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1 Facts and Figures

	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	Funds from financial allocation: 522.6753 million yuan Self-raised funds: 109.4757 million yuan
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	Total number of employees: 1,337 Number of staff with bachelor's degree or above: 1,280 Number of staff with college degree or below: 57
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	Physical collections: 43.2687 million volumes (pieces) Digital resources: 2,631.4TB
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms	On-site visitors: 1.765 million

	ii. Digital visits to websites	Clicks on the website: 1.707 billion
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	9,009 pieces (including interlibrary loan and international loan)

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

In 2022, the National Library of China deeply implemented the strategy of “quality improvement” to promote the construction of a more enriched collection system, and continuously upgrade the quality of services for institutions and the public.

The NLC actively promoted the inclusion of new resources in the collection system. Relying on the “Chinese Memory” project, the NLC collected 147 hours of oral history resources from representative figures in key fields, 123 documentaries, and 241 physical objects such as torches and medals for the Winter Olympics. In addition, the NLC promoted the construction of an open access resource collection, preservation, and service platform, and included over 25,000 types of foreign language books for open access.

The NLC vigorously supported national legislative decision-making and technological innovation: established the “NLC Law Library” to provide legal information and professional knowledge services to national legislative decision-making organs, legal research institutions and the public; established the “NLC Intellectual Property Information Service Center” to provide intellectual property information services, which was selected as one of the “First Batch of National Excellent Cases of Intellectual Property Information Services in 2022”.

The NLC innovatively promoted, guided and served nationwide reading: overcame the difficulties of the pandemic to open the library, circulated 6.9565 million pieces of literature throughout the year, and organized 1,201 free exhibitions, lectures, training and performances online and offline; held the 17th Wenjin Book Award appraisal, consolidated and improved the effectiveness of feature reading services such as “M Subway · Library”, “NLC Open Course”, and “Caring for the Elderly”; organized readers across the society to “read together with members of the National Committee of the CPPCC”, planned and launched the “Four Seasons Children's Reading” program, and recommended books to children of different age groups every quarter.

The NLC vigorously inherited and promoted excellent traditional Chinese culture: completed restoration of subject-based projects such as the “TianluLinlang” of the Qing Palace; released a total of 102,000 ancient books and digital resources of special collections through the “Chinese Ancient Books Repository”, and provided login-free access to the “Website on the Protection of Literature of Revolutions and Literature of the Minguo Period”; published 20 new editions of “100 Classics of the Chinese Traditional Culture”, and organized promotional activities such as concerts, creative promotion exhibitions, online lectures, and recitation of classics, attracting 160 million readers to participate; the National Museum of Classic Books

held 18 themed exhibitions, including the “Exhibition on the ‘TianluLinlang’ Restoration Project”, and received 523,000 visitors throughout the year.

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

In 2022, the NLC relied on various business platforms to continuously deepen exchanges and cooperation with the domestic library community and other types of institutions, forming a greater force to promote the development of librarianship.

The NLC took the lead in the implementation of the construction of the “National Smart Library System” to promote the smart transformation of public libraries nationwide; prepared the knowledge resource development guidelines and fine-grained label indexing work plans, and guided public libraries nationwide to jointly carry out knowledge-based processing of characteristic resources; provided special training on smart library construction to public library practitioners nationwide, with over 10,000 people participating in the sessions.

The NLC actively engaged in business and academic exchanges: conducted 46 exchanges and training sessions on key businesses such as literature acquisition, joint cataloging and reference & consulting services, organized the 17th National Joint Conference of Library Directors of Provinces, Autonomous Regions, Municipalities, and Large Cities, and jointly organized the 13th National Academic Seminar on Knowledge Organization and Knowledge Services with the community, the third NSTL Cloud Forum on the Open Services of Technological Literature and the Seminar on High-End Development Path of the public welfare literature platform.

The NLC collaborated with various institutions to plan and organize reading promotion activities: collaborated with the library community nationwide to launch the “Books, Spring Breeze, and You” themed event during the World Book Day, attracting 1,039 nationwide to participate; worked with Dunhuang Research Institute, Tianyige Museum, Confucius Museum, Northern Kunqu Opera Theater and other ancient books collection institutions to organize the live broadcast program of “The Qixi Festival in Ancient Books”, with an audience exceeding 12 million; jointly planned the “Exhibition of Antiquities from Ancient Syria” with the China Cultural Relics Exchange Center, which was selected into the “2022 Golden List of Beijing Influential Cultural Consumption Products”.

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

In 2022, the NLC followed the development principles of coordination, openness and sharing to actively expand exchanges and cooperation with various domestic and foreign book and information service institutions, organizing and participating in 26 online and offline external exchange activities throughout the year.

The NLC organized library professionals to participate in multiple international conferences online and offline, including the 87th International Federation of Library Associations and

Institutions (IFLA) Congress and related committee meetings, the 28th General Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania, and the 11th Shanghai International Library Forum; organized and held the China-UK Library Forum, the 14th Conference on Cooperative Development and Sharing of Chinese Resources, and participated in related conferences and activities organized by the libraries from Belarus, Russia, Qatar, Japan and other countries.

The NLC constantly promoted the construction of the Silk Road International Library Alliance, held the Fourth Silk Road International Library Forum, the Second Silk Road International Library Alliance Online Training for Librarians, and launched the Silk Road Digital Library website. At the same time, the NLC strengthened the construction of the BRICS Library Alliance and held an online seminar.

The NLC continued to fulfill the functions as the IFLA-PAC China Center and the IFLA Chinese Language Center, and recommended outstanding professionals to participate in the work of IFLA. As of the end of 2022, 15 personnel from the NLC had served in various units of IFLA. In addition, the NLC continued to organize the translation of documents from IFLA, completing approximately 250,000 words of translation throughout the year.