 copies



In 1950 there were 8 librarians in the staff with Chudnovska Klara Borisivna at its head, who led the collective body from 1944 to 1950.



There's no information about manager of the Library in 1950 -1956.



Head of the Library Gorshkova Nadiya Yakivna 1956 – 1961.



From 1961 to 1985 the Library was headed by **Nikanorova Yevgenia Archipivna**, who together with the Library staff made a weighty contribution to the development of the Library.

In 1977 a students' reading room and a lending library of educational literature were opened in students' hostel №3. In students' hostel №5 2 lending libraries and a reading hall with 100 seats for students were launched.

In 1978 in the theoretical building a reading hall for new arrivals was opened and admitted to readers until 1986.

Implementing the State Programme of Struggle for Healthy Mode of Living, a sobriety club 'Harmony' was housed in this hall, which functioned from 1986 to 1990. The trade union committee together with the library staff organized and held general parties for the employees and students.

Yevgenia Archipivna Nikonorova paid special attention to activities which raised the students' level of general culture. Gatherings and thematic lectures devoted to the creative work of O.S. Pushkin, T.G. Shevchenko, A.A. Akhmatova, M.I. Tsvetayeva, Lesya Ukrainka and others were held.



From 1985 to 1989 **Kulikovska Irina Yukhimivna** was director of the Library. Special attention was paid to the formation and improvement of the alphabetic and index catalogues. With the aim to help readers card-indexes were made of the following:

- periodicals;
- dissertations;
- "personalities";

- Scientific works by BSMU staff members ;
- Medical bibliography;
- Regional ethnography.

Thanks to Irina Yukhimivna the post of deputy director was introduced . Together with Tsimbal V. I., deputy director, essential results were achieved, namely, the rooms and halls of the library were well furnished with desks, tables for magazines, bookshelves, 18 showcases. Illustrated displays of books related to a particular subject were initiated (up to 20 displays a month ). These activities aimed at propagating rich library's collections at that time to the full.



In 1989 **Tsimbal Valentina Ivanivna** was appointed manager of the library and in June, 1993 she was transferred to the post of director of the Library.

From the very start on this post Tsimbal V.I. took part in all consultations and conferences held by the State Scientific Medical Library and got acquainted with the work of scientific libraries of Kyiv.

In May, 1990 during a month she got instruction in Moscow Institute of Culture, owing to this fact she had a chance to adopt the experience of scientific libraries of numerous higher educational institutions of Moscow.

On the grounds of Kyiv Institute for Improving Qualifications, located on the territory of Kyivo – Pecherska Lavra, during 21 days in October, 1992 Tsimbal did a course of study which included trips to the cities of Riga, Tallinn, Vilnius and Kaunas.

The impressions and knowledge obtained during those trips encouraged to introduce some changes in the work of the collective-body of Chernivtsi Medical Institute's Library and initiated different innovations.

In June, 1990 by the order of Chernivtsi Medical Institute's administration the bureau of scientific medical information was transferred to the Library as its subunit with 4 laboratory assistants and a patent secretary Melnik L. P.

Some changes were made in the placing of personnel to organize the work of the bureau, namely: the patent secretary was appointed manager of the bureau, the laboratory assistants were turned into librarians. All the regulating documents were worked out : Information Bureau Regulations, functionary instructions, technological instructions for working processes, etc.

According to the lists of lecturers, renewed and confirmed by the rector, scientific research work was initiated due to the subjects of the medical institute on a self-supporting basis.

The bureau's collaborators prepared and conducted weeks of information in accordance with the subjects in the library and out at the faculties on information days. The Library worked in this body up to 1990, when bureaus of scientific information were broken up in all higher educational establishments.



Active aesthetic decoration of all sections of the Library was going on: the first carpet covering for the floors, curtains and blinds for the windows, a lot of indoor flowers were acquired. All done created a cosy and charming atmosphere which helped readers to work productively.

It should be mentioned that during 1989 -1993 the library staff in all innovations was aware of constant support from the side of rector of the medical institute Patratiy V.K. and trade union committee ( Professor Bodnar B.M. at its head ).



In February, 1990 **Gatalyak N.M.** was appointed deputy director, who worked in the library for 30 years, 18 of them in the Library of BSMU

Nina Mikhailivna is a highly professional librarian of strong conscientious discipline.

Nina Mikhailivna, a highly skilled specialist of library work, paid great attention to the improvement of the reference apparatus. Her knowledge of medical bibliography made it possible to conform the system of references according to the tables of UDC (universal decimal classification) of systematic catalogue with the headings of subject catalogue.

The result of her work has been facilitating the quest of readers in traditional catalogues and has increased the authenticity of the information so far.



