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## **ABSTRACT**

of the dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy

### **LIBRARY-INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE SHAKI-ZAGATALA ECONOMIC REGION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN: DEVELOPMENT, CURRENT SITUATION AND WAYS OF MODERNIZATION**

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## I. THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF DISSERTATION

**The relevance and development of the subject.** The people of Azerbaijan live with the joy of the great Victory won by the decisive leadership of the Victorious Commander-in-Chief, President Ilham Aliyev and the bravery of our Glorious Army in the 44-day Patriotic War, and the waving of the Azerbaijani flag in all of Karabakh and Eastern Zangezur. With the 24-hour local anti-terror operations, which resulted in the complete cleansing of the notorious separatist groups from the territory of our country, our state sovereignty was fully restored, and a new chapter in the history and destiny of the Republic of Azerbaijan commenced. Against the background of the complex reforms carried out in the light of the great historical Victory, the division of economic regions of the country were redistributed, as in all fields, new priorities were determined in the direction of research and scientific generalization of the library-information provision field.

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, justifying the fact that the complex socio-economic development of regions is one of the strategic directions of the state policy - *"...every place, every region of Azerbaijan is dear to me, it is my homeland, and my goal is that every region of Azerbaijan, every Let the region and every village develop... Because Azerbaijan must develop comprehensively and it has all the opportunities to do so. Our economy is strengthening, growing almost at the highest rate in the world. This allows us to use additional financial resources and expand our activities and speed up the construction works in the country..."* - thesis, in our opinion, constitutes the main political concept of regional socio-economic development.

In order to accelerate the socio-economic development of country regions, according to the "State Programs" approved by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev of February 11,

2004<sup>1</sup>, April 14, 2009<sup>2</sup>, February 27, 2014<sup>3</sup> and January 29, 2019<sup>4</sup>, 10 economic regions in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan - 1. Absheron; 2. Ganja-Kazakh; 3. Aran; 4. Guba-Khachmaz; 5. Sheki-Zagatala; 6. Mountainous Shirvan; 7. Lankaran; 8. Nakhchivan; 9. Kalbajar-Lachin; 10. The economic regions of Upper Karabakh were organized. On July 7, 2021, in accordance with the political, social and economic realities emerging in the country, a decree on the reorganization of the economic regions of the Republic of Azerbaijan was signed by President Ilham Aliyev<sup>5</sup>.

According to this decree, in the country - 1. Baku; 2. Nakhchivan; 3. Absheron-Khizi; 4. Mountainous Shirvan; 5. Ganja-Dashkasan; 6. Karabakh; 7. Kazakh-Tovuz; 8. Guba-Khachmaz; 9. Lankaran-Astara; 10. Central Aran; 11. Mil-Mugan; 12. Sheki-Zagatala; 13. Eastern Zangezur; 14. Shirvan-Salyan economic regions were established. In each of the listed State Programs, along with other directions of socio-economic and cultural development of economic regions, integration into the conditions of the modern information society and the creation, development, modern state, problems and perspective directions of regional library-information networks in order to comprehensively implement the process of building an information society in the country solutions

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<sup>1</sup>“Azərbaycan Respublikası regionlarının sosial-iqtisadi inkişafı Dövlət Proqramı (2004-2008)” //Azərbaycan. -2004, 12 fevral. -s.2-4.

<sup>2</sup>“Azərbaycan Respublikası regionlarının 2009-2013-cü illərdə sosial-iqtisadi inkişafı Dövlət Proqramı”: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -14 aprel 2009. №80. URL:<https://files.preslib.az/projects/regions/r2/a1.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>“Azərbaycan Respublikası regionlarının 2014-2018-ci illərdə sosial-iqtisadi inkişafı Dövlət Proqramı”nın təsdiq edilməsi haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Fərmanı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -27 fevral 2014. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/11089>

<sup>4</sup>“Azərbaycan Respublikası regionlarının 2019-2023-cü illərdə sosial-iqtisadi inkişafı Dövlət Proqramı”nın təsdiq edilməsi haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Fərmanı”: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -29 yanvar 2019. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/31697>

<sup>5</sup>“Azərbaycan Respublikasında iqtisadi regionların yeni bölgüsü haqqında” Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Fərmanı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -7 iyul 2021. №1386. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/52389>



and provisions of scientific generalization are reflected, thus, a priority research object for related fields and specialists is defined.

In addition, the Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Library work"<sup>6</sup>, "On Information, Informatization and Information Protection"<sup>7</sup>, "On Culture"<sup>8</sup> Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as "On the implementation of mass publications in the Azerbaijani language with Latin script"<sup>9</sup>, "On improving the activities of libraries in Azerbaijan"<sup>10</sup>, "On the approval of the State Program for the development of the library-information field in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2008-2013"<sup>11</sup>, "On the approval of the National Strategy for the development of the information society in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2014-2020"<sup>12</sup>, "On the approval of the State Program for the Development of Official Statistics in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2018-2025"<sup>13</sup> etc. Provisions arising from the Decrees of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and other related legal-normative documents have created a fundamental legal-

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<sup>6</sup>"Kitابخana işi haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu: [Elektron resurs] / Heydər Əliyev. -29 dekabr 1998. №611-IQ. URL:<https://e-qanun.az/framework/3525>

<sup>7</sup>"İnformasiya, informasiyalasdırma və informasiyanın mühafizəsi haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu: [Elektron resurs] / Heydər Əliyev. -3 aprel 1998. №460-IQ. URL:<https://e-qanun.az/framework/3525>.

