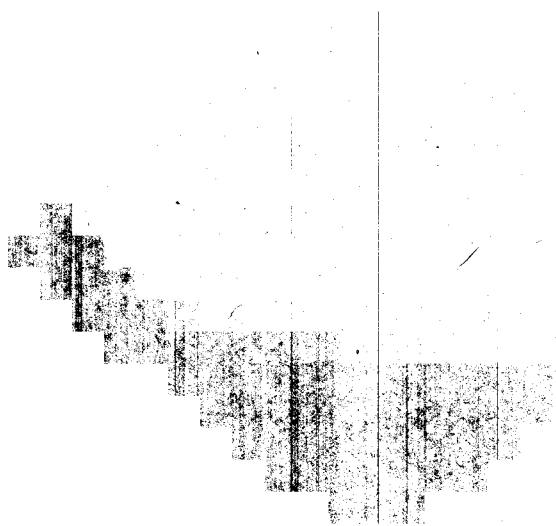


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Statistical Summary

Data of National Library of China

Collections

Chinese Books	5,748,956 (Volumes)
Foreign Language Books	3,070,203 (Volumes)
Rare Books	270,000 (Volumes/Items)
Ancient Books	1,640,000 (Volumes)
Oracle Bones	35,000 (Items)

Area of Building

Main Building	140,000 sq. meters
Ancient Books Library	30,000 sq. meters
National Digital Library	80,000 sq. meters
Total	250,000 sq. meters

Statistical Summary

Total of New Collections Registered 314,575(Titles) 1,232,555(Volumes)

Total of New Collections Catalogued 234,021(Titles) 623,151 (Volumes)

Total of New Collections stored 224,471(Titles) 636,063 (Volumes)

Total of Collections Eliminated 143,296(Volumes)

Total of Resources Digitized,by NLC (As of the end of 2005)

Text Over 100 million(Pages)

Audio	Over 430,000(Items)
Video	Over 20,000(Hours)
Total of Collections	25,049,236(Volumes/Items)
Total of Visitorship	4,586,564(Person-time)
	On average of 12,635 every day
Total of Books and Periodicals Circulation	20,787,163(Volumes/Times)
Total of Visitorship to NLC Website	189,094,000(Person-time)
Total of New Reader' s Card	195,300

Services

Clients

1. Central Government

- The “NLC Database” has been formally established and provides services to the Central Government directly in 2005.
- During the annual plenary sessions of the National People’s Congress and the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, NLC provides reference services for members when they draft bills.
- NLC provides services to the national legislative bodies.

2. Research, Education and Production Institutions

- NLC provides priority and special services to academicians and experts.

- Cooperate with university and academic libraries in the areas of interlibrary loan, digital resource criteria and construction, library network and staff training.
- "Novelty Search Center" and "Enterprise Information Service Center" were formally established.

3. Public

NLC is open to the public 363 days a year, and provides various of services.

Service Mode

1. Services In The Library

- NLC has 48 reading rooms for various kinds of readers. Among them there are 40 reading rooms with open stacks.

Table 1 □ **Statistics of open stack collections (Volumes/Items)**

	Books	Periodicals	Newspapers	Others
Total in main library	1,516,781	715,488	283	141,106
Total in branch	173,008	5,328	130	0
Total	2,552,124			

- NLC has special reading rooms for children and disabilities.
- 2 self-study rooms and 7 copy stations are established to provide considerate services for the readers.

2. Document Supply Service

Relying on the abundant collections of NLC, the Document Supply Center provides various information services to the public, departments

of the central government, key research, educational and production institutions. Such as document supply, subject research, interlibrary loan, document express, and Internet transport.

Table 2 □ Statistics of Document Supply

	2004	2005	Increase Proportion
Document Supply	39,600	25,200	-36.37%
International Loan	648	1152	77.7%
Interlibrary Loan	2,340	3,240	36.9%
Subject Research	96	114	18.8%

3. Digital Information and Reference Services

NLC has established a digital portal website depending on their rich collections and digital resources on the Internet, so they can serve the long-distance users. (<http://www.nlc.gov.cn/portal/index.htm>)

Different databases and information services are customized for the government and legislatures. NLC also provides real-time information and digital reference services. There are 1131 consulting cases in 2005.

4. Other Services

Table 3 □ Statistics of Other Services

	Lectures	Training Courses	Visits	Exhibitions
Number	392	102	184	193
Person-time	93,988	25,915	4,680	63,404

1) Exhibitions of NLC treasures

The NLC held various exhibitions irregularly.

Such as :

“Exhibition of Yongle Da dian(the Great Encyclopedia of Yongle Reign) Restoration”

“Exhibition of Rare Books Restoration in NLC”

“Achievement of Republishing Rare Books after 1949”

“Precious Calligraphy Collections in NLC”

2) Lectures

The NLC held 199 lectures in 2004 □ and 66,000 audiences attended. In 2005, 392 lectures were held and the number of listeners comes to 93,988. Compared with 2004, there is a big increase of the number. The series of lectures are of good reputation in China now.

3) Wenjin Book Award (<http://wenjin.nlc.gov.cn>)

- The Wenjin Book Award is a nonprofit cultural activity, which is established and conducted by the National Library of China.
- Purpose
 - ◇ Lead a proper trend of culture consumption.
 - ◇ Cultivate the public a love of reading.
 - ◇ Set up a communicating platform for the scholars, readers, presses and the national library.

- Appraisal

- ◇ Annually held.

- ◇ Choose through public and expert appraisal.

- ◇ Popular books including philosophy, social and natural science.

4) Promotion

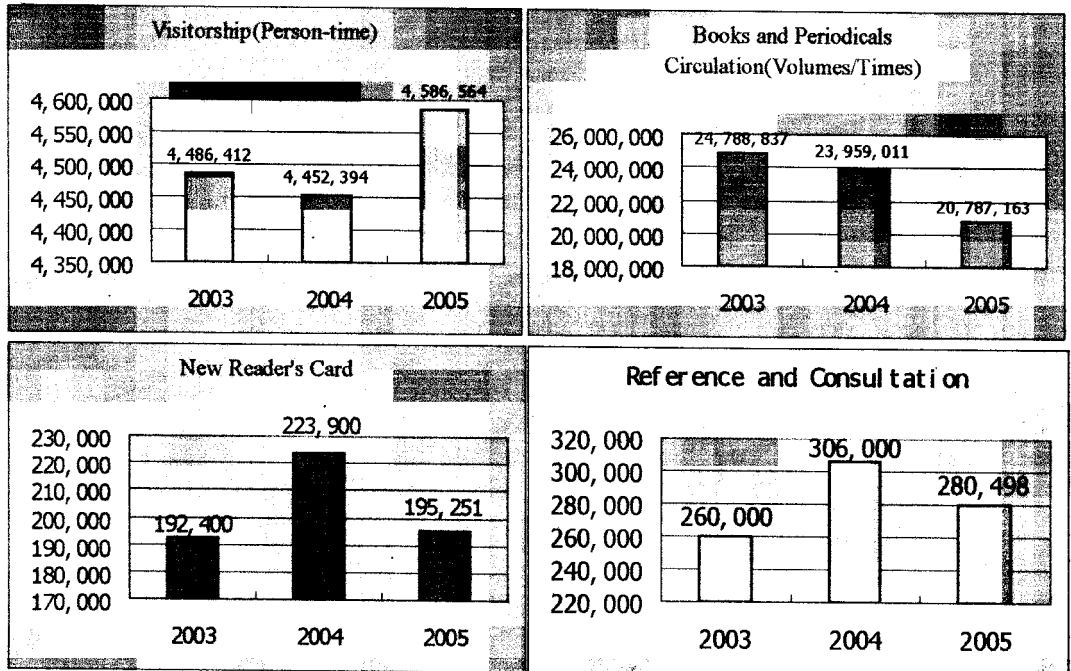
- Library Services Promotion Week

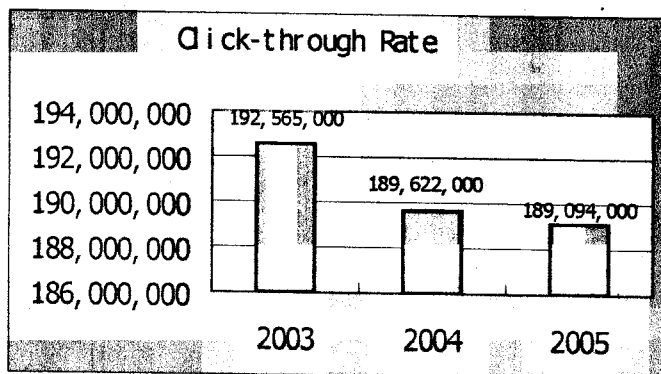
- Beijing Science and Technology Week

- NLC Reading Month

5. The Statistics of NLC Services

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(In the year of 2005, the publication circulation reached 20,787,000, which decreased 13.23 % compared with the year of 2004. 195,200 readers cards were issued in this year, which decreased 12.82% compared with the former year.)

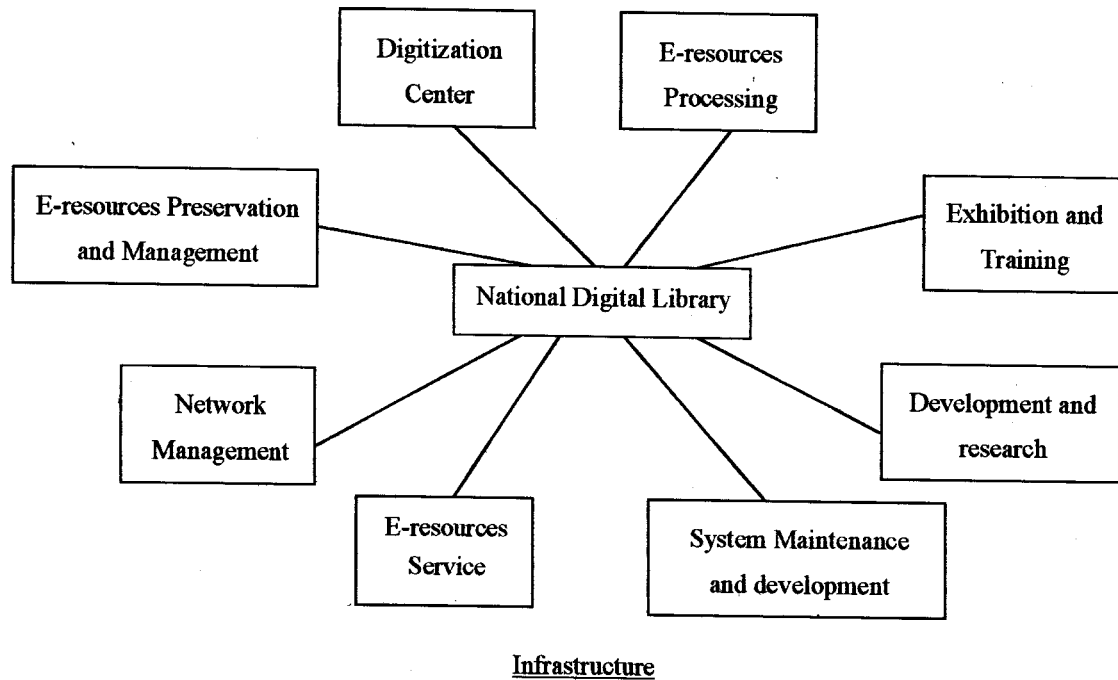
Some Key Projects

1. "The National Library of China Phase II & National Digital Library Project" (<http://www.nlc.gov.cn/ndlc>)

On December 28, 2004, the foundation laying ceremony of this project was held in the National Library of China. At present, the construction goes smoothly.

The NLC has finished the design of digital library system infrastructure.

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(The websites of the National Library of China has been updated and the digital portal has been launched <http://www.nlc.gov.cn/portal/index.htm> □

2. Chinese Rare Books Reproduction Project

With the support of the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Finance, the National Library of China was in charge of the implementation of “**Chinese Rare Books Reproduction Project**”. This project was started in May, 2002, with aim to use modern printing technology to reproduce and republish those precious rare books which were stored in different libraries and museums in China. By the end of 2005, 490 kinds of rare books have been republished (157 of them in 2005).

3. Donate books to the rural areas

The National Library of China took part in the project of “**Donating books to the rural areas**” which was carried out by the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Finance. This project was started in 2002. During 2003-2005, 60,000,000RMB Yuan was invested, more than 5,000,000 volumes of books were sent to 300 county libraries and 3000 town libraries.

International Exchanges and Cooperations

1. Hold International Conferences

- The 3rd China-US Library Cooperation Conference
<http://www.nlc.gov.cn/culc/en/index.htm>
- The Symposium on the New Technologies of Chinese Characters
- The 6th Meeting of International Dunhuang Project □ IDP □
- Training Session on “Chinese Authorities”
- The Fifth Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development <http://lib.hku.hk/ccrcd/>

2. Interlibrary Exchanges and Communications

The National Library of China exchanged senior delegations with the national libraries of Japan, Korea, Singapore, USA, Poland, Vietnam, Thailand and some libraries in Hongkong and Taiwan, which has

enhanced the cooperations. Besides, the National Library of China starts to develop the cooperation relationship with some university libraries in USA and tries to explore cooperation possibilities with other national libraries in 2005.

3. Take part in IFLA affairs

- 1) With the recommendation of the National Library of China, Mr. Zhang Xiaolin, Director of library of Chinese Academy of Science was elected as the IFLA Governing Board member; besides, 4 librarians of the National Library of China were elected as the IFLA professional committees, Cataloguing section, Document Delivery and Resources Sharing Section, Asia and Oceania Section and IFLA PAC section.
- 2) IFLA PAC China center were set up in the National Library of China. The PAC network has been created in 2005 and some professional articles on preservation and conservation were translated and distributed. NLC also send representative to attend the meeting of directors of PAC Regional Center which was held in Japan in December 2005.
- 3) 10 delegates of the National Library of China attended the 2005 annual conference of IFLA in August.