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Cultural Inheritance and Sustainable

Development of Libraries

in Malaysia



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Overview of NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA

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Established **1966**

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Vision Statement

The leader of National Information and Library Services

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Mission Statement

To excel Library Services Delivery and Preserving the Nation's Intellectual Heritage Holistically and Comprehensively towards shaping a knowledgeable society

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Main Services

- Reference Services;
- Lending Services;
- Children's Library;
- u-Pustaka; and
- Publisher Service.

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Notable Achievements

- Recognition of Malay Manuscripts in the PNM Collection
- Marrakesh Treaty Members (as entities authorized under the Copyright Order (Authorized Entities) 2022
- Hosted the 84th IFLA World Library and Information Congress (WLIC) in 2018
- Champion of the Yellow Apron Challenge Program (Read Me a Book: ASEAN-ROK is Reading)





LIBRARY DISTRIBUTION IN MALAYSIA

NATIONAL LIBRARY

- ❖ The Department's role as a leading library in Malaysia was strengthened with the approval of the National Library Act 1972 (ACT 80) (Containing all amendments up to January 2006)

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RURAL LIBRARY

- ❖ Libraries that provide library services in rural areas that are located far from town and branch library services.
- ❖ Statistic
 - PNM Rural Library - 506
 - PAN Rural Library - 579

1,085

SCHOOL LIBRARY

- ❖ A school library or school resource center (PSS) is a type of library in a school that allows students and teachers to access various resources.
- ❖ Statistic
 - School Library (Government) – 10,238
 - School Library (Private) - 186
 - MRSM Library - 57

10,481

ACADEMIC LIBRARY

- ❖ A library whose organizational structure is under the administration of the Ministry of Higher Education.

418

TOTAL
13,104

343

STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ❖ An institution that provides public library services to the community in each state through state, regional, branch, town and mobile public libraries.

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SPECIAL LIBRARY

- ❖ Established in an organization in Ministries, Government Departments, Statutory Bodies, Private Firms and Organizations that have specialized collections in related fields to provide services to users of the organization.
- ❖ Statistic
 - Government Special Libraries - 535
 - Special Libraries of Statutory Bodies - 67
 - Special Libraries of Private Agencies - 27

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KEMAS RESOURCE CENTER

- ❖ The KEMAS Resource Centre or formerly known as the Community Library is an important premise in generating knowledge and information for the rural community in general.

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PNM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

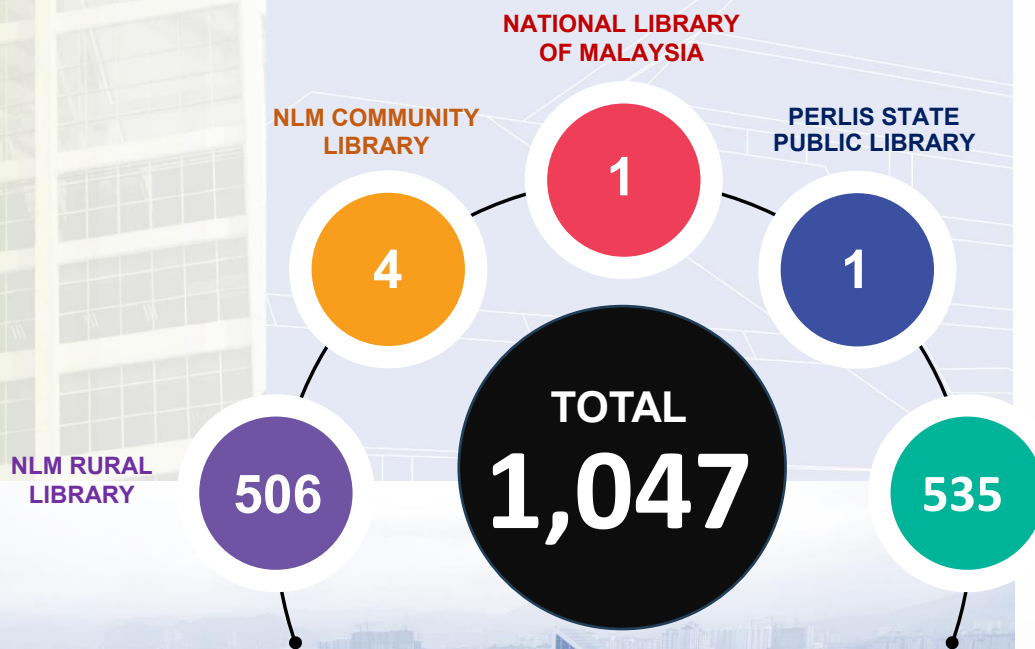
- ❖ Libraries that provide library services to local residents and surrounding areas as well as in shopping malls.



