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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	(government) 101.3 bill
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	Total number of staff : 312 Number of librarians : 200 (64.1%)
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	- 11,788,597 - 16,233,182
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	Number of users : 1.7 mill Number of website visitors : 10.4 mill
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	- 1,031 public and academic libraries participating - Service provided 15,082 times

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

a) Reorganizing Reading Rooms of the Main Building and Opening the Research Information Service Room

In July 2018, the National Library of Korea (NLK) integrated reading rooms of different subjects to improve service for users and opened research information service room to support academic research. The Serials Room on the 3rd floor and Collection Room on the 4th floor started providing user-centered one-stop service so that users can lend and read books on both the 3rd and 4th floor of the library. With the development of an automated book transport system, which is expanded to cover repositories of the basement floor to the 5th floor of the main building, books are provided more promptly. The library reorganized reading rooms to make it more user-oriented by additionally installing wireless network in reading rooms, adding more seats for using full-text digital contents and laptops etc.

The research information service room on the 3rd floor supports researchers conduct academic research. The room provides materials, private spaces etc. for researchers that specialize in certain areas to utilize national collections and focus on their research. After test operation in 2018, researcher-customized service and research information service platform will be provided in 2019.

b) Establishing a Mid-long Term Plan for the Development of the Library

In 2018, a draft plan was prepared on the basis of working-level task force activities and policy research results to establish the National Library of Korea's Mid-long Term Plan (2019-2023). In the draft plan, visions, objectives, tasks for the next 5 years were derived through activities of a task force within the library and advisory committee of experts outside the library including the library field and academia. The final plan will be announced in early 2019.

c) Securing High Quality Digital Contents and Strengthening Services

In 2018, the National Library of Korea secured 178,000 books and 39,484,000 pages of high quality digital contents including old books, modern literature, serials etc. by securing a large amount of budget to pass down national collections to future generations and provide service to users. In addition, the library supported digitization of main collections held by public libraries (local collections), discussed about ways to establish a regional cultural heritage digital archive with participant institutions (14 institutions), created new contents for Send an E-card at the Library Service and developed mobile service.

The library issued and provided around 21 million national bibliographic records in the form of Linked Open Data (LOD) and additionally developed application service that utilizes LOD such as data collection, Q&A service etc. to improve user's access and convenience.

d) Standardizing National Bibliographic Records and Increasing their sharing

As an organization for the standardization of national bibliographic records, the NLK is exerting various efforts inside and outside of Korea to standardize national bibliographic records and share them in cooperation with other institutions. As of 2018, the library established 696 new subject headings and shared 1,070,722 standardized bibliographic data

with domestic libraries through KOLIS-NET. For Korean authority data, the library constructed a total of 634,568 records including online materials and provided web service for on and offline materials. Furthermore, in 2018, to expand the global sharing and accessibility of Korea's national bibliographic records, the NLK provided 300,000 data on books published in Korea through Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). The library has shared around 570,500 authority data globally by participating in Virtual International Authority File (VIAF).

e) Reinforcing Operation of Standard Identification System

For individuals and organizations to utilize ISBN data freely, the National Library of Korea developed a function for improving DB structure and management to reflect updated ISBN book data to 'Bibliographic Information Distribution System', created a website for legal deposit agencies and linked legal deposit data and the system.

In 2018, the ISSN Korea Centre newly assigned ISSNs to 951 titles of materials, leading to 21,690 titles in total. In cooperation with the ISSN International Centre, the library is participating in the Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources (ROAD) implemented by the ISSN International Centre.

Meanwhile, the library created ISNI-Korea consortium with relevant institutions in the fields of academia, culture, art in Korea and assigned a total of 371,464 ISNI to creators in Korea.

f) Legal Deposits of Online Materials

In 2018, the library collected 27,058 online materials assigned with ISBN, ISSN, gathered opinions and discussed about ways to improve collection of online material legal deposits with experts in the library field, publication field and related academic fields by holding a forum on online material legal deposits (under the theme Two Years Since Implementing Online Material Legal Deposits, Current Status and Future Direction).

g) Ensuring Disabled People's Access to Information and Promoting their Right to Reading Culture