<sup>8</sup>"Mədəniyyət haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikasının Qanunu // Xalq qəzeti. -1998, 18 aprel. -s.4-6.

<sup>9</sup>"Azərbaycan dilində latın qrafikası ilə kütləvi nəşrlərin həyata keçirilməsi haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Sərəncamı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. 12 yanvar 2004. №56. URL:<https://e-qanun.az/framework/5427>

<sup>10</sup>"Azərbaycanda kitabxanaların fəaliyyətinin yaxşılaşdırılması haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Sərəncamı // Azərbaycan. -2007, 21 aprel. -s.2.

<sup>11</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasında kitabxana-informasiya sahəsinin 2008-2013-cü illərdə inkişafı üzrə Dövlət Proqramı": [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. 6 oktyabr 2008. №3072. URL:<https://e-qanun.az/framework/15493>

<sup>12</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasında informasiya cəmiyyətinin tələbləri üçün 2014-2020-ci illər üçün Milli Strategiya"nın təsdiq edilməsi haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Sərəncamı": [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -02 aprel 2014. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/11312>

<sup>13</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasında 2018-2025-ci illərdə rəsmi statistikanın inkişafına dair Dövlət Proqramı"nın təsdiq edilməsi haqqında Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Sərəncamı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -14 fevral 2018. URL:[https://stat.gov.az/menu/2/state\\_programs/2018\\_2025/](https://stat.gov.az/menu/2/state_programs/2018_2025/)

scientific base for the organization of regional library-information research.

According to the official data of 2023<sup>14</sup> the Sheki-Zagatala economic region, which covers an area of 8,960 sq.km, including the Sheki, Gakh, Zagatala, Gabala, Oguz and Balakan administrative regions, covers 10.3% of the total territory of the Azerbaijan state. The population of the economic region with 623.6 thousand people is 6.6% of the country's population. The total document fund of MKS operating in the region is 1,621,290 copies. The total number of readers in the region is 135,860 people, and the literature distribution is 1,619,380 copies<sup>15</sup>.

The emergence, development, modern state of the library-information infrastructure and its information resources of this economic region, which is distinguished by its ancient history and important geographic-economic position, rich nature, wide tourism opportunities, as well as the diversity of library-information resources and the multicultural diversity of information users, in the republic. Writing a dissertation on "Library-information infrastructure of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region of the Republic of Azerbaijan: development, modern state and ways of modernization" dedicated to the ways of modernization is of great relevance.

The main factors determining the relevance of the research are the following:

- The need to integrate Azerbaijani libraries into the global information environment;
- Building a new type of library-information system in the region based on world experience;
- Developing a strategy for the initiation and implementation of preparatory measures for radical reforms on the inclusive development of the library-information field in our country;
- Necessity of providing the entire library system of the region with new type of personnel that is competitive in the labor market;

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<sup>14</sup>Azərbaycanın regionları: 2023: (Statistik məcmuə) / Azərbaycan Respublikasının Dövlət Statistika Komitəsi. -Bakı, -2023. -s.677.

<sup>15</sup>Azərbaycan kitabxanaları rəqəmlərdə - 2022: (statistik və analitik təhlil) / tərt.ed. A.Koçak; elmi red. K.Tahirov. -Bakı: 2023. -s.315.

– Studying the real information needs of the population of the region and turning the obtained results into the main tool for the development of the field;

– In the economic region, in the field of library-information, regional features were studied and the results were summarized, etc.

We believe that these factors have caused the subject of the dissertation to become a fundamental research object of national regional librarianship.

Examining the degree of functioning of the problem, we see that prof. A. Xələfov<sup>16</sup>, prof. Kh. İsmayilov<sup>17</sup>, prof. K.Tahirov<sup>18</sup>, Phil.s.d. A.Aliyeva-Kəngərli<sup>19</sup>, Associate professor N.İsmayilov<sup>20</sup>, Associate professor S.Xələfova<sup>21</sup>, Associate professor S.Sadıqova<sup>22</sup>, Ph.D in history A.Nəcəfov<sup>23</sup>, Ph.D in history

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<sup>16</sup>Xələfov, A.A. Azərbaycanda kitabxana işinin tarixi: Dərslik: [3 cildə] / A.A.Xələfov. -Bakı: c.2 (XX əsrin I yarısında Azərbaycanda kitabxana işi) / A.A.Xələfov. -2007. -552 s.; Xələfov, A.A. Heydər Əliyev və Azərbaycanda kitabxana işi: Monoqrafiya / A.A.Xələfov. -Bakı: Azərnaşr, -2006. -312s.; Xələfov, A.A. Azərbaycanda kitabxana işinin tarixi: Dərslik: [3 hissədə] / A.A.Xələfov. -Bakı: c.3 (XX əsrin II yarısında və XXI əsrin əvvəllərində Azərbaycanda kitabxana işinin tarixi) / A.A.Xələfov. -2010. -434 s.

<sup>17</sup>İsmayilov, X.İ. Azərbaycan Respublikasında kitabxana işinin metodik təminat sisteminin inkişaf tarixi (1918-2000-ci illər): Monoqrafiya / X.İ.İsmayilov. -Bakı: 2000. -445 s.; İsmayilov, X.İ. Kitabxana menecmentinin əsasları: Dərs vəsaiti / X.İ.İsmayilov. -Bakı: 2005. -199 s.; İsmayilov, X.İ. Kitabxana işinin təşkili və idarə edilməsi: Dərs vəsaiti / X.İ.İsmayilov. - Bakı: Nurlar, - 2010. - 328 s.

