

TURKEY

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COLLECTIONS

Books	1,106,342
Periodicals vol.	729,372
Non-book materials	197,353
Manuscripts	34,935
TOTAL	2,068,002
Users enrolled	391,413
Staff	215

SPECIAL TOPIC

Management of the library (developments and improvements)

The National Library is one of the main institutions linked to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Thus, the final decision about all administrative and financial issues is made by the Ministry.

The two fundamental problems of the Library are as follows:

- I). Staffing matters
 - a).Difficulty of employing qualified personnel
 - b).Difficulty of employing an adequate number of personnel
- II) .Budget problems

FINANCE AND FUNDING

The total budget of the NLT is **USD 3,721,428.-**

Due to the fact that the Library does not enjoy an autonomous structure and an independent budget, the delivery of certain services is hampered. Problems are encountered in such fields as:

- The design and the realization of new projects,
- Purchase of new publications,
- The renewal of the computer hardware and software,
- The mailing of books and bibliographies abroad,
- Purchase of paper to be used for the publishing of bibliographies and catalogues.

LEGAL STATUS

With the enactment of the Establishment Law on March 29, 1950, the NLT assumed a legal identity.

ACQUISITIONS

The National Library owns a collection of **2,068,002** volumes consisting of books, periodicals and non-book materials. The number of books in National Library is **1,106,342** while the periodicals collection contains **729,372** volumes. The total number of other materials such as maps, posters, musical notes, sound recordings and pictures collected in special collections is **197,353** and that of rare titles and valuable manuscripts is **34,935**. National Library obtains these materials by collecting, purchasing, exchanging and by donations. The funds allocated to foreign purchases is approximately **USD 27,143.-** and domestic purchases is **USD 40,937.-** respectively.

CONSERVATION / PRESERVATION OF COLLECTIONS

A significant portion of the rare volumes and manuscripts in Turkey are preserved in the National Library. In order to comprehend the difficulty that the National Library faces with respect to preservation and restoration, it would be enough to consider that the mentioned collection includes **26,001** manuscripts, **8,934** legal registrations from the Ottoman Era, approximately **60,000** books and **6,547** periodicals in Arabic script between 1728-1928.

The works on the transfer of manuscripts, rare volumes and periodicals into microfilms in the National Library Collection are being carried out. **1100** manuscripts and **185** kinds (in **896** volumes) of periodicals in Arabic script between 1728-1928 have been transferred into microfilms in 2002. The transfer of the remaining periodicals and newspapers in Arabic script between 1728-1928 is still in progress according to the project.

IT AND NEW TECHNOLOGY

The number of bibliographic records in the National Library database has reached a number of **648.000** and the online access is available from the NLT home page for the users. Search request on CD-ROM databases has been decreased, so the only updated CD-ROM database in hard use is Dissertation Abstracts. The regularly updated CD-ROM database can only be used within the Library but the output can be copied upon request. The National Library has been linked to the Internet with a speed of 512 Kbps. All programs required for accessing the Internet have been already installed.

SERVICES TO READERS

The National Library Regulations for User Services (1984) are currently valid. The production of catalogue cards has been suspended after the initiation of computerized services. A security system

has been installed for monitoring the entrance and the exit of the users. The number of materials (books, photocopies, microfilms) demanded by foreign libraries is **37** and we received **37**. The number of the users of the Library is **391,413** and these users have used **167,291** materials.

National and international book demands are handled by the Section of Reader Services and Section of Foreign Relations and Cultural Activities.

CATALOGUING AND OTHER TECHNICAL PROCESS

Cataloguing in the National Library is based on computerized systems. Bibliographic records are defined in accordance with AACR2 Rev. Ed. and OCLC MARC formats, classified according to the principles of the Dewey Decimal Classification System and directly loaded into the National Library database and also put into service through OPAC.

INTER-LIBRARY CO-OPERATION

The National Library has agreed on Cultural Exchange Programs with several countries within the context of its Cultural Exchange Program. The "Turkish Bibliography" and "Turkish Articles Bibliography" are sent to **73** countries and a total of **251** libraries, institutes for Oriental Studies and information centres worldwide. Furthermore, publication exchanges are made with **122** addresses.

STAFFING MATTERS

Currently 215 staff, comprised of 1 president, 1 vice-president, 1 head of department and 15 section directors, 20 librarians, 5 experts and the others working as government employees and temporary employees on contract, are employed by the Presidency of The National Library.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

The National Library, due to the budget deficiency, meets financial difficulties in accomplishing the projects it started and preparing new ones. Thus, the support of international organisations is needed.

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