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## **L. LICHKOV'S ACTIVITIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE KYIV CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY (1915–1921)**

### **Summary**

Article Dr. of historical sciences, professor, chief librarian of the National Parliamentary Library of Ukraine, Viktor Sokolov "Activities L. S. Lichkova as director of the Kyiv City Public Library (1915–1921)" reveals one of the important and difficult stage of history becoming the main public Kyiv city library during the First World War, the revolutions of 1917 and the years of civil war and have some part in creating the chronicle National parliamentary library of Ukraine. The article is an attempt to reveal and analyze the activity L. S. Lichkov (1855–1943) as the head of the Kyiv City Public Library (that time the name of the National Parliamentary Library of Ukraine) (1915–1921) on the background of the main components of its operation parameters, describe the main achievements his personal contribution work as director of the library, in conjunction with the development of the library as one of the leading library institutions in the city. In his scientific work by extensive use of historical-comparative, historical and genetic, statistical, chronological, biographical research methods, the method of diachronic analysis.

The article analyzes the main factors of social and cultural development of Kyiv City Public Library, the main library dynamic component of its work and the main

directions and achievements of the library running L. S. Lichkov in this period. Against the background characteristics of L. Lichkov as director of the library, the features of formation of books, sources of recruitment, staff and readership libraries, their reading interests, and comparative analysis of the main indicators of library library under the direction of L. Lichkov relative to the previous period of development. Discovered and characterized the main directions of L. Lichkov as director of the library, studied range of major challenges that confronted the head of that institution, the scope of the major challenges facing the direction of the library in the study period. Analyzes the importance of L. Lichkov as director of the library in the light of the main trends of its development.

It was found that the success of a development and Kyiv City Public Library Director running L. Lichkov in 1915-1921 were limited to its extremely difficult financial situation, the lack of systematic acquisition of book funds, lack of professionalism of some library staff, as well as political , economic and socio-cultural factors of social life of the city in wartime and civil war. In the library of the given period also reflected the improper management of the library in the prewar years and the first year of the war. In most cases, defects direct library management were associated with some of the dependence of the total library of its leadership, ie the administrative organization of the (library) Committee of Kyiv City Council and by the provincial leadership. The article proves that through leadership of L. Lichkov, despite all the difficulties, the library during the war years almost did not stop and took place on schedule. The author substantiated that due to the difficult financial situation of the library, which is not allowed library accordance with the needs of readers replenish their book funds, the main sources of its acquisition by donations from the public town (from individuals and institutions) in cash and the book collection and some books who came through the creative initiative of the head of the institution. It has been proved that most advances, innovation and efficiency of the Kyiv City public library as a whole, in the period studied were made possible thanks to the dedicated and professional work of L. Lichkov director of the library, as a result of which in the city's main public library was the first attempt of

democratization of institutions close her work to the needs of the urban population and socio-cultural life of society, increased attention to the acquisition of funds Ukrainian-printing, established cooperation with leading librarians leaders of various public institutions.

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