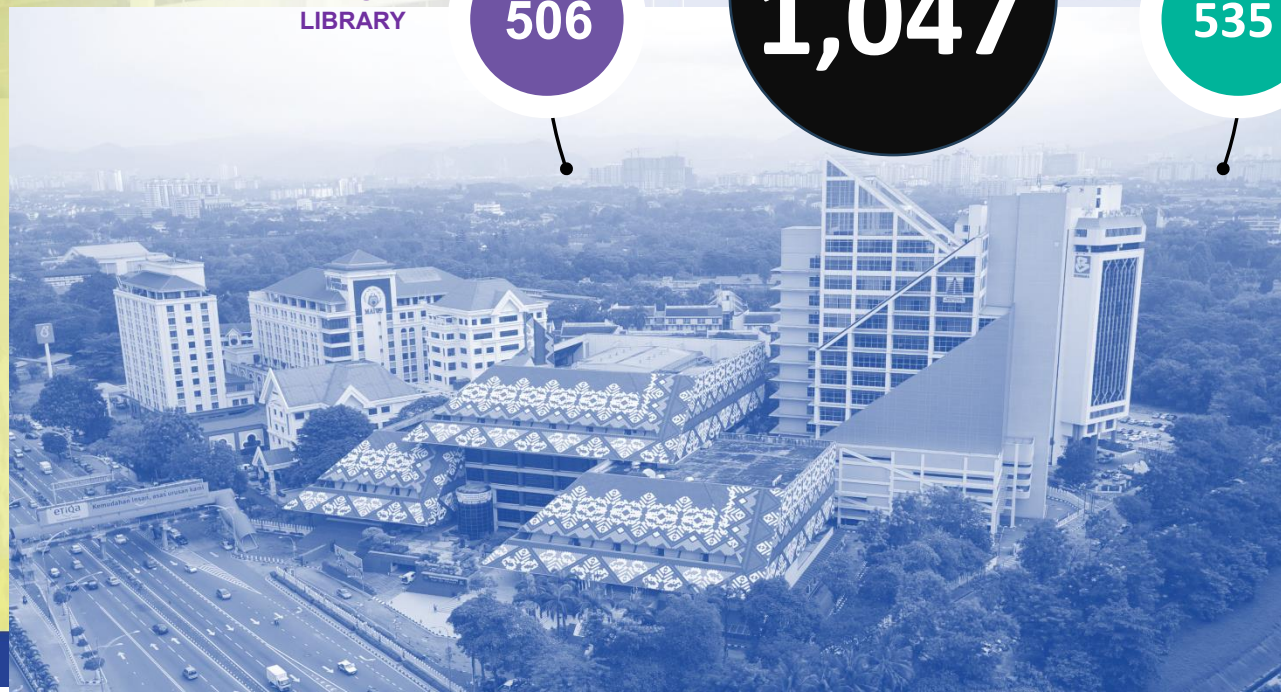
LIBRARY STATISTICS UNDER NLM



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GOVERNMENT SPECIAL LIBRARIES



Source: Research Division, May 2025



4 CORE SERVICES OF NLM STRATEGIC PLAN



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EXPANSION OF INFORMATION ACCESS THROUGH THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATION'S INTELLECTUAL TREASURES

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INCLUSIVE AND INTEGRATED LIBRARY DIGITALIZATION

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STRENGTHENING THE CULTIVATION OF KNOWLEDGE TOWARDS LIFELONG LEARNING

