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## **Current Situation and Development Perspectives of the National Library of Azerbaijan Named After M. F. Akhundov**

### **Abstract**

*In the era of the modern information society, the eminent librarian scientist, Honored cultural worker, professor K.I. Ismayilov gave a special place to the problems of scientific and theoretical analysis of the formation of library funds in his wide-ranging scientific heritage and made deep generalizations. The scientist writes in his book "Library-information technologies": "Libraries, as an institution that fulfills the function of meeting the document-information needs of society, play the role of a necessary tool in the formation of civil society. Information resources of libraries have no time and space limitations. On the other hand, in addition to being a place where existing documents are stored, libraries play the role of a door to the world of information thanks to modern technologies. The article provides brief information about the history of the National Library named after M.F. Akhundov, and mentions the scientific-theoretical basis of the formation of the library fund.*

**Keywords:** *Library, fund, document flow, resource, formation, development, information demand*

### **M. F. Akhundov Adına Azerbaycan Milli Kütüphanesi'nin Mevcut Durumu ve Gelişim Perspektifleri**

#### **Öz**

*Modern bilgi toplumu çağında, seçkin kütüphaneci bilim adamı, onurlu kültür çalışanı, profesör K. İ. İsmayilov, geniş kapsamlı bilimsel mirasında kütüphane fonlarının oluşumunun bilimsel ve teorik analizi sorunlarına özel bir yer vermiş ve derin genellemeler yapmıştır. Bilim adamı "Kütüphane-Bilgi Teknolojileri" adlı kitabında şöyle yazmaktadır: "Toplumun belge-bilgi ihtiyacını karşılama işlevini yerine*

*getiren bir kurum olarak kütüphaneler, sivil toplumun oluşumunda gerekli bir araç rolü oynamaktadır. Kütüphanelerin bilgi kaynaklarının zaman ve mekân sınırlaması yoktur. Öte yandan kütüphaneler, mevcut belgelerin depolandığı bir yer olmanın yanı sıra, modern teknolojiler sayesinde bilgi dünyasına açılan bir kapı rolü oynamaktadır. Makalede, M.F. Akhundov'un adını taşıyan Milli Kütüphane'nin tarihçesi hakkında kısa bilgi verilmekte ve kütüphane fonunun oluşumunun bilimsel-teorik temellerinden bahsedilmektedir.*

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Kütüphane, fon, belge akışı, kaynak, oluşum, gelişim, bilgi talebi

## **Introduction**

Modern society is inseparable from information resources. Efficient use of information and communication technologies, successful implementation of advanced achievements in the field of informatization in various fields of human activity, ability to systematize information resources, use of technical means and methods, prompt access to information is the demand of everyone. Regardless of the position of the applicant, the quick acquisition and use of the necessary information allows for proper management of the document flow (Khalafov, 2006). According to Article 4 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Library Work", the main directions of library activity - from the formation and preservation of document information funds and the provision of these materials to legal and physical persons, the information collected and stored in libraries. It consists in the creation of a single information space that allows the exchange of training tools. The library fund includes books, magazines, newspapers and other printed products, audio-visual and technical reading materials, manuscripts, electronic publications and other information carriers. The library fund is the material and moral wealth of humanity, a treasure of knowledge, rich book wealth, formed over centuries. The formation, protection, storage, organization, and management of the library fund, which includes millions of documents, is always improved as a dynamically developing process, based on advanced methods, forms, and scientific laws (Law on Library work Republic of Azerbaijan, 1999). Systematic approach, analysis and synthesis methods were used during the preparation of the article.

### **1.The main part of the study**

Research workers, doctoral students, teachers, doctors, students, production managers, engineers, technicians, etc. from the fund of the Azerbaijan National Library named after M. F. Akhundov. they use. The breadth of the reader's pursuit has always necessitated the formation of the library fund, and has had a serious impact on determining the direction of the fund's improvement. The correct selection and assembly of documents according to reader composition

has an important effect on the long-term use of the fund, speeds up the process of payment of requests, improves the quality of circulation of the fund (Khalafov, 2009). The formation of the Azerbaijan National State library fund named after M. F. Akhundov is of special importance. The library makes great efforts to complete the fund in the field of national literature and ensures the formation of its profile. Unlike other libraries, this library is considered the most important and the only source of national literature in the republic. Therefore, each library solves various tasks in the mutual assembling of the fund, satisfies the most important requests of the readers, and the assembling work is based on different organizational and methodological methods. In modern times, the Azerbaijan National Library named after M. F. Akhundov, the Scientific Library of BSU, the Presidential Library of the "Office of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan", the Parliament Library, the Republican State Children's Library named after F. Kocherli, the Republican Youth Library named after J. Jabbarli, the Republican Scientific -Technical Library, Scientific library of Khazar University, etc. the process of providing information technologies that meet modern requirements in such national, field educational and special status libraries, as well as in many city and district Centralized Library Systems under the Ministry of Culture, is developing in the modern era.

