

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES**  
**National Library of Pakistan**

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**1.1** Federal Department of Libraries is an attached Department of Capital Administration and Development Division, Islamabad. The Department was established at Karachi in 1973 to deal with matters related to Libraries and Librarianship in the country. The Department is also custodian of National Literary heritage. It collects all published literary heritage under provisions of Copyright Ordinance, 1962 in order to preserve for the use of present and future generations. The Department is member of International Federation of Library Association & Institutions (IFLA), Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL/Asia-Oceania Chapter) and Union of National Libraries of ECO Countries. The Department was shifted to Islamabad in 1981. National Library of Pakistan, National Human Resource Development Centre for Libraries, Islamabad, International Standard Book Number Agency, Islamabad, Islamabad Public Library, Model Children Library, Quaid Public Library, F-9 Park, Islamabad and 06 Islamabad Community libraries work under the administrative control of the Department.

**Staff Strength:**

- Officers 53
- Others 140
- Total 193

**Budget 2014-2015:**

- Total Budget :Rs 78.24 million

**Location of the libraries/Institutions is as under.**

1. National Library of Pakistan,  
Constitution Avenue,  
Sector G-5,  
Islamabad  
URL: [www.nlp.gov.pk](http://www.nlp.gov.pk)
2. International ISBN Agency,  
Pakistan Branch,  
National Library Building,  
Islamabad.
3. National Human Resource Development Centre for Libraries,  
National Library Building,  
Sector G-5, Islamabad.
4. Islamabad Public Library,  
9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sector H-9,  
Islamabad
5. Model Children Library,  
9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sector H-9,  
Islamabad.

6. Quaid Public Library,  
Fatima Jinnah Park,  
Sector F-9, Islamabad.
7. Islamabad Community Library,  
Sector F-11 Markaz,  
Islamabad.
8. Islamabad Community Library,  
Sector G-7 Near Iqbal Hall,  
Islamabad.
9. Islamabad Community Library,  
Street 9, Sector G-8/2,  
Islamabad
10. Islamabad Community Library,  
Sector G-11 Markaz,  
Islamabad.
11. Islamabad Community Library,  
Sector I-8 Markaz,  
Islamabad.
12. Islamabad Community Library,  
Street 57, Sector I-10/1,  
Islamabad.

## ***1.2 FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT***

- a) Management and operation of Libraries/Institutions under its administrative control;
- b) Collection and Preservation of National Literary Heritage under the Provisions of Copyright Law and to provide access to its knowledge resources;
- c) Compilation and publication of the Pakistan National Bibliography on annual basis;
- d) Formulation of plans and policies for development of Libraries and library services;
- e) Provision of reading and reference services to Ministries, Divisions, Departments, Federal Government Offices and employees;
- f) Provision of reading and other library services to the citizens and children of Islamabad;
- g) Management and operation of International Book Numbering (ISBN) Agency of Pakistan;
- h) To Organize courses and workshops for Human Resources Development in the field of library science;
- i) Collection of statistical data on libraries and conduct of research;
- j) Provision of advisory services to other institutions in the planning and improvement of their libraries;
- k) Representation on International Library Forums and international cooperation in the field of library science on behalf of Government of Pakistan;
- l) To promote the readership among all strata of society;
- m) To facilitate the academic and cultural activities in the Federal Capital by extending the Auditorium facility for holding seminars, conferences, educational programmes, etc.

Major activities of the department during the Year 2014-2015 are as under

## 2.1 NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAKISTAN:

National Library of Pakistan at Islamabad is the most vital organ of the Department of Libraries and serves as top most knowledge resource center of the nation.

### Activities & Achievements

National Library maintains a collection of about 230,000 volumes for research and reference purposes. The library acts as legal depository for national published literary heritage under the provisions of Copyright Ordinance 1962. It also serves as depository of some international organizations like Asian Development Bank (ADB) and International Labour Organization (ILO). Major activities of the library during 2015 are as follows:

- ✓ Received 1600 Books, 15600 issues of Journals and 4224 copies of Newspapers under Copyright Law.
- ✓ Purchased 920 Books.
- ✓ 20248 Readers Consulted 24830 Books.
- ✓ 5312 users enjoyed internet searching and surfing facility
- ✓ 1966 books were fumigated and 3062 Newspapers & Periodicals were bound.

## 2.2 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS

The Department of Libraries is a part of various international cooperation programmes among libraries. The Prime Minister of Pakistan visited Tajikistan on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. MOU between National Library of Pakistan and National Library of Tajikistan was signed on behalf of Government of Pakistan by Syed Tariq Fatmei, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Salimov Nosir Yusupovich, Director National Library of the Republic of Tajikistan in presence of Prime Minister of Pakistan and President Republic of Tajikistan in Dushanbe. Similarly, MOU between National Library of Pakistan and National Library of Belarus was signed on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 during the visit of President of Belarus to Pakistan. MoU between National Library of Cuba and National Library of Pakistan is also at final stage.

## 2.3 PAKISTAN NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (PNB) – 2014

The Department of Libraries published annual volume of Pakistan National Bibliography 2013. The bibliography contains the bibliographic data of 2044 Pakistani publications published in Urdu and other regional languages whereas 537 Pakistani publications in English language have been covered.

## 2.4 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBER (ISBN)

The Department of Libraries, National Library of Pakistan was designated National ISBN Agency in 1985. International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is unique international identifier which is essential for book trade at international level.

