

**National Library of Laos
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Brief description of the National Library of Laos



<https://sites.google.com/view/nll-online>

National Library is established in 1956, as now we are under the Literature and Publishing Department in the Ministry of Culture and Tourism.

responsible for :

- development all libraries in Laos with the aims to be the center of data information and also center library technical for Lao's libraries
- sharing knowledge and experiences about library work with colleagues and partnership in Laos and abroad for library development
- Preservation and Conservation of intellectual property of cultural heritage and necessary documents for managing, collecting information, rescuing Palm leaf manuscripts, and for providing public access.

Libraries in Laos	Number of Library
National Library	1
Public Library	11
University and College Library	82
Special and Individuals Library	55
School Library	1960
Bus Mobile Library	5
Boat Library	4
Book Case	8.950

NLL Structure



Director

Total of 24 staff



Deputy

Administration
Section

Reading and
Public
Relations
Services

Acquisition
and ISBN
Issue Section

Cataloging
and Technical
Section

Palm leaf
Manuscript
Section

Reading
Promotion,
and Library
Network
Section

National Library Collections



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➤ Books

- * **Books about 445.049 volumes**
- * **public services 159.709 volumes**
- * **Book in Lao language 98.451 volumes**



➤ Magazine

- ✓ Total 10 Titles
- ✓ 12.580 Volumes
- ✓ Service inside the NLL
- ✓ After service we collected and sewed in a yearly books



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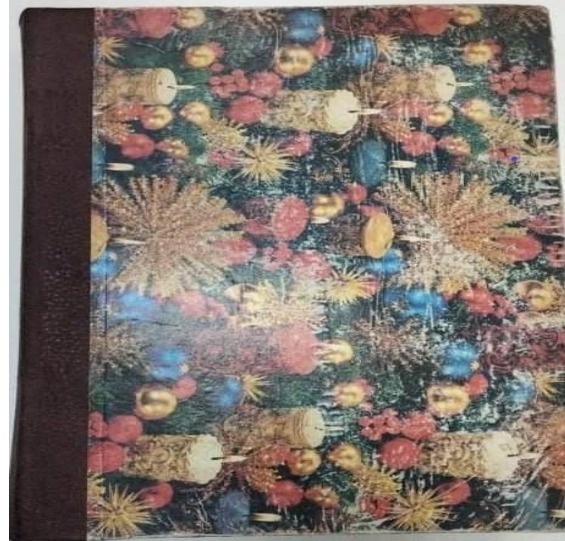


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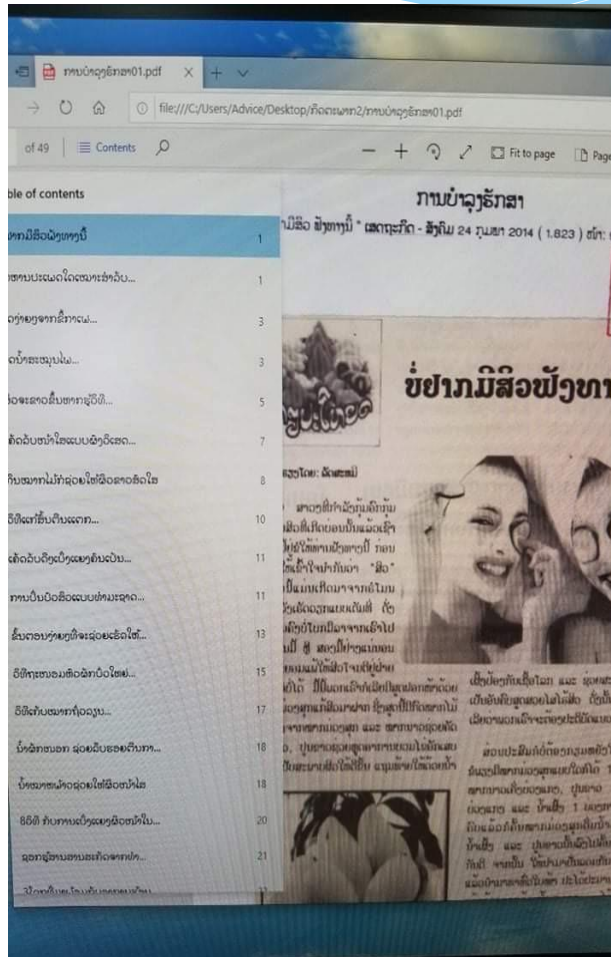
➤ Newspapers