<sup>18</sup>Tahirov, K.M. Kitabxana sahəsinə dövlət qayğısı // Azərbaycan. -2008, 18 noyabr. -s. 6; Tahirov, K.M. Azərbaycanda kitabxana işinin inkişafına Heydər Əliyev qayğısı // Xalq qəzeti. -2010, 7 may. -s.8.

<sup>19</sup>Əliyeva-Kəngərli, A.İ. Müasir Azərbaycanda elmin informasiya təminatı və kitabxanalar: Monoqrafiya / A.İ.Kəngərli. - Bakı: Elm nəşriyyatı, -2007. - 394 s.

<sup>20</sup>İsmayilov, N.İ. Kitabxana-informasiya resurslarının yerləşməsinin nəzəri və təcrübi məsələləri // -Bakı: Kitabxanaşünaslıq və biblioqrafiya: elmi-nəzəri və təcrübi jurnal, -2010. №1, -s.67-78.

<sup>21</sup>Xələfova, S.A. Azərbaycanda dövlət kütləvi kitabxanalar şəbəkəsinin inkişafı (1970-1990): Monoqrafiya / S.A.Xələfova. -Bakı: BUN, - 2007. - 159 s.

<sup>22</sup>Sadıqova, S.A. Azərbaycan milli biblioqrafiyası global informasiya məkanında: Monoqrafiya / S.A.Sadıqova. -Bakı: ADPU nəşriyyatı, -2018. - 305 s.

<sup>23</sup>Nəcəfov, Ə.Ş. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Dağlıq Qarabağ Muxtar Vilayətində kitabxana işinin tarixindən (1923-1990-cı illər): Monoqrafiya / N.Ş.Əlizadə. -Bakı: Səda, -2000. -340 s.



A.İsmayılova<sup>24</sup>, Ph.D in history Sh.İslamova<sup>25</sup>, Associate professor A. Aliyev<sup>26</sup>, Ph.D in history I. Bayramova<sup>27</sup>, Ph.D in history A.Kochak etc. although these issues were touched upon in certain studies, the library-information infrastructure structure of Shaki-Zagatala economic region and the specifics of its information resources, the state of staffing, information - the problems of application of communication technologies, issues of formation of information search systems and its use, the place and role of the region in the general library-information system of the country, mutual comparison with the library-information system of other regions from various aspects, information resources of multicultural information users of the region There has not been a separate object of research that provides the operative provision of accessibility and gives a scientific solution to the problems that arise in this direction.

**The object and subject of the research.** The object of the dissertation is the library-information infrastructure of Sheki-Zagatala economic region and its information resources. The subject of the dissertation is the emergence, development, location of the library-information infrastructure of the economic region, the modern state of staffing and ways of complex modernization.

**The goals and objectives of the research.** The purpose of the research is the creation, development, modern condition of the library and information infrastructure of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the library and information provision of the population of the region, the existing ways of efficient use of regional library-information resources in the context of the requirements of the modern information society, etc. to research and

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<sup>24</sup>İsmayılova, Ə.İ. Oxuculara xidmətin əsas istiqamətləri, innovativ yeniliklərin tətbiqi təcrübəsi: Monoqrafiya / Ə.İ.İsmayılova. -Bakı: 2016. -56 s.

<sup>25</sup>İslamova, Ş.İ. Azərbaycan Milli Elmlər Akademiyası kitabxana şəbəkəsinin təşəkkülü və inkişafı (1923-2000): Monoqrafiya / Ş.İ.İslamova. -Bakı: Elm və Təhsil, -2010. -190 s.

<sup>26</sup>Əliyev, A.M. "Naxçıvan MSSR-də kitabxana işi haqqında (1920-1985-ci illər)": / tarix elmləri namizədi dis.avtoreferatı. / -Bakı, 1991. -21 s.

<sup>27</sup>Bayramova, İ.Z. Azərbaycan Respublikası regionlarının kitabxana-informasiya resurslarının yerləşməsi vəziyyəti // - Bakı: Kitabxanaşünaslıq və biblioqrafiya: elmi-nəzəri və təcrübi jurnal: Mütərcim nəşriyyatı, -2011. № 2, -s.250-258.



generalize the issues and to reveal the scientific model of modernization of the library-infrastructure of the region in general. In order to achieve the specified goal, the following specific tasks have been implemented:

- research of the characteristics of the socio-economic development of the region;
- the research of the main stages of the socio-economic development of the region;
- identification of factors affecting the socio-economic and cultural development of the region;
- the research of traditions and modern trends affecting the evolution of the library-information infrastructure of the region;
- the research of the history of the creation and development of libraries in the economic region;
- determination of factors affecting the formation of the library-information environment in the region;
- determination of ways to modernize the library-information infrastructure of the region;
- scientific analysis of the real situation of the system of provision of material and technical base, information resources and personnel potential of regional libraries;
- Involvement in the research of the location and use of library-information resources of the region;
- providing a scientific model for the balanced development of the library-information infrastructure of the region, etc.

**The methods of the research.** Special library science, historical, structural-functional analysis, systematic approach, generalization, sociological, statistical analysis and comparative methods were used in the research process.

**The main provisions of the defence:**

1. Taking into account the compatibility of the library-information infrastructure in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the hierarchical management system, it has been proved by the facts that the library-information resources of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region are a part of the country's general intellectual resources.