The table below shows the amount of analytical and full-text materials transferred to the database of the electronic catalog for 2019-2022 (Tahirov, 2017).

*Table-1*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Analytical description of articles</b>	<b>Full text of analytically illustrated articles</b>
2019	25864	16783
2020	27841	21618
2021	34628	26751
2022	38168	27140

The work experience of the National Library of Azerbaijan named after Mirza Fatali Akhundov is of great interest in the transition to the information society. In the conditions of the modern information society characterized by innovations, the National Library of Azerbaijan named after M. F. Akhundzade, while organizing the library-information service to the population, was not satisfied only with traditional service methods, and gave great preference to the

organization of electronic service. Currently, all work processes related to the organization of library services to readers in the National Library are fully automated.

Let's also note that according to the Decree on the approval of the "Measure Plan on Proclaiming 2023 as the "Year of Heydar Aliyev" in the Republic of Azerbaijan" based on Article 109, Clause 32 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "2023 in the Republic of Azerbaijan" The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed Order No. 3494 dated September 29, 2022, on declaring the year "Heydar Aliyev Year". In accordance with that Order: "Action Plan for declaring 2023 as the "Year of Heydar Aliyev" in the Republic of Azerbaijan" was approved. It was noted here that the administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan should coordinate and control the implementation of the measures provided for in the Action Plan approved by Part 1 of the Order (Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the approval of the Plan of Actions on the Declaration of 2023 as the Year of Heydar Aliyev in the Republic of Azerbaijan, November 28, 2022).

**Statistics of the books donated by National Leader Heydar Aliyev to the Azerbaijan National Library named after M. F. Akhundov**

*Table-2*

<b>Languages</b>						
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	<b>Turkish</b>	<b>Russian</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Arabic</b>	<b>Persian</b>
131	2	107	18	1	1	3

From the statistical indicators mentioned in the table above, it is known that 131 of the books donated to the Azerbaijan National Library named after M.F. Akhundov by the National Leader Heydar Aliyev are Azerbaijani, 2 Turkish, 107 Russian, 18 English, 1 French, 1 -i in Arabic and 3 in Persian.

**Statistics of documents and information resources related to the Great Leader Heydar Aliyev in the National Library named after M. F. Akhundov**

*Table-3*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2010	2391
2011	2828
2012	2191

2013	4325
2014	2820
2015	2166
2016	2802
2017	2190
2018	3007
2019	3529
2020	3038
2021	3258
2022	3426

In our modern times, the National Library named after M.F. Akhundov has a great role in integrating Azerbaijani science into the world, promoting our cultural heritage, expanding scientific exchanges and relations, and studying the most advanced intellectual practices (Reports of the National Library named after M. F. Akhundov. 2015-2022 years).

