



# What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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## Country Report

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<b>Name of Library</b>	: National Library of Maldives
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## 1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	i. MVR5.4m ii. --
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	i. 2 ii. Diploma 7, A/Cert 2
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	i. 68,415 ii. --
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	i. 29,477 ii. --
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	--

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

- a) *Quiet study room* – this room was opened to give a quiet study area for students and researchers who prefer a quiet environment. The quiet study room was equipped with 12 carrels. The study carrels can be booked on daily basis for 3 hours or more.
- b) *Use of MARC21* – prior to use of MARC21, copy cataloguing was done on most of the items. Workshops were conducted to train library staff on MARC21.
- c) *New databases – Research4Life* – it was identified that this database is useful for many researches and people in medical profession. The use of this database is growing.
- d) *Information literacy – Web assessment* – Maldives have a very low rate of information literacy. By observation and other ways, we came to a decision to provide web assessment training for students studying in secondary school and above. This training is conducted on request.

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

- a) American Centre, Maldives (ACM) – National Library of Maldives have a very close relationship with ACM, especially in the administrative work.
- b) Maldives Library Association (MLA) - The Maldives country meeting in regard to IFLA Global Vision was organised by the Maldives Library Association (MLA) and collaborated and hosted by the National Library of Maldives. Total of 21 Librarians from different libraries participated in this event.

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

- a) Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) - EIFL works in collaboration with libraries in over 50 developing and transition countries. Maldives started to work with EIFL in 2004. The establishment of Maldives Library Consortium (MLC) was initiated by EIFL. Currently MLC member libraries are getting free access to 5 online databases through EIFL. Moreover, EIFL organise webinars regularly. In 2018, the country coordinator of Maldives for EIFL participated in the general assembly which was held at the Qatar National Library.
- b) International Federation for Library Association and Institutions (IFLA) – National Library of Maldives also get all the benefits offered for member institutes. We also contributed our data to the “Library Map of the World”.
- c) Asia Foundation – we have had a close relationship with Asia Foundation for over 40 years. In 2018, Asia Foundation donated 1,544 books to distribute to island public libraries and other libraries. The donation includes fiction and nonfiction books.