2. The library-information system of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region is the result of the coordinated activity of libraries and other scientific, educational and social-communicative institutions, which are the functional and technological network of the region with the purpose of meeting the demand for library-information products of the population. is accepted as

3. The library-information field of the region is a system formed and developed under the influence of a number of factors as an integral part of the socio-economic, cultural and information environment.

4. It is justified that the creation of a system of regularly enriching the library-information resources of the region with new sources is directly related to the effective satisfaction of the library-information needs of the population.

5. The dependence of the leading element of the organization and management of the use of the library-information resources of the region on the level of provision with highly qualified library-information specialists is determined.

6. The improvement of the library-information infrastructure of the region is justified by its direct dependence on the level of provisioning with high information technologies, etc.

**The scientific novelty of the research.** The scientific novelty of the work is characterized by the following factors:

- Dissertation work based on the inclusion of archival documents, factual and statistical materials in the scientific periodical, the location of the library and information resources of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region in the modern era and the socio-economic development of the region using it. It is the first scientific research work that investigates the issues of influence on the library in the context of the general organization of library-information activity in modern Azerbaijan;

- In the dissertation, the characteristics of the socio-economic development of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region, the main stages of the socio-economic development of the region are included in the scientific circulation, and in this context, the geographical position of

the region, economic, natural and intellectual resources play an important role. is noted;

- The importance of demographic factors affecting the socio-economic and cultural development of the region is noted in the dissertation work;

- In the thesis work, the issues of the creation and development of libraries in the economic region studied for the first time and the formation of the library-information environment in the region are investigated and included in the scientific circulation;

- In the thesis work, the location and use efficiency of the library-information resources of the region is investigated and included in the scientific periodical;

- In the dissertation work, the ways of modeling the library-information infrastructure for the cultural development of the Shaki-Zagatala economic region in the future are shown;

- The structural analysis of the library-information system of Sheki-Zagatala economic region during the years of independence was given for the first time in the dissertation work;

- For the first time in the dissertation work, the staffing of the library-bibliography system of the region studied was studied and the current situation of the staff potential was reflected with accurate figures;

- Current and retrospective resources of common characteristics created in the region during the years of independence were revealed in the scientific research work, projects of prospective information resources were roughly studied, analyzed and their search possibilities were determined;

- In the study, proposals containing modern requirements for the modernization of library-information activities in the economic region were given, etc.

### **Theoretical and practical importance of the research.**

- As a whole, the system of tools used in the dissertation serves to expand the scientific arsenal of the regional direction of national librarianship;

- The presented scientific model on the modernization of the library-information infrastructure of the region can be used to



improve the efficiency of the library networks of other regions of the country;

– Among the results of the research, "Library-information provision system of regions", "History of library work in Azerbaijan", "Library management", "Work in centralized library systems" taught in the faculties of higher librarianship and information activities, document resources and information search systems. organization", "Centralized Library System Query-Search Apparatus", "Formation and protection of library funds", "Information consulting", "Local studies bibliography", "Organization and methodology of bibliographic activity in libraries", "Local studies bibliography" and so on. can be used in subjects;

– Specific recommendations formed as a result of the research can be applied in the library-information infrastructure of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region selected as an object, as well as in the library-information systems of individual regions of the country;

– The results of the research provide material for wide use in the republic's professional development courses, trainings of field specialists, relevant trainings in the field and regional conferences;

As a result of the research, new perspectives from the theoretical and practical point of view are opened for complex sociological studies related to more optimal provision of multicultural aspects of information needs of information users in the region, etc.

**Approbation of the research.** The topic of the dissertation is the Scientific Council of Baku State University Librarianship-Information (now Information and Document Management) Faculty dated February 22, 2017 (protocol No. 04) and the Scientific Council on Historical Problems of the Republican Scientific Research Coordination Council dated May 18 It was approved by the decisions of the meeting dated 2018 (protocol N. 3/15).

Published in specialized scientific journals recommended for publication of articles by the Higher Attestation Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the results of the dissertation work in the relevant specialty and field of science. 11 (eleven) articles, 7 (seven) articles in foreign scientific journals (several of which are included in Ulakbim, ERIH PLUS, Copernicus



international summarizing and indexing systems (databases), and a few of which are the date and time of awarding a scientific degree and scientific name in Russia and Ukraine by publishing in periodical scientific publications recommended for anthropology) and 7 (seven) theses (32 scientific articles and theses in total) were published in the materials of national scientific conferences and 7 (seven) theses in the materials of international scientific conferences. We believe that the recommendations reflected in the content of the research and the suggestions given in the final part of the work can be used in the improvement of the library-information infrastructure of the studied economic region and in the complex modernization of its development.

**The name of the organization where the dissertation was carried out.** The dissertation work was carried out in the department of Library resources and information search systems (now Library-information resources management) of the Faculty of Librarianship-information (now Information and document management) of BSU.

**The total volume of the dissertation with a sign, indicating the volume of the structural units of the dissertation separately:**

The dissertation was developed in accordance with the "Rules for Compiling Dissertations" of the Higher Attestation Commission under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Dissertation work structurally consists of introduction, three chapters, conclusion, list of used literature and appendices. The structural divisions of the thesis are Introduction part – 17602, Chapter I – 68387, Chapter II – 100150, Chapter III – 45000, Conclusion – 12100 marks. The total volume of the dissertation (excluding the bibliography and appendices) consists of 243239 characters.

## **II. THE MAIN CONTENT OF THE DISSERTATION**

In the "**Introduction**" part of the dissertation, the relevance of the topic is highlighted, the level of study of the problem is indicated, the object and subject are given, the goals and objectives of the research are indicated, the research methods are disclosed, and the

main propositions are defended, reflected, the scientific novelty of the research was presented, the theoretical and practical importance was explained, the name of the organization where the research was approved, applied and performed, and information about the structure and scope of the dissertation was given.

