

National Library

The new building of the National Library, which will be constructed at the premises of the old Hippodrome in the Faliron Delta, will be a state-of-the-art facility, comparable to modern national libraries that exist abroad.

The functioning of libraries has drastically changed in the past two decades due to the introduction of new technology into libraries' daily activities. The specifications of the new building will take into consideration these ever-changing needs. The desired goal is to create a versatile, flexible library of the future that will cope with the challenges of the coming decades of the digital age.

The design and functioning of the Library will be based on "best practices," which have already been successfully applied in national and public libraries around the world. The Library's personnel will attend training seminars to learn to fully utilize the new building's technological capabilities.

The new library will place a special emphasis on toddlers and children. A Children's Department will offer services and educational programs to children and teenagers. The programs will be based on existing ones that are being implemented in public and municipal libraries across the country, as well as on best practices used abroad. The model practices from abroad will be customized by specialized educators in order to cater to the needs and peculiarities of Greece.

In addition, the Library will offer special programs that will be addressed to adults, such as courses on information technology. Furthermore, the Library will focus on specific groups of the population by offering a plethora of special-interest courses. One such group is immigrants, for whom special programs and courses will be designed, such as a course on Greek Language and Culture.

In a few words, the philosophy of the new National Library will be to follow the ideal of "lifelong learning." The Library will also serve, via the Internet, users from all areas of Greece and abroad.

The new National Library will provide ideal access to the world of knowledge and information not only to students, researchers and educators, but also to citizens of all ages on both an educational and a cultural level. The National Library will fulfill all of the specifications concerning people with special needs. In addition, the Library will have at its disposal special equipment, such as Braille computers, for visitors with special needs.