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Study of the Document Flow on the Field of Tourism in the National Library of Azerbaijan Named After M. F. Akhundov (Based on the analysis of “Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography” and “New books: an annotated bibliographic index”)

Abstract

Azerbaijan National Library named after M.F. Akhundov is one of the libraries in the republic, where document-information resources are comprehensively reflected in various fields of science. Based on the work experience of the library mentioned in the article, a systematic analysis of the document flow in the field of tourism was carried out. Information about all types of documents published in the field of tourism is provided in the “Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography” and “New books: an annotated bibliographic index” presented to users in traditional and digital versions by the National Library of Azerbaijan.

Keywords: National Library, document flow, tourism, bibliographic index

M. F. Akhundov Adına Azerbaycan Milli Kütüphanesi'nde Turizm Alanındaki Belge Akışının İncelenmesi ("Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography" ve "New books: an annotated bibliographic index" analizlerine dayanarak)

Öz

M.F. Akhundov'un adını taşıyan Azerbaycan Milli Kütüphanesi, ülkedeki çeşitli bilim dallarında belge-bilgi kaynaklarının kapsamlı bir şekilde yansıtıldığı kütüphanelerden biridir. Makalede bahsedilen kütüphanenin iş deneyimine dayanarak, turizm alanındaki belge akışının sistematik bir analizi gerçekleştirilmiştir. Azerbaycan Milli Kütüphanesi tarafından geleneksel ve dijital versiyonlarda kullanıcılara sunulan "Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography" ve "New books: an annotated bibliographic index" adlı yayınlarda turizm alanında yayınlanan her türlü belge hakkında bilgi verilmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Milli Kütüphane, belge akışı, turizm, bibliyografik dizin

Introduction

The main library of Azerbaijan is one of the largest and well-known national libraries and bookkeepers not only in Europe – in the Caucasus, but also all over the world. The library was founded in 1922 and its official opening was on May 23, 1923. When the library was created, 5000 copies of literature were donated to the library from the funds of the libraries of Imperial Technical Society's Baku branch and Baku Public Society. First director of the library which started activity with only 13 employees was M.Salimov. Reading hall in the library was opened in 1927. The reading hall was open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. The library was located in a few rooms in the building of the Azerbaijan Academy of Sciences. And that didn't allow the library to expand its activities. The scientific-mass publications reflected in the mentioned indicators are the publications that convey the theoretical and practical issues of tourism to non-specialist readers in simple language. The purpose of such publications is to promote and disseminate scientific and other special fields of knowledge, including the history of tourism. They express scientific and experimental information not in full volume, but in mass, understandable and simple language. After the Republic of Azerbaijan regained its state independence, goal-oriented works are being carried out in the field of bibliographic and analytical research of the flow of documents in the system of library science, bibliography and bibliography.

Main Part

Professor Zohrab Aliyev's research attention among the research works related to the scientific theory of bibliographic and analytical research of document flow in the field of tourism

in interaction with librarianship and bibliography. The scientific and theoretical interpretation of bibliographic and analytical research of document flow in all fields of science, not only in the system of library science, bibliography and book science, was comprehensively investigated in the textbook "General bibliography" compiled by the scientist in 2001. Professor Zohrab Aliyev notes about documents that play an important role in all areas of society, including the field of tourism, that "Document is any kind of material carrier on which social information has been recorded by a person in order to protect and disseminate it (Əliyev, 2001). In the activity of libraries in the field of information provision of tourism, the "One Year Azerbaijan Library" and "New books: annotated bibliographic index" presented to users by the National Library of Azerbaijan in traditional and digital versions are of great importance. The national bibliographic resource "Birillik Azerbaijan Bibliography", published in Azerbaijan since 1960, contains detailed bibliographic information about all books published in the republic, regardless of language, subject, genre. Although the publication of such a general index was stopped since 1986 due to various organizational and financial difficulties, since 2006, "Birillik Azerbaijan Bibliography" has been reorganized and made available to readers. Bibliographic description of books in bibliographic materials prepared for publication by the National Library of Azerbaijan GOST 7.1-2003 (AZS 754-2013) "Bibliographic writing. Bibliographic description. It is compiled based on the requirements of the standard called "General requirements and design rules". The collected materials are divided into departments according to the Library Bibliographic Classification, and books in Azerbaijani and then foreign languages are listed inside. Alphabetical principle is expected within each department. Publications related to tourism in "Birillik Azerbaijan Library" are published in "Education" of the 3rd department of "Social Sciences" of (Library bibliography classification). Education. "379.8 Organization of leisure time" of the 37th sub-division called "Training". It is grouped in the "Tourism" section. The first information about the book published on the subject was reflected in the 1999 edition of the index. This year, 3 books covering the field of tourism, 2 of them in Azerbaijani and 1 in Russian, were included in the bibliography. The statistics of such relevant indicator for subsequent years are given in the following table:

Statistics of publications on tourism in “Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography” (1999-2021)

Table-1

Years	Total number of documents	Number of publications on tourism	
		in Azerbaijani	In foreign languages
1999	1568	2	1
2000	1660	1	-
2001	1817	1	-
2002	1805	2	1
2003	2140	2	1
2004	2203	1	-
2005	2372	1	1
2006	2167	14	3
2007	2195	9	2
2008	2232	5	1
2009	2322	7	1
2010	2081	4	-
2011	2153	24	7
2012	2276	15	2
2013	2104	6	1
2014	2349	8	3
2015	2281	11	2
2016	2133	9	1
2017	2429	7	1
2018	2056	4	1
2019	1444	-	2
2020	1831	3	-
2021	2689	4	1
Total	48307	139	31

The statistical figures presented in the table suggest that the bibliographic information about 48,307 books was reflected in the publications of Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography covering a period of 23 years, of which 139 documents on tourism were published in Azerbaijani and 31 in foreign languages.

