

# НАУКОВО-ІНФОРМАЦІЙНИЙ СУПРОВІД ОСВІТЯНСЬКОЇ ГАЛУЗІ

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## PROVIDING LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

The key achievements of V.O. Sukhomlynskyi State Scientific and Pedagogical Library of Ukraine at the NAES of Ukraine are characterised in the context of providing library and information support for educational process. The strategies of the library regarding the improvement of providing library and information support for innovative processes in the educational sphere of Ukraine under conditions of European integration are determined.

**Key words:** *library and information activity, innovation activity, system of education libraries of Ukraine, national subject resource, national heritage of Ukraine.*

Over the years of independence, Ukraine has developed a system of library and information support of national education. The leading role in this system belongs to the V. Sukhomlynskyi State Scientific-Pedagogic Library of National Academy of Educational Sciences (NAES) of Ukraine (hereinafter – SSPL) as a *scientific institution* on sectoral librarianship, bibliography, book science, information activities, educational sources, biographical and historical education; as a *national branch book store, center* for library and information support of education; the *main coordinating scientific and methodological center* of the educational libraries network of Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and NAES of Ukraine.

The activities of SSPL are aimed at improving library and information support of education through the formation of a new socio-cultural image of a library which can effectively provide the modern users' needs; which has powerful databases, providing a free and unlimited access to global information networks and data banks through the extensive use of new information and communication technologies; which is focused on integration of internal and external information resources to promote informatization and intellectualization of the society.

Currently the branch libraries network unites over 16,000 pedagogical and educational libraries that have a common goal, objectives and functions. The main purpose of the network is to develop a single information resource industry, to create a system of scientific and information support of education by integrating information resources of educational libraries. These libraries serve more than 7.7 million users, who are annually given about 49 million copies of documents.

Today, information resources of educational library network have more than 335 million copies of the documents on different information mediums in many languages that make up a significant segment of the national branch library resources of the State Library

Fund of Ukraine. An important component of the information resources of educational libraries is rare and valuable editions (book monuments), which are the national property of Ukraine.

In recent years there have been positive developments in library and information support of education. *The main achievements are that for the first time in Ukraine on the basis of SSPL there have been:*

- set up an integrated branch information resource on different information mediums;
- developed and introduced the system scientific and information support of education of Ukraine;
- created and introduced an integrated system of bibliographic publications in traditional and electronic form (scientific subsidiary, recommendation, reference);
- formed the branch segment in the database "Ukrainika Naukova" (Ukraine Scientific) and Ukrainian Review Journal "Dzherelo" (Source);
- created the reading room of V. Sukhomlynskyi fund as a scientific laboratory to study the educational heritage of the outstanding teacher;
- provided distant users with various information services which are carried out on the basis of cooperation, among them – the interlibrary loan (ILL), electronic document delivery (EDD), virtual bibliographic information etc.;
- launched electronic scientific journals "Naukovi praci Derzhavnoyi naukovo-pedagogichnoyi biblioteky` Ukrayiny` imeni V. O. Sukhomlyns`kogo», informacijno-anality`chny`j byuleten`"(Proceedings of V. Sukhomlynskyi State Scientific and Pedagogical Library of Ukraine), information-analytical bulletin "Anality`chny`j visny`k u sferi osvity` j nauky" (Analytical Bulletin in Education and Science);
- made methodological and information support of the activity of the network of educational libraries of Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and NAES of Ukraine meeting the demands of the modern society.

However, there are a number of serious problems which affect the quality of library and information support of education, including:

- the inconsistency of cumulative library fund formation to the current users' needs and requirements of society, in particular the lack of full provision with periodic and non-periodic Ukrainian and foreign editions, with both traditional and electronic manuals, electronic copies of instructional books, etc.;
- the backwardness and slow pace of implementing information and communication technologies; outdated computer park, the absence of a licensed software to automate library processes;
- the lack of a coherent government policy on corporate cataloging, which makes it impossible to exchange bibliographic information;
- the lack of access to the world information resources OCLC, EBSCO, full-text electronic journals of leading European publishers Elsevier, Springer, Kluwer Academic Press, etc. in most educational libraries;

– the lack of financing in amounts sufficient for the effective operation and development of library network.

For the improvement of library and information support and introducing innovations in the field of education of Ukraine within European integration society processes the focus should be made on the following areas of activity:

– the development of innovative strategies of educational libraries of MES of Ukraine and NAES of Ukraine;

– the creation of modern information and communication environment in educational libraries, which will provide a quick and efficient search and obtaining of the right information regardless of its storage place;

– the formation of funds of educational libraries of Ukraine on various information media, as well as the provision of the access to global electronic databases;

– the preservation of rare and valuable books (book monuments), which are national heritage monuments;

– the provision of intensive introduction of existing information resources into the library activity through creating electronic copies of publications in topical issues and access to them through scientific and educational electronic library of SSPL in compliance with authors' legal rights;

– establishment of long-term scientific relations of domestic educational libraries with foreign libraries, associations, research and teaching and educational institutions and cultural centers;

– financial support of access to leading library and information resources and transfer to electronic format of the available library fund.

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