

LIBRARY HISTORY



ІСТОРІЯ БІБЛІОТЕКИ



The state of health of the local population in Chernivtsi and the lack of specialists in providing people with medical care until the 40s of the twentieth century necessitated the opening of a higher medical educational institution.

Thus, in 1944, immediately after the liberation of Western Ukraine from the Nazi invaders, the Chernivtsi Medical Institute was organized in Bukovyna. The Institute was opened due to the relocation of the 2nd Kyiv Medical Institute. Materials about prominent scientists who laid the foundation of our educational institution and were the founders of scientific schools are presented on the library's website on the page "Luminaries of BSMU Science".

Educational literature was brought to the library from higher educational institutions of Kharkiv, Kyiv, Sverdlovsk and other cities of the Soviet Union.

Since the foundation of the CSMI, one room was allocated for the library, 400 books found in the destroyed buildings of the city were brought.

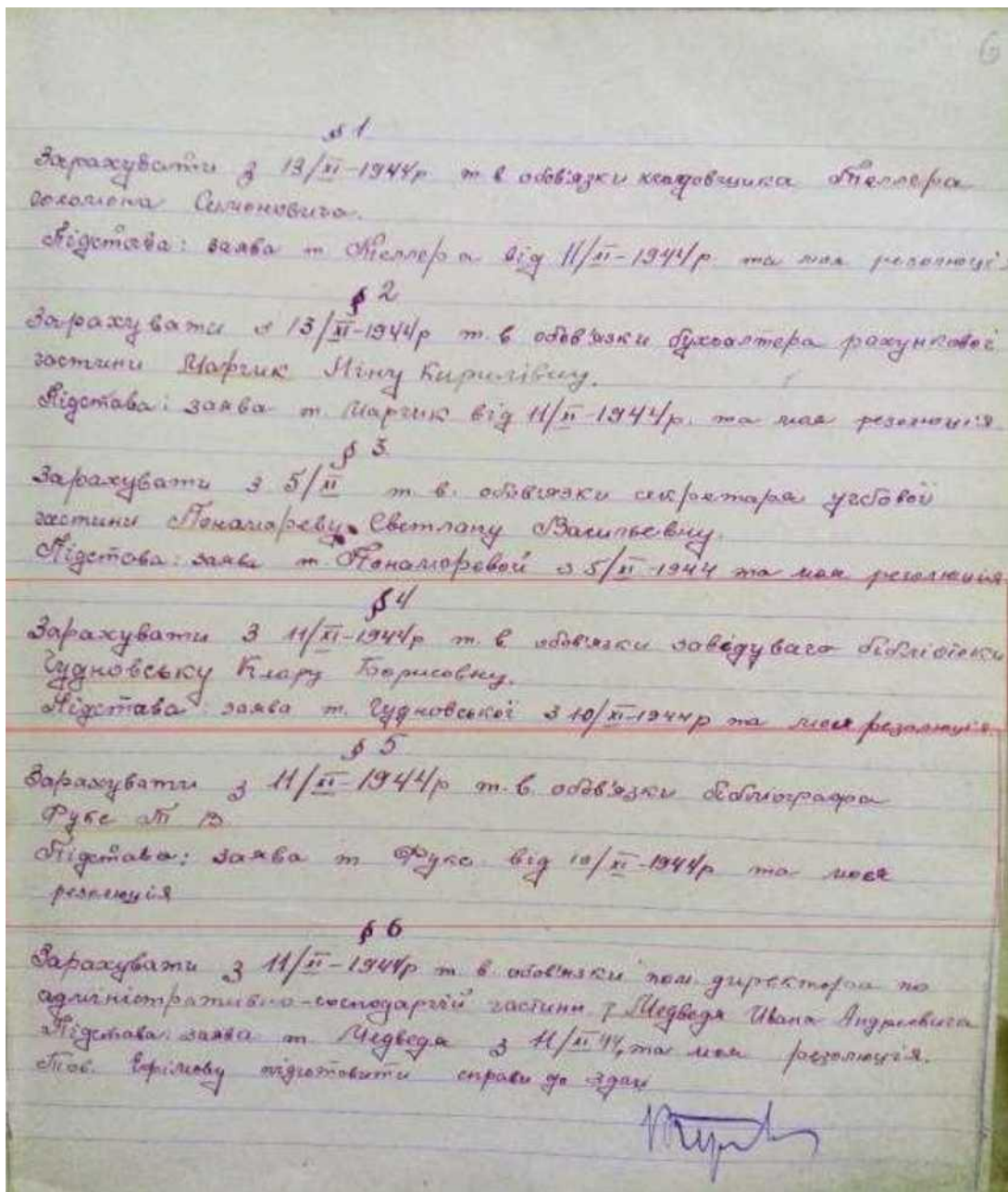
The duties of the bibliographer were performed by T. V. Fuchs, but in connection with the departure from Chernivtsi, she worked until April 1, 1945.



According to the order of the CSMI № 8 of November 11, 1944, the duties of the head of the library were entrusted to Chudnovska Klara Borisovna, who had experience in library activities.

In particular, she worked as the head of the reading room of the Kyiv Regional Children's Library, a researcher-methodologist in the scientific and methodological office of library science at the People's Commissariat of Education of Ukraine.

After transferring to Chernivtsi, Chudnovska K. B. for some time served as the head of the regional scientific and methodological library on a part-time basis. Her merit was the organization of the scientific library of the Chernivtsi Medical Institute.



order of the CSMI (No 8, November 11, 1944)

During the leadership of Klara Borysivna the library was enriched with valuable educational and scientific literature, the first departments, catalogs, reading rooms were created, etc. On October 16, 1950, she left the job of the head of the library voluntarily due to her departure from Chernivtsi.

