



THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA

PRESERVING CULTURAL INHERITANCE AND ADVANCING THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES

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Housed at 12 East Street, Kingston, The **National Library of Jamaica (NLJ)** is the repository of all information on Jamaica. The National Library was established in **1979**, founded on resources that once formed the **West India Reference Library WIRL)** .

The WIRL was founded in **1894** and focused on collecting material that was significant to the West Indies. This public library was the first of its kind in Jamaica.

With the establishment of the NLJ however the focus of the Library shifted, and more emphasis was placed on materials that are specific to Jamaica.

Since its beginnings in **1979** the NLJ was under the guidance of the Institute of Jamaica (IOJ) however new legislation that was passed in December **2010** established the National Library of Jamaica as an independent institution autonomous of the IOJ. This law establishes the National Library of Jamaica as a corporate body and provides the legal framework to formalize the mandates and operations of the library.





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The NLJ is bridging the gap between preserving cultural inheritance and sustainable development. By digitizing cultural artifacts, curating heritage collections, and organizing library events, the NLJ ensures that the cultural inheritance remains accessible and relevant to present and future generations

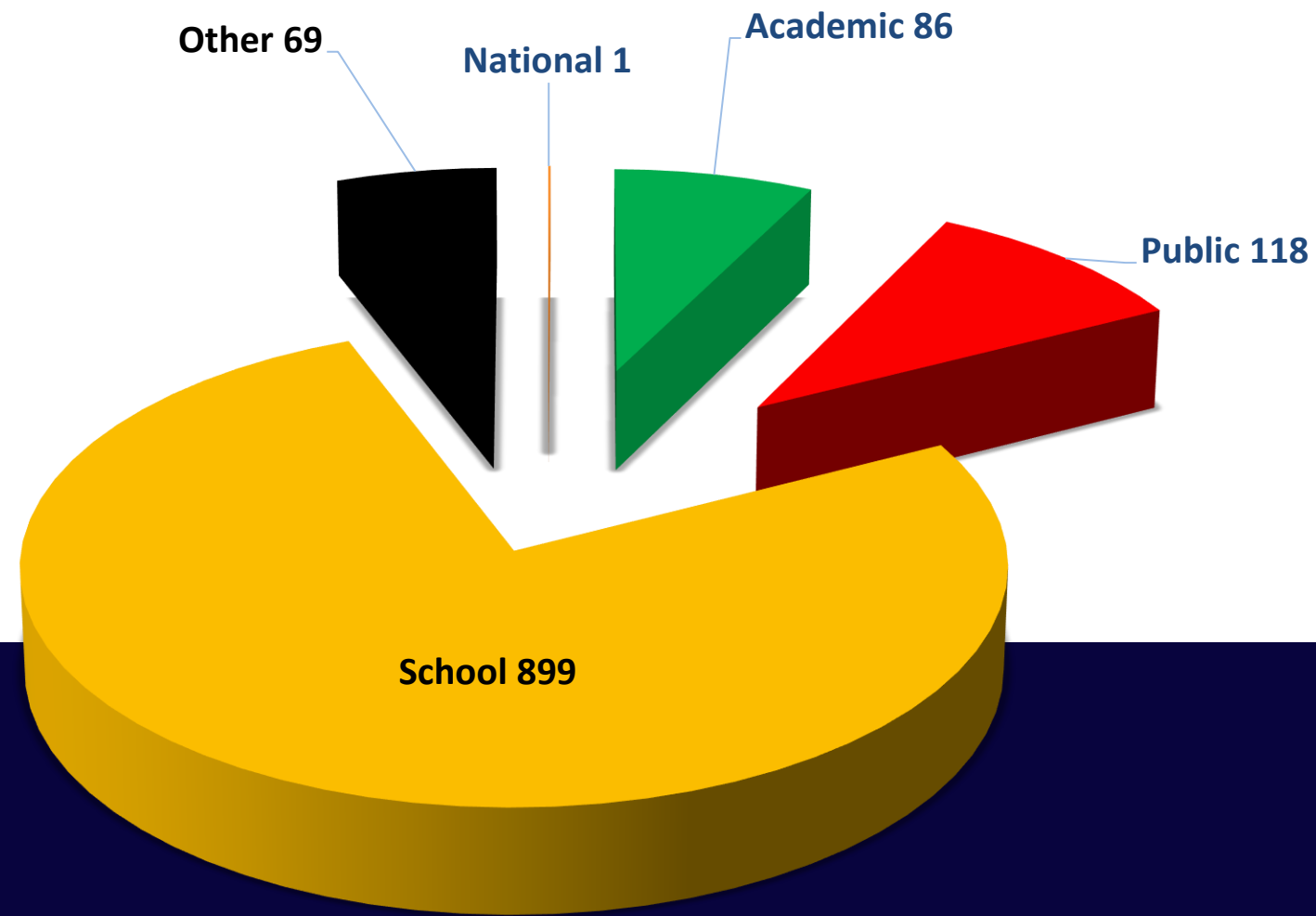
- **EXPLORE - Cultural Heritage Preservation** Through Our Special Collection, Archives, and Digitization initiatives, the NLJ is playing a crucial role in safeguarding our cultural inheritance from loss, deterioration, or destruction
- **DISCOVER – Online Resources – Catalogue, Digital Collections**
- **CONNECT – Contact us – email, telephone or visit our offices**





