



Country Report
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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	N/A
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	147 FTE
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	Over 2.6 million copies Over 5 million pages
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	Opened 329 days, issued 9,895 membership cards in 2019 Total 3,965,219 visits (equivalent to 12,052 visits a day)
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	N/A

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

a. Library Buildings Development:

NLV is in the process of renovation and upgrade buildings on the library campus. The big project on building new buildings, renovation and upgrading the whole NLV campus is expected to be completed in about 5 years (2018-2022).

b. Collections Development:

- Physical collection:

In this period, the NLV has acquired depositary of 23,234 titles (61,884 copies); doctoral theses: 2,923; Special publications: 729 titles (1,482 copies); Periodicals (newspapers, magazines, newsletter): 44,817 issues (1,701 titles). For acquisition source via purchase, exchange, donate and gift, the total amount was 17,853 copies, including 14,589 Vietnamese books and 3,264 foreign language books; 1,015 issues (126 titles) of magazines, newspapers and CDs.

- Digital collection

In 2019, the NLV has digitized 179,282 pages of books; 50,460 pages of newspapers, magazines; 97,614 pages of microform documents; 123,577 pages of docWorks documents according to the METS and ALTO standard; 6,737 titles of doctoral theses (855,376 pages); 1,156 titles of Indochina repository for The French - Vietnamese portal project. Purchased 05 online full-text databases: Keesings, ProQuest, EBM Center, Spring Images, and SAGE Premier.

c. Access Development:

During the year, the NLV has organized 48 training classes for 622 library users; met 1,708 information requests via the NLV's website; compiled 10 subject bibliographies and promoted exploration of online databases; organized 18 specialized activities at Children's Cultural Library for nearly 1,100 preschool children, elementary and junior high school students; organized 63 group discussions at S-hub sharing space.

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

- Several professional workshops were also held in the National Library of Viet Nam and other major academic libraries and information centres with the participation of Vietnamese library and information professionals across the country, such as: Completed the projects of developing National Standards named "Information and Documentation: Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) in libraries"; Organized several training workshops on DDC23 application for libraries in the centre of Viet Nam and application of the cataloging rules "Resource Description and Access" – RDA for the Southern Academic libraries Association.

- Successfully organized "Summary Conference on application of the Dewey Decimal Classification, 23 Vietnamese Edition in Libraries in Vietnam (2014 - 2019)". The conference is a forum

for libraries to review, evaluate the implementation situation, the results of DDC23 application, unify the directions in the near future, and raise the awareness of libraries that it is necessary to apply DDC23 in material classification, speeding up the wide application of DDC23 in library systems, so that Vietnam's library is ready to integrate with the region and the world.

- Organized the annual Book Festival Day 2019 with the theme "Books - Connecting knowledge & development" at the NLV with many activities. With the positive impact on society from the activities of the Book Festival Day and the outstanding achievements after 5 years in response to the Vietnam Book Day, the NLV was honored to receive the Certificate of Merit from the Prime Minister of Viet Nam.

- The NLV has supported to retrospect documents and duplicate documents for provincial libraries; donated 6,625 copies of books to difficult libraries; distributed 24,075 copies of books sponsored by The Asia Foundation (TAF) for provincial, university and special libraries.

- The NLV has also well coordinated with domestic and international organizations to organize and co-organize 14 exhibitions of books, painting and photos to celebrate major events of the country and promote the culture exchange, such as: coordinated with the Peru Embassy to organize exhibition named "The beginning of a history" to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Peru's National Day and 25 years of establishing diplomatic relations between Viet Nam and Peru; with Chile Embassy to organize photo exhibition entitled "Gabriela Mistral, 70 Years after the Nobel Prize for Literature, Daughter of a new nation"; with The Asia Foundation (TAF) in the exhibition of English Books sponsored by TAF to Viet Nam and the Translation workshops of translating children books from English to Vietnamese under the Let's Read! Platform, etc.

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

During the year 2019, the NLV has welcomed 91 international delegations (including 193 guests) to visit, work and cooperate with the NLV in such activities as organizing exhibitions, reading promotion activities, workshops, conferences and other community events. Leaders and officials of the NLV have attended some abroad seminars, workshops and conferences, such as: the 27th Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO 27) in Singapore; the International Seminar themed "A portal between French-Vietnamese cultures: from Literature to Human Sciences" in Paris, France; the annual meeting of the General Assembly of Francophone Digital Network (RFN-AISBL) in Ottawa, Canada; the 85th World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in Athens, Greece; the 1st Executive Board (EB) Meeting of the 18th Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL XVIII) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; The 6th International Conference on Children and Young Adult Librarianship in Davao, Philippines; Oral History Workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; the ASEAN – ROK (the Republic of Korea) Library Leadership Conference on reading promotion in Seoul, Korea; 2019 Southeast Asian Librarians Seminar in China; International Conference on "Collections Care:

Staying Relevant in Changing Times, ASEAN & Beyond” in Singapore; and some Cultural exchange training course in France, and IT training courses in India.

The NLV has been actively engaged in fulfilling its membership responsibility to such Library Associations/Forums as IFLA, CDNL, CDNL-AO, CONSAL, RFN, etc.

Beside the monthly thematic activities for children organized at the Children Cultural Library, the NLV is coordinating with the TAF to organize thematic activities to familiarize children with eReading technologies under the Let’s Read! Platform; Participating in the Joint Project “All-together Reading Campaign: Read Me a Book” in ASEAN – ROK (the Republic of Korea).