In June, 1990 the library of new-arrivals renewed working with the stock of educational literature and seats for students preparing for lectures.



The reference-bibliography room endured the way of evolution:  
- up to 1997 there were all the catalogues and stock of reference literature.



- in 1997 – 2011 there was a reference – information reading room.

Only the basic catalogues were left. It became possible to put tables for readers there. In 2000 seats were made for operating the computers and looking for information in electronic catalogue.



It has become students' electronic reading room №1 since 2011.

Because of granting the premises on lease, from February, 1994 and during 13 years the body of the librarians had to spend a lot of time and energy for dislocation of the book stock. Summing up, about 746 thousand of books and journals were moved, placed systematically and moved again into another

place ( if necessary ) in this period.

Life required to solve new tasks on the institution scale and the Library shouldered them, leaving for one place or other, moving the bookstands and all the stock of reading matter into the new place. It was hard to do both physically and morally.

The following sections of the library had to be closed : a reading room in students' hostel №1, a reading room and 2 lending libraries in students' hostel № 5, a library for social and political literature in the administrative building, a book depository of 350 square metres area in the central library.

Paid services of all kinds were introduced : written-off books were sold ( 1990 – 1993 ), a set of textbooks was charged for, a fine was taken for violating the terms of borrowing in the corresponding section ( 1997 – 1999 ). Consequently, numerous necessary documents, orders, estimates of expenditure, seals were demanded. And the scope of work was sure to increase.

As the students had to pay for a set of textbooks for a term, it became urgent to open another reading room. It was for those students who didn't pay to the academy cashier's office. An adequate room was repaired in 3 weeks and started to admit readers from the onset of the second term of 1996/97 academic year.



The above-mentioned area had been used as a shop for sewing feather coats and at the time of reconstruction there was a mess of equipment and raw material. All the employees from the administrative-economical office of the medical academy with vice-rector Nayda T. I. at the head helped to cope with that enormous work.

This library room functioned for a year and a half. In September, 1998 with the aim to create a computer class the book stock of foreign literature numbering 79 thousand copies had to be carried to the students' reading room.





Nevertheless the collective body of the library held on, keeping safe its traditions of long experience.

To support the employees of the library in those complicated nineties, up to 10 vacant rates of wages were used as additional charge to their payment.



The collective body in 1998.



In 1995 the library was given 2 more rooms next to the collecting, catalogue and scientific processing room, making it possible to launch a reading room for professors and lecturers.



At present in this room there are displays of new arrivals and periodicals of the current year, the stock of valuable literature, 2 computers connected with the Internet.

In nineties new arrivals were very rare.

In 1991 – 1993 we wrote letters to 24 addresses of different educational institutions of the USA asking for help and received medical journals.

The funds “Renaissance”/”Vozrozhdeniye” and ”Seibr – Svitlo” sent scientific literature in English to our library. The Publishing House “Springer Verlag” presented us with 250 volumes of books in English. In 2006 the Library got medical literature weighing over 3 tons, numbering 10580 copies from the State of Utah, the USA.



In hostel №3 in the former ‘Lenin’s Room’ a lending library of books for study was launched. These changes made mass issuing of textbooks more convenient and enabled to attend to the group of students at large simultaneously.



In the old block ( there is a students’ reading room №2 now ) textbooks were issued right at the threshold which was rather uncomfortable.



But thanks to superintendent of the hostel Randyuk Yuriy Olexandrovich there are cosy and comfortable rooms for students now.

Difficulties of the stormy nineties helped realize dreams and strivings after interesting up-to-date work like electronic catalogue. Thus, in 1996 a self-made computer programme began working in the library. It was created by a scientist from Chernivtsi National University named after Yuriy Fedkovich. The Library was given 5 second-hand computers. The librarians worked in this programme during 3 years; as the result, a catalogue numbering 4 thousand volumes was compiled. But that programme was imperfect and couldn't be connected with the Internet.

And the newly-made catalogue wasn't converted into the new programme.

And already in 2000 the administration of Bucovinian Medical Academy (rector Prof. Pishak V.P.) acquired French-American Computer Programme "Liber-Media" for the Library that was installed and escorted by specialists from the Russian capital – the city of Moscow. Unfortunately, difficulties were arising in the course of mastering the programme. But electronic resources of this kind hadn't appeared in Ukraine at the end of nineties yet.



A computerization office was launched at the same year. Falenchuk V. P. headed this section, successfully mastering new library processes. This library unit consisted of 5 people working on additional rate wages in the staff distribution.

"The List of the Subject Catalogue Headings" was accomplished and published at the editorial office by the members of the computerization section.

And so, our library was among the first libraries which created electronic catalogues.