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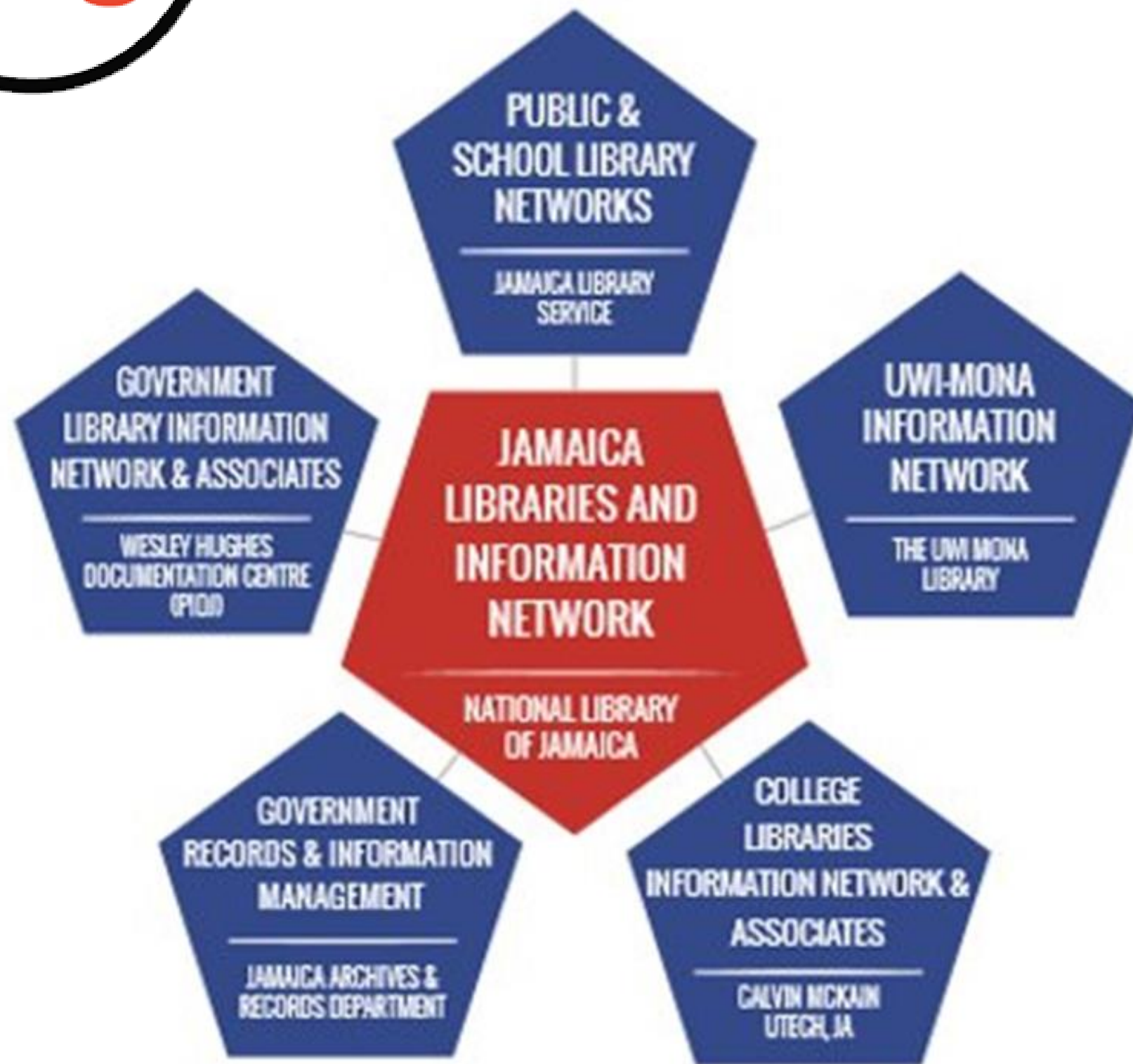
TYPE OF LIBRARIES IN JAMAICA



86.5% of Public Libraries offer internet access



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The National Library Act, 2010 authorizes the National Library of Jamaica

- to coordinate and facilitate the development of sectoral library networks
- to provide for cooperation between public libraries, school libraries, tertiary education institution libraries, private libraries, museums and the Jamaica Archives and Records Department.