According to archival materials, as of November 1944, when the library was organized, there was no book collection in the CSMI at all, there was only one department of acquisition and processing of books.

From the report of the head of the library K.B. Chudnovska at the meeting of the Academic Council, we learn that on January 1, 1945, there were 543 books in the library.

The library premises were insufficiently equipped: there were not enough bookcases, shelves and showcases, catalog boxes, tables, chairs. There was no library equipment, which greatly complicated the work. There were not enough textbooks.

In April 1945, the library received 3000 books (mostly old textbooks) from Kharkiv. The library began to be intensively staffed in 1946-1947, 250,000 rubles were allocated annually for its needs.

From the very beginning of the organization of the CSMI, active work was carried out to expand the material base and library fund. Thus, if in the 1944-1945 academic year the library consisted of two departments: the department of reader service and the department of acquisition and processing, in the next academic year the department of reader service was divided into 2 sub-departments: the subscription department and the reading room for 30 seats for students and faculty teachers).

Dynamics of the collection growth in the first years of the library's existence:

December 1944 - 400 copies;

1945 - 530 copies;

1946 - 14000 copies;

1947 - 19495 copies;

1948 - 40084 copies.

Since 1946, the library began a planned acquisition of the fund.

In 1946 and 1947, 250 thousand rubles were allocated for the purchase of literature.

It was impossible to buy literature in Chernivtsi, so it was brought from Moscow.



Lending library in 1946

At that time, the State Scientific Medical Library (Kyiv) and the Central Collector of Scientific Libraries (Moscow) made a significant contribution to the collection of our library.

In 1945-1946, the average attendance of the library per day was 148 people; the average daily book lending was 345 units.

During the period of preparation and holding of examination sessions, the library worked seven days a week for 14 hours a day. In addition, during the winter session, a branch of the reading room in the administrative building of the Institute was equipped.

In 1946, the composition of the Library Council was approved to help the library: Professor B.L. Radzikhovsky, Associate Professor Krichin, Associate Professor Kirilicheva, Senior Lecturer S.Y. Yakushev, Head of the Library K.B. Chudnovska and representatives of the students.



Library Lobby in 1948

In 1946-1947, a large reading room with 120 seats for students and a separate room with 30-40 seats for the teaching staff were equipped. The library fund grew rapidly: in 1945 the fund had 9400 books, and in 1946 - 18535. The largest percentage of the total number of books in the fund were textbooks.

The sources of acquisition were the local library collector, the Central Collector of Scientific Libraries of Moscow and the collector at the State Central Medical Library in Moscow.

In 1950, a foreign languages room was organized, which kept textbooks, as well as periodicals in foreign languages, grammar tables.



Читальный зал. 1949 р.

At the end of the 1950-1951 academic year, the library had seven rooms with a total area of 242 sq.m. and had three departments with five sub-departments:

- 1) acquisition, processing and cataloguing department;
- 2) service department (reading room and lending library for teaching staff; reading room for students with 120 seats; lending library for students; interlibrary loan; foreign literature department);
- 3) reference and bibliographic department. 2 catalogues were created - alphabetical and systematic, and then subject card index of national medical periodicals.

The library staff also increased: from 4 employees together with the head in 1945 to 5 in the first half of 1946 and to 9 in October 1946.



The staff of the scientific library of Chernivtsi Medical Institute (1948).



Kapitanovska R.

On April 16, 1947, Raisa Solomonivna Kapitanovska was enrolled as a laboratory assistant in the scientific library of the CSMI, soon she was transferred to the position of senior laboratory assistant, and on August 20, 1947 - senior specialist.

Later she worked as a bibliographer, head of the reading room and lending library for the academic staff.

During 1950-1956 she performed the duties of the library head.

After the formation of alphabetical and system catalogues (1945-1946), thematic card indexes of domestic medical periodicals, the library issued 526 bibliographic references, organized a translation bureau, which carried out translations from German, French, English and Romanian languages.

The library had two typewriters with Russian and Latin fonts. In 1946-1948, the journal and newspaper collection was bound, and in 1950-1951, textbooks, monographs, and fiction were added. In 1947-1948, a large amount of furniture was purchased (bookcases, chairs, tables, flower stands).

The library started issuing a periodic newsletter of new acquisitions, which was sent to the Institute's departments.

The mid-50s of the XX century were marked by a number of significant changes in the country (liberalization of state policy, socio-economic changes, greater openness of society, etc.), which influenced the development of librarianship.

Life forced libraries of different departmental systems to become actively involved in the IBA process, not only using their own collections, but also joining forces with other libraries in search of information needed by their customers.

The library's book collection grew in number (from 543 books in 1945 to 52094 books in 1951 and 105173 in 1954), as did the number of visitors (from 1263 in 1945 to 57616 in 1951 and 69816 in 1954) and book issuance (from 3994 in 1945 to 83784 in 1951 and 127760 in 1954).

At the end of the 1950-1951 academic year, the library's foreign collection consisted of 6000 copies, the journal collection - 4573 copies, and newspaper binders - 167 units.