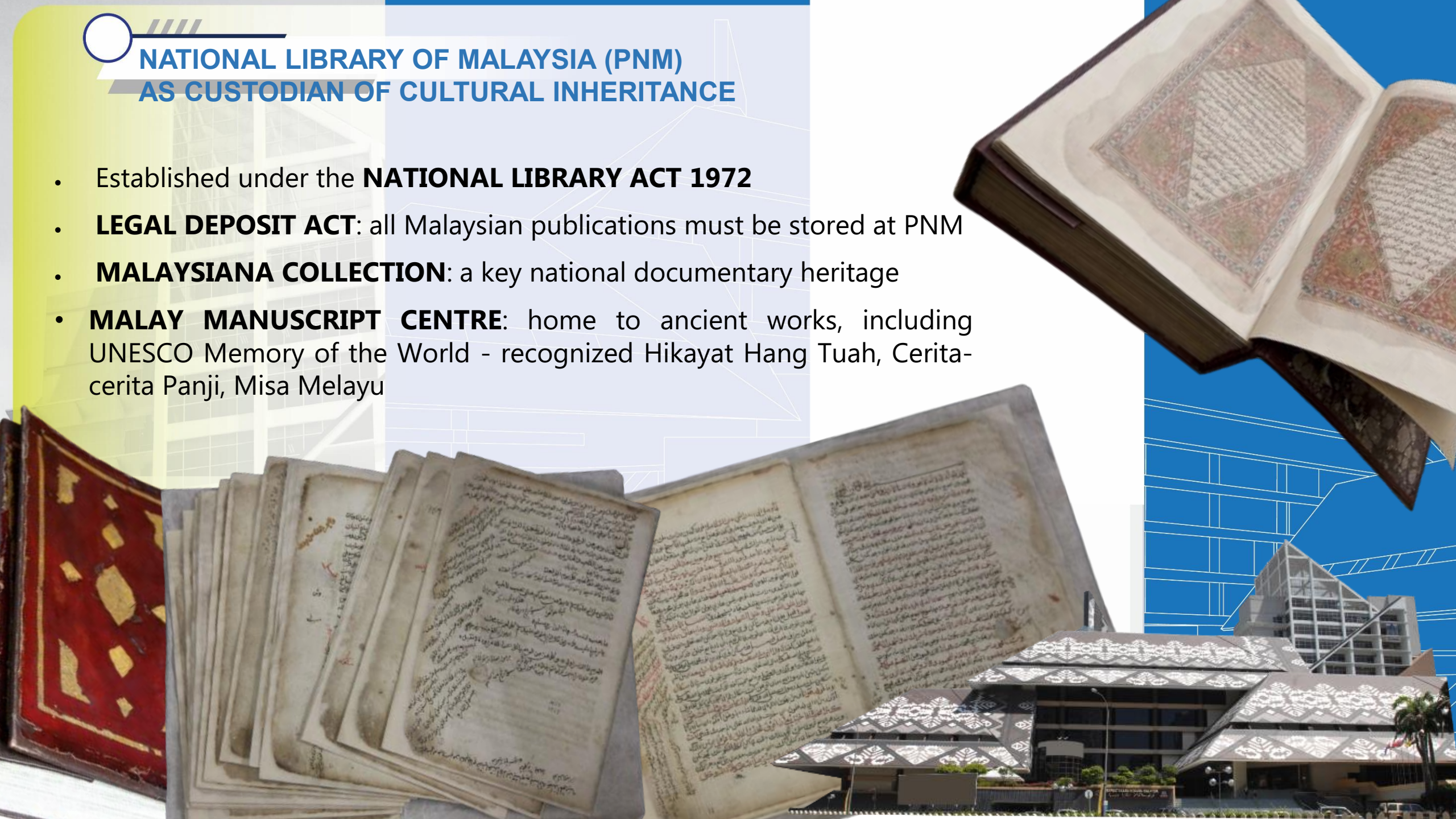
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STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA (PNM) AS CUSTODIAN OF CULTURAL INHERITANCE

- Established under the **NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT 1972**
- **LEGAL DEPOSIT ACT:** all Malaysian publications must be stored at PNM
- **MALAYSIANA COLLECTION:** a key national documentary heritage
- **MALAY MANUSCRIPT CENTRE:** home to ancient works, including UNESCO Memory of the World - recognized Hikayat Hang Tuah, Cerita-cerita Panji, Misa Melayu



