

COUNTRY REPORT

21st CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA (CDNLAO) 2013

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES National Library of Pakistan

Federal Department of Libraries is an attached Department of Ministry of Capital Administration and Development, Islamabad. The Department was established at Karachi in 1973 to deal with matters related to Libraries and Librarianship in the country. The Department is also custodian of National Literary heritage. It collects all published literary heritage under provisions of Copyright Ordinance, 1962 in order to preserve for the use of present and future generations. The Department is member of International Federation of Library Association & Institutions (IFLA), Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL/Asia-Oceania Chapter) and Union of National Libraries of ECO Countries. The Department was shifted to Islamabad in 1981. National Library of Pakistan, National Human Resource Development Centre for Libraries, Islamabad, International Standard Book Number Agency, Islamabad, Islamabad Public Library, Model Children Library, Quaid Public Library, F-9 Park, Islamabad and 06 Islamabad Community libraries work under the administrative control of the Department.

Staff Strength:

- Officers 52
- Others 126
- Total 178

Budget 2012-2013:

- Total Budget :Rs 60.188 million

Location of the libraries/Institutions is as under.

1. National Library of Pakistan,
Constitution Avenue,
Sector G-5,
Islamabad
URL: www.nlp.gov.pk
2. International ISBN Agency,
Pakistan Branch,
National Library Building,
Islamabad.

3. National Human Resource Development Centre for Libraries,
National Library Building,
Sector G-5, Islamabad.
4. Islamabad Public Library,
9th Avenue, Sector H-9,
Islamabad
5. Model Children Library,
9th Avenue, Sector H-9,
Islamabad.
6. Quaid Public Library,
Fatima Jinnah Park,
Sector F-9, Islamabad.
7. Islamabad Community Library,
Sector F-11 Markaz,
Islamabad.
8. Islamabad Community Library,
Sector G-7 Near Iqbal Hall,
Islamabad.
9. Islamabad Community Library,
Street 9, Sector G-8/2,
Islamabad
10. Islamabad Community Library,
Sector G-11 Markaz,
Islamabad.
11. Islamabad Community Library,
Sector I-8 Markaz,
Islamabad.
12. Islamabad Community Library,
Street 57, Sector I-10/1,
Islamabad.

FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

- a) Management and operation of Libraries/Institutions under its administrative control;
- b) Collection and Preservation of National Literary Heritage under the Provisions of Copyright Law and to provide access to its knowledge resources;
- c) Compilation and publication of the Pakistan National Bibliography on annual basis;
- d) Formulation of plans and policies for development of Libraries and library services;
- e) Provision of reading and reference services to Ministries, Divisions, Departments, Federal Government Offices and employees;

- f) Provision of reading and other library services to the citizens and children of Islamabad;
 - g) Management and operation of International Book Numbering (ISBN) Agency of Pakistan;
 - h) To Organize courses and workshops for Human Resources Development in the field of library science;
 - i) Collection of statistical data on libraries and conduct of research;
 - j) Provision of advisory services to other institutions in the planning and improvement of their libraries;
 - k) Representation on International Library Forums and international cooperation in the field of library science on behalf of Government of Pakistan;
 - l) To promote the readership among all strata of society;
 - m) To facilitate the academic and cultural activities in the Federal Capital by extending the Auditorium facility for holding seminars, conferences, educational programmes, etc.
- Major activities of the department during the Financial Year 2011 – 2012 are as under

NATIONAL BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS 2012

National Book day is celebrated on 22nd April every year. Book fair in connection with National Book Day celebrations was organized from 20 – 26 April, 2012 at Pak China Friendship Centre, Islamabad. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Prime Minister of Pakistan inaugurated the book fair. The Department of Libraries proactively participated during the festival and set up temporary library at the occasion to make visitors aware of library activities and facilities. The Department of Libraries provided following services during the festival for creation of awareness among the visitors.

- On spot readers' membership;
- Displayed online public access catalogue (OPAC);
- Stall for new arrivals of books and journals;
- Displayed rare books;
- Displayed publications of Department of Libraries;
- Created real library reading room;
- Established children activity area;
- On Spot ISBN Registration.

PAKISTAN NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (PNB) – 2011

The Department of Libraries published annual volume of Pakistan National Bibliography 2011. The bibliography contains the bibliographic data of 2482 Pakistani publications published in Urdu and other regional languages whereas 627 Pakistani publications in English language have been covered.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

Human Resource Development is a continuous phenomenon which is essential for sustainable development. Following training workshops/seminars were organized in the National Library of Pakistan for creation of awareness and to fulfill the continuing education needs of Librarians working in various libraries.

1. International seminar on Bibliographic access in an Internet World and marketing the library services 26-1-2012.
2. Seminar on Seerat-un-Nabi and four days exhibition of books, 07-10, February 2012
3. Seminar on World Book & Copyright Day on April 23, 2012.
4. Seminar on "*Role of an association in professional development*" on 26th April, 2012.
5. A seminar arranged on the topic of "Recognition of Librarianship as profession in Pakistan: Issues and Opportunities".16-05-2012.

INTERNSHIP:

The Department of Libraries also extends Internship training for post graduate students of Universities on honorary basis for period of 45 days to 60 days. 06 Post-graduate students were trained under professional internship training programme.