Book collection of the scientific library (1944-1958)

Year	Book collection	Number of visits	Book delivery
1944	0	0	0
1945	543	1263	3994
1946	14000	17505	28890
1947	19495	32073	46812
1948	30170	35251	47297
1949	36079	36045	54386
1950	44598	54849	73921
1951	52094	57616	83784
1952	72732	63721	101265
1953	82445	67581	125632
1954	105173	69816	127760
1955	122133	72339	135489
1956	132917		
1957	144524	74179	129074
1958	153335	67439	142829

To improve student services during the exam period, **three additional reading rooms were organized** at the Department of Biochemistry, Histology and in the lobby of the assembly hall on the 2nd floor, which were open 12 hours a day.



Library acquisition and collection of CSMI (1951).



Students' Reading Room 1952.

In 1953-1956, the library consisted of 8 rooms and a book depository with a total area of 342 m². In 1955, the library extended its collection of foreign literature.

In 1955-1956, **all foreign books and journals were cataloged**. In 1956, 52 foreign journals were subscribed. The library kept a book and journal record of domestic and foreign literature, abstracts, and dissertations.

The lending of literature was registered by department. As of 1955, the library had **7 catalogs**: a systematic and alphabetical catalog of the domestic collection and the entire foreign collection of literature, a subject catalog of journal articles and articles from medical collections, a systematic catalog of dissertation abstracts, and an alphabetical catalog of periodicals.

In 1955, **a systematic file of journal articles on social and political issues, fiction, criticism, etc.** was created.



Reading room 1955.

There were **two reader's forms for each student** in the student library, one of which recorded the loan of textbooks, the other fiction, socio-political, and popular science literature.

Mobile libraries were organized at 13 departments of special literature. Systematic bibliography and **bibliography of scientific works of the Institute's employees** were systematically carried out.



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Horshkova N.

In 1956-1961, the head of the library was **Nadiia Horshkova**, a graduate of the Leningrad State Library Institute named after N. Krupskaya, specializing in library science.

As of June 1, 1957, the library's collection included 144524 books and journals, and 1998 visitors were recorded.

In 1958, the collection of the scientific library included the Medical Abstract Journal; abstract journals on biology and biochemistry; a composite index of new foreign books on medicine; a systematic index of articles in foreign journals, collections of translations from foreign journals in 4 issues, individual issues of the New Medical Literature publications of the Central Library, etc.

The library continued to maintain thematic cards on thyroid diseases (675 Russian titles and 500 foreign ones); on endemic goiter (825 Russian titles and 420 foreign ones); works of the CSMI staff (1010 titles); individual information on dissertation topics and problematic topics of the CSMI, etc.

Twenty-one book exhibitions were organized. In the same year, the library was entrusted with conducting an optional course on medical bibliography. According to the program, a course of lectures was compiled and a methodology for conducting practical classes was developed.

In her 1958 report, director N.Y. Horshkova also noted shortcomings in the institution's work: the library's premises did not meet the needs and scope of work (the student reading room accommodated 150 readers, while the need was for 300 seats); there was not enough space in the student subscription (20 m²) and in the book depository; and there was an insufficient number of employees.

The director also touched upon the issue of library education and staff development, noting that only 2 of the library staff had **higher library education**, 4 had **secondary library education**, and 2 had secondary education, and only 3 staff members **had completed advanced training courses for medical librarians**.



Horshkova N.



On **October 18, 1961**, Yevheniia Arkhypivna **Nikanorova** (Moiseieva), who had a degree in mass culture and had previously worked as the head of the technical literature department of the Chelyabinsk Regional Library Collector (1956-1959), was appointed head of the scientific library of the Chernivtsi State Medical Institute.

Yevheniia Arkhypivna encouraged events to improve the general culture of students, evenings and thematic lectures dedicated to the works of Alexander Pushkin, Taras Shevchenko, Akhmatova, Tsvetaeva, Lesia Ukrainka, etc.

E.A. Nikanorova finished her work as the head of the library on January 8, 1985, at her own request due to retirement.

In the 1963-1964 academic year, the library's area was 800 m².

The library staff consisted of 10 people. As of June 1, 1964, there were 122315 visits to the library and 237765 books issued. In the scientific reading room and the subscription desk, 330 visitors were registered, the attendance was 7411, and the book loan was 32671.

There were 2 student reading rooms with 240 seats. The subject file increased by 56 boxes and totaled 257 units (32205 cards). A file of works of the CSMI staff on endocrinology was created, containing 200 cards. On June 1, 1964, the book collection consisted of 181794 copies (including 72 microfilms), including 117974 domestic books, 47730 journals, 3477 foreign books, 12541 foreign journals.

Medical literature amounted to 11,8068 items, the rest were social and political, social and scientific, and fiction. In the 1963-1964 academic year, the library purchased 12855 books and journals. The books were purchased mainly through the library collector (local and Moscow), the Medical Book store, and through the Book by Mail departments in different cities of the country.

In 1964, 10,500 rubles were allocated to equip the library. Among the educational activities, we note the organization of literary readings dedicated to the works of Taras Shevchenko and O. Kobylanska.

In September 1970, the administration of the medical institute **additionally allocated three staff positions** for the library: head of the service department, senior bibliographer, and senior librarian, thus increasing the staff to 15 people.

In 1970, the library had 9,190 readers, including all departments and loaners, the number of visits was 132,359, the number of books loaned was 29,7081, and the library's collection was 249,814.

During the year, 17,500 rubles were spent on the library's acquisition. A total of 17396 books, magazines, and microfilms were purchased.

In the same year, the library collection of the regional committee of the medical workers' union was transferred to the CSMI library.



This is what the student reading room looked like in 1977.



The modern look of the reading room.



Читальный зал № 1



Читальный зал № 2

In 1977, a student reading room and a lending library were opened in hostel 3.

