

National Library of Myanmar

1. National Library

- Organizational Structure (See Appendix 1)
- Vision, Activity evaluation

Vision

To be the National Center of all libraries in Myanmar as well as information center on Myanmar civilization, intellectual and cultural heritage.

Main Function

Main functions of the National Library of Myanmar are as follows;

- Provide as bibliographic center of comprehensive collections on Myanmar published locally and overseas
- Collect and preserve all national publication
- Compile and publish the Myanmar National Bibliography
- Provide the interlibrary loan with libraries and institutions within the country and abroad
- Promote and encourage the library movements by cooperation with internationally
- Acquire the collections from South East Asian Countries and disseminate to people
- Compile and publish the indexes of Myanmar periodicals and bibliographies on Myanmar
- Provide the in-service training to profession from other libraries and practical training to students from libraries school
- Provide the standards on the library profession in order to be equal throughout the country
- Promote and upgrade the information technology in the library and participating in the South East Asia Regional Network and Internet

- **Manpower**

47 staff, including 20 library professionals

- **Library users**

9681 users (2007)

- **Collection**

Total Collection

Book (Myanmar)	-	168,301 nos.
Book (English)	-	48,034 nos.
Magazine (Myanmar)	-	227,867 nos.
Magazine (English)	-	17,867 nos.
Newspaper(Myanmar)	-	277,978 nos.
Newspaper(English)	-	16,103 nos.

Unique and rare collections

Books	-	262 nos.
Magazine	-	1,752 nos. (1,298 items)

Journal	-	1,782 nos. (60 items)
Newspaper	-	2,900 nos. (78 items)
Palm leaf	-	16,066 nos.
Folded paper	-	1,972 nos.

Secondary publications

National Bibliography - 7 nos.

Indexes of Myanmar periodical are also compiled and publishes to provide for the users.

Digitized materials

Data Entry Book (Myanmar)	-	93,991
Data Entry Book (English)	-	11,788
Data Entry Magazine (Myanmar)	-	77,286 (27 items)
Data Entry Magazine (English)	-	1,500 (3items)

Audio-visual materials

CD	-	1,747 nos.
Cassette Tape	-	2 nos.
Video Tape	-	6 nos.

National and Special Database

National Library Management System Database (NLMS)

- Services

Reference

The National Library of Myanmar being a reference library offers a variety of services for the library users. Reference and research enquires can be made through telephone, letter, personal enquires and other. Ask Now Service is available.

Lending, including interlibrary loan

National Library provides the interlibrary loan with libraries and institutions within the country and abroad.

National Bibliographic Services

As the National Library is a Depository Centre of the nation, it has preserved all publications in Myanmar using standard bibliographic description with the purpose to compile the national bibliography.

Acquisition, Donation and Exchange

Acquisition and Collection Development : The library acquires its holding through legal deposit, exchange with libraries in abroad, gifts, donation from private and organizations, requisitions and purchase.

Digital Library

Totally 885 nos. (Myanmar and English Books) are scanned and provide the users.

- Projects

Paper Reading Ceremony related to the library field is held every week in the library.

- Affiliations, cooperation, membership (local and foreign)

Library Cooperation : The National Library of Myanmar established the cooperation with the Universities and Colleges Libraries, Public Libraries and Research Libraries with the country abroad.

2. Library of the national level

(See Appendix 2)

3. Infrastructure

National Library of Myanmar is operating the library services by holding the 2 servers, 38 computers with LAN system. National Library is using NLMS software system while other libraries in Myanmar use Winny Bargo, E.Lib and so on.

4. Preservation

A preservation and Conservation Section has been established in National Library by starting with books binding and repairing. The section has been extended its work to include preservation and conservation for rare manuscript, palm-leaf and folded paper parchment (Parabaik) by microfilming, repairing, stabilization. Digitization of very rare and old manuscripts and books are initiated.

