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NUK and the Inclusion of School Libraries to COBISS

The amending act of the Librarianship act in 2015 redefined the status of school libraries and with it the National and University Library of Slovenia was imposed with new tasks connected with monitoring school libraries' activities and development. The statistical monitoring of school libraries' activities, forming a development strategy, the concept of three-year development plans, and the development of expert groundwork for creating the conditions that need to be fulfilled by the school library in the field of education and schooling fall under the scope of the Library System Development Centre. However, the mandatory inclusion of school libraries in the national bibliographic system imposed by the amending act requires additional activities because of the large number of school libraries. Besides its standard task related to the inclusion of the libraries into the COBISS system (specifying library codes) the Library System Development Centre (with the financial support from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport) also helped school libraries by providing information, counselling regarding the downloading of records from the COBIB database, creating manuals for identification and accessioning of individual material types, and also with central cataloguing of school library material. The data acquired with statistical measurements and the experiences in central cataloguing will serve as a starting point for a rational organization of material processing in school libraries.