A lending library was opened. These changes improved the conditions for the mass distribution of literature to students of an entire group at the same time.

But today there are comfortable and cozy reading rooms for students.

Two loan desks and a reading room with 100 seats were opened in student hostel No. 5.

In 1978, a reading room for newly acquired literature was opened in the theoretical building, which functioned until 1986.



1983 W...



1983. Library staff



Kulikovska I.

From **1985 to 1989**, the library was headed by **Iryna Kulikovska**.

Thanks to her, the position of deputy director of the library was opened. V.I. Tsymbal was appointed.

Results were achieved in equipping the library with furniture, including desks, bookshelves, and 18 display cases.

The design of thematic book and and illustrated exhibitions (up to 20 exhibitions per month) has acquired a new meaning.

This work was aimed at maximizing the popularization of the rich literature collections of that time..

Iryna Yukhymivna paid special attention to the creation and improvement of alphabetical and subject catalogs.

Thematic catalogs were kept to help readers in search of:

- periodicals
 - Dissertations;
 - "Personalities";
 - scientific works of the BSMU staff;
 - bibliography of medical bibliography; local history
- file.



Gatalyak N.

In February 1990, **N.M. Gatalyak**, who had worked in medical libraries for more than 30 years, including 18 years at the BSMU library, was appointed deputy director.

Her knowledge of medical bibliography made it possible to implement a system of references of the systematic catalog to the headings of the subject catalog in accordance with the UDC tables.



In June 1993, **Valentyna Ivanivna Tsymbal** was transferred to the position of the Library Director.

In the first years of her work in this position, Valentyna Tsymbal participated in all meetings and conferences held by the State Scientific Medical Library.

Life required solving new tasks on the scale of the educational institution, and the library has been helping to solve these issues over the years, vacating and moving to one room or another with shelves and the collection. It was hard, both physically and mentally.

Since February 1994, in order to vacate the premises for rent, the library staff has had to spend a lot of time and effort on relocating the book collections for 13 years.



The hall of the reference and bibliographic department has gone through an evolution:

- Until 1997, the hall housed all the catalogs and the reference collection of literature.
- In 1997-2011 it was a reference and information reading room.



Only the main catalogs remained in it. This made it possible to place tables for readers. And in 2000, workstations were set up to search for information in the electronic catalog.

We continued to work actively on the aesthetic design of all departments: we purchased carpets for the floor, curtains for the windows, and a lot of indoor flowers.

All this created comfort and beauty, which contributed to the productive work of readers.



1994 р. Колектив бібліотеки

Various paid services were introduced into the library's work: the sale of written-off literature (1990-1993), the introduction of payment for textbook sets, and the imposition of penalties for overdue use of the collection of a particular department (1997-1999). All of this required the preparation of the necessary documents, orders, estimates, and seals.

In order to provide financial support in those difficult 90s, up to 10 vacant positions were used to set additional payments to working employees.

The increase in the volume of the collection, the number of readers and book loans, the professional development of the staff, and the improvement of library and bibliographic services - all this allowed the library to be assigned the third category of remuneration and staffing in September 1992.

In 1995, the library was given 2 rooms next to the department of acquisition and scientific processing of documents, which made it possible to open a reading room for the faculty staff.



Today, this room offers books and periodicals for the current year, a collection of valuable literature, and 3 computers with Internet access..



In the 1990s, the supply of literature was extremely limited.

In 1991-93, we sent letters to 24 addresses in various educational institutions in the United States asking for help and received medical journals.

The Renaissance Foundation and Sabre Light sent the library English-language scientific literature. Springer Verlag presented the library with 250 copies of English-language scientific medical literature.



In 2006, the library received medical literature from Utah weighing about 3 tons, in the amount of 10,580 copies.

The reading room was open for 1.5 years.



In 2000, the administration of the Bukovinian Medical Academy (rector Prof. Pishak V.P.) purchased a Franco-American computer program "Liber-Media" for the library, which was installed and maintained by specialists from Moscow.



Falenchuk V.

In the same year, a **department of computerization of library processes** was opened. The library was given back 2 librarian positions that had been cut in 1994 and an additional 3 positions were introduced.

Thus, the department employed 5 librarians and the head of the department V.P. Falenchuk, who successfully mastered new library processes.



DYNAMICS OF GROWTH OF THE MAIN INDICATORS IN THE LIBRARY'S WORK (1945-2005)

	1945	1965	1975	1985	1995	2005
General library collection	3394	193926	339661	351667	328873	367551
Number of readers				3370	4890	5307
Number of visits		116413	145136	130790	116579	169286
Book lending		264054	270308	275798	320392	418830

Since 2005, despite all the difficulties in mastering the computer program, university specialists have been receiving the necessary information for their scientific work, spending minimal time searching for this information and obtaining the most effective result.

In May 2008, the BSMU library hosted the International Scientific and Practical Conference "**Medical Libraries as Social Information Bases of Medical Science and Health Care**", which was attended by about 100 delegates from all medical libraries





of Ukraine and guests from Russia and Belarus.

An important step has been made in the system of information exchange between the Ukrainian and global scientific community, which has a positive impact on the development of cooperation between universities, provides free access to the results of scientific creativity and increases the competitiveness of our scientists.

The conference participants visited the BSMU Museum, where a new exhibition about the history and modernity of the library and the university's scientific achievements was opened.



The guests enjoyed a wonderful concert of student amateur performances in the Academic Palace.