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“The National Library of Jamaica: Supporting Jamaica’s Sustainable Development”

Vision 2030 Jamaica – NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
alignment with The
Sustainable Development Goals



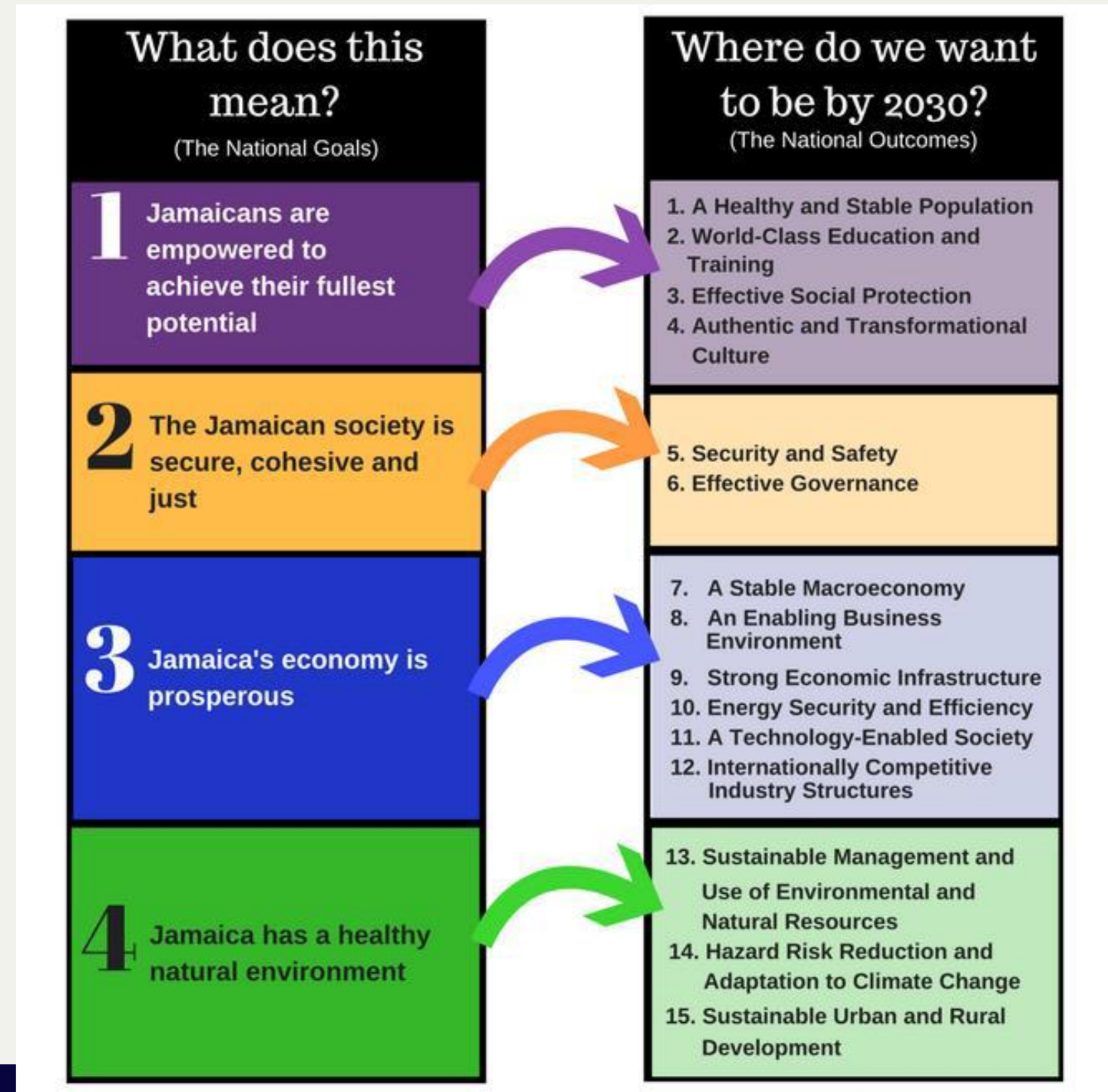
