

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PALESTINE

Established based on the decree issued by His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas,
President of the State of Palestine No. (6) of 2019 on 5/6/2019 establishing the
National Library

TO BE:

the sovereign entity responsible for preserving and nurturing the cultural heritage of the Palestinian Arab people from the beginning of the land until this day.

the responsible for collecting, depositing, preserving, publishing and promoting the national intellectual and cultural production in its various creative forms, written, printed, visual and audible, which were created by the Palestinians through the ages.





CHALLENGES:

The Palestinian National Library faces many difficulties and challenges, starting with defining the legal status of the library within the Palestinian political system, and describing its sovereign function within the Palestinian government formations. The most important of these challenges are:

Preparing the organizational and administrative structure of the library

Restoring the building allocated by President Mahmoud Abbas to be the headquarters of the library and equipping it with the necessary equipment and means of work for the library.

There is no budget for the library at the Palestinian Ministry of Finance

The library lacks basic means of work, such as furniture, vehicles, desks, electronic devices, as well as employees and other work needs.

The Palestinian National Library has prepared many projects, including:

Documentation and archiving project

- Completed and we received special fund for it.

Deposit center (library and book store)

- The project was completed and discussed with the competent authorities in the Ministry of Finance after its preparation, and it is now in the final stages of approval of its material value, and it will be tendered in accordance with the procedures followed in central tenders.

Main library halls project

- A project has been prepared to establish two halls, the first of which will be allocated for intellectual meetings, seminars and intellectual production, while the second will be allocated for official meetings. Discussions have been completed regarding the study of the needs and its costs with the Ministry of Finance.

Library theater construction project

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Employee training

- This project was carefully prepared in terms of selecting important topics necessary to launch the library's technical and administrative work. An estimated budget of \$120,000 was allocated, and some countries and international institutions were approached to obtain funding.

Manuscript restoration laboratory

- This project fulfills an essential function of the library in order to preserve, restore, maintain and preserve historical documents.



Future projects

Virtual library
project

Palestinian
cultural heritage
project

Bibliography of
Palestinian
detainee's project

Encyclopedia of Palestinian
traditional crafts art project

Palestine
manuscript
project

Collecting Palestinian national
stolen archive project

The quality of service the library provides to its surrounding community:

Although it is newly established, the library has been able to provide many useful services to its surrounding community, and to those seeking its service, during the past two years.

The library provided the service of making information and electronic documents available to more than 100 university students who requested its assistance, and more than 200 inquirers through email, the website, and other electronic platforms received comprehensive answers to their questions and obtained the knowledge they wanted.

The library also contributed to printing 10 books for Palestinian detainees and participated in 20 seminars and lectures to which it was invited, or organized in partnership with others, or initiated on its own in various governorates of the country.

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The library launched the Palestinian National Library Award for Research and Studies for the year 2023, to share with the public researchers their serious Endeavor to produce and disseminate peer-reviewed scientific knowledge, and to contribute to encouraging the authorship and publishing movement in Palestine.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

IT IS CONCLUDED FROM ANALYZING THE RESULTS OF THE OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY, AND THE SERVICES IT HAS PROVIDED SO FAR, WHICH ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND VERY USEFUL TO THOSE WHO REQUEST THEM, AND WHICH ARE PROVIDED TO THE PALESTINIAN PUBLIC AND ITS INSTITUTIONS FREE OF CHARGE, THE FOLLOWING:

There is an increase in the level of public confidence in the Palestinian National Authority, which requires us to always maintain the quality of service officially provided to the Arab and Palestinian public.



This fact is evidenced by the number of calls received from the library, reporting the presence of documents among their owners and their desire to deposit them, and the increasing number of people wishing to visit the library and arrange joint activities with it.

- Including, the library was able to sign many memorandums of understanding and joint work with more than one local and Arab party, which we find has a good reflection in the Palestinian media scene.



Therefore, and to continue building on top of the achievements that have been reached, we will move forward as possible to complete the remaining work, which is little, To officially open the library before the end of the current year 2023



THANK YOU