In spite of all difficulties in mastering the programme already in 2005 specialists of the

University could make research for their studies in the information acquired for the last 5 years, which took them little time and gave ultimate results.

At present our readers can make use of electronic catalogue which embraces about 400 thousand units of information , namely:

- books – 150 thousand units of information
- articles – about 220 thousand units of information
- other - over 19 thousand units of information.



It's one of the largest electronic catalogues among the libraries of medical universities.

This data base, made in “Liber – Media”, wasn't connected with the Internet due to technical causes irrespective of the Library. So, our readers can make a quest for information only in the electronic reading room №1.

Life demanded that working processes in the library should be improved. That's why appropriate measures were taken to study proposals concerning automatic library systems. Having this in mind director Tsimbal took part in various conferences, seminars and invited necessary specialists for solving the problem. Consequently in July, 2012 the administration of Bucovinian State Medical University ( rector Boychuk T.M.) acquired ABIS “IRBIS-64” with a full set of 15 automatic seats for librarians and readers at large.

The main criteria for choosing this very programme were as follows:

- above 100 scientific libraries have been using “IRBIS”, 9 medical libraries among them, which promotes cooperation and coordination.
- ABIS “IRBIS” is an integrated system of the new generation;
- its interface is convenient both for the reader and librarian;
- the system is held on-line giving interactive access to distant users.





In September, 2009 the Library was given back premises in the central building and turned it into a reading room for foreign students. It functioned for a year and a half.



In September, 2011 a library of educational foreign literature was launched in hostel №5 where students from abroad are living. There is a lending library where students can borrow textbooks for the current semester and a reading hall for daily studies.

In June, 2012 the same hostel housed a depository for teaching and scientific matter in foreign languages making about 80 thousand copies. All this provides our students with everything necessary to prepare for lectures conveniently, comfortably and safely.

In February, 2011 all catalogues and card-indexes were transferred to the newly emptied premises of the central library. Rooms adjacent to the hall could place dissertations and all journal collections for usage inside the library, which helped achieve safety of the stock.

Since its foundation the Library has occupied adjustable premises with inadequate area. This testifies to the fact that readers haven't been admitted according to the scientific branch, but at the central lending library numbering 250 thousand copies. There is no opportunity to close the library for drawing up an inventory, so the stock of the library was taken by choice.

The reading hall for periodicals, manuscripts and catalogues being launched, positive results have been achieved, namely:

- dissertations are kept safe in the separate depository. By rector's order they are given out only on the condition that the author of the thesis presents an official letter from the supervisor. Work on dissertations is allowed only in the reading hall;
- having separated the stock of periodical collections, it became possible to draw up the inventory of the lending library. Consequently, the inventory was drawn up in the period from May, 2010 to July, 2012. A corresponding statement was made after summing up the results;
- the librarians in the periodicals, manuscripts and catalogues reading room not only attend to customers, but are also engaged in popularizing activities such as Days of Knowledge, Days of Specialist, studies with young scientists and the like.



In May, 2008 on the grounds of the BSMU Library International Scientific-Practical Conference “Medical Libraries as Socially-Informational Basis for Medical Science and Health Services” was held. More than 100 delegates from all medical libraries of Ukraine and guests from Russia and Byelorussia participated in the work of the conference.

Mr.Vasiliev O.V., Director of the Association “Informatio –Konsortium”,Mr.Chyoch V.V., Director of the Institute of Mathematical Modelling “Fraksim”, Mr.Pidkovirin O.V.,a

representative from “Logosfera” Company (Russia), Mr.Rudskiy L.Z.,President of the Association of “IRBIS-Ukraine”Users took part in its work.



A concert for delegates of the conference.





Opening of the conference

A report by General Director of NSML (National Scientific Medical Library)  
Mrs.Pavlenko R.I.

Awarding Honorary Diplomas by Ministry of Health of Ukraine



Mixing with people during interval Displays of books published in Ukraine



There on a plenary session Mrs.Tsimbal V.I., director of the Library, presented and granted her philosophically psychologic essay “My Life is the Library”, a new publication in the series of “Glorious Authors of Ukrainian Medical Books and Medical Libraries of Ukraine in Personalities, Documents, Bibliography”.



The author shares her thoughts about main laws of life which help find one’s own place in it, keep up and go on in defiance of trials and hardships on this way.



Participants of the conference visited the Museum of BSMU where a new exposition about history and present days of the Library and progress of the University was unveiled.



In the Palace “Academic” our guests could enjoy a wonderful concert by students amateur artistic work.

**The second day of the conference (visiting different sections of the Library)**





Delegates to the Conference were unable to forget the impressions made by the sights of our city, which in 2008 celebrated its 600th anniversary.

Most brightly were they impressed by the visit to the Residence of Bucovinian Metropolitans.



