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Riga School Museum on the way of modern technologies.

The Riga School Museum is a museum founded in 2001 by Riga Municipality with the aim of reflecting the life of schools and the process of teaching in Riga from the Dome School founded in 1211 to the present day.

At the moment there are five exhibition rooms open to visitors at the Museum, i.e.

- Dome School Classroom (Education in Riga, 13-17th centuries), Tsarist Class (Education in Riga, 18th- early 20th centuries), "Education in Riga 1918- early 21st century ", Beginnings of School Museums in Latvia at the start of the 20th century and Exhibition hall.

The need for new technical means and new technical solutions was determined by the introduction of IT in the Latvian work and household spheres, as well as due to the small area of the museum exposition - only 130 m².

In 2011, in cooperation with the State Archives of Latvia, a virtual exhibition "Riga Pioneer and Pupils' Palace" was opened on the Museum website , thus giving the first impetus.

While arranging the exhibition "Education in Riga in the 20th Century" in 2013, a projector was built in for demonstration of historical chronicles, as well as the screen with rotating photographs. The website also provided an opportunity to get acquainted with the Museum's exhibition rooms. In the coming years the digital photo frames were used for exhibitions to display a wider range of materials - photos and videos - in a small (24m²) area. In 2017, the Museum purchased touch-screen monitors for a fuller and more complete coverage of exhibition themes.

In 2018 Riga School Museum hosted 2 exhibitions dedicated to the Centenary of the Republic of Latvia about Riga schools and teachers for a century. Touchscreen monitors made it possible to look into the chronicles of Riga school history, explore more than 80 school social networking rolls on school activities, as well as create games about school history and everyday life.

However, the most significant achievement of the Museum is the digital map of Riga schools presented at the opening of the 2nd stage of the exhibition and containing historical information about the founding and operation of schools, lists of school principals and famous teachers, photos of school buildings and events as well as school attributes - logo, flag, anthem, etc. And most importantly, the map and the information it contains is not stagnant - every school has the opportunity to update, improve and enrich the information by contacting the Riga School Museum. The Riga School Museum is facing new challenges.