Chapter I of the dissertation is entitled **"Features of the socio-economic and cultural development of the region"**. In the first sub-chapter of Chapter I called **"The main directions of socio-economic and cultural development of the region"**, it is noted that in most of the higher legal-normative documents adopted by the Azerbaijan state regarding the development of regions, the social development of regions - the main directions of economic and cultural development have been reflected. Also, it is emphasized that historical, national and ethnic characteristics, specific economic opportunities and tourism potential of Azerbaijan's economic regions<sup>28</sup>, directions affecting the socio-economic and cultural infrastructure of Sheki-Zagatala economic region, which is one of the regions distinguished by its rich multicultural culture<sup>29</sup> Against the background of the general global development of the state of Azerbaijan, the complex reforms carried out taking into account the specific specifics listed in this economic region (natural-geographical position, historically formed ethnic, national-cultural characteristics, socio-economic potential, etc.), the operative implementation of these reforms and the proper implementation of prospective opportunities optimal management of existing local management structures, including library work, for forecasting.

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<sup>28</sup>Məhəmmədli, D.H., Qasımlı, H.H. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Şəki-Zaqatala iqtisadi regionunun kitabxanalarında turizmə dair informasiya resurslarının spesifik xüsusiyyətləri // -Bakı: Tarix və onun problemləri, -2023. Heydər Əliyev 100 il: Xüsusi buraxılış 2, -s.245-254.

<sup>29</sup>Məhəmmədli, D.H. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Şəki-Zaqatala iqtisadi regionunda kitabxana-informasiya sahəsinin müasir inkişaf istiqamətləri // Ümummilli Lider Heydər Əliyevin anadan olmasının 97-ci ildönümünə həsr olunmuş "Kitabxana-informasiya fəaliyyətində innovasiyalar və yeni əsrin çağırışları" mövzusunda Respublika Elmi Konfransının Materialları, -Bakı: -9-10 iyun, - 2020, - s.83-85.

In the second sub-chapter of the first chapter of the dissertation called **"Factors influencing the socio-economic and cultural development of the region"**, it is mentioned that the factors influencing the socio-economic and cultural development of Shaki-Zagatala economic region mainly the following: economic-geographical position of the region; natural environment, natural and intellectual resources of the region; ethnic composition of the population and population density; area-territorial structure of the region; historical development characteristics of the region, etc.<sup>30</sup> The population of the region differs from other regions of the country due to its polyethnic characteristics. Here, along with Azerbaijanis, Lezgis, Turks, Kurds, Avars, Tatars, Ukrainians, Georgians, Russians, Ingiloi, Budugs, Nijs, Udins, etc. lives in a friendly neighborhood <sup>31</sup>.

Also, this sub-chapter emphasizes that the modern economic and scientific-cultural potential of the city of Shaki, which is one of the most charming corners of our Motherland and one of the ancient political and cultural centers, opens wide prospects for the development of the economic region. In this regard, National Leader Heydar Aliyev said, *"People who came to Azerbaijan from many parts of the world knew Shaki well from the books they read and the information they received, so they definitely wanted to visit Shaki. Shaki is distinguished by its characteristics, there have always been artistic people, hardworking people, who made Shaki famous not only in Azerbaijan, not in this region, but in the whole Eastern world with their beautiful works of art"*<sup>32</sup>- his opinion is interpreted as a conceptual thesis that characterizes the place and importance of Shaki for our homeland and also in the world.

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<sup>30</sup>Məhəmmədli, D.H. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Şəki-Zaqatala iqtisadi regionunun sosial-iqtisadi və mədəni infrastrukturunu // -Bakı: Kitabxanaşünaslıq və bibliografiya: elmi-nəzəri, metodik və təcrübi jurnal, -2017. №1, -s.76-82.

<sup>31</sup>İsmayılov, X.İ., Məhəmmədli, D.H. Azərbaycanda iqtisadi regionlaşdırmanın kitabxana-informasiya təminatında milli-etnik, demografik və təbii-coğrafi amillər // -Bakı: Tarix və onun problemləri, -2019. №2, -s.206-211.

<sup>32</sup>Əliyev, H.Ə. Müstəqilliyimiz əbədidir: [46 cildə] / H.Əliyev. -Bakı: Azərneşr, - c.42 (oktyabr, 2002 - noyabr, 2022). -2013. -s.249.



In this sub-chapter, as a conclusion, it is noted that Shaki-Zagatala region is the most diverse economic region of the Republic of Azerbaijan due to its natural, economic and demographic resources. The socio-economic and cultural development of this region is based on its historical traditions that have been developing since ancient times, the specific culture, literature, art, folklore, craftsmanship level, traditions, mental values formed by the multicultural population, the socio-cultural and scientific environment, the strong natural and economic potential of the region, the library-information infrastructure with historically formed rich information resources and the provisions of the complex higher state documents adopted by the Azerbaijan state in connection with the socio-economic and cultural development of the regions, etc. the organization of factors is scientifically concluded.

Chapter II of the dissertation is entitled **"Evolution of the library-information infrastructure of the region: traditions, modern trends"**. In the first sub-chapter of chapter II, called **"Location and utilization of library-information resources in the region"**, it is noted that in the former USSR on May 8, 1974, "About increasing the role of libraries in the communist education of workers and scientific and technical progress was the decision of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union <sup>33</sup>. In the decision, the issue of creating centralized library systems was raised, and in accordance with this decision, the former Central Committee of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan established "Library Work" in order to improve the management of local library work. about" and the implementation of the decision was supervised by Heydar Aliyev, the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan.

