

COUNTRY REPORT TO CDNL-AO 2011

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library

In 2010, under the background that China accelerated the culture development, NLC strengthened groundwork, innovated services, and expanded public service scope continuously, fulfilling the annual target set at the beginning of the year. The main achievements include:

Establishing *NLC 2011-2015 Development Plan*, and setting the strategic developing targets and key tasks in the next 5 years on resource construction, services, digital library, research, talent development etc;

Expanding free service scope, and expanding services based on mobile phone, digital TV and other new media platforms;

Strengthening service for teenagers, and launching Juvenile Library of NLC and Juvenile Digital Library of NLC;

Carrying out County Level Digital Library Promotion Plan, and selecting digital resources of 1 TB from NDLC for 2,940 county libraries nationwide for public service;

Carrying out NLC Helping Xinjiang Event, offering paper literatures of 200,000 volumes for NLC Xinjiang branch, and choosing digital resource of 4 TB for mirrored services;

Continuing digitalization of collected rare books, and cooperating with Harvard Yenching Library for digitalization of its rare collections, and promoting the protection and utilization of these ancient literatures.

2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to the government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and other legislation which directly affects the library's operations.

Legislation of Public Library Law

According to national legislation plan, NLC is drafting the *Public Library Law*. Co-organizing nationwide experts in the industry, NLC and Library Society of China carried out a study on the 12 topics of public library, such as public library functions, collections, services, digital library and traditional library, etc. It has submitted the study report to the government department, providing a theory support to the drafting of *Public Library Law*.

Drafting of Administrative Regulations on Publication Sample Submission

NLC, according to the new situation and change of the present publication and sample submission, and entrusted by relative government department, collected and amended the current publication

sample submission regulations. It has made a draft on *Administrative Regulations on Publication Sample Submission*, covering all kinds of publication sample submission regulations. The regulations will be submitted to the government at the end of this year and will come into force afterwards.

Implementation of National Culture Projects

Entrusted by relative government departments, NLC took the charge of or participated in some national culture projects. For example, NLC was responsible for organizing and fulfilling national rare books protection plan. As of the end of 2010, rare books of 9,859 volumes in 31 provinces and Macao Special Administrative Region were listed in *National Precious Rare books* for national protection. 150 rare books collecting institutes were listed as national key units in rare books protection, getting support from government in terms of policy and funds. NLC organized provinces for formulation of provincial rare book list.

3. Key fact and figures

Business

At the end of 2010, NLC collected literatures reached 28,920,000 volumes and digital resources reached 480 TB, including self-established resources of 388 TB.

In 2010 alone, NLC has received readers for 5,360,000 person-times, offered books and magazines for circulation 28,030,000 volume-times, and replied 520,000 inquiries. The website has been accessed nearly 830 million times. NLC has issued readers cards at the amount of 214,700 pieces, and carried out training, lecture, visit, exhibition and other events, entertaining 382,000 person-times.

Management

In 2010, to meet the business development and changes, NLC adjusted internal organizations, and now it has 27 departments. Under the departments, there are 104 working units. Until the end of 2010, NLC has 1,353 staff, including 55 doctors and 389 Masters degree holders, rating at 4% and 28.8% respectively. During the year, NLC hosted 67 staff training workshops with the staff got trained at 9033 person-times.

4. New developments in creating and building collections

In 2010, NLC collected formally all kinds of literatures in 720,000 categories and 1,210,000 volumes, including 570,000 literatures in Chinese, 120,000 volumes in foreign languages, 490,000 volumes of rare books, map, degree paper, local literature, etc., 20,000 volumes of microform literatures, and 16,000 discs of video and audio products. In 2010, NLC strengthened its link and cooperation with government publication administration department (General Administration of Press and Publication), and for the first time calling on large scale publication sample submission which has achieved good results by increasing domestic publication sampling rate.

In 2010, NLC has increased 157 TB of digital resources, reaching a total volume of 480 TB. In the digital resources, there are 3 TB digital newspapers, 71 TB purchased data base, 388 TB digitalized characteristic resource collection, and 18 TB of network navigation and network resources. NLC purchased 219 data bases, including 105 Chinese and 114 foreign language data bases. In the same year, NLC launched digital resource collecting project, entrusting 34 provincial public libraries for local characteristic literatures digitalization, thus establishing 90 data bases, and making its resources reached 20 TB.

In its cooperation with Macau Foundation, NLC has carried out Ourroot Project, digitizing more than 500 family trees and relative literatures of 6,000 kinds. It now can provide services worldwide with the Ourroot website.