An unforgettable impression was made on all the participants by their acquaintance with Chernivtsi, which turned 600 years old in 2008.

In September 2008, **Hanna Kiselytsia** was appointed deputy director. In 2009-2010, she served as the **library's director**.



Management Board. 2009.

The Library prepared a draft Regulation on the organization of work of journal editors and the BSMU Library within the framework of the project "Scientific Periodicals of Ukraine", which was sent to the editors of BSMU journals for proposals.



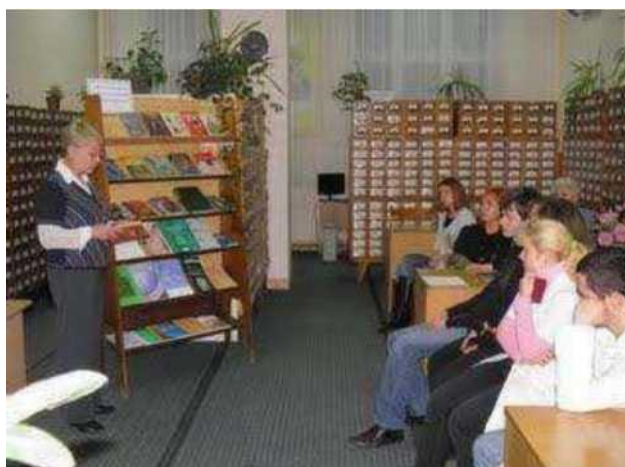
Library Staff. 2009.

In September 2009, the library was given back its premises and a reading room was opened for international students. It functioned for 1.5 years.



In February 2011, a **reading room for periodicals, manuscripts and catalogs** was opened.

All the catalogs and file cabinets were moved and installed in this room. All scientific papers and periodicals were placed here.



The reading room of periodicals, manuscripts and catalogs serves all categories of users. The bulk of the reading room's collection is made up of journals published from 1944 to the present.

There are reference and bibliographic books, PhD and doctoral dissertations, master's theses, and newspapers of previous years.



Читальний зал періодичних видань, рукописів та каталогів. 2011 р.



In addition to serving readers, the hall hosts public events: Information Days, Bibliography Days, classes with young scientists, etc.



In September 2011, a **department of foreign educational literature** was established in student hostel No. 5, the place of residence of international students.

The department includes a foreign literature lending library and a reading room.

Students receive textbooks on a lending basis and have the opportunity to prepare for ongoing classes in the reading room.

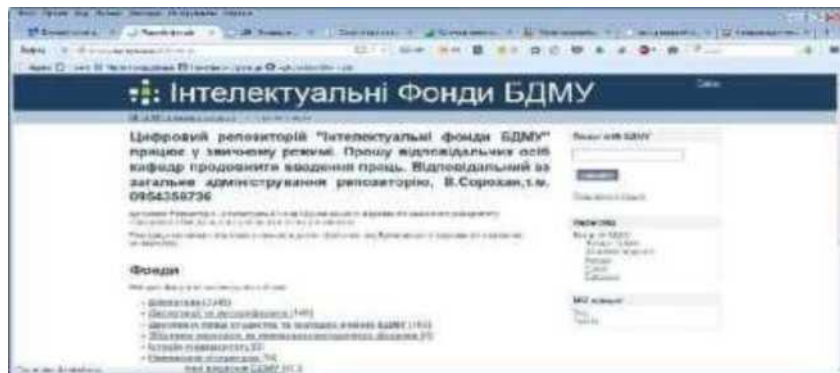
In 2012, the depository of the foreign literature collection was established in the student hostel No. 5.



The collection of foreign educational and scientific literature includes about 77.5 copies..

Time required improvement of all library activities, so some work was done to study proposals for automated library systems. In July 2012, the administration of Bukovinian State Medical University (Rector Prof. T. M. Boichuk) purchased the **Irbis-64 automated library information system** with a full set of workstations for 15 workplaces for library specialists and unlimited number of workstations for readers.

In 2012, the Library created the "**BSMU Intellectual Funds**" repository, <http://dspace.bsmu.edu.ua:8080/>, which as of November 2015 has 8823 full-text articles and abstracts. The working time of two library staff members is devoted to the creation of this repository.

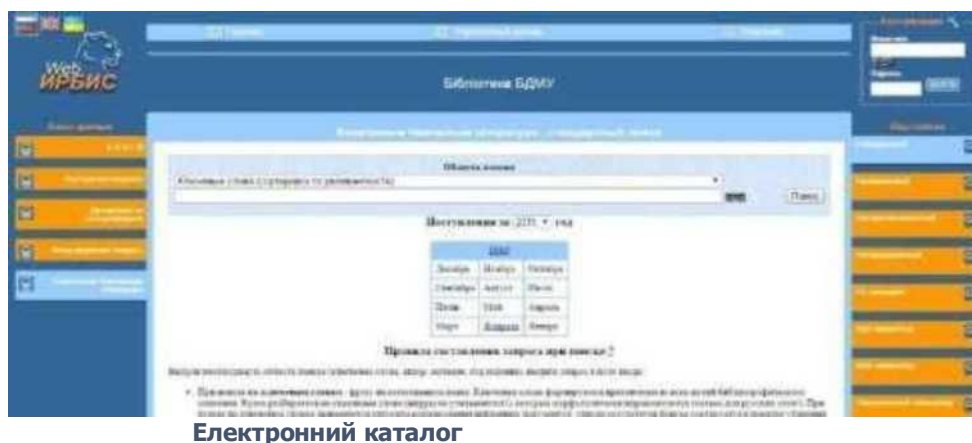


According to the Webometrics Ranking of World's Universities, BSMU was ranked 1st among higher medical education institutions of Ukraine and 12th among all Ukrainian universities included in the rating database in 2014 (313 universities of Ukraine were included in the rating).

