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Country Report

[Period Coverage: 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021]

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1 Facts and Figures

*As the Japanese fiscal year runs from April to March of the following year, some figures are for March or April 2022.

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	i. 20,236,238,000 yen (from April 2021 to March 2022) ii. N/A
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	894 as of April 2022 i. N/A ii. N/A
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	i. 46,217,530 items as of March 2022 ii. 4,364,623 items as of March 2022

d	Visitorship (Annual) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites 	i. 383,199 visitors from April 2021 to March 2022 ii. 25,266,428 accesses from April 2021 to March 2022
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	6,473 loans from April 2021 to March 2022

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

i. National Diet Library, Vision 2021–2025: The Digital Shift at the National Diet Library
 Advances in information technology are transforming both our social activities and how we communicate with others online. Our society is experiencing an ever-accelerating digital shift. In recognition of this, the National Diet Library (NDL) proposed goals and measures for seven initiatives over the next five years, 2021 to 2025, that are intended to better connect information resources with intellectual activities, and four basic roles which cover the whole business of the NDL, under the moniker The Digital Shift at the National Diet Library.

ii. Acquisition of online publications

In March 2021, the Legal Deposit System Council, which comprises researchers, lawyers, publishers, and other experts knowledgeable about the publishing industry, concluded that, in addition to the free online materials without digital rights management (DRM) that were already being collecting, the NDL should start comprehensive collection of online publications (digital books and magazines) that are available for a fee and/or are protected by DRM. Acquisition of these materials by the NDL will being in January 2023 following amendment of the National Diet Library Law.

iii. Digitization of the library collection

Following the Basic Plan for Digitization 2021-2025, formulated in March 2021, the digitization of books published in Japan up to 1987 will be completed by March 2023. Newspaper materials are newly digitized on a trial basis as well. As of August 2022, approximately 3.11 million items are provided in the NDL Digital Collection, of which 570 thousand items are open to the public via the internet. The NDL is also implementing OCR (optical character recognition) text-conversion of digitized materials as well as developing an OCR processing program called NDLOCR.

iv. Expansion of materials provided online (Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Individuals)



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The 2021 revisions to Japan's Copyright Law now enable the NDL to expand to individuals the transmission service of digitized images of out-of-print and otherwise difficult-to-obtain materials, which had previously only been offered to libraries (Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Libraries). After consultation with related organizations, the Digitized Contents Transmission Service for Individuals was started in May 2022. As of May 2022, a total of 2.09 million items, including 570 thousand items available via the internet and 1.52 million out-of-print and hard-to-find items, are available to registered users residing in Japan from their own PCs, tablets, and other devices. Books published in Japan which were digitized in FY2021 are also undergoing availability research and checks, and the NDL plans to make these materials available via its Digitized Contents Transmission Services for Individuals and for Libraries starting in 2023.

v. Implementation Plan for Library Services for People with Disabilities 2021-2024

The plan covers the four-year period from 2021 to 2024, and aims to enhance support for the smooth use of materials. That includes the enrichment of materials for persons with print disabilities such as DAISY audio materials of academic literature, improvement of facilities, ensuring accessibility of services using the internet, and continuing the provision of data transmission services.

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

i. System operation of Japan Search

The NDL is in charge of the system development and operation of Japan Search (<https://jpsearch.go.jp/>), which was officially opened to the public in August 2020. Japan Search is a national cross-sectoral integrated platform established by the NDL in cooperation with related ministries and agencies of the Japanese government for aggregating and providing the metadata of digital resources from various fields. In addition to search functions, it has functions to support users' content utilization, including a function to easily select, edit and provide digital contents. As of August 2022, Japan Search collaborates with 36 aggregators and 185 databases, thereby providing access to about 26 million items of metadata.

ii. Data Transmission Service for Persons with Print Disabilities

In accordance with the Implementation Plan for Library Services for People with Disabilities 2021-2024, the NDL has been acquiring accessibility-enhanced data from public libraries and institutions in Japan and providing them via the Data Transmission Service for Persons with Print Disabilities, as along with data provided by the NDL. As of March 2022, 32,227 items have been collected from 114 providing libraries and institutions, and 34,757 items were newly provided together with the data produced by the NDL. 202 institutions can receive the data, and 439 individual users have registered with this service.



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iii. Adaption of Nippon Cataloging Rules 2018 Edition (NCR 2018) and renewal of the functions of Web NDL Authorities

In January 2021, the NDL started applying the Nippon Cataloging Rules 2018 Edition (NCR 2018), which conform to international standards such as the International Cataloguing Principles (ICP). NCR 2018 was developed in collaboration with the Japan Library Association and the NDL, which are also working together to promote NCR2018. And from January 2021, Web NDL Authorities (<https://id.ndl.go.jp/auth/ndla/>), a service by the NDL to access authority data created and maintained by the NDL, started to provide authority data for Work and Genre/Form Term. Web NDL Authorities links with data of related institutions inside and outside Japan.

iv. Publication of NDL research report No.19: Response to COVID-19 by Public Libraries in Japan

In cooperation with the Japan Library Association, the NDL conducted a survey on the response to COVID-19 by public libraries in Japan, and organized and shared the results of the survey with the aim of contributing to the library community at large. (Survey base date is June 1, 2021). In February 2022, the results were provided via the internet in Japanese, with an English summary.

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https://dl.ndl.go.jp/view/download/digidepo_12226706_po_lis_rr_19.pdf?contentNo=1&alternativeNo=

v. Preservation cooperation activities

In order to support local libraries which were affected by natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods, which in recent years have occurred frequently in Japan, the NDL provides technical training for restoring library materials and cooperates in repairing affected books.

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

i. Collaboration with overseas national libraries

The NDL continues to hold mutual visit programs with the National Library of China and the National Library of Korea.

ii. Organizing international events

The NDL held webinars featuring the former IFLA president (in February 2021) and present IFLA president (in March 2022). From these lectures, we learned about measures taken by IFLA and libraries around the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as about library



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activities related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The NDL is a member of IFLA and contributes to IFLA, with some of our employees actively serving as IFLA's section standing committee members.

Webinar "Libraries in the New Normal" (February 26, 2021)

<https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/event/events/20210226lecture.html>

Webinar "Libraries and UN SDGs: IFLA supporting the libraries to achieve the SDGs" (March 24, 2022)

<https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/event/events/20220324lecture.html>

iii. Preservation cooperation activities

The NDL serves as the IFLA PAC Regional Centre for Asia and has endeavored to provide information on preservation and conservation domestically and internationally on the NDL website. In November 2021, the NDL hosted an online CJK (China, Japan and Korea) IFLA/PAC Centre meeting.

iv. Personal exchange with overseas national libraries

The NDL agreed to start personnel exchange programs with both the National Library of Korea and the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), scheduled to start in 2023 or later.

v. CDNLAO Website operation

The NDL serves as the CDNLAO webmaster and provides conference information and published newsletters.

<https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlao/index.html>