The process of centralization began in 1975 and ended in 1980, as a result of which there were 69<sup>34</sup> Centralized Library System (MCS) was created. After Azerbaijan gained independence, National Leader Heydar Aliyev signed the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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<sup>33</sup>Xələfova, S.A. Azərbaycanca dövlət kütləvi kitabxanalar şəbəkəsinin inkişafı (1970-1990): Monoqrafiya / S.A.Xələfova. -Bakı: BUN, - 2007. - s.100.

<sup>34</sup>Yenə orada, -s.100



on March 12, 1999 "On the Right to Library Work" and came into force. In accordance with this law, on October 6, 2008, the State Program for the Development of the Library and Information Field in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2008-2013<sup>35</sup> submitted. According to the program, in September 2009, by the State Statistics Committee, "On the results of the statistical survey on the activity of libraries: Stat. technical bulletin" was published and it was determined that there were 8507 public libraries in that period<sup>36</sup>. According to the results of the aforementioned statistical examination, the existence of 764 public libraries in the Sheki-Zagatala economic region was determined at that time, 125 of which operated in urban areas and 639 in rural areas<sup>37</sup>.

The first library in Sheki, which is part of the economic region, started operating as a recitation house in 1920 in Sheki city, and since 1978, Sheki bookstores have been centralized., two Centralized Library Systems (MCS) have started operating according to the territorial-administrative division of Sheki. Currently, the structure of Sheki City MKS is made up of the Central library named after I.B. Nakam, 15 city, 1 settlement, and 44 village library branches<sup>38</sup>.

A new library building was built in 1947 in the Balakan administrative district, which is part of the economic district, and the Central Library was established in that building in 1948. In 1966, the same library was named after the famous writer M. Huseyn. Since December 1, 1979, all public libraries have been centralized in Balakan district. According to the statistics of 2022, 100 different types and types of libraries are operating in Balakan district, and 22

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<sup>35</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasında kitabxana-informasiya sahəsinin 2008-2013-cü illərdə inkişafı üzrə Dövlət Proqramı": [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. 06 oktyabr 2008. №3072. URL:<https://e-qanun.az/framework/15493>

<sup>36</sup>"Kitabxanaların fəaliyyəti haqqında" statistik müayinənin nəticələri barədə: (statistik bülleten) / Azərbaycan Respublikasının Dövlət Statistika Komitəsi. -Bakı: 2009. -s.3.

<sup>37</sup>Yenə orada, -s.24.

<sup>38</sup>Şəki şəhər MKS-nin 2023-cü il hesabatı // -Şəki, 2023, -s.1.

of them are under the Ministry of Culture<sup>39</sup>.

The first library in Gakh administrative district, which is included in the economic region, was active in 1906 in the form of "Kiraat komasi", and public libraries were under the Department of Public Education from 1920 to 1945. Later, when the Departments of Culture were organized, all cultural and educational institutions, as well as libraries, were transferred to the district department of culture. Libraries have been centralized in the region since 1979, and the same year the Central Library was named after the prominent Azerbaijani dramatist J. Jabbarli. According to the results of the statistical survey, 115 libraries are active in the region, 33 of which are under the Ministry of Culture system<sup>40</sup>.

In the administrative district of Gabala, which is part of the economic region, the Central Library was established in 1930, and since 1977, mass libraries have been centralized and created the Gabala district MKS. There are 134 libraries operating in Gabala region, 20 of which are in the system of the Ministry of Culture<sup>41</sup>.

The Central Library of Oguz region was established in the 30s of the 20th century. Centralized Library System in the region has been active since 1979. Out of 68 libraries operating in Oguz region, 24 belong to the library system under the Ministry of Culture<sup>42</sup>.

The foundation of the Central Library of the Zagatala region, which is part of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region, was laid in 1923. The Central Library has been named after the Azerbaijani poet and thinker N. Ganjavi since 1967. Since 1975, the libraries of Zagatala region have started to be centralized and expanded their activities. Currently, 45 of the 147 libraries operating in Zagatala district belong to the system of the Ministry of Culture<sup>43</sup>.

<sup>39</sup>Azərbaycanın regionları: 2023: (Statistik məcmuə) / Azərbaycan Respublikasının Dövlət Statistika Komitəsi. -Bakı, -2023. -s.690.

<sup>40</sup>Yenə orada, -s.701.

<sup>41</sup>Qəbələ rayon MKS-nin 2023-cü il hesabatı // -Qəbələ, 2023, -s.1.

<sup>42</sup>Oğuz rayon MKS-nin 2023-cü il hesabatı // -Oğuz, 2023, -s.1.

<sup>43</sup>Мохаммадли, Д.Г. Организация методического обеспечения публичных библиотек Шеки-Загатальского экономического района (на примере Балакенского и Загатальского административных районов) // Сборник научных трудов «Основные подходы к управлению знаниями в науке и образованиях» /

385 of the 764 libraries in the Sheki-Zagatala economic region belong to the Ministry of Culture, 342 to the Ministry of Education, 1 to scientific libraries, 2 to higher education institutions, 5 to secondary schools. - operate under specialized educational institutions, 9 vocational-specialized educational institutions, 10 music schools, 5 healthcare institutions, 5 other institutions <sup>44</sup>.