According to the Ranking Web of Repositories in 2012, the BSMU digital repository also ranks 1st among medical universities in Ukraine, 15th among higher education institutions in the. The "BSMU Intellectual Funds" are hosted on the university's server and are part of the general electronic collection of the Scientific Library.

An ongoing task for the university library is to create an electronic archive of full-text versions of teaching materials, monographs, dissertation abstracts, articles and other documents prepared by BSMU scientists. In order to create a computer classroom, 2 local computer classrooms were opened in the former foreign literature book depository.

Since December 2013, the work on the implementation of ABIS "Irbis-64" in the library processes has begun. The electronic catalog of 6 thousand items is available on the library's website.



In accordance with the order of the rector of BSMU prof.
Boychuk T.M.



"On the creation of full-text collections, textbooks, manuals, tests, etc. of BSMU employees" on the transfer to the library within certain time limits of all educational and methodological publications of researchers in electronic form, these publications are available for use exclusively in the local library network, namely, in electronic reading rooms No. 2 and No. 3 and on the library website in the section "Electronic Library".

Cataloging using the MeSH thesaurus is a necessary process both to improve the quality of bibliographic descriptions and to expand search capabilities. This process has been successfully implemented in the work of the BSMU library. As a result, the library was accepted into the Corporate Cataloging System, whose partners are medical libraries in Ukraine. This will allow us to exchange electronic databases of journal articles with other libraries.

The library conducts research work on the **search and selection of documents on the history of BSMU and prominent scientists**. On the occasion of BSMU's 70th anniversary (2014), the Library's website has launched a page "Luminaries of BSMU Science", which already contains materials about 43 founders of our university's scientific schools.

On May 14-15, 2015, the International Scientific and Practical Conference **"Library Values in the Age of Modern Information Technologies"** was held in the Academic Palace.



The conference discussed the main issues of implementing the latest information technology systems, creating electronic resources and databases, managing them, access to world information resources, introducing new services and forming promising areas and forms of information and library cooperation.

In 2016, the library joined the project "Scientific Periodicals of Ukraine" (Uran Publishing Service) aimed at including university journals in prestigious abstract databases, catalogs, search systems and their full representation in the world library catalog.

According to the Rector's order "On the formation of the Coordination Council of the Higher State Educational Institution of Ukraine "Bukovinian State Medical University" on the representation of scientific achievements in the international scientific and information space", the library has been assigned certain tasks, which involve 9 library staff members. The library staff started checking the correctness of the article bibliography in the archival and current issues of BSMU journals; checking the resources presented in the bibliographic list for compliance with the originals; and performing editorial processing of articles.



In 2015, we launched the **Best Reader of the Year** contest for active work with educational literature in the lending library and reading room for international students.

As of June 01, 2016, the BSMU Library collection included over 406 thousand items. The collection is historically formed and has a certain scientific value. These are theses on medicine, defended at the university since its foundation, monographs, collections of works, textbooks and manuals, publications of foreign authors of the XV-XVI centuries, periodicals and information publications, fiction. A great deal of work was done to organize the rare book collection.



In March 2020, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted laws aimed at preventing the emergence and spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and introduced the first

quarantine restrictions. A new reality has emerged that has changed the personal and professional lives of almost everyone. The situation required prompt decision-making and action: how to proceed?

The librarians quickly adapted and reformatted their work: they set up remote work of employees, including electronic communication, electronic document management, redistribution of responsibilities, a system for monitoring and reporting; ensured appropriate sanitary and hygienic working conditions in the library; focused on external communication, mainly electronic; remote user service with the transfer of planned events online and the introduction of new forms and formats of work with users.

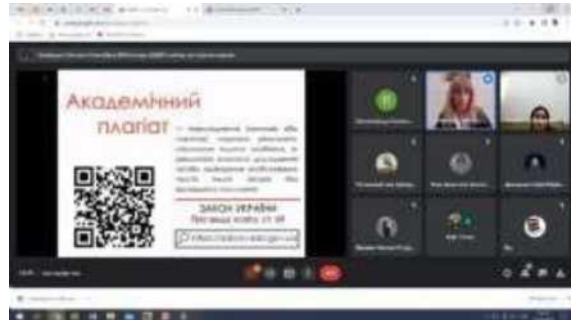
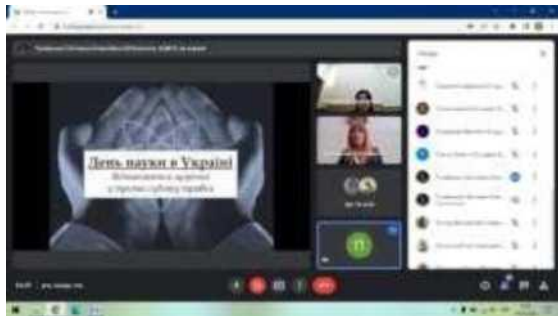
In 2020-2021, the library functioned and actively participated in the professional and social life of the university. It not only survived, adapted, and adjusted, but entered a new stage of development. Having such a precedent as working under quarantine restrictions, the library worked to improve its own strategy. This includes such stages as organizing the library's work in an emergency, quarantine, and overcoming the consequences of quarantine.

Due to the reformatting of their work, librarians have opportunities and needs to improve their skills. The quarantine has become an opportunity to upgrade digital skills.

