



# **A STRATEGY TOWARDS THE BIBLIOTHEQUE NUMERIQUE EUROPENNE (EDL)**

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# The French national Library today

## Several locations

- In Paris (4 locations)
- Outside Paris (3 locations)
- Open to readers (Tolbiac, Richelieu, Arsenal, Opéra, Avignon)
- or specifically dedicated to preservation activities (Bussy St Georges, Sablé/Sarthe)

## The French national Library today Collections

- 12 million printed volumes
- 250 000 manuscripts
- 12 million prints and photographs
- 800 000 maps and charts
- 1 million sound recordings
- etc



# The French national Library today

- 2 800 staff
- budget 2006 : 140 millions euros

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## Gallica : the digital library of the BnF

- 80 000 digitized books and newspapers
- 80 000 digitized images

## Gallica : the digital library of the BnF

Is used by :

- **Mainly researchers**
- **Teachers**
- **Librarians and publishers**
- **« Enthusiasts and autodidacts »**



## **Gallica : the digital library of the BnF**

- **A comprehensive collection of the major works of knowledge in the world**
- **Focused on out of copyright material**
- **Free of charge**

## Gallica : the digital library of the BnF

- **Not only a selection of treasures but also « collections of sources »**
- **Substantial sets of printed matters (books, journals, maps) organized by the library**
- **Relevant tools for research purposes**

## **Gallica : the digital library of the BnF**

### **New priorities in development policy**

- **Academic journals : partnership with publishers (CAIRN)**
- **Daily newspapers : 26 titles (over 3.5 millions pages) digitized with OCR**

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## **A response to Google's announcement**

- **December 14, 2004 : Google announces the project of digitizing some 15 million printed volumes (4.5 billion pages)**
- **January 22, 2005 : Jean-Noël Jeanneney, president of BnF, publishes « *When Google challenges Europe* », in *Le Monde***
- **April 2005 : first edition of the book « *When Google challenges Europe* »**

## **A response to Google's announcement**

- **A bushfire : reactions from newspaper, medias, public opinion, politicians, minister of Culture, president of the french Republic**
- **Europ on the march : six countries sign a letter which called Brussels to join the initiative ; European meeting on culture ; réactions of 23 national libraries of the union ; etc....**

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## **Principles for a Bibliothèque numérique européenne**

- **Priority to printed matters**
- **Choice of books to be made by national libraries**
- **Works representative of European history and culture**
- **Multilinguism, as a reflection of the cultural diversity of the U.E.**



## **Principles for a Bibliothèque numérique européenne**

- **Out of copyright Books, but also books under copyright, within the limits of a previous agreement with the beneficiaries**
- **Partnership between libraries, editors, authors and booksellers**
- **Partnership with other digital libraries (OAI)**

## **Principles for a Bibliothèque numérique européenne**

- **Search of private fundings in addition to public grants**
- **Definition of a viable, middle-term economic model**

## **Conclusion : the contribution of the BnF**

- **A mass digitisation test : results available in june 2006**
- **Fresh digitisation : from 5 000 books /year to 30 000 (2006) and 150 000 (2007)**
- **Consultations with french research libraries**
- **Reinforced cooperation with a group of national libraries of the Union.**