



What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Total operating budget ii. External Sources	31,791,900 baht (USD 1,113,295) -
b	Total Staff (FTE) iii. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications iv. Other qualifications	75 persons 87 persons
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	5,452,189 items 161,095 items

d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites and facebook	377,882 persons 868,872 persons
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	3,703 items

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

The National Library of Thailand launched the new digital technology which comprises of 2 buildings and the total services area of 25,280 square meters. The library holds over 5 million items of information resource which can be divided into:

- Internet services and notebook zone
- Mini theatre, Co-working space and Meeting room
- Universal or Friendly Design for disabilities people
- Smart card system provides various services of the library such as entrance gate with RFID card reader, lockers, internet and video call reference service
- Digital signage both within and outside buildings
- Mobile device for Smart librarian service
- National Library mobile applications which can be run on iOS, Android and Windows phone
- E-books
- E-newspaper and magazine covering about 120 countries
- D-library (digital library)
- Online searching by Single Search System
- Free wifi
- Intelligent Navigation Directory System

The National Library of Thailand offers various channel on digital platform which are website: www.nlt.go.th, Facebook fan page, Youtube, Instagram, Line, and Twitter. It also launched "*Smart Library*" the new bookless of library function, co-working space and book-reserved services. *Smart Library* is located in front of the main building with clear glasses window building, beautiful park and atmosphere. The library services are the collection of digital materials of the national library such as E-books, E-newspaper, D-library. Users can access the digital collection available on phones through its mobile application via digital platform or scan QR-code. *Smart Library* service hour is at 7 a.m. – 8.30 p.m. everyday.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country

According to an official release by the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Education, the National Library of Thailand and Digital Government Development Agency (Public Organization (DGA) collaborate to establish "*National e-Library*".

The project aims to;

- a) Collect a valuable Thai government publication in electronic files such as PDF, ePub, RTF, instructional media and teaching media
- b) Make digital educational resources available to all Thai citizens to empower, inspire and encourage learning.

4. International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries.

The National Library of Thailand launched "*the International Cooperation Project of Cultural Information Resources*" between Thailand and Egypt in 2018. A Library Collaborative Program in Culture for Cairo International Book Fair 2018 was held from 3-8 February 2018. The purpose is to strengthen the relationship and library cooperation between National Library of Thailand and Egypt. The program focusses on exchange publications, information resources, promotion and development of cultural heritage and learn how the library contribute the society in spreading culture and history to the public. The project includes the exchange and donation of some of library materials such as the publication on the title of Thai Cultural, Thai Museum, Art and Literature to the National Library and Achieves of Egypt and Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
