New National Library building opened to the public on 1 July. First day readers at the Turnbull issued with a numbered certificate admitting them to membership of the Alexandrian Club.

New Zealand Oral History Archive accommodated within Turnbull.

Friends celebrate the 'safe-harbouring' of the Turnbull in the new building with a social function, 'A Celebration of a Heritage', on the occasion of Turnbull's birthday in September.

Turnbull Library's public catalogues available on microfilm for sale to the public.

Publication of revised edition of volume 1 of Early Eyewitness Accounts.

Subscription placed for 'Publishing, the Booktrade and the Diffusion of Knowledge' from 'The Nineteenth Century', a microfilm edition of printed books in English.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists launched sesquicentenary biography competition. The essays submitted were to be lodged in the Library as a biographical research collection accessible through a published inventory and index.

Creation of new position of Te Kai-tiaki i nga Korero Maori.

Rory Sweetman awarded first National Library Research Fellowship to complete a book on Archbishop Liston's trial for sedition. Accommodation provided within the Library.

Bernard Smith delivered on 15 November inaugural Founder's Lecture sponsored by the Friends.

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Publication of Women's Words: A Guide to Manuscripts and Archives in the Alexander Turnbull Library Relating to Women in the Nineteenth Century, compiled by Diana Meads, Philip Rainer and Kay Sanderson.

Publication of Katherine Mansfield: Manuscripts in the Alexander Turnbull Library.

Publication by SeTo Publishing Ltd of a facsimile edition of Ernest Shackleton's Aurora Australis from the Kinsey copy in the Library.

Publication by the Endowment Trust of a facsimile of the Katherine Mansfield letter as a keepsake to mark the occasion of the centennial Mansfield exhibition based on the Library's collections.

Purchase of a collection of Czech fine printing.

Photographic documentary project to record major changes in the Post Office undertaken with the financial assistance of New Zealand Post.

Lesbian and Gay Archive of NZ deposited in the Library under special agreement.