Major activities of the ISBN Agency Pakistan Branch during FY 2014 are as follows:

ISBN allotted to Pakistani publications during 2014	5900
New publishers registered during 2014.	130

## **2.5 NEW RANGES OF ISBN ACQUIRED FROM ISBN (HEAD QUARTER) LONDON**

The ISBN ranges or publisher identifier codes are allotted by International ISBN Agency London, UK. Already allotted ISBN ranges for Pakistan between 8000-9999 has been utilized. The Department requested the ISBN International Agency London, UK for new ranges. In this connection ISBN International Agency London allotted 02 new ranges i.e 23000 to 23999 and 7500 to 7999 for ISBN, Pakistan.

## **3. ISLAMABAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, ISLAMABAD**

### **Activities & Achievements**

Islamabad Public Library, Sector H-9, Islamabad provides reference, research and reading services to the residents of Islamabad. Major activities under taken by the library during 2015 are as follows:

- Purchased 72 new books for the Library;
- 2658 books were issued for home reading;
- 124 new members were enrolled;
- 24476 readers visited the library and consulted 32195 books;

## **4. MODEL CHILDREN LIBRARY, ISLAMABAD**

### **Activities & Achievements**

Major activities under taken by the library during 2015 are as follow:

- 145 enrolled as new members
- 2653 books were issued for home reading
- 4798 children used library facilities during the year
- Van service was provided to students of various schools in order to fetch students to library and back to school.

## **5. ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIZ LIBRARY AT F-10 MARKAZ, ISLAMABAD**

Department of Libraries is going to establish Faiz Library F-10 Markaz, Islamabad. The establishment of Faiz Library was announced by the President of Pakistan on 18th February 2011 in a ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in order to pay tribute to Faiz Ahmed Faiz. M/s NESPAK has carried out topographic Survey and Geo-technical investigation. Estimated project amount of 371.08 million was prepared and is under consideration with Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms.

## **6. 15 NEW POSTS WERE CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES**

Department of Libraries has opened 07 new libraries. These libraries were facing shortage of staff. Finance Division on the recommendation of MS wing, Establishment Division created 15 new posts including the posts of Assistant Director, Junior Library Assistant, Naib Qasid, and Chowkidar. After completion of recruitment against these posts, the aforesaid libraries would become fully operational.

## **7. DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES CONTINUED PROGRAMME FOR VISITS OF CHILDREN TO MODEL CHILDREN LIBRARY**

Department of Libraries has launched a programme to made visits of children from different schools / colleges to Model Children Library, H-9, Islamabad in collaboration with Federal Directorate of Education and heads of private educational institutions. Department of Libraries provide pick and drop facilities and about 50 students visit the library daily under this programme. The parents and students have appreciated the programme. The In-charge of MCL guides the children in use of the library. This programme is becoming more and more popular among the children of Islamabad educational institutions.

## **8. MODEL LIBRARY ESTABLISHED AT PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP CENTRE IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS 2015**

National Book day is celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> April every year. Book fair in connection with National Book Day celebrations was organized from 22 – 26 April, 2015 at Pak China Friendship Centre, Islamabad. The Department of Libraries proactively participated during the festival and set up temporary library at the occasion to make visitors aware of library activities and facilities. The Department of Libraries provided following services during the festival for creation of awareness among the visitors.

- On spot readers' membership;
- Displayed online public access catalogue (OPAC);
- Stall for new arrivals of books and journals;
- Displayed rare books;
- Displayed publications of Department of Libraries;
- Established children activity area;
- On Spot ISBN Registration.

## **9. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:**

Human Resource Development is a continuous phenomenon which is essential for sustainable development. Following training workshops/seminars were organized in the National Library of Pakistan for creation of awareness and to fulfill the continuing education needs of Librarians working in various libraries.

**9.1** National Seminar on “Challenges and Opportunities for libraries in Pakistan” held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

**9.2** The Department arranged Seminar on Classic Brazalian Novels and Cooperation between National Libraries on 4<sup>th</sup> march, 2015. Two Brazilian novels translated in Urdu were launched at the occasion. Honourabe Ambassador of Brazil has specially attended this seminar cum Book launching ceremony.

**9.3** Seminar on Book and Copyright Day / Book Donation Ceremony in collaboration with The Asia Foundation and book donation agency. On this occasion The Asia Foundation donated about 5000 books to 10 libraries under Department of Libraries and 20 school libraries of Islamabad.

**9.4** A seminar arranged on two burning topics “Makerspaces and RDA at National Library of Pakistan on 14th April, 2015. Ms Marcy Carrel, Information resource Special from US Embassy and Mr. Muhammad Jawad were key resource persons at the occasion.

**9.5** Seminar on “Strengthening cooperation between National Libraries for promotion of Research Culture” was arranged on 26th May, 2015 at Conference Room of National Library of Pakistan. Dr. Norman Motulsky, Director National Library of Belarus along with two Honorable Ministers of Belarusian Government the seminar and highlighted the importance of cooperation between National Libraries.

#### **9.6 INTERNSHIP:**

The Department of Libraries also extends Internship training for post graduate students of Universities on honorary basis for period of 45 days to 60 days. 04 Post-graduate students were trained under professional internship training programme.

#### **10. ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARIES:**

In view of low number of public libraries and learning activity areas in Islamabad. The Department of Libraries in collaboration with Capital Development Authority established 06 libraries in various sectors of Islamabad. Major activities of the library during 2015 are as follows:

- Purchased 2044 new books for the Community Libraries;
- 2658 books were issued for home reading;
- 124 new members were enrolled;
- 19476 readers visited the library and consulted 23195 books and Newspapers/periodicals;