



**National Library of Thailand**

# The National Library of Thailand:

Preserving the Past,  
Building the Future

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## National Library of Thailand

- Established in 1905, Located in Bangