



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

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**1 Facts and Figures**

Sn	Item Description	Figures	
a	Operating Budget	967.000 JD	
	i. Government	967.000 JD	
	ii. External Sources	-	
b	Total Staff (FTE)	102	
	i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications	15	
	ii. Other Qualifications	87	
c	Collection Size	Books	documents
	i. Physical collection	280.000	2.000.000
	ii. Digital collection preserved	21.000	1.000.000
d	Visitorship (Annual)	80.000	
	i. Physical visits to reading rooms	1200	
	ii. Digital visits to websites	30.000	
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	No loans	

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

1- Making the books and documents available on the website of the National Library through:

- the new library services like "Selective broadcasting" and "Newly Arrivals".
- Making the historical documents and photographs available on the website.
- the initiatives of "your book... your friend" and "donate a book to establish a Library" in which the NL established 4 libraries in the year 2019 and donated nearly 200.000 books and children' story since the year 2012, (80.000 books of them during the year 2019).

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

NL has collaborations with libraries through the following:

- The initiative of establishing a Jordanian Unified Index in cooperation with the university, school, public and municipal libraries, in which NL is trying to unify efforts of work for all libraries.
- Signing MOU's and MOC's with several institutions to digitize and archiving their collections of documents and photographs, such as: Balqa University, the House of Senates, Ministry of Education, lots of old Schools like Salt, Karak, Bseira and others.

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

NL signed or in the final stages to sign the following MOU's for collaboration with Arab National Libraries:

- An MOU with the National Library of Tunisia (signed 30/9/2019 ).
- An MOC with the Iraqi House of Books and Documents (National Library of Iraq).
- An MOU with Isa Cultural Centre (Bahrain)

It also signed an MOU with the National Archives of the Republic of Indonesia in 2017