5. Education and Training

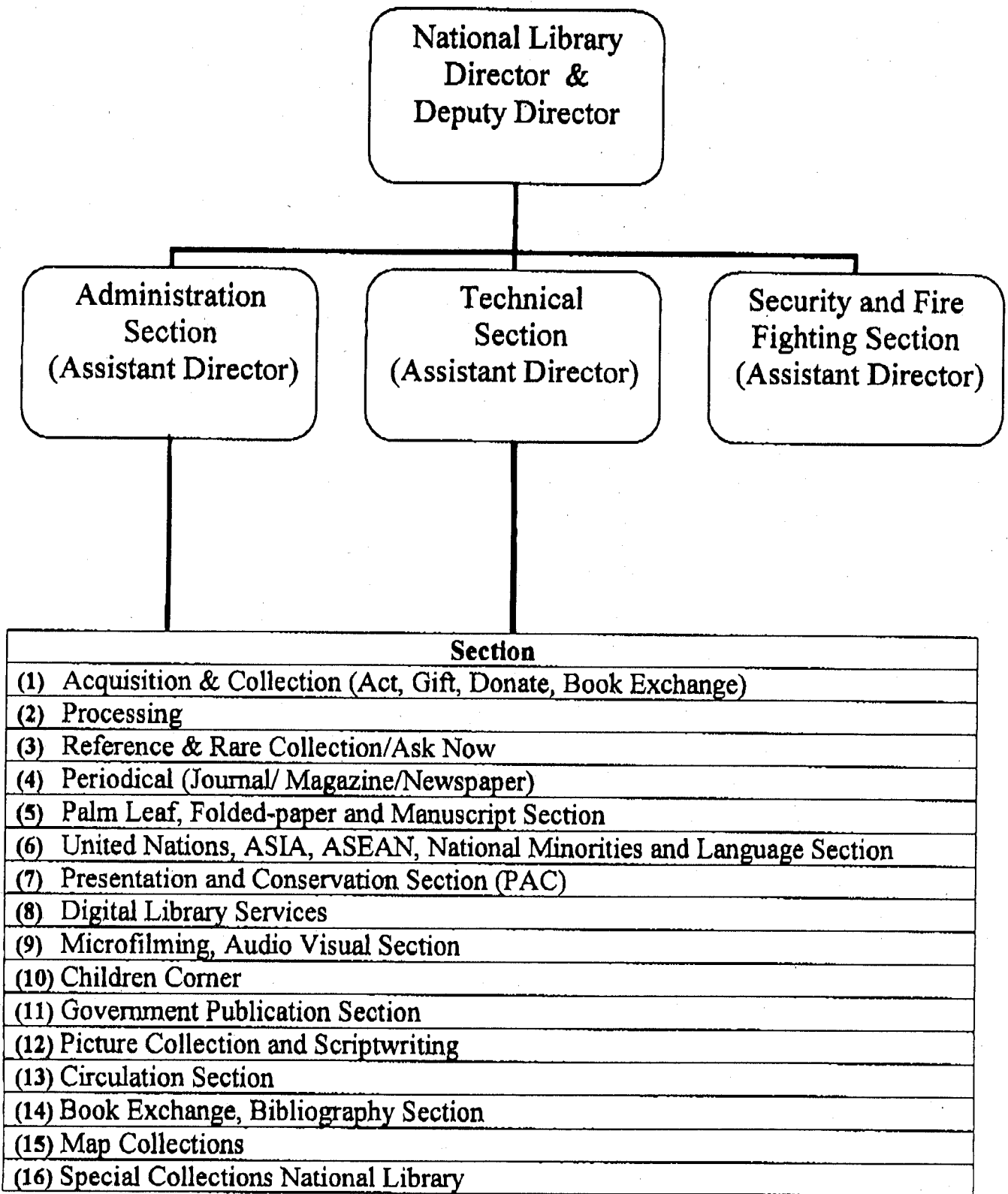
The National Library of Myanmar actively participates in the library education movements by offering lectures to other institutions and practical training at the library, and offering basis course on library science to the staff.

6. Copyright and Library Act

The National Library has become a legal depository of Myanmar-Naing-Gan, since the Printers and Publishers Registration Act promulgated in 1962. A copy of any printed material must be given to the National Library according to the Act.

As the Depository Center for United Nations Publications, materials from United Nations Organizations such as UNESCO, FAO, ESCAP and others are available for reference and research purpose.

National Library Organizational Structure



Libraries in States and Divisions
(31-12-2007)

No.	State/Division	Information Lib	Departmental	Rural	e.lfb
1.	Ayeyarwady Division	34	60	11,838	5
2.	Bago Division	32	117	6,602	2
3.	Chin State	12	1	780	-
4.	Kachin State	29	15	1,635	1
5.	Kayah State	8	26	367	1
6.	Kayin State	11	37	1,480	3
7.	Magwe Division	27	101	4,773	5
8.	Mandalay Division	34	111	5,545	32
9.	Mon State	13	1	1,198	9
10.	Rakhine State	22	-	4,185	1
11.	Shan State	74	63	8,298	4
12.	Sagaing Division	39	87	5,887	1
13.	Traintharyi Division	17	-	1,116	3
14.	Yangon Division	46	202	2,056	2
	Total	398	821	55,760	69