In 2017, the National Library of Korea lent 62,660 library books to 7,838 people of 786 public libraries through free delivery service. The library also provided support for 201 public libraries in Korea to install assistive technology devices for reading. Along with that, the library helped 59 public libraries and libraries for the disabled in Korea run reading programs for the visually impaired, the hearing impaired, those with developmental disability and the physically challenged 458 times (4,456 disabled people participated in the program). Furthermore, the library supported reading activities 25 times for 70 young adults with developmental disability from 9 high schools.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country

a) Cooperating to Collect Library Materials

The National Library of Korea is constructing a cooperative network with regional libraries and research institutions to collect and promote legal deposits of official publications efficiently. First, for official publications published regionally, the library is collecting them comprehensively from 13 regional libraries. In the case of digital files of official publications, the library is expanding the integrated collection of them through cooperation with domestic

research institutions. In 2018, the library comprehensively collected national R&D report files from Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) and is servicing 53,000 files in total. Starting from next year, the library plans to collect digital files from a broader range of research institutions that includes National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences (NRC).

In addition, for the promotion of legal deposit of official publications, the library provided education on legal deposit of official publication to public officials and library staff by cooperating with educational institutions. In 2019, the library will collect web cartoons and construct an archive with Korea Manhwa Contents Agency.

b) Collecting Library Big Data and Providing Analyzing Service

The National Library of Korea implemented a big data project to operate the library reasonably, help librarians make decisions scientifically and provide user-customized services on the basis of data sharing.

As of the end of 2018, 849 Korean public libraries are participating in the project and the library collected around 1.2 billion library data (users, collections, book lending) and provided various analyzing services through library operation system called SOLOMON, the website www.data4library.kr, API etc.

c) Cooperating with Academic Libraries on Korean Authority Data, ISNI

For efficient distribution of academic information and high quality Korean authority data, the NLK and academic libraries agreed to cooperate in sharing authority files and ISNI.

In April 2018, the library signed an MOU with Korea Education and Research Information Service (KERIS). In May 2018, the library launched a task force with KERIS and 3 academic libraries and identified ways to introduce and share Korean authority files and ISNI with academic libraries.

Regarding Korean authority files, the library plans to provide them to academic libraries through Korea Education and Research Information Service union catalog system. In 2019, the library will develop an authority data linking system, test sharing authority data with academic libraries participating in the taskforce and distribute the system to other universities that wish to introduce the system in the future.

d) Library Service Council for Children and Young Adults

The National Library for Children and Young Adults (NLCY) is running Library Services for Children and Young Adults of 646 institutions and 508 individual members and is conducting research for the development of service for children and young adults at Korean libraries, section activities and overseas training courses.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries

a) Attending and Holding International Conferences

In August 2018, the National Library of Korea attended the 84th World Library Information Congress (WLIC) and the 45th Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August.

IFLA RSCAO Mid-term was held by the NLK, where 16 standing committee members from 13 countries had discussions.

On June 20 and 21, the NLCY held the 12th International Symposium on Library Services for Children and Young Adults in the Era of Creativity and Convergence in Gangleung. At the symposium, 6 Korean and foreign experts from 5 countries gave presentations and 231 participants learned about recent trends and shared best practices of library services for children and young adults.

Adding to that, to grasp recent global trend and strengthen expertise, the NLK is regularly attending relevant international conferences such as the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) and International Internet Preservation Consortium (IIPC) for the establishment of web archive.

b) Holding Work Exchange Program and Signing MOU with National Libraries

The NLK and the National Diet Library (NDL) held the 21th NLK-NDL Work Exchange Program in Tokyo, Japan in October while the library and the National Library of China (NLC) held the 21st NLK-NLC Work Exchange Program in Seoul in November.

During the program, participants shared library policies and experiences and exchanged opinions on ways to promote national libraries' strategic plans, services for children, young adults and the disabled and libraries' government policy service.

In April, in order to strengthen exchange and partnership with national libraries, the NLK extended the MOU with the National Library of Tajikistan.

In June, the NLCY and National Library Board (NLB) held the 4th NLK-NLB Work Exchange Program in Seoul and in October, the 5th NLCY-RSLYA Work Exchange Program was hosted by the NLCY and Russian State Library for Young Adults (RSLYA) in Russia.

c) Exchanging with Overseas Librarians

From Oct 15 to 18, the NLK held the 11th Overseas Korean Studies Librarian Workshop for the strengthening of Korean studies librarians' expertise for 4 days and 20 directors of libraries and librarians from 3 countries including the US, France, the Philippines participated in the workshop.

From June to October, the library implemented Training Program for Overseas Librarians as part of the Cultural Partnership Initiative with 4 librarians from National Library of Tajikistan and Sri Lanka and academic libraries of Georgia and Bhutan.