



What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	958,941,900 Yuan
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	1438 161
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	39,011,882 Items/volumes 1960.91TB
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	5,458,540 785,364,000
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	39,392

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a) In 2018, several cultural projects conducted by the NLC, including the "National Strategic Depository for Documents Project", "Chinese Ancient Books Preservation

Plan”, “Minguo Documents Preservation and Conservation Program”, and “A Hundred Classic Books of Chinese Traditional Culture”, make remarkable achievements.

2.1 National Strategic Depository for Documents Project

- a) The feasibility study report of the national strategic depository of documents project was formally approved by the National Development and Reform Commission. The total construction area of the project was 69670 square meters and the total investment scale was 840.69 million yuan.
- b) The Supplementary Agreement on Land Use for national strategic depository of document preservation project was signed with Chengde County Government.

2.2 Chinese Ancient Books Preservation Plan

- a) The survey in 24 provinces has finished. More than 260,000 items (14500 cases) have been completed in the national ancient books survey, 14 volumes of the National Ancient Book Survey and Registration Catalogues have been published, and more than 670,000 pieces of data in 169 institutions have been published in the basic database of the National Ancient Book Survey and Registration.
- b) Organized the application and authentication of the sixth batch of national precious ancient books and the national key protection institutions for ancient books.

2.3 Minguo Documents Preservation and Conservation Plan

- a) The NLC compiled “Outline of Minguo Documents Preservation and Conservation Plan in 13th Five-Year Plan” and a special office was set up. NLC conducted in-depth literature surveys, there are about 3,000 newly added revolutionary historical bibliographic data, and more than 10,000 newly added bibliographic and collection data in Minguo period.
- b) The philosophical volume of the Catalogue of the Publications in Minguo Period was published. 37 projects on the organization of the Minguo documents was reviewed and approved, 1639 volumes of the photocopied Minguo publications have been republished.; continue to implement the deacidification research and deacidification equipment development project, and obtained a national invention patent.

2.4 Compilation project of “A Hundred Classic Books of Chinese Traditional Culture”

- a) Highly valued by the Publicity Department of CPC Central Committee and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the project was listed in the National Social Science Fund's major commissioned projects. The first batch of 10 books was published in September 2017 with positive responses.

- b) In 2018, five more books were published. The "100 Classics of the Chinese Traditional Culture" online publishing project was included in the 2018 news publishing reform and development project database.

2.5 Digital Cultural Services for the Public

- a) Continued to implement the "Digital Library Promotion Project", upgrade the digital library promotion project operation management platform, and display and analyze the national digital library construction and service through visual means. The network resources retrieval platform was deployed.
- b) The deployment of a unified user management system for 85 provincial and municipal libraries was carried out. The development of the integrated management platform for mobile resources in the digital library promotion project was completed, and the number of mobile reading platform stations reached 394.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

3.1 Cooperation with Libraries at all levels

- a) Undertake the guiding role of the libraries in China. Organized 64 national level exchanges and trainings in the field of Acquisitions, joint cataloging, interlibrary loan, document delivery, reference consultation, and microfilming, and 104,800 librarians participated.
- a) The "National Children's Basic Book Catalogue (2018)" was compiled and the "2018 National Children's Reading Year" was held.
- b) NLC supported the Library Society of China to undertake the sixth national public library evaluation and grading work at or above the county level, carry out national county-level library curator training and reading promoters, and be selected as "world-class society construction project".
- c) NLC supported the China Ancient Books Protection Association and the Taiwan Ancient Books Protection Society to jointly hold the Fourth Cross-Strait Ancient Books Protection Forum.
- d) NLC organized the annual meeting of the China Library Annual Meeting, the National Library Standardization Technical Committee and the China Document Imaging Technology Association and the National Document Imaging Technology Standardization Technical Committee.
- e) The National Union Cataloging Center has 153 new member libraries.

3.2 Cooperation with Other Cultural Institutions

- a) Relying on the National Museum of Classic Books, NLC gave full play to the library and the museum's integration advantages. NLC works with other cultural and educational institutions through joint exhibitions, lending exhibitions and roving exhibitions.
- b) Held 24 exhibitions, including the "Yongle Dadian Exhibition", "Eisei Bunko Museum Donated Chinese Books Exhibition", etc., which attracted nearly 800,000 visitors.
- c) Planned and launched the first "Haidian District Study and Tourism Season Series Activities", working with schools, holding essays, promotion conferences, study route experience, research forums and other activities.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

- a) NLC fulfills the functions of foreign culture exchange on behalf of the central government, carrying out in-depth exchanges and cooperation with other countries and regions. Throughout the year, the NLC received 59 batches, 513 professionals' visits and sent 22 batches, 65 staff visits out to other countries.
- b) Advocate the establishment of the Silk Road International Library Alliance, and jointly sign the "Silk Road International Library Alliance Chengdu Initiative" with 24 countries and regions along the Silk Road; hold the first "Belt and Road" China-Africa art exchange exhibition and China-Africa culture forum.
- c) The Arab - China Digital Library portal was officially launched.
- d) The China-US Cultural Forum - the 6th China-US Library Conference was held jointly with the American Library Association, etc.
- e) Delegates of the National Library of China participated 9 international conferences, including the 2nd BRICS Conference for National Libraries, 84th WLIC and IFLA Annual Conference, the 26th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania, etc.
- f) The NLC signed memorandum of understanding with the counterparts in the United Kingdom, and Qatar, etc. The NLC completed the development and construction of the digital library system platform and the English website for the Overseas Chinese Cultural Center.