According to the statistical results of 2023, the number of library-information resources available in the library-information infrastructure system of Sheki-Zagatala economic region is 5515558, of which 2059190 copies are in the administrative economic region. 3,456,368 copies form the funds of the libraries operating in the city centers, and 3,456,368 copies of the libraries located in rural areas <sup>45</sup>.

As a result of this sub-chapter, it is shown that the location of library-information resources in the economic region and the systematic organization of its use - the optimal differentiation of these resources by economic region, the work experience and professionalism of librarians, the acquisition of additional financial resources and the dynamic activity of management subjects, readers in the relevant region the level of information culture, the complex activity of MKS of the administrative regions included in the region, the possibilities of purposeful application of modern ICT, the priorities of the state policy in the relevant direction, etc. directly depends on the factors.

In the second half of the second chapter of the dissertation entitled **"Formation of the library-information environment in the region: situation and problems"** it is noted that the Minister of

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Материалы Международных научно-практических мероприятий Общество Науки и Творчества, - Казань: - за апрель, -2023, -с.302.

<sup>44</sup>Ismayilov, N.I., Mahammadli, D.H., Gasimli, H.H. Characteristics of the Library-Information Service in the Republic of Azerbaijan in A Poly-Ethnic Condition (based on the example of Sheki-Zagatala economic region) // -Sakarya: Akademik Tarih ve Düşünce Dergisi, - 2023. C10, sayı 3, p.889.

<sup>45</sup>Mahammadli, D.H. Issues of legal, Scientific, Theoretical, Methodological and Practical Significance as an Important Component of the Informatization of the Library Infrastructure of the Republic (Strategy Tor the Development of Libraries in the Regions of Azerbaijan) // -Sakarya: Akademik Tarih ve Düşünce Dergisi, -2024. C11, sayı 1, -p.615.



Culture in Azerbaijan The number of mass libraries operating in the system of constitutes a copy 35528523<sup>46</sup>.

For comparative analysis, let's note that according to the statistical data of 2015, there were 251 public libraries with 1749.6 million copies in the studied economic region <sup>47</sup>.

As a conclusion of this sub-chapter, it is shown that as a result of the investigation of the initial mass of documents and development trends of the information resources stored and produced by the library-information centers of the region, it is known that although the level of development of the library-information resources cannot yet fully meet the rapidly growing information needs of the modern society, this region has an ancient book and library culture, and the main link in the process of forming the information environment in the region is the region's rich library-information resources. The placement of these resources is directly related to the supporting frames of population settlement in the region.

Chapter III of the dissertation work is called **"Ways of modernization of the library and information infrastructure of the region"**. In the first half-chapter of this chapter, which is called **"Modern state of library-information provision in the region"**, it is mentioned that in modern sharia, the components of the library-information infrastructure of the economic region and the relevant legal entities under their jurisdiction are subject to relevant legal obligations. on the basis of the normative base, in the context of the requirements of the modern information society, there is the task of implementing dynamic measures aimed at the optimization of legal-organizational issues of the organization of the management and

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<sup>46</sup>Mahammadli, D.H. Issues of legal, Scientific, Theoretical, Methodological and Practical Significance as an Important Component of the Informatization of the Library Infrastructure of the Republic (Strategy for the Development of Libraries in the Regions of Azerbaijan) // -Sakarya: Akademik Tarih ve Düşünce Dergisi, -2024. C11, sayı 1, -p. 616.

<sup>47</sup>Məhəmmədli, D.H. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Şəki-Zaqatala iqtisadi regionunda kitabxana-informasiya mühitinin formalaşması // "Kitabxana-informasiya fəaliyyəti və biliklər cəmiyyəti: integrasiya meyilləri və çağırışlar" mövzusunda Respublika Elmi Konfransının Materialları, -Bakı: -20 dekabr, -2017, -s.83-84.



ways of modernization of the field directed towards prospective development.

Here, the unique features of the organization of library-information activity in the MKS of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region are justified and it is shown that in modern conditions, the organization of the library-information activity in the Sheki-Zagatala economic region is in the relevant field. It is carried out based on the basic principles of state policy, the fundamental principles of library science, bibliographic science and information science, the progressive provisions of advanced practice in the relevant field, the ways of solving existing problems are determined, and the field is modernized. in the direction of business and perspective development, etc. purposeful work is being done <sup>48</sup>.

In the second sub-chapter of the third chapter of the dissertation called **"Modernization of the development of the library-information infrastructure of the region"** it is noted that the library-information infrastructure of the Sheki-Zagatala economic region of the Republic of Azerbaijan The directions of modeling the modern development of the masiya infrastructure should be determined against the background of the region's scientific, historical, cultural level, social-social and economic situation <sup>49</sup>. It contains the main priorities of issues of complex modernization of library-information infrastructure development of Sheki-Zagatala economic region. A scientific conclusion is reached here that the requirements of the global information processes of the 21st century, which is called the information age, and the "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for socio-economic development" approved by the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated February

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<sup>48</sup>Мухаммадли, Д.Г. Особенности - развития библиотечно-информационной инфраструктуры Шеки-Загатальского экономического региона Азербайджанской Республики на современном этапе // -Київ: Гілея: Науковий вісник, -2018. №2, -с. 112-117.

<sup>49</sup>Məhəmmədli, D.H. Azərbaycan Respublikasının Şəki-Zaqatala iqtisadi regionunun kitabxana-informasiya infrastrukturunun modernləşdirilməsi yolları // Ulu Öndər Heydər Əliyevin anadan olmasının 94-cü ildönümünə həsr olunmuş "Heydər Əliyev və Azərbaycanda kitabxana işi" mövzusunda Respublika Elmi Konfransının tezisləri, -Bakı: 10 may, -2017, -s.56-58.

