



### **A summary report on the damages of libraries and cultural facilities in the earthquake-hit area**

- an earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale
- 4 county-level libraries were destroyed completely
- 29 county-level libraries were severely damaged
- 25 county-level libraries were damaged
- There are 2384 damaged facilities reported and 670,000 books destroyed
- the estimate of economic loss of the library damages is about RMB 436,000,000.00



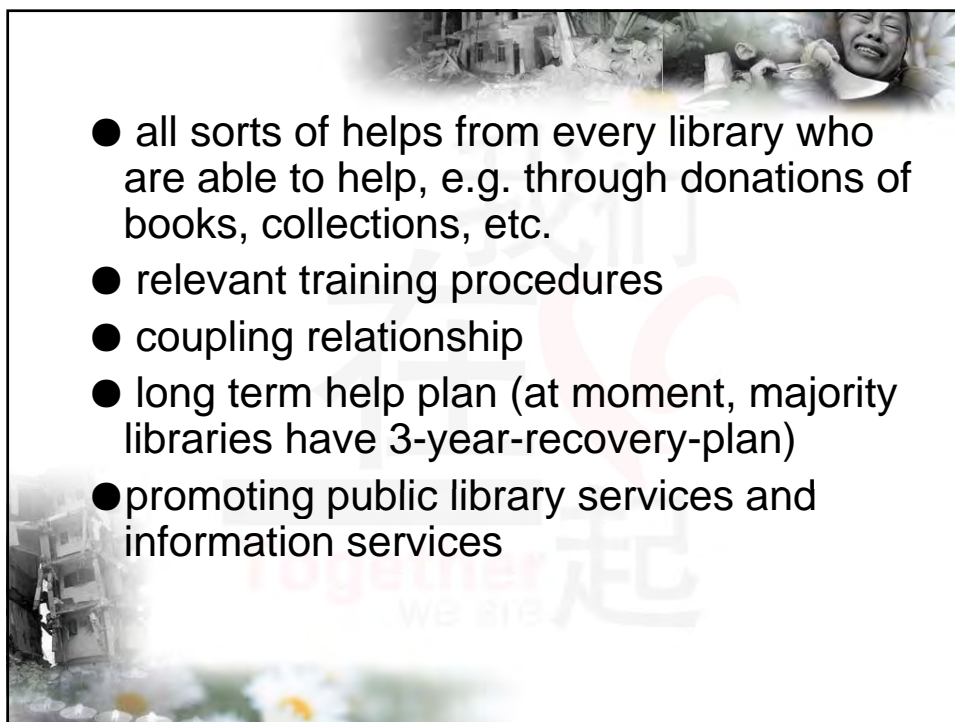


四川省绵竹市图书馆 Mianzhu County Library in Sichuan province





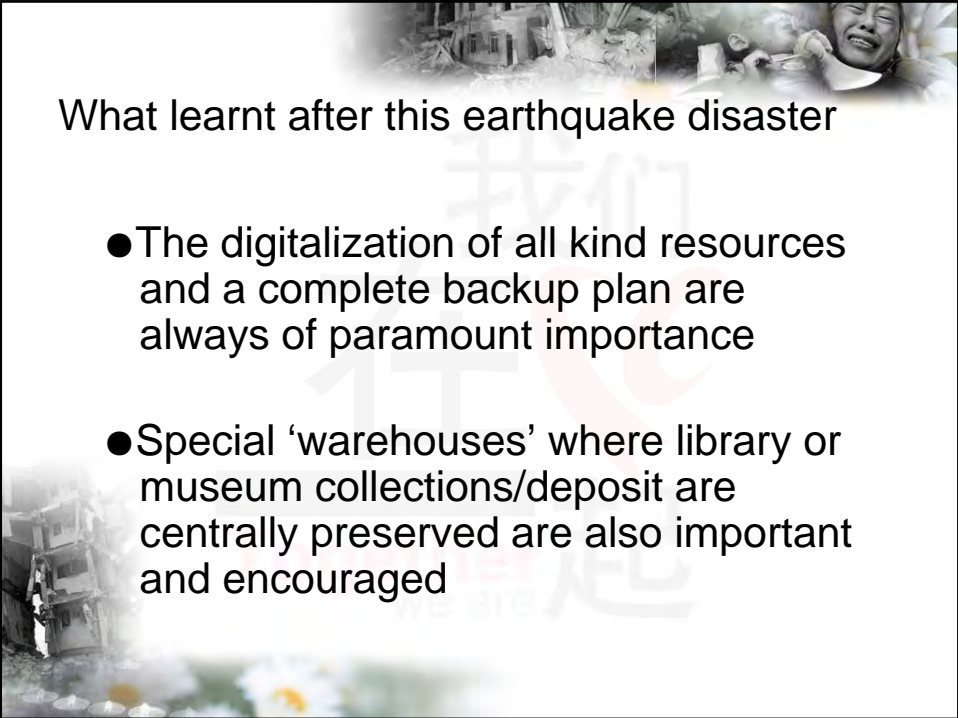
**Rebuilt efforts and the helps from the National Library of China (NLC) and Library Society of China (LSC)**



- all sorts of helps from every library who are able to help, e.g. through donations of books, collections, etc.
- relevant training procedures
- coupling relationship
- long term help plan (at moment, majority libraries have 3-year-recovery-plan)
- promoting public library services and information services







What learnt after this earthquake disaster

- The digitalization of all kind resources and a complete backup plan are always of paramount importance
- Special 'warehouses' where library or museum collections/deposit are centrally preserved are also important and encouraged



Sincerely thanks for your help!