Fig-1

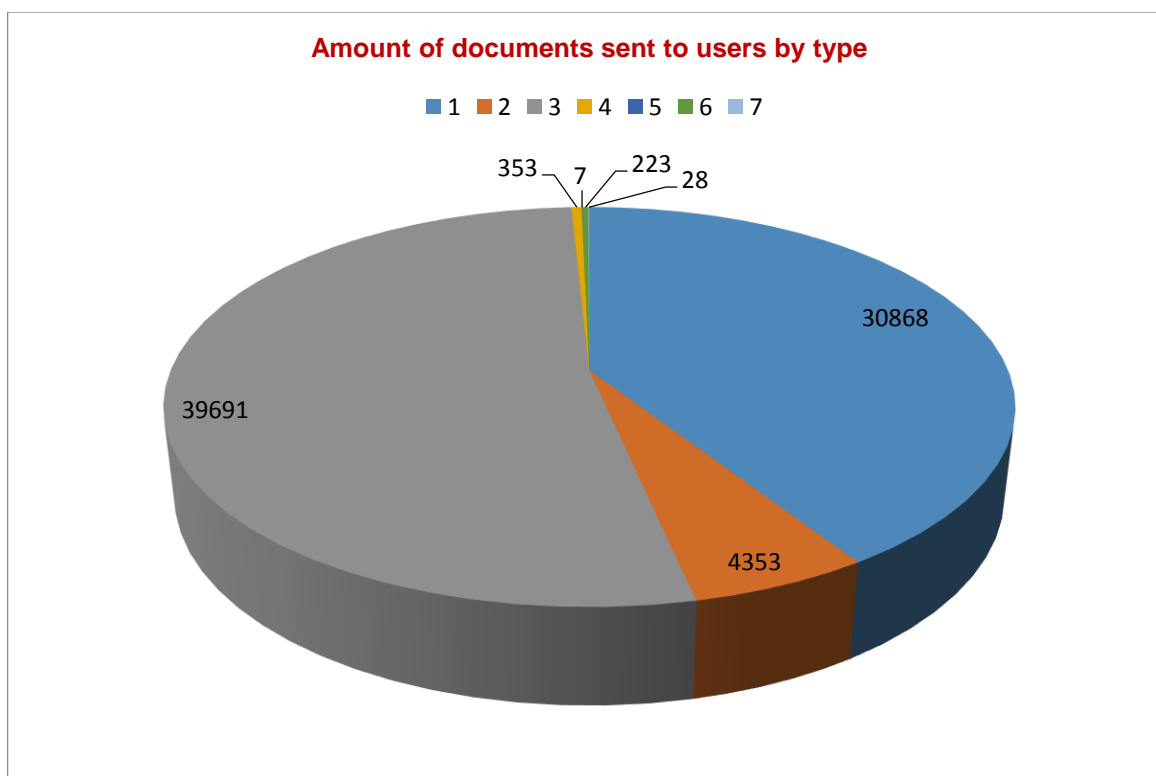
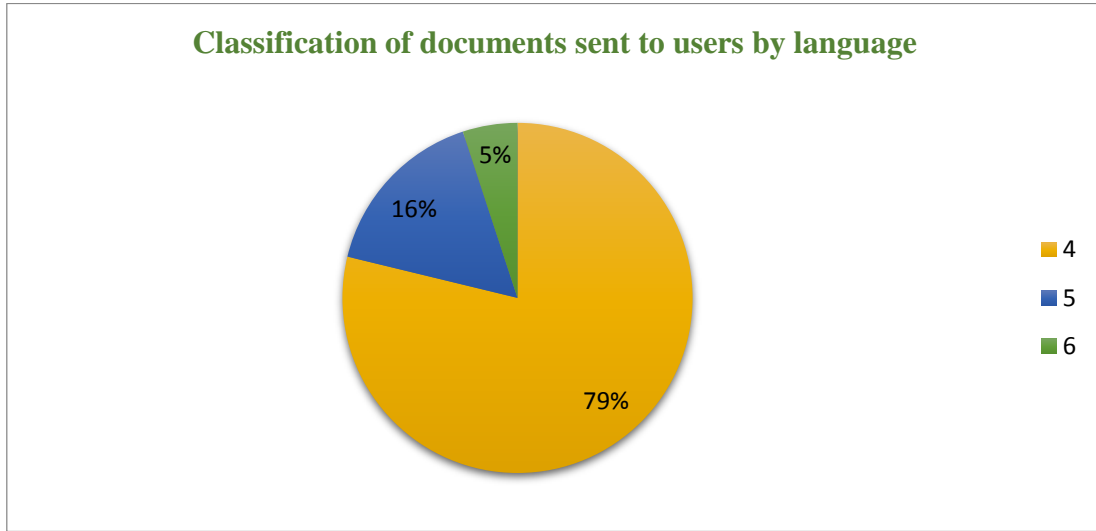


Fig-2



In 2023, the department received dozens of orders from the Centralized Library Systems operating in the cities and regions of our republic during the day, and the payment of these orders ensured the continuity of the library and information service to the readers in the regions, and prevented rejections given to them. During this period, 1,952 electronic resources were sent to MKS through the "Order and electronic delivery of documents" section. 55,000 requests from various sources have been received in the "Bibliographic request" section of the library, which operates in virtual mode. Inquiries from local and foreign organizations are regularly answered by our bibliographers.

Let's also note that the 100th anniversary of the National Library of Azerbaijan is coming to an end. The library was founded in 1922, and its official opening was on May 23, 1923. In 1939, the library was named after the thinker, playwright and educator Mirza Fatali Akhundov. Over the years, the scope of the library's activities has expanded, dozens of new departments have been created, and the number of literature in its fund has increased. The National Library is a leading institution in the field of librarianship, bibliography and bibliography, a scientific-methodological center for all the country's libraries, providing a comprehensive library-bibliography and information service to readers, performing the functions of interlibrary subscription, national and recommended bibliography, international and domestic depository center. The library, which has more than 5 million funds, exchanges books with about 80 countries and has signed memorandums with 48 countries. It is no coincidence that our Great Leader, Mr. Heydar Aliyev, who highly

appreciates science and culture, visited the National Library 4 times in 1995-1997 and donated about 300 books from his personal library to the library. In 2004, the Library was granted the status of "National Library" by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers, which is the highest award given to the activity of our library. On the occasion of the anniversary, the library staff prepared a virtual exhibition called "Azerbaijan National Library-100" as well as a traditional book exhibition called "100 Years in the Service of the People". The decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan about the National Library, opinions of eminent persons, photos, library publications, books and articles related to the topic are displayed in the virtual exhibition, and books about the history and publications of the library are displayed in the traditional exhibition. Prof. A. A. Khalafov followed the attention paid to library work in the Soviet period from a historical-chronological point of view. The book summarizes the unparalleled services of national leader Heydar Aliyev in the field of library construction, which is an integral part of Azerbaijani culture, and draws scientific conclusions.