MALAY MANUSCRIPTS

- Manuscripts

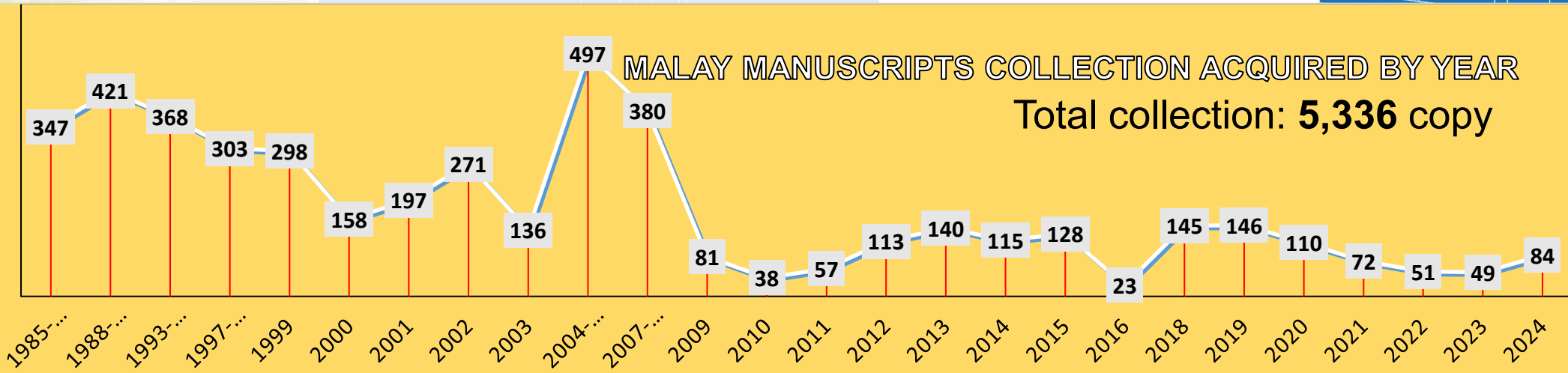
Manu means "hand" *Scriptus* means "writing"

- Malay Manuscripts (Malay Manuscript Principles, PNM, 2014)

- Malay manuscripts are handwritten works in the Jawi script, produced in the Malay language from the 16th century to the early 20th century.



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RECOGNITIONS



Memory of the World International Register,
UNESCO



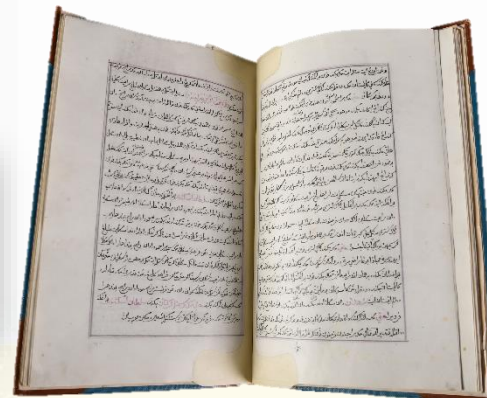
Hikayat Hang Tuah (MSS 1713)

- *Memory of the World Register UNESCO, 2001*



Cerita-cerita Panji (MSS 29, MSS 31, MSS 32, MSS 94 & MSS 2140)

- *Memory of the World Register UNESCO, 2017*
 - Collaboration with 5 country (Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Netherland, United Kingdom)



Misa Melayu (MSS 6)

- *Memory of the World Register UNESCO 2023*

DISTRIBUTION OF MALAY MANUSCRIPTS

It is estimated that approximately 20,000 Malay manuscripts have been identified in 57 countries and in 151 institutions.



