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[2]The exhibition of National Széchényi Library presents the Millennium series of events from several aspects, with the help of books, magazines, photographs, music sheet and postcards to be found in the General as well as Special Collections of the Library.

In addition to invitations cards inviting to official programs, such as the opening ceremony of the exhibition or celebration of the 29th anniversary of coronation, you can have a look at the site layout showing the thematic arrangement of the pavilions. You can also have a look at relics of the Ancient Buda entertainment complex set up on the territory of the Amusement Park, which closed its doors just recently. In addition to the special magazine of the onetime exhibition and photographs taken of its buildings, entry tickets to the exhibition will also be presented.

The memory of the Hungarian National Millennium Exhibition of 1896 is preserved by books published on the occasion of the festive year and by special papers advertising the events as well as surviving diaries and memoirs. They all help recollect the atmosphere of the millennium dreams of a
time when, as a period diary puts it, “the entire Budapest was illuminated”.

Date: Between April 20 and July 16, 2016

The exhibition will be open during the opening hours of National Széchényi Library, i.e. Tuesday to Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. When you are planning your visit, please, bear in mind that our pay desk is closed at 7 p.m.
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