Proceedings of the Conference were broadcasted by All-Ukrainian and local radio and television channel TVA.



General Director of National Scientific Medical Library Mrs.Pavlenko R.I. and deputy general director Mrs.Ostapenko T.A. by the informational bookstand “History in Personalities”.

At present the Library of BSMU is a coordinated net of 5 lending libraries and 7 reading halls with a system of wireless access to Wi-Fi.

Every year all structural units admit to over 19 thousand subscribers, issuing of documents amounts about 415 thousand copies.

#### Dynamics of Growth of Basic Indexes in the Work of the Library

Years	1945	1965	1975	1985	1995	2005	01/01/13
Total Library Stock	3394	193926	339661	351667	328873	367551	396471
Number of readers				3370	4890	5307	6108
Number of Library visits		116413	145136	130790	116579	169286	177688
Amount of lending copies		264054	270308	275798	320392	418830	414638

According to the data on 01.01.2013 the Library collecting stock amounts to 400 thousand copies, it is chronologically organized and scientifically valuable. The reading matter presents medical dissertations, defended in the University since its foundation, monographs, collections of works, manuals and educational textbooks by scientists from our University, scientific publications by foreign authors of XV-XXI centuries, periodicals and informational editions, belles-lettres. There is a collection of rare books.

All our resources are available for readers.



Every year about 20 reviews of new arrivals are made and over 1500 subject exhibitions of books and illustrative matter are exposed.





Archive of book displays <http://medlib.bsmu.edu.ua/virtualni-vistavki>

“Days of Bibliography” are held for young scientists.

3-4 Days of Information with displays of literature according to the subject, reviews of it and publication of informational reports are made together with the relevant departments of the University.

Every year presentations of monographs by scientists from our University are held in the reading room №1.



Presentation of a monograph by Doctor of Medical Sciences Prof.Denisenko O.I.”Allergodermatoses in iodine deficiency region”.



Presentation of a monograph by Doctor of Medical Sciences Prof.Sorokman T.V.”Epidemiology and Ways for Prevention of Congenital Defects of Development”





Presentation of a monograph by Doctor of Medical Sciences Prof. Polyoviy V.P. "Surgical Tactics at Traumatic Injuries of Abdominal Cavity Organs".

Essential for the formation of intellectual level of our reader is the web-site of the Library, created by manager of computerization processes Suslova I.V. in October, 2010. The web-site of the Library is constantly processing new information. The attention of readers is drawn to the following pages:

- constantly available and updated virtual displays ("Scientific Achievements of Scientists from BSMU", "New Arrivals", "It's interesting");
- virtual displays devoted to certain events and activities according to the plan (more than 100 exhibitions a year);
- virtual displays devoted to presentations of monographs by scientists for BSMU's students.

Full text pages were created on the Library web-site with the aim to develop aesthetical culture of our readers and engage them in reading useful prose and poetry:

Ukrainian and foreign poetry (lyrics of feeling and love);

A book by Baltasar Gracian "The Science of Success and the Art of Prudence"

"It's interesting"

"Art Parlour"

Creative work in this direction is going on.

The image of the Library in informational expanse is being made by the web-site.

The Library enjoys prestige if it is informationally, functionally and aesthetically attractive.

- That's why among our subscribers there are about 500 scientists and students from Chernivtsi National University named after Yuriy Fedkovich, practitioners, who make use of our book stock and services.

- To propagate its collections, widen the circle of our customers and attract them to useful and interesting information, the web-site page has been advertised in social nets. The number of users has increased as the result.

- An important step has been made towards the system of informational exchange between Ukrainian and world scientific communities, which has a positive effect on the development of cooperation of universities, making free access to the results of scientific studies possible and scientists more competitive.

- In 2012 a repository was created – Intellectual BSMU's resources, compiled by the librarians. The repository is on the University server and is a part of the general electronic collection which

belongs to the scientific library.

- Thus, the task of the Library for the nearest future is the formation of an electronic archive of full text versions for teaching and methodics materials, monographs, autosynopses of thesis, articles and other documents, prepared by BSMU scientists.

-The Library is engaged in research of documents relating to the history of BSMU and outstanding scientists. A page "Luminaries in Science" has been launched on the site of the Library.

-This process of work is unlimited by scope and time in future.

- Among the tasks of the nearest perspective are - to complete the full cycle of automatization of the library, raise the intellect of users, students' in particular, for independent work

- Actively implementing up-to-date technologies into practice, we don't give up the traditions to keep the library stock safe, enrich it and present in catalogues of all kinds.

- The members of BSMU's Library are personalities, real bibliophiles and enthusiasts of their work. Owing to them the Library has achieved all successful results.