

# IRAN

## NATIONAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF IRAN

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The second phase of the National Library was inaugurated on 10 February 2007 consisting of the public library, children's library, centre for Iranology and Islamic studies, and library for the blind.

The amalgamation of the National Archive with the National Library made it necessary to have a second look at the organisation of the National Archives' branches in provinces. Accordingly now each branch acts as a provincial centre for the national library and archives. So its collection now consist of both books and archival materials. Each provincial library and archive should collect and preserve materials specifically related to that province.

Several conferences were held in the National Library's auditorium on topics related to librarianship and information technology.

The second volume of the *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science* was published thus completing it from A to Z in Persian.

The IRANMARC has been implemented in the Library's Software, the Library's bibliographic data base, and is in every day use by users and the staff.

As a new project, the IT Department is working on handling CIP online to save publishers' time and achieve more accuracy.

More than 3791 volumes of precious manuscripts were purchased.

The project of "Catalog on Iranology and Islamic Studies kept in the National Library of Iran" was completed. It is now under press and will be published digitally as well. It consists of 13,989 records in English, German, French and Russian. Since each record has full cataloguing information, it is also useful for cataloguers.

Performance of a play and undertaking an exhibition with the cooperation of French and Netherlands Embassies.

The publication department has published more than 42 volumes during 2005-2006, some of them being new editions of the Library's previous research projects.

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