- ✓ 10 titles
- ✓ Total : 27.180 Volumes
- ✓ internal Services
- ✓ collected and sewed in a Monthly Version of each title
- ✓ No scan and Not be available via the Internet.



➤ Clipping

- ✓ 3.790 Sheets
- ✓ Scan 2.230 to data base searching only internal Services
- ✓ Not be available via the Internet



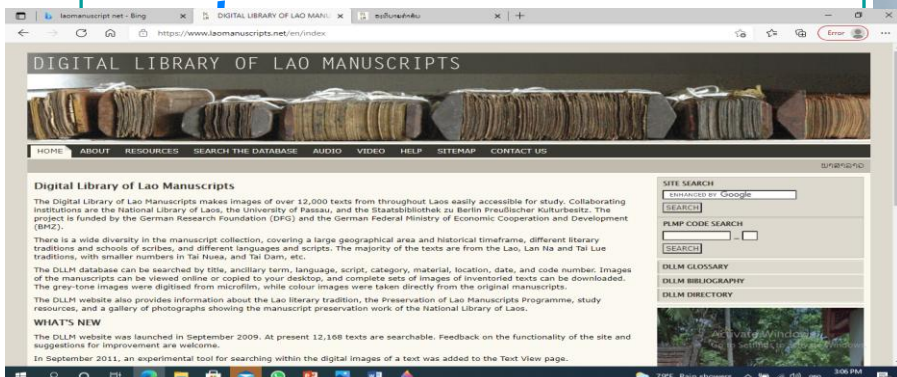
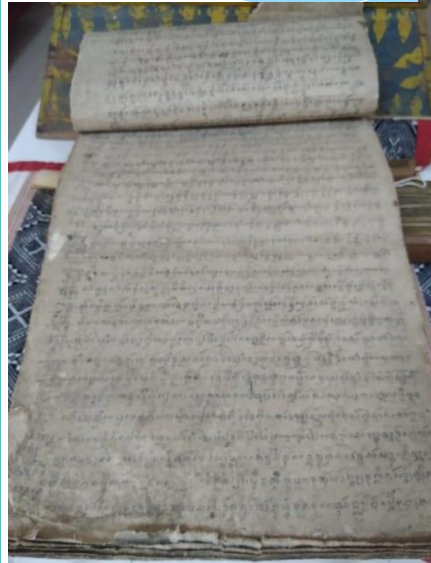
➤ Rare Books (Indochina Books)

- ✓ 3,000 volumes
- ✓ both of which have been catalogued and digitized
- ✓ Internal Services
- ✓ Not be available via the Internet.



➤ Palm leaf Manuscript

- ✓ **Total 86,000 texts (368,000 fascicles)**
- ✓ **Over 12,000 selected texts are now incorporated in the Digital Library of Lao Manuscripts Collection.**
- ✓ **More information go to : <http://www.laomanuscript>**



➤ Archive of Traditional Music information in Laos

- ✓ Total 3.260 Audio Recordings from 28 different Ethnic groups
- ✓ 5736 Minute Video Recordings
- ✓ 1560 Photographs
- ✓ 146 Transcription of Music and
- ✓ 70 drawings and descriptions of musical instrument with are accessible for the public
- ✓ Internal Services
- ✓ Not be available via the Internet.



For the Cultural inheritance and Sustainable Development of Libraries

- * For Lao PDR also importance has been given to the preservation of national heritage, especially Lao printed materials and palm leaf manuscript that are of cultural and historical significance to the nation, and continuously develop library work, especially expanding library networks to provinces, building provincial libraries, building libraries for remote schools, organizing training to enhance knowledge and technical library skills for responsible personnel that they can continue work. Which includes opportunities and challenges that are both favorable and difficult in in Laos library development.