The creation, formation and use of full-text electronic publications in the Universal scientific libraries of the Republic and other library networks is directly based on the technology of digitalization of documents. In the "Innovative library-information service: inquiry booklet" created by the National Library of Azerbaijan named after M.F. Akhundov in 2016, it is noted that "Digitalization of books is the conversion of printed books into electronic form". Electronic copies of books form electronic libraries. Electronic resources are the most convenient and currently widely used tool for promoting and providing information on the achievements of science and culture, and various fields of economy of the world and Azerbaijan. Usually digitized books are stored on the library server in DjVu, Portable Document Format (PDF), JPG or TIFF formats. Full-text electronic resources of publications are prepared by means of digital devices, robot-scanner and appropriate programs, prepared full-text resources are edited using appropriate programs. In order to provide readers with full-text resources created under the laws of copyright protection, they are placed on the Internet and Intranet (local network) in Azerbaijani, Russian and English language databases. The National Library started the work of creating electronic resources and preparing electronic databases in 2006 and continues today.

On May 12, the national scientific conference "Heydar Aliyev and library building in Azerbaijan" dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Great Leader Heydar Aliyev was held in the National Library under the joint organization of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic

of Azerbaijan and the National Library of Azerbaijan. First of all, the soul of the great leader, national headsmen Heydar Aliyev was remembered with a minute of silence. Moreover, the speech of the great leader Heydar Aliyev on June 3, 1995, when he came to the National Library of Azerbaijan for the first time, at the opening of the miniature book exhibition and at the presentation ceremony of the book "Oath of Loyalty to the Motherland, the State, the People" was brought to the attention of the participants of the event. During the event, the speakers talked about the great leader's attention and concern for Azerbaijani literature, culture, library work, Heydar Aliyev's meaningful life path, rich and diverse heritage, his services in the development of Azerbaijani culture, literature, books and libraries. The speakers also talked about the admirable activity of the National Library of Azerbaijan during the "Year of Heydar Aliyev" and the great leader's services in the development of librarianship as a scientific field. At the end, the event participants and guests got acquainted with a large book exhibition called "2023 - Year of Heydar Aliyev".

### **Conclusion**

One of the important events that will take place in the history of the National Library in 2023 is "Heydar Aliyev and the National Library", published by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the National Library on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the national leader of the Azerbaijani people, the great leader Heydar Aliyev, at the Heydar Aliyev Center on May 4. book presentation ceremony was held. First of all, the speech of the great leader Heydar Aliyev on June 3, 1995, when he came to the National Library of Azerbaijan for the first time, at the opening of the miniature book exhibition and at the presentation ceremony of the book "Oath of Loyalty to the Motherland, the State, the People" was brought to the attention of the event participants. At the event attended by Deputy Minister of Culture Saadat Yusifli, President of ANAS, Academician Isa Habibbayli, Deputy Minister of Science and Education Firudin Gurbanov and others, it was noted that in the book "Heydar Aliyev and the National Library" authored by Professor Karim Tahirov, the great leader Heydar Aliyev's National It is mentioned about these 4 visits to the library, the ingenious ideas he gave about books, libraries, and reading during these visits, and the high value he gave to books and librarian's work. The book also mentions the steps taken by Heydar Aliyev in the direction of the development of the Azerbaijan National Library and the library work in Azerbaijan as a whole in the difficult times for our republic, and the successful continuation of his ideas by Mr. today's celebration of the traditions he founded is discussed.



2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Library of Azerbaijan. On this occasion, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, signed the Decree "On celebrating the 100th anniversary of the National Library of Azerbaijan" on June 24. The library, which has followed an honorable path since its inception, has always adequately coped with the tasks set before it and has played an important role as a base in increasing the intellectual potential of the society during the past period. and it is noted that our nation has become a cultural treasure by enriching it with valuable information carriers. On this occasion, on June 25, the director of the National Library of Azerbaijan, prof. Karim Tahirov congratulated the collective and expressed deep gratitude on behalf of the collective to our honorable president Mr. Ilham Aliyev for his special attention to the National Library, which is a reliable protector of national and spiritual resources and for the order he signed to ensure the celebration of its anniversary.

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