02, 2021 "in the context of the relevant progressive strategic directions of the economic region, the realization of the proposals presented in this theoretical model, which is formed taking into account the specific components of the economic region, can open up optimal opportunities for a substantial solution to the problem <sup>50</sup>.

The following proposals and recommendations are given based on the measures taken and the results obtained in the "**Conclusion**" part of the dissertation:

1. An operational information system can be created among the book networks shared in the polyethnic environment of the region and combined into an internal local network;
2. In the process of dividing the resources of the book, scientific knowledge in terms of language, history, folklore, ethnic civilization, ethnic mental values should be taken into account;
3. Regardless of the type and type of bookstores of the Region, a uniform virtual electronics database, electronic catalog and electronic bookstores should be created for the region and they should be provided with the knowledge of information technology students;
4. Renewal of the book-informasiya infrastructure by making use of comprehensive experience, common forms and methods, and enrichment of the follow-up of stock-informasiya resources Strengthening the financial and technical equipment of the scientific and kitabxana funds etc. It has a fundamental place in matters that require enforcement before the relevant legal and organizational authorities;
5. The involvement of book editors and bibliographers in the 5th Region in the field of contemporary information technologies, and the dynamic innovations in the field of information technologies. I hope For this purpose, more successive measures should be implemented, the organization of trains should be made successful use of the opportunities of information exchange, information logistics and consultancy services. It should also be done;
6. In order to increase the knowledge of foreign languages of colleagues in the region, their participation in appropriate courses

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<sup>50</sup>“Azərbaycan 2030: sosial-iqtisadi inkişafa dair Milli Prioritetlər”: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -02 fevral 2021. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/50474>

and trainings should be ensured, and qualified staff should be invited to consultancy services. Additional sources of income for goods and books should be determined;

7. To take systematic measures to increase the knowledge, skills and contributions of the region's existing literature in the field of OIC in order to optimize the complex application of the achievements of contemporary information technologies. The relationship should become dynamic, benefiting from the experience of developed foreign countries. In order to achieve this, the participation of local personnel should be included in the international trains established in the field, and financial resources should be employed for this purpose;

8. Regional methodical consultancy and consultation for the purpose of clarifying the concept and dynamically integrating the book-information infrastructure of the region. Measures should be taken and relations should be expanded;

9. It is aimed to facilitate the work of regional bookstores and book-information centers, which are important actors in the field of practice of the OIC in the country. stimulating measures should be implemented;

10. The implementation of the provisions of the fifty concepts of the balanced development program of the Region's kitabxana-informasiya infrastructure should be ensured;

11. Purposeful activities should be carried out to increase the factors that affect the formation of book-information resources in the region;

12. The place and role of the region in this context should be properly determined on the basis of learning and generalizing the contributions of each region to the country's book-information infrastructure tour;

13. Coordination centers should be created based on the MKS of the economic region, and the books prepared for the region should be determined by the information society. Appropriate coordination should be provided and the inter-international subscription service should be revitalized;



14. "New books: information bulletin" information bases covering the new literature included in the funds of bookstores in the Region should be created;

15. In order to increase the quality of book-information services in the Region, new virtual service methods should be created in line with contemporary demands;

16. The regional book experts of the region should be sent to the international exchange of experience and certain book partners should be selected in the future in foreign countries. In order to integrate it, the ways to be included in the world information market should be determined;

17. Additional sources of income should be identified as a result of the successful information market in the business environment and ownership activities;

18. Region bookstores' access to international information bases should be expanded;

19. The service of selective dissemination of information to the experts in the areas of public consumption in the region should be improved;

20. The implementation of the national automated information system "ALISA" AKİS should be started in the bookstores of the region, the process of informaticized community formation in the country should be given effective results, etc.

In particular, the reorganization of regional civil administrations included in the structure of the Ministry of Civilization of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the completion of the structure of the Ministry of Civilization of the Republic of Azerbaijan "About the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, dated 23 February 2023,<sup>51</sup>

We believe that the regional libraries, which will operate under the Sheki-Zagatala Regional Culture Department of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan<sup>52</sup> aim to optimize the activity

<sup>51</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasının Mədəniyyət Nazirliyinin strukturuna daxil olan regional mədəniyyət idarələrinin yenidən təşkili və "Azərbaycan Respublikasının Mədəniyyət Nazirliyinin strukturunun təkmilləşdirilməsi haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Sərəncamı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -23 fevral 2023. №3766. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/59025>

<sup>52</sup>[Elektron resurs] / URL:<https://culture.gov.az/az/idareler>

of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and further improve its structure and management. As stated in the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated January 15, 2019 on "Measures related to the improvement of the structure and management of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan": *"Information- Taking into account the possibilities of communication technologies, as well as the current demand, the Commission that prepares the proposals related to the reconstruction of the library system in the country, taking into account the international experience in a short period of time, he will be able to rebuild the mass library system in the country and create a more modern library system"*<sup>53</sup>.

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<sup>53</sup>"Azərbaycan Respublikasının Mədəniyyət Nazirliyinin strukturunun və idarə edilməsinin təkmilləşdirilməsi ilə bağlı tədbirlər haqqında" Azərbaycan Respublikası Prezidentinin Fərmanı: [Elektron resurs] / İlham Əliyev. -15 yanvar 2019. №500. URL:<https://president.az/az/articles/view/31532>

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