



National Library visitors to enjoy printed and electronic editions

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The National Library gets ready to move

Over the coming weeks, the most popular books are to be packed up ready to move to their new location at the National Library. The university term is ending and fewer readers come to the library. Since last September, the personnel of the country's largest book depository have been working

with students from the Belarusian State University of Culture to pack up almost 8 million books — whose total weight is 2,500 tonnes. The total length of the shelves that housed these books exceeds 90 kilometres! Some packing volunteers will join the library staff in August as young specialists; the new library

personnel is to be 1,000 people strong. Every tenth staff member will be listed as a young specialist; this pleases Roman Motulsky, director of the National Library, who believes it's good for people with fresh knowledge to come and work with the modern technology on offer in the new library building.

Readers will have access to both traditional printed books and electronic information — through connection to the world library network via the internet. From 1st January 2006, all students (including senior school students) will be able to use the library.

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