

Annual Report to CDNL 2011/2012

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1. General Overview

Designing Thirteen-Year Strategic Program (2012-2025)

Strategic planning project of NLAI has come to an end with the aim of defining strategic issues of the library, compiling strategic approach for managing strategic issues, applying appropriate strategy, and finally defining prospect of organizational success and development of effective executive process. It has focused on providing NLAI with the basis for implementation of the strategic project, recognition of the organization, comparative studies and , analysis of outside environment of the organization, defining aims and strategies of organization, conducting opinion poll from managers and experts of the organization about aims and strategies, compilation of strategic document and planning for strategy implementation.

Website Redesign

The new website of NLAI was revised for more effective and easier feasibility and redesigned. Technical infrastructure, user interface, and information architecture changed and website reengineering became audience-based.

Developing of Virtual Reference Software

NLAI planned and launched the first comprehensive virtual reference software on 23 November 2011. The aim of compiling the software has been the integrated management of virtual reference services in National Library and other libraries of the country.

2. Key Facts and figures

Holdings of NLAI

Type of Resources	Numbers
Books	2,500,000 (volumes)
Periodicals	2,000,000(numbers)
Non-Book Materials	2,000,000(titles)
Manuscripts	35000 volumes
Lithographs	29000 volumes
Non- governmental Documents	1,100,000
Total Library Materials	7,664,000 items
Total Archival Documents	170,000,000

Number of Full Time Personnel: 1138

3. New Developments in Creating and Building Collections

Launching of Specialized Collection of Persian Gulf

Referring to the naming of 30 April 2011 as "Persian Gulf National Day", and the importance of historical name of Persian Gulf for all Iranians NLAI has created the special collection of Persian Gulf with the aid of public and some archives and archival centers (Mahtab Assembly). All available information in archival centers including all types of documents like letters, maps, images, etc have been collected and processed in similar format and became accessible in Persian gulf database.

Oral History

Oral history collection is one of the valuable collections of NLAI. The organization has made different interviews for recording oral history and has organized the voice of interviewees along its text in the collection.

4. New Developments in Managing Collections

Digital Library and Archives Standards Compilation Project

NLAI as pioneer organization in compilation of national standards of library and information science is going to create appropriate and effective guidelines and standards, and related protocols and is compiling digitalization standards and METS national profile.

5. New Developments in Providing Access to Collections

Search Option of Library Catalogue (OPAC) by Cell Phone

To develop access to library catalogue, it is possible to search in library resources by cell phone. The program can be used in android operating system.

Development of Digitalization Capacity

The digitalization capacity has been reached 5000 pages in day by purchasing new scan facilities and strengthening of man power in recent year, with about 700 percent increase .The capacity increase has been made for supporting digital library and archives services and enrichment of digital holding of National Library and Archives of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Increase in Digital Objects of Digital Library and Archives

The number of accessible digital resources in library and digital archives website has been multiplied by four in recent 6 months. Many of the old and historical images are among the added items to collection.

Creating Digital Hall

Digital hall is a portal for access to information resources in digital format for users of NLAI. For simultaneous access of users to the organization resources and preservation of the limited copies of written heritage of the country available in our organization the resources are scanned and will be accessible in digital hall. For copyright reasons, the resources can not be downloaded. In addition, internal databases, distributed databases and free information databases have been made accessible to users.

Obtaining Permit for Advertising New Printed Books of Publishers

To develop access to new printed resources, the digital copies of books will be made accessible to users in the digital hall with agreement of publishers. The project will be executed on September 2012.