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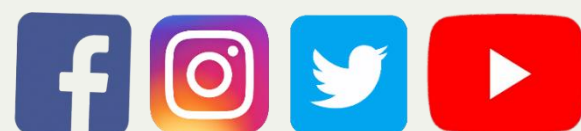
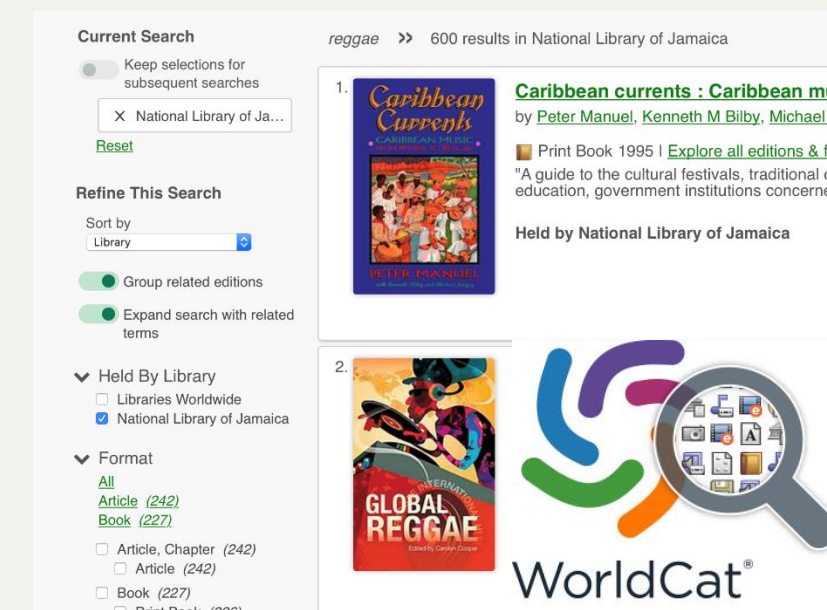
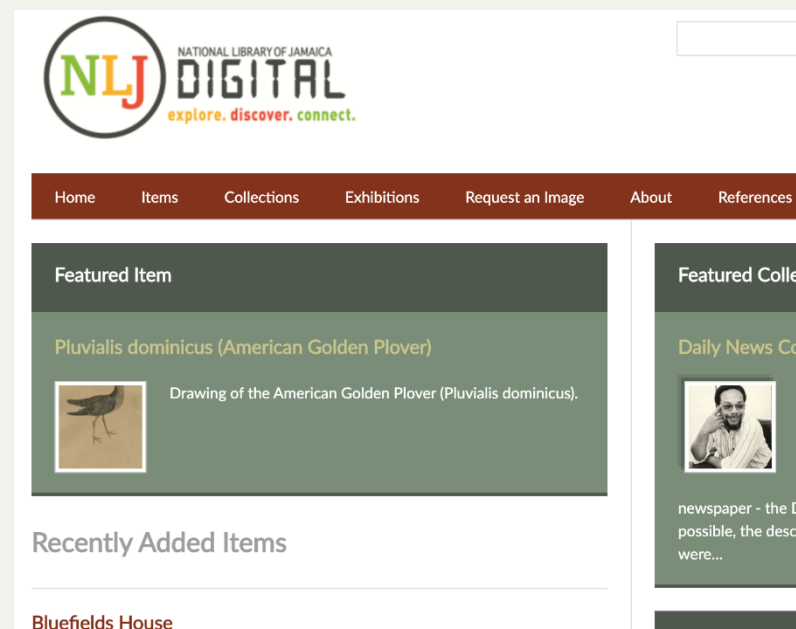
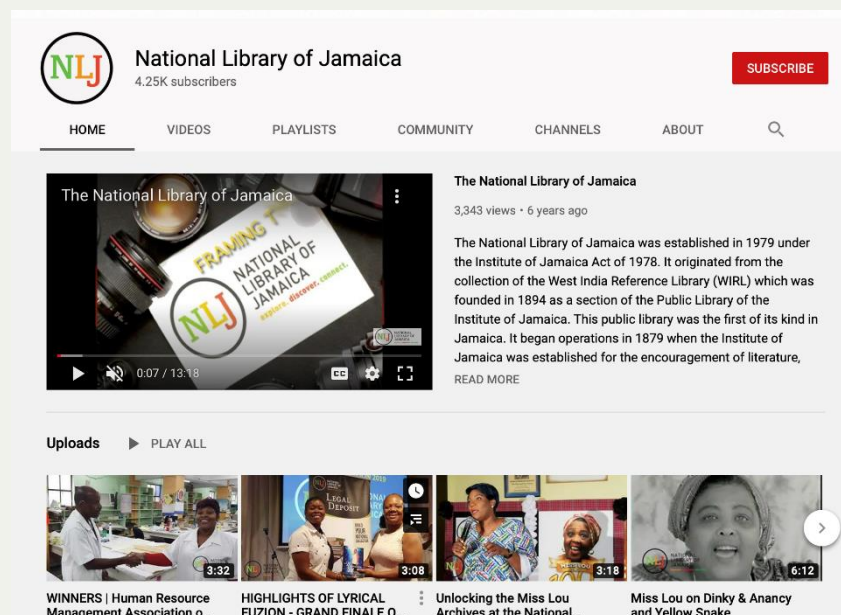
Medium-Term Priority Strategies and Actions under the 15 National Outcomes





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