ADDITION OF BOOKS TO ISLAMABAD COMMUNITY LIBRARIES:

In view of low number of public libraries and learning activity areas in Islamabad. The Department of Libraries in collaboration with Capital Development Authority established libraries in various sectors of Islamabad. Four libraries were established in Sectors G-7, G-8, I-8, and F-11 during the financial year 2007 – 2008. 02 Islamabad Community Libraries in Sectors G-11 and I-10 were added to the network during the year 2008-09. The libraries are at initial stage of their development.7902 new books were added to the collection of 06 aforementioned new libraries during the financial year 2012-13.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAKISTAN:

National Library of Pakistan at Islamabad is the most vital organ of the Department of Libraries and serves as top most knowledge resource center of the nation. The Library was formerly inaugurated on 24th August 1993 by the then Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Activities & Achievements

National Library maintains a collection of about 203,000 volumes for research and reference purposes. The library acts as legal depository for national published literary heritage under the provisions of Copyright Ordinance 1962. It also serves as depository of some international organizations like Asian Development Bank (ADB) and International Labour Organization (ILO). Major activities of the library during FY 2012-2013 are as follows:

- Received 2275 Books, 18992 issues of Journals and 4312 copies of Newspapers under Copyright Law.
- Purchased 1073 Books.
- 15510 Readers Consulted 11283 Books.
- 4515 users enjoyed internet searching and surfing facility
- 1853 books were fumigated and 918 books were bound.
- Allotted ISBN to 6120 Pakistani publications and 154 new publishers were enrolled.

ESTABLISHMENT OF LENDING DIVISION IN NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAKISTAN:

The Department of Libraries has established a lending section in National Library of Pakistan in order to facilitate the library users. This was earnest demand of library users to borrow books from National Library of Pakistan to meet their needs.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CORNER:

National Library of Pakistan is member of Union of Head of National Libraries of ECO countries. The meeting of the union held in Turkey in October, 2009 decided that ECO countries, corners will be established in all National Libraries of member countries. Department of Libraries in collaboration with Embassy of Republic of Azerbaijan in Islamabad has set up Mr. Hyder Aliyev corner in the National Library.

“AIWANE-QUAID LIBRARY” OPENED AT F-9 PARK, ISLAMABAD:

Department of Libraries has taken over the possession of Aiwan-e-Quaid Library on 21st September, 2011 in pursuance to the judgment of Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan and Board of Governors of Aiwan-e-Quaid. The officer and staff have been deputed. The library is now open for the public. The book collection of the library for research scholars and general public will be developed on priority basis. The library is located at a central place and will provide modern facilities to the library users. Books and knowledge resources amounting to Rs. 3.00 millions were purchased for the library during the financial year 2012-2013.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FAIZ LIBRARY AT F-10 MARKAZ, ISLAMABAD

Department of Libraries is going to establish Faiz Library on a plot measuring 2000 sq. yds. At F-10 Markaz, Islamabad. The establishment of Faiz Library was announced by the President of Pakistan on 18th February 2011 in a ceremony held at Aiwan-e-Sadr in order to pay tribute to Faiz Ahmed Faiz. The purpose and function of the library would be to serve as public library for all citizens. A special section would be reserved for Faiz Gallery. The building would comprise of four floors in addition to the basement. The library will extend state of the arts services in line with the international practices and standards. The present plot reserved for library is located at a central place and easily accessible to the general public. Preliminary architectural designed has been prepared.

COOPERATION BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND IRAN FOR PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION OF MANUSCRIPTS AND RARE BOOKS:

An Iranian delegation from Astana-e-Quds Rizvia, Mashhad, Iran visited National Library of Pakistan on 9th February 2012 to discuss the matters regarding preservation and conservation of manuscripts and rare books. The delegation comprised of Agha Majzooob Hussaini and Agha Noori Nia, renowned experts for preservation and conservation of manuscripts. Various issues of bilateral interest including establishment of conservation and preservation laboratories, digitization of manuscripts and exchange of library experts between two countries were discussed. They assured full support and cooperation for establishment of preservation laboratory and provision of relevant training to the official of National Library of Pakistan.

PUBLICATION OF PLA NEWSLETTER SPECIAL ISSUE 2012 AND CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

PLA Headquarters in pursuance to the Article-9, clause-9.9 of Pakistan Library Association's constitution has shifted the headquarters to the Department of Libraries. Department of Libraries has the responsibility to conduct elections. PLA NEWSLETTER "SPECIAL ISSUE 2012" was published in order to make PLA members aware about Elections 2012. Salient features of this issue includes scholastic articles by Ch. Muhammad Nazir, Director General, Department of Libraries, and Syed Ghyour Hussain, Director, Department of Libraries. Directory of PLA Members, updated PLA constitution and information regarding PLA Election-2012 are also part of this publication.

ISLAMABAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, ISLAMABAD

Activities & Achievements

Islamabad Public Library, Sector H-9, Islamabad provides reference, research and reading services to the residents of Islamabad. Major activities under taken by the library during FY 2012-2013 are as follows:

- Purchased 234 new books for the Library;
- 4285 books were issued for home reading;
- 161 new members were enrolled;
- 24476 readers visited the library and consulted 32195 books;

ALL PAKISTAN CONFERENCE ON “CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF LIS PROFESSIONALS AND OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARIES IN PAKISTAN” ON 12 – 14 NOVEMBER, 2012.

Department of Libraries, Government of Pakistan, in collaboration with Pakistan Library Association (PLA) are organized three days All Pakistan Conference on “Career Development of LIS Professionals and overall improvement of Libraries in Pakistan” from November 12-14, 2012 at National Library Of Pakistan, Islamabad.

About 400 library and information science professionals, educationist, dignitaries, library friends, legislators and public opinion makers participated in the conference from Balochistan, KPK, Sindh, Punjab, AJK, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Federal Capital. Some international delegates also attended the conference.