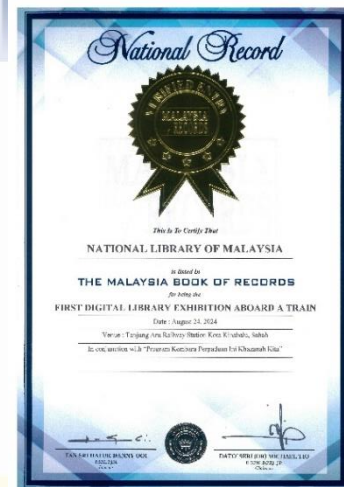
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



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Preservation & Conservation At PNM

- Physical preservation: restoration, climate control
- Digitization: over **158,000** digital materials accessible online
- Digital Repositories and OPAC access to heritage content remotely
- Bibliographies and indexes of cultural heritage for researchers
- ASEAN Digital Library (ADL)
- National Depository Publications Centre (NDPC)
- National Intellectual Heritage Centre (MyWIN) RM51.8 million



MAIN PROGRAM 2025



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NO.	PROGRAM	DATE	LOCATION
1.	Anjung Bestari@PNM Glorious Night	22 January 2025	NLM
2.	Book Voucher Redemption Program	February – November 2025	NLM
3.	World Book and Copyright Day: Let's Read Together for 10 Minutes 2025	22 April 2025	Central Square Sungai Petani
4.	Tawau Knowledge Exploration Journey	10 May 2025	Tawau, Sabah
5.	From Me to You Program	17 May 2025	Taiping, Perak
6.	Official Launch of the National Library of Malaysia Repository Centre – Perlis (PRPNM-Perlis)	22 May 2025	Bukit Kubu, Perlis
7.	Premier Reading Carnival 2025	24 - 25 May 2025	Kuala Terengganu
8.	Chill Stop @ PNM 2025	31 May 2025	NLM
9.	19 th Congress Of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) 2025	16 - 19 June 2025	World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur
10.	ASEAN Harmony: Unity Without Borders	19 - 22 June 2025	NLM
11.	Digital Librarians Camp: Technology Integration Driving PNM's Digital Economy	5-6 August 2025	Kuala Lumpur
12.	Unity Calligraphy Festival	14 -16 August 2025	Sabah
13.	Opening Ceremony of PD Taman Indah, Ipoh, Perak and Kick-Off of the Smart Community Program	August 2025	Ipoh, Perak
14.	National Information Literacy Seminar 2025	9 -10 September 2025	Kuala Lumpur
15.	Heritage Journey: This is Our Legacy @ Dabong, Kelantan	13 September 2025	Dabong, Kelantan
16.	Theater Performance Program: The Personal Collection of the National Laureate at PNM	3 October 2025	DBP, Kuala Lumpur
17.	Knowledge Journey Program in Conjunction with the 2025 National Unity Week Celebration	17 - 21 July 2025	Batu Kawan, Perak
18.	2025 Children's Arts and Literature Festival	8 - 9 October 2025	NLM
19.	XPDC Program: The Legacy of Malay Manuscripts	11 October 2025	NLM
20.	A Day Program with Visually Impaired Persons	15 October 2025	NLM
21.	PNM Book Award 2025/2026	20 April 2026	Kuala Lumpur
22.	Malay Manuscripts Colloquium on the Tib Book: A Leap of Innovation and Transformation in the Malay Traditional Medicine Industry	4-5 November 2025	NLM





WAY FORWARD OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA



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Human Capital Development

- Training Operation Plan
- Undergoing local and overseas training related to AI, robotics, big data analytics, application development, metadata management, and more.

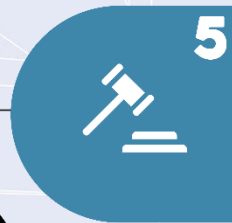
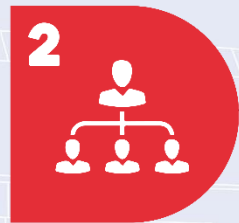


Enhancement of Collection Access

- Continuation of the Collection Digitization Project
- Focus on increasing material deposits under the Act
- Provision of funds for material acquisition in Rural Libraries

Organizational Development

- Department restructuring
- Infrastructure development
- Service transformation
 - ✓ Digitalization
 - ✓ u-Pustaka Gallery
 - ✓ Immersive Learning Center
 - ✓ u-Pustaka portal upgrade
 - ✓ Development of super Apps
 - ✓ Virtual gallery showcasing Malaysia's uniqueness



Strengthening of Legislation and Policy

- Bureaucratic reform
- Review of Act 80 and Act 331
- Review of regulations
- Improvement of service approval application processes
- Preparation of guidelines

Reform-Oriented Programs

- 20 Key Programs
- 3 Million under the 2025 Budget Initiative



Empowering Public-Private Synergy





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