5. New developments in managing collections

Up to now, all the collection literatures in NLC have realized the management with computer. With the OPAC system, NLC can provide users with the booklist data up to 8,418,637 items for reference and uploading booklist data of 3,450,963 items to OCLC, including Chinese data of 2,365,454 items and foreign language data of 1,085,509 items. The Online Library Cataloging Centre increased booklist data with the quantity of 243,176 items for the whole year and developed 30 new users. NLC formally joined WorldCat sharing network of OCLC, realizing worldwide foreign language data sharing of its collection.

In 2010, NLC organized the revision of *China Library Classification*, fifth edition – the most popularly employed classification in China, which has been formally published.

In 2010, NLC formulated seven digital library standards, including digital resource statistic standard, uniform digital resource identification standard, management metadata standard, description metadata standard, rare book digitization process standard, etc. These standards are applied in NLC collection management now.

6. New developments in providing access to collections

In 2010, the improvements of NLC services represent in 3 aspects.

Service for government departments in their legislative decision

In 2010, some government officials and senior researchers have been invited for consulting for NLC legislative decision service and thus, NLC has provided government departments 2183 topics consulting services during the whole year. NLC launched first NLC Legislative Decision Service Exhibition in its history.

Providing public services

In 2010, NLC further expanded its social education function. It carried out the 6th NLC Wenjin Book Prize appraisal. Appraised by experts and readers, the prize was awarded to 10 kinds of books, and 48 kinds of books were recommended for readers. In the year, NLC sponsored 247 lectures, attendants reaching up to 62,300 person-times. NLC established ‘National Public Library Lecture Ally’, forming a lecture sharing platform covering more than 100 nationwide public libraries. NLC sponsored some 80 exhibitions of Xinjiang Historical Literatures and Rare books Protection Achievement Exhibitions, attracting visitors up to 133,600 person-times.

In 2010, NLC vigorously carried out new media services. Cooperated with mobile network operators, NLC offered library service by mobile phone. Cooperated with CNTV, NLC co-established reading channels, providing book renew service by way of digital TV. NLC improved NLC WAP website, increasing online resources.

In 2010, NLC continued its specialized service for research and education institutes. Services to research personnel increased at 103%, and new scientific reference service increased at 43.5%, compared with the same period of last year. NLC joined OCLC resource sharing network. For international literatures sharing, the borrowing increased at 49.3% and the lending increased at 152.7%, compared with the same period of last year.

Services for other libraries

In 2010, NLC emphasized in playing roles of leading and guiding in domestic library industry. NLC made trial purchasing of digital resources with the license nationwide, serving libraries in the whole country. It also sponsored formulating of 12 national standards, including *Public Library Service Standard*. NLC continued National Library Volunteer Project, providing specialized training for 683 local chief librarians. NLC launched 22 rare book protection lectures for nationwide rare book keepers, covering 1,306 person-times.

In 2010, NLC continued international interchange and cooperation with international library industry. With Digital resource sharing: Opportunity and Challenges as its theme, NLC successfully organized the 5th China-North America Library Conference. National libraries of China, Japan and Korea signed digital library plan protocol, cooperating in digital library. 'International Union Catalogue of Chinese Rare Books' system was started, with participants of more than 30 libraries from China and USA having Chinese rare book collection. At present, it provides some 2000 categories of rare books data for Princeton University East Asia Library. Japan's Research Institute for Oriental Cultures of The University of Tokyo opens its Chinese books video database for service.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting institutions (libraries, archives and museums)

Cooperation between NLC and other national digital libraries – National digital library construction and service joint conference

To further promoting national digital library construction and sharing digital resource construction and service achievement, proposed by NLC, the National Digital Library Construction and Service Joint Conference was established in 2007. At present, members of the National Digital Library Construction and Service Joint Conference include 8 major national digital library construction bodies in China, such as NLC, National Science Library, eduChina, etc. The members of the joint conference carried out comprehensive coordination and cooperation in resource sharing and co-construction.

On July 26, 2007, the first meeting of National digital library construction and service joint conference was held in Beijing. Up to now, 11 plenary sessions have been held. In the meetings, digital resource sharing, digital library standard construction and many other topics have been thoroughly discussed, formulating *A Guide to Digital Library Service Policy*, *A Guide to Digital Library Resource Development*, *Digital Library Safety Management Guideline* and *A Guide to Intellectual Property Protection Policy in Digital Library Resources*, etc, and providing *guidance for digital library construction* in the country.

Furthermore, the joint conference also promoted cooperation among the members, for instance, they co-constructed modern literature joint catalogue, carried out Minguo period literatures digitization process and digital resources interchanges.

The conference offered an information communication and co-construction platform for co-construction and sharing among national digital library field, playing an active role in promoting China digital library construction. In the future, the members will participate in each other's project definition of digital library design to strengthen communication and coordination in digital library planning and implementation, performing general planning and coordination in national digital library construction. Besides, the members will also cooperation in rare book digitization process, metadata establishment, network resource collecting and protecting, etc.