Opportunities

- There is library law as the based for library operation.
- There is policy and Strategic plan to develop the human resources library infrastructure to promote information literacy for improving the quality services in the library sector
- There is opportunities to cooperate and partnership to support each other, such as all libraries in Laos, Embassies in Laos, Asia region, ASEAN, NGO and other countries that have the same purposing for library development.

Challenges

- Lack of skilled personnel,
- Lack of modern equipment, vehicles, and tools to contribute to the work, and
- Lack of budget that is not sufficient to meet the needs of transforming the work into a modern and sustainable

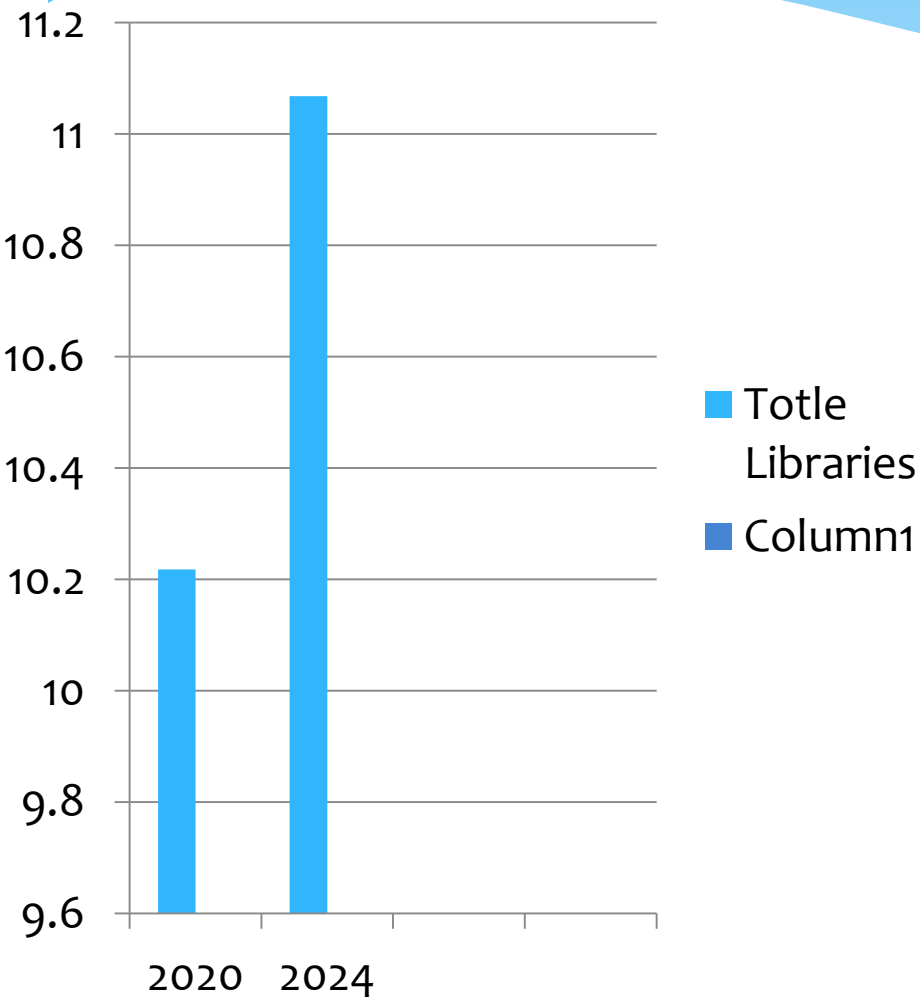
EX: Reading Culture Promotion and Library technical training of trainer

We have activities for reading promotion in door and out door especially the school without library or school in the remote area.

We provide technical training to local, specialist and other libraries staff across the country.



EX : The increasing number of libraries in Laos



Thank you so much

