

CDNLAO Newsletter and Website

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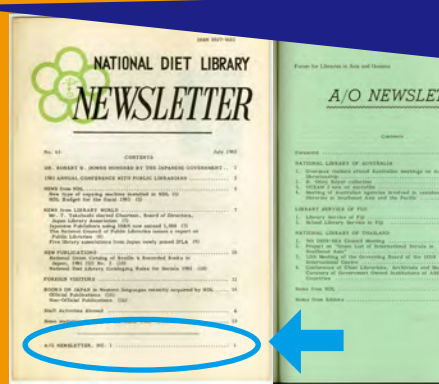
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1982 -----

NDL was approved as editor of the CDNLAO Newsletter at the 2nd CDNLAO Meeting.

2nd CDNLAO Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan



1st issue of the CDNLAO Newsletter

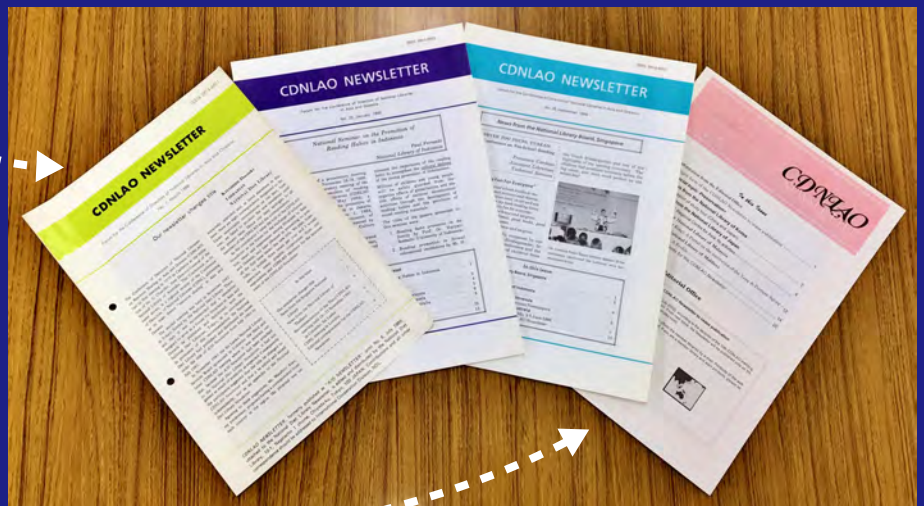
1983 -----

1st issue was published as part of the NDL Newsletter.

1988 -----

CDNLAO Newsletter was published separately since its 7th issue.

7th issue (first time to be published by itself)



46th issue (final issue in paper format)

1998 -----

CDNLAO Newsletter began to be published online on the NDL Website.

2003 -----

CDNLAO Newsletter ended its publication in paper format.

2008 -----

NDL took over the management of the CDNLAO Website.

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Editorial correspondents from member libraries help facilitate **contribution of articles.**

We look forward to having a correspondent from your library and sharing news such as:

- ◆ Launch of new services
- ◆ Replacements of executive staff
- ◆ Reports on events held at your library, etc.



Examples of articles

CDNLAO Newsletter no.33, November 1998

The Yishun Community Library

(News from the National Library Board, Singapore (1))

Used to be, public libraries were all stand alone buildings, with the public area extending to at least two levels. The obvious advantage is of course space: there is ample room for reading areas, complete with furniture.

However, for the want of land, recent years have seen the National Library Board (NLB) setting up rented libraries. These are libraries set up in rented lots within a building, usually a shopping complex. In fact, the last four community libraries set up by NLB are all rented libraries.

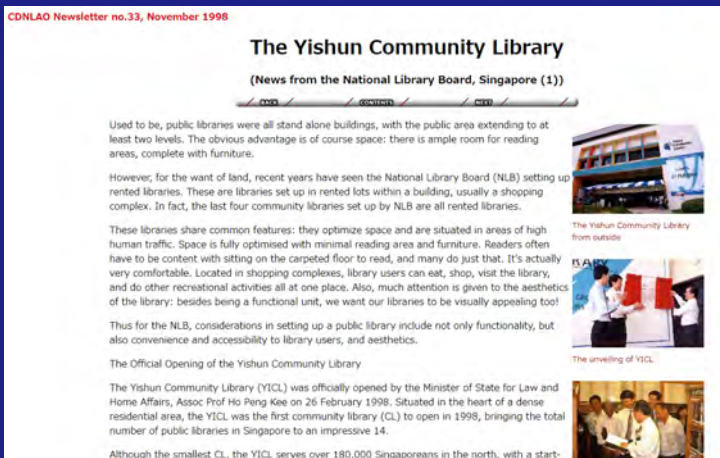
These libraries share common features: they optimize space and are situated in areas of high human traffic. Space is fully optimised with minimal reading area and furniture. Readers often have to be content with sitting on the carpeted floor to read, and many do just that. It's actually very comfortable. Located in shopping complexes, library users can eat, shop, visit the library, and do other recreational activities all at one place. Also, much attention is given to the aesthetics of the library: besides being a functional unit, we want our libraries to be visually appealing too!

Thus for the NLB, considerations in setting up a public library include not only functionality, but also convenience and accessibility to library users, and aesthetics.

The Official Opening of the Yishun Community Library

The Yishun Community Library (YICL) was officially opened by the Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee on 26 February 1998. Situated in the heart of a dense residential area, the YICL was the first community library (CL) to open in 1998, bringing the total number of public libraries in Singapore to an impressive 14.

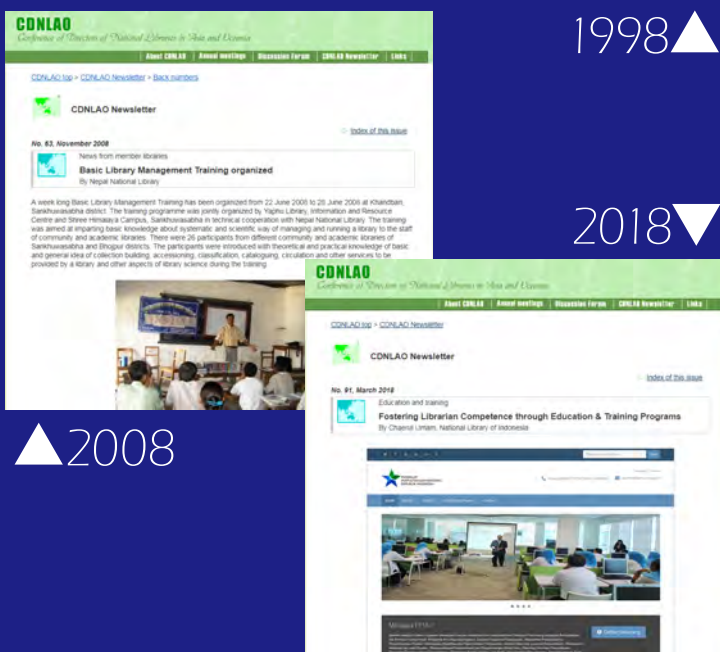
Although the smallest CL, the YICL serves over 180,000 Singaporeans in the north, with a start-



1998 ▲

2018 ▼

▲ 2008



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We look forward to your generous cooperation!

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