



National Library of Turkey Annual Report 2014

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Planning, Decision Making and Performance Indicators:

Since the enactment of the “Public Financial Management and Control Law” in 2003, public administrations have needed to predicate their budgets, programs and resource allocations on strategic plans, yearly purposes and performance indicators so as to provide a better service in terms of quality and quantity. The National Library has been appointed with 15 performance indicators, shown below as in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for the Ministry of Culture and Tourism:

- Minimum number of poses transmitted to digital media
- Number of conserved or restored sheets
- Number of conserved or restored manuscripts
- Number of books with a new binding or cover maintenance
- Number of catalogued and classified materials
- Number of materials provided to the Library (by compiling, exchange, purchasing and donation)
- Number of materials demanded by the users
- Number of audio books
- Number of booklets for the Bibliography of Articles in Turkish Periodicals (TMB) belonging to the last two years
- Number of downloads from the Periodicals Information System
- Number of downloads from the Fine Arts Information System
- Number of catalogued printed works in Ottoman Turkish, manuscripts and rare books in Latin.
- Number of nationwide and international activities held in the halls of the National Library

- Number of materials sent to other institutions through donations or international exchange by the National Library
- Minimum rate of user satisfaction with library services

Handling of electronic publications and formats, including new legislation

The Law No. 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works (1951, amended several times: 1983, 1995, 2001, 2004, 2008) has been majorly amended with the Law numbered 4630 and dated 2001. This amendment has introduced new regulations for transfer of works via Internet. This Law entitles the rights owner, whose material and moral rights is infringed via Internet, to initiate removal of infringement, prevention of infringement and compensation lawsuits. Furthermore, it contains criminal sanctions against the infringing parties.

Turkey is party to the Berne Convention, to the Rome Convention, to the WIPO Convention, and to the TRIPS Agreement. There are several collective management bodies in Turkey which, specializes in film and television copyright.

Law on Compilation of the Reproduced Intellectual and Artistic Works Nr. 6279 has been adopted on February 22, 2012.

Funding

The current budget for the National Library of Turkey for fiscal year 2015 is 11.852.000 TL (app. \$ 4.560.000). The investment budget is 4.350.000 TL (app. \$ 1.670.000).

Buildings

In addition to the current major reading halls, two recent reading halls were brought into use in 2014. The total capacity of the NLT has increased from around 1200 to 1430 seats. There is also a project branded as Samsung Digital Library. The Samsung Company has concurred to undertake resolutions to different challenges that a modern library could face. Hence, the Samsung Company is to be referred as the official sponsor spanning the Project years. As a starter, a former periodicals reading hall has been reconstructed entirely. Samsung Company has undertaken the entire decorating process. As of the beginning of 2015, parts of the reading hall with periodicals are functional. The total planned capacity for the digital reading hall is 85 seats with 54 iPads, 20 lap-tops and two 55 inch kiosks. The digital hall is equipped with four video walls 65 inch monitors, routing screen, two printers, two air conditioners, many sockets and WI-FI in order to ensure the researchers a functional and serene environment.

Information technology and networks

Internet research and browsing in the electronic databases of which the Library has subscribed is available at the Internet Access Center of the National Library. With the Catalogue Browsing Automation, identity info's of all the materials in the Library collection are available. Member readers will be able to access wireless Internet in the Library by entering the info on the member ID card into the relevant forms.

As for Internet access, 100 Mbit Metro Ethernet through Turk Telekom; and for our member readers, 20 Mbit Metro Ethernet (Wireless) is provided.

All of our Internet services are offered via IPV4 and IPV6 with IP blocks acquired from RIPE, the company distributing IP's to European Countries. In order to help business continuity and keep electronic data intact from unexpected disasters, such as earthquake, flood or cyber-attacks; we are on the brink of establishing a disaster recovery center.

It is also possible to acquire a membership to our Library by using electronic or mobile signatures.

The digital library

In light of advancing technology, electronic services hold a significant place in libraries as in all other areas. The National Library too, has ramped up the works of digitizing and online services in this direction.

In this context; as the National Library, we primarily determined that the website, which is a major front to offer electronic services, should be designed with trendy concepts and state-of-the-art technologies. After studying the leading national libraries all over the world, we formed a Site Map convenient with our mould and the renewed web site has begun to air as of January just after a short period of construction.

Microsoft SharePoint is built for the infrastructure of the website, thus allowing a framework integrated with the system of institutional structure. The process of availability and accessibility of the website has been commenced with analytical integration.