A new page "**Virtual Reference**" was created on the library's website to help users obtain information upon request in the remote access mode. The virtual service "**Determination of UDC and copyright indices for documents**" continues to be provided by sending requests to the library and promptly responding to them by e-mail. This service saves time for university staff and students.

For the efficiency and convenience of users, the library provides **remote plagiarism checking services**, preliminary checks of the originality of documents (textbooks, manuals, monographs, research papers, articles, etc.).

Zoom and Meet platforms have become popular programs that have opened up new opportunities for learning and working without borders and restrictions for everyone. These are the resources that librarians have mastered and begun to actively use.



Since 2020, free access to the full-text foreign database **ScienceDirect (Elsevier)** has been provided.

Free access to the full text of more than 10 thousand books published in 2017 by **Springer Nature**, one of the world's largest publishers, was granted forever.



In May 2021, **Kiselytsia Hanna Hryhorivna** was promoted to the position of library director.

The library's official website, **<http://medlib.bsmu.edu.ua>**, which was created in 2010, continues to be one of the most effective means of mass information.



And its English-language version, <http://medlib.bsmu.edu.ua/bsmu-library/>, aimed at international students.



Work with the website is aimed at its content, accuracy and reliability of information, prompt updates, organization of a balanced presentation of information (convenience and intuitive navigation), stability of operation, and aesthetic appeal. That is why the site's interface and structure are constantly being improved, and the site's content is being updated and diversified.

A website creates the image of a library in the information space. The library is judged by how attractive it is informationally, functionally, and aesthetically.

The library continues to fill the website, which was created in 2017, with University Studies "Bukovinian State Medical University: Historical Bibliography in e-format". This is a new area of library historical research.

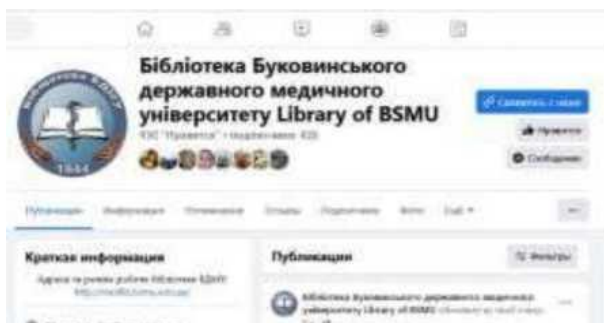


Project objectives:

1. collection and systematization of primary sources: paper, photo, audio, and video documents covering important and interesting facts, events, and phenomena from the history of the university from the beginning of its foundation to the present day;
2. thesis statement of important and interesting historical facts, events and phenomena concerning the university in the absence of a relevant document or to describe an existing document;

Project goals:

- research, preservation and popularization of the university history in the original modern electronic (digital) format;
- deeper knowledge and disclosure of the history of national medical education and science through research, preservation and popularization of the university history as its integral part;
- formation of a corporate culture at the university, respect for the alma mater, a sense of pride of the university staff, students and graduates for their achievements and a sincere desire to make a worthy contribution to the history of the university and the history of Ukrainian education and medicine;
- enhancing the positive image of the university by providing free access to the project materials on the library's website to an indefinite number of people;
- improving the webometric rating of the library's website.З метою популяризації фондів бібліотеки, розширення кола читачів та бажанням залучити їх до корисної та цікавої інформації, веб-сторінки україномовного та англomовного сайтів було розрекламовано в соціальних мережах.



In December 2021, the library's pages on **Telegram** social media were created, and publications on its own **Facebook** and **Youtube** channels continued.

Since December 2021, the library has been responsible for updating the university's information in the online encyclopedia WIKIPEDIA to promote the university and its employees in the educational, medical, and social fields.

As a result, interest in the sites is increasing. On average, the site is visited by more than 50 thousand users, and among the readers of the library of our educational institution there are almost 500 scientists and students of the Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, practicing doctors who use the collection and services in our library. An important step has been made towards the system of information exchange between the Ukrainian and world scientific community, which positively influences the development of cooperation between universities, provides free access to the results of scientific creativity and increases the competitiveness of our scientists.

In order to popularize the library collections and in response to user requests, bibliographic indexes were prepared:

- "Ukrainian doctors - natives of Bukovyna (nineteenth century - first half of the twentieth century)"

- "The founders of the departments - coryphaei of Bukovinian State Medical University"

- A life dedicated to medicine. Let us remember..." (to the 75th anniversary of BSMU)

- History of medicine in Ukraine and Bukovyna

- Ivan Mykolaychuk - the soul of Ukrainian poetic cinema (on the occasion of his 80th birthday) - Malishevska Victoria Antonivna, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor (on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of her birth).



reading room for the faculty



electronic student reading room №1

In September 2021, a **reading room sector** was created at the department of reader service. The sector includes a reading room for the faculty, electronic student reading room No. 1 and student reading room No. 2. In the halls, readers can get information about the periodicals for the current year,

get acquainted with the new acquisitions of books in the library, which are presented on the book photo "New acquisitions", find out what periodicals are currently being published and their categories, get acquainted with foreign medical literature of Elsevier and literature for licensed integrated exams, get advice and visual assistance on working with full-text resources "MEDLINE® with Full Text"



student reading room №2

(EBSCO)», «Springer Nature» and scientometric databases «Scopus» and «Web of science», to get acquainted with the new Ukrainian resource for researchers, the Open Ukrainian Citation Index (OUCI), to learn about digital libraries and databases in Ukraine and the world, to work online with electronic versions of books by reputable foreign publishers and additional multimedia materials to

them, and to obtain a certificate of library visit. Public events are planned to be held in the electronic reading room No. 1.

