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Country Report
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Name of Country : **United Arab Emirates**
Name of Library : **National Library and Archives**
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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	Confidential Information.
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post-Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	Total Staff (346)
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	i. Physical Collection: 59562 Catalogued Titles 137102 Catalogued items Backlog (Not processed yet): around 500000 items Note: This doesn't include the Journals collection issues. ii. Digital Collection: -13 full text databases (Subscription model) -2 full text databases (Open Access) -NLA Digital repository (will be launched before end of 2023): 1315 digital objects.
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	i. 591 site visits by registered users. ii. 2447 digital visits in 2023
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	Service not provided for now.

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

1. New National Library building project: consulting phase
2. New Collection development plans with international vendors (Shelf ready mode)
3. Upgrade to a new platform (MEDAD) to replace Symphony from SirsiDynix
4. National Library new portal and Digital repository will be launched by end of 2024
5. A new bylaw will be promulgated the soonest.

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

NLA collaborates with all memory institutions in UAE. It's mandate includes building a national LAM network to provide cutting edge services for UAE community and international users.

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

We have agreements with most of the National Libraries and National Archives and records over the world from all continents in different areas of cooperation. Ex.: National Library of France, British Archives, etc.