



Library Service Impacts on Community:
Sustainability, Inclusion,
and Innovation



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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
а	Operating Budget	564.5 Million Chinese
	i. Government	Yuan from the
	ii. External Sources	government
b	Total Staff (FTE)	1313 (1235 got library
	i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications	professional
	ii. Other Qualifications	qualifications)
С	Collection Size	42.3 Million;
	i. Physical collection	2,497.98TB
	ii. Digital collection preserved	
d	Visitorship (Annual)	1.65 Million;
	i. Physical visits to reading rooms	1.22 Billion;
	ii. Digital visits to websites	
е	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	22115 (Provide inter-
		library loans with 720
		libraries in China and
		535 libraries abroad.)





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

Based on the series of research results on the development strategy of the National Library of China, the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) for the Development of the National Library of China was compiled and released, with 13 key tasks and 22 column items. The National Library of China also supported the Library Society of China and the National Library Standardization Technical Committee to formulate development plans.

Lead and drive the smart transformation and innovation, conduct in-depth research on the smart transformation and development of the library field, and continuously improve the *National Smart Library System* construction project plan, obtain the support of the national financial project, formulate a work plan, and establish a special working mechanism.

Perform the national documents and information strategic preservation function in accordance with the law, and continue to promote the construction of the national repository of documents and information resources and national bibliography. 1.186 million volumes of various types of documents were collected throughout the year, with a total of 42.3015 million volumes/items of physical collections, and a total of 2497.98TB of digital resources; 691,000 pieces of bibliographic data were produced throughout the year, with a total of 16.567 million; completed the development, upgrading and distribution of the digital version of the fifth edition of *Chinese Library Classification*. The preservation and conservation of the library collections has been steadily improved. 4,041 volumes of paper documents and 500 volumes of microfilms have been protected and conserved throughout the year.

Continue to carry out key cultural projects, such as the protection plan for Chinese ancient books, promote the construction of the National Museum of Classic Books, and continuously improve the preservation and protection, sorting, research, interpretation, utilization, and dissemination of traditional cultural classics. The National Museum of Classic Books held 14 special exhibitions, such as *The Return and Reproduction of the Yongle Encyclopedia*, and received 263,000 public visits throughout the year.

Actively expand online and onsite service, and continuously improve the service levels. Throughout the year, the library received 1.647 million visitors, nearly 1.13 billion website visits, and 93.32 million mobile phone portal visits; 7.456 million volumes of





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library collections were circulated, 1,616 exhibitions, lectures, trainings and 79 performances were held.

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

The National Library of China continued to function as the exchange and cooperation platform in the Chinese library community. In 2021, 180 new member libraries joined the Online Library Cataloging Center, and its services expanded, with 671,000 pieces of data uploads, and 12.997 million pieces of data downloads. The member libraries of the National Library Document Microfilming Center completed 234,000 shots of traditional shooting, 362,000 shots of digital-to-mode shooting, and 937,000 shots of rare book microfilm digitization.

The National Library of China organized 29 training sessions in areas, such as acquisition, cataloguing, cultural and creative development, and reference services, and held the First National Library Children's Reading Guidance Training Course, with 2,529 librarians in China involved. The National Children's Library Basic Collection Catalogue (2019) was released.

The National Library of China supported the Library Society of China to organize activities, such as the 8th New Professionals Forum, the Public Libraries of 15 Cities Work Seminar, and the County-level Librarians Training Course. The National Library of China also supported the work of The Ancient Books Preservation and Conservation Association of China and the National Library Standardization Technical Committee.

The National Library of China cooperated with the China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation and the ByteDance to carry out ancient books protection program to conserve 100 volumes of precious ancient books including the *Yongle Encyclopedia*; cooperated with Alibaba Foundation to carry out the ancient books digital project.

Strategic cooperation has been reached with Beijing Publishing Group, China Science and Technology Museum, China Academy of Art, and Institute of China Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

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





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Adhere to the development concept of coordination, openness and sharing, actively expand open exchanges and strategic cooperation with various types of library and information service providers at home and abroad and leading institutions in the field of Internet knowledge services.

In 2021, the National Library of China organized the library professionals to participate in 22 online meetings and exchanges, including the 86th World Library and Information Congress, the 25th Anniversary of the Russian Library Association, the Leaders' Conversation of National Libraries in the Asia & Oceania Region, and organized the China-UK Library Forum, the 4th China-Arab Library and Information Science Professionals Conference, etc.

The National Library of China continued to work on the Silk Road International Library Alliance, hold the First Silk Road International Library Alliance Conference and the Third Silk Road International Library Alliance Forum, issue the Silk Road International Library Alliance Constitution, and start the programs of the Silk Road International Library Alliance, such as Silk Road Digital Library, Online Training Course for Librarians of the Silk Road International Library Alliance, etc.

The National Library of China signed relevant cooperation agreements respectively with the British Library and the National Library of Singapore, and take actions to promote the *Window of China* overseas book donation project. The content of the China-France Portal has been updated, and the China-Arab Digital Library has been selected into the 2021 World Internet Conference *Work together to build a community of shared future in cyberspace Case Collection*.

The National Library of China continued to function as the IFLA Preservation and Conservation China Center and the IFLA Chinese Language Center, and jointly organize and recommend outstanding professionals to participate in the election of members of IFLA units. 16 colleagues of the National Library of China took responsibilities in relevant IFLA units.