Educational events such as "**Information Days**" and "**Specialist Days**" are held, during which students and teachers have the opportunity to get acquainted with the latest periodicals, learn more interesting and little-known facts about certain topics



Information Hour "A first step in profession"



2020 Nephrology at the turn of the century



2020. Information Day "Psychologist.Healer for the soul"



Every year, in early September, classes are held for freshmen to familiarize them with the library's collections and the library's electronic search engine.



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Information events and seminars are held annually as part of the of Week of Science in Ukraine.



The library staff responds to all significant events in the scientific and social life of the country.

Every year, on the third Thursday of May, Ukrainians celebrate Vyshyvanka Day. Vyshyvanka Day is an all-Ukrainian holiday that aims to preserve the ancient folk traditions of creating and wearing ethnic embroidered clothing. The main goal of the event is to preserve Ukrainian values and popularize them among young people and the population of the state as a whole. It is a flash mob holiday when Ukrainians wear embroidery to work or university on a weekday.

Librarians are happy to participate in the event every year.



Years pass, generations of librarians change. Many of them have devoted a significant part of their lives to serving the library...

Some of them shone as bright stars in the field of librarianship, while others simply performed routine and unobtrusive work, which, as we know, is indispensable in our profession. Now it is difficult to overestimate the mark that our predecessors left in the eventful and fateful history of the library, and they succeeded in the main thing: to maintain continuity in the development of the institution, to reveal its potential and opportunities, to orient the work to fulfill the main functions of the university library.

BRIEF SUMMARY

The first period (1944-1950) was the time when the library was founded, virtually from the ground up, with the appointment of the director, recruitment of staff, and search for premises. At this time, the basis of library work was laid: alphabetical and systematic catalogs, thematic files of domestic medical periodicals, and a foreign collection were created. At that time, the translation bureau was launched. Thanks to this, the Institute's scientists were familiar with the inventions and advanced ideas of their field abroad (for example, the works of Radzikhovsky, Lobintsev, and others can serve as evidence). A large amount of furniture was purchased. The management of the medical institute paid great attention to increasing the book collection. It is no coincidence that when summarizing the results of the first five years of the CSMI's existence, its director D. S. Lovlya noted among its achievements the fact that the library collection already included 50,000 books. It can also be said that in this period the work of the institutional library stabilized and the foundations for professional work in the next period were created. However, we should not forget about the ideological pressure that was exerted during this period through books and activities carried out by the staff of the institution to spread Marxist-Leninist ideology among students.

The second period (1950-1974) was a time of systematic work. All quantitative parameters of the book collection were on the rise. Every year, the collection added 10-20 thousand copies of literature, and during 1965-1975, there was an increase from 193926 to 339661 books. The level of professional education of the staff grew, and there was constant retraining. The ideological pressure on the work of the staff decreased and the team managed to reorient itself to the medical topic. They began to seriously prepare abstract material, a comprehensive index of new foreign

publications on medicine, collections of translations from foreign journals, and individual information on dissertations and problematic topics of the CSMI. The reading room for students was expanded and equipped. Activities aimed at improving the general culture of students were carried out.

We should note the positive fact that the result of the library staff's work during the first 30 years of its activity still serves today's readers: a collection of special literature, catalogs (alphabetical and systematic - 1946; subject catalogs - 1949), card indexes developed in the first 30 years of the CSMI existence: "Bibliography of medical bibliography" (since 1940s), "Scientific works of the Institute staff" (since 1946), "Outstanding figures of medicine and biology" (since 1948). And this is the merit of all the library staff for the entire period of its activity.

The third period (from 1975 to the present) is the era of computerization.

The library becomes one of the leading structural units providing library and information support for the educational process, research, teaching and educational activities, its level and condition primarily depends on the development of the higher education institution.

As we enter the era of the information society, the university library is actively forming its resource arrays in accordance with the reform of education and new curricula. Along with traditional paper resources, electronic resources are being created.

Considerable attention is paid to corporate interaction with libraries of various systems and departments. The library exchanges analytical records of journal articles with the Central Ukrainian Corporate Catalog and the regional corporate catalog.

This period of the library's work can be characterized by the active use of information technologies, computer equipment, new media, distribution channels, and means of access to information, which are the basis for the introduction of information products and services.

The library focuses on the information needs of a modern higher education institution, seeks to expand the collection with new types of documents on topics relevant to the educational process and the active formation of an electronic library, and is transforming into a modern, comfortable, progressive structure of the educational institution, a real research and information center of the university.

A lot has been done in this area: the EC database and new user service systems (electronic document delivery, media library, e-library, Wi-Fi zone, etc.) are being created.

With the support of the rector, the university library is gradually transforming into a modern, comfortable, progressive structure, harmoniously combining traditional and

innovative forms of activities.

Having gone through a glorious historical path and preserving traditions, **the BSMU Scientific Library** fulfills its main mission - to assist the university in the implementation of the educational process and research work.

Today, the library staff is a team of like-minded, high-class specialists who are passionate about their work and do everything to meet the needs of users to the fullest extent possible; they are creative individuals who love books and are enthusiasts of their work.

We believe that the Motherland begins with each of us.

And when each person starts with themselves and, wherever they work, puts their soul, strength, energy and skills into their work, our country will change.

We work in the library and create our Motherland here!

Let's create it together - sincerely and selflessly, each in his or her place!