



Country Report
[Period Coverage: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019]

Name of Country : NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Name of Library : LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BUREAU LIBRARY
 (PERPUSTAKAAN DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA)

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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	i. Activities and Library Promotion - \$50,000 Collection Development - \$150,000.00
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	TOTAL – 138 Staffs i. 21 Staffs ii. 117 Staffs
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	i. 811,468 collection
d	Visitorship (Annual)	i. 186,077

	i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	visitors ii. 24,314 digital visit
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	No request for 2019

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

- Language and Literature Bureau (DBP) introduced new eLibrary Webportal, www.librarybrunei.gov.bn which was a part of the Library Management System that facilitates the public in searching and reserving items that are available in the library collections online. Date of commence: 11 May 2016
- The first autism friendly library in Lambak Kanan Library, one of Language and Literature Bureau. A special room is created that imitates the autism center known as SMARTER (Society for Management of Autism Related issues in Training, Education and Resources), Brunei. This allows the users to familiarise themselves with the surrounding before they venture out into the whole library. Monthly programs are organized for autism users and others users are educated so that they will be prepared and is able to interact with the autism children. The Autism Friendly Room was established with the cooperation between Language and Literature Bureau and SMARTER Brunei. Date of commence: 11 May 2016
- Handing over of Book Preservation Act and all collections from this act by the Director of Department of Brunei Museums to the Director of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. This allows the DBP Library to collect, preserve and grant access to all publications in Brunei Darussalam. Date of commence: 1st March 2016
- DBP Library set up a reading corner at the Al-Islah Rehabilitation Centre, Narcotic Control Bureau on 18th February 2017. The objective of the reading corner was to ensure equity of access to information and encourage and inculcate reading culture for the residents.

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

- Language and Literature Bureau (DBP) have established collaboration with five (5) special libraries in the government agencies for the eLibrary project. The libraries are as follows:
 1. Ministry of Religious Affairs Library
 2. Attorney General Chambers Library
 3. Brunei History Centre Library
 4. Brunei Museums Library
 5. Islamic Da'wah Centre Library

Through this collaborative project, anyone will be able to search through the catalogues from these libraries anywhere online.

- Collaboration with Universiti Sultan Sharif Ali Library for Inter Library Loan. Date of commence: 2019

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

- ASEAN Digital Library
Collaboration with National Library Board Singapore to collect metadata records for the ASEAN Digital Library managed by NLB Singapore. Date of commence: February 2016.