As of now, web-based services under the title of e-applications within our website (such as the Bibliographies, Manuscripts Data System, Periodicals Data System, e-membership system, etc.) are available.

Periodicals system

All of the rare journals and newspapers written with Old Ottoman Turkish letters in our collection had been digitized and offered to researchers and interested parties via our website bearing its e-trade extent in mind.

As part of the project called "Periodicals Data System"; researchers, by accessing to the National Library website, could browse for bibliographical identities while they are also able to see the content of the periodicals as images.

Materials are scanned with a resolution as high as 300 dpi and presented online as either TIFF or PDF file formats.

Articles Bibliography System

Another one of the systems that is redesigned considering user needs and renovation concerns is the Turkish Bibliography of Articles. The Bibliographical System is one of the leading and most comprehensive electronic resources published in Turkey. Around one million articles in five thousand journals could now be browsed through a single interface.

The database infrastructure has been reconstructed by various advances, thus enabling to add indices of author's and authority's name.

Services to readers

The National Library of Turkey has subscriptions to 19 different electronic databases. Within this context, NLT has access to:

- More than 100.000 e-books
- 2.268 electronic newspapers
- 10.000 electronic journals
- 1.544.197 documents (maps, citations, standard, etc.)
- 1.5 million complete academic essays

Researchers may reserve the books on the internet prior to coming over to the Library, allowing them to reach their desired books with a minimum loss of time. It is also possible to acquire a membership to our Library by using electronic or mobile signatures.

The readers who have completed the membership procedures are able to have remote access to the phonograph collection or database services.

In 2014, 300 books were dubbed with the contribution of volunteer readers. 1.606 visually impaired users has benefitted from this service in 2014.

There are about 3.500 audio books in the system and these records are accessible online to the visually impaired via a membership system.

Preservation and Conservation

- 28.479 binding treatment had been done during 2014.
- 13.068 books had been treated with a transparent binding in 2014.
- Restoration of 330 manuscripts and rare books had been completed in the Library's Pathology and Restoration Lab in 2014. Also, 11.835 sheets of printed books had been restored.

In context of digitization process, the NLT had acquired 4 brand new grand scanners for mass digitization within the budgetary means. The Metropolitan Municipality of Ankara has provided 11 machines and staff in order to accelerate the digitization project as well. With their assistance and the Institutions' intensive efforts, our entire collection of periodicals and in excess of 400.000 poses of books and non-book materials are planned to be carried onto digital media within the newly formed Digitization Unit inside the National Library.

Cultural events and exhibitions

The "Window to Romania" opened in April 2014. The Chamber of Deputies of Romania contributed to the enrichment of the stand by a donation of books, albums and other documentary materials that open a window to Romanian art and culture. Turkish Parliament Speaker Cemil Çiçek and the president of the Romanian House of Representatives, Valeriu Stefan Zgonea attended the opening ceremony in the National Library in Ankara.

Every year, traditionally in the last week of March, Turkey celebrates the role of libraries and librarians in society. The 50th National Library Week was celebrated with the theme "Libraries to Last Forever" from March 31st to April 6th 2014 with various events in NLT

In 2014, 94 events had been held in Library halls. The NLT had been either a contributor or a host in 33 of them. In collaboration with other domestic institutions, the NLT facilitated exhibitions in different major cities of movie posters selected from the non-books materials collection. 4 non-books materials exhibitions had been held within this scope in different cities.

Library co-operation

The National Library of Turkey has been in exchange procedure with other international institutions for various information and documents. Within the frame of reciprocity, Memorandum of Understandings has been signed with 10 national and international institutions.

31.282 books were donated and 556 books were sent abroad within the scope of the exchange program in 2014.

Collection Status

Printed Books	1.518.105
Books in Old Ottoman Turkish Alphabet	59.228
Manuscripts	27.597
Periodicals	1.511.971
Non-Book Materials	110.281
Microfilm	120.104
Rare Books in Latin alphabet	6.100
TOTAL	3.353.386

Highlights of 2014

2014 marked the 100th anniversary of Turkish Cinema. The history of Turkish Cinema began with Fuat Uzkınay's documentary film about the destruction of the Monument of

Ayestefanos in Istanbul in 1914. The number of cinema audiences of the Turkish films increased constantly over the past decade and increased to over 50 million in 2013. In order to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Turkish Cinema, The Ministry of Culture and Tourism has organized film weeks and festivals in Turkey and abroad in 2014.

<http://www.sinema.gov.tr/English/turkishh-cinema-s-centenary.html>



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