The general statistical analysis of the resources shows that the books published on tourism in 1999-2022 are included in the bibliographic index at the appropriate level. As can be seen from the table, the total number of documents in the 1999 edition of Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography is 1568, the total number of documents in the 2005 edition is 2372, the total number of documents in the 2010 edition is 2081, the total number of documents in the 2015 edition is 2281, 2020 The total number of documents in the 2021 edition is 1831, and the total number of documents in the 2021 edition is 2689. Based on the five-year statistical analysis, we can note that in 2021, the total number of documents on tourism prevails in the mentioned indicator compared to other years (Birillik Azərbaycan kitabıyyatı, 1961; Birillik Azərbaycan Kitabıyyatı, 2020). The editions of “Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography” compiled by the National Library are significantly different from the editions of the Book Chamber. This is, first of all, unlike the publications of the Book Chamber, in the current editions, the documents in Russian and Azerbaijani languages are presented sequentially within one section. In our opinion, the previous method was more perfect. In addition, while the publications of the Book Chamber provide rich statistical tables on book publishing in Azerbaijan (including the distribution of books by scientific fields), such an analysis is not carried out now, which should be considered a serious shortcoming.

After the statistical analysis of the next bibliographic resource "New books: annotated bibliographic index" about the content and typological classification of publications on tourism reflected in the “Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography”, an extensive analysis will be given.

The National Library of Azerbaijan has started publishing an “New books: an annotated bibliographic index” since 2006. The purpose of preparing the document is to familiarize readers and specialists with the new document-information resources included in the National Library. Since 2007, this bibliographic resource is compiled quarterly. In "New books: an annotated bibliographic index", the literature on tourism is published in the "Education" section of the 3rd department of the "Social Sciences" of the Library bibliography classification. Education. "379.8 Organization of leisure time" of the 37th sub-division called "Training". It is grouped in the "Tourism" section. Here, the materials are presented in alphabetical order within the sections, first

in Azerbaijani, then in Russian and foreign languages. An alphabetical index of authors and titles is also provided at the end of the publication.

The first bibliographic information about the book published on the topic of the article was reflected in the second quarter of 2006 issue of "New books: an annotated bibliographic index". In that year, 9 books covering the field of tourism, 4 of them in Azerbaijani and 5 in Russian, were included in the quarters of bibliographic resources. The statistics of such relevant indicator for subsequent years are given in the following table:

*Statistics of tourism publications in "New books: an annotated bibliographic index"
(2006-2021)
Table 2*

Years	Total number of documents	Number of publications on tourism	
		in Azerbaijani	In foreign languages
2006	5618	4	5
2007	6902	6	2
2008	6385	8	3
2009	5817	5	2
2010	5963	2	8
2011	6104	10	11
2012	5949	9	6
2013	6378	5	4
2014	6012	7	3
2015	5833	9	5
2016	6412	7	2
2017	6944	4	3
2018	7181	2	14
2019	6248	9	2
2020	5913	3	1
2021	5084	6	3
Total	98743	96	74

In the bibliographic resources that we have analyzed, the variety of primary documents is of interest, according to the sign of the level of generalization of information on the field of tourism. The initial document on tourism is the study of objects, subjects and processes in this field, research and development, etc. is an information carrier created as a result and original in terms of its content. Such a document is scientific, production, management, creative, etc. on tourism. directly reflects the results of the activity (Annotasiyalı bibliografik göstərici, 2016; Annotasiyalı bibliografik göstərici, 2021).

As one of the directions of promotion of tourism, improvements have been made in recent works in the Country studies of the M.F. Akhundov National Library named after M.F. Akhundov, and it has started to provide users with local history materials reflected in the electronic catalog. In 2016, this department created an electronic version of the "Azerbaijan Studies" catalog and file system. Retrospective materials published in newly published scientific works, subject collections, scientific news and other publications on the field of tourism are also reflected here (İnnovativ, 2016). In addition to traditional resources in tourism libraries, the creation and formation of electronic information resources is important as one of the current issues in modern times. Professor Khalil Ismayilov notes in his textbook "Library-information technologies" that "Information technologies are the basis of an information society. Information resources are the available stock of information recorded in any carrier, and considered suitable for long-term preservation and multi-purpose use (İsmayılov, 2009).

Conclusion

In the article, the statistics of publications on tourism in the "Annual Azerbaijan Bibliography (for the years 1999-2021)" and "New books: an annotated bibliographic index (for the years 2006-2021)" created by the National Library of Azerbaijan named after M.F. Akhundov were analyzed chronologically and linguistically. We can note that in modern times, the problems in the future development directions of tourism in the literature on tourism in the library and information institutions of the Republic have not been comprehensively studied. In general, the study of information provision of tourism is one of the main issues studied both at the local and international level. In order to eliminate the gaps in this direction in the republic, it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive study of the general document-information resources on tourism in the National Library of Azerbaijan named after M. F. Akhundov, in the funds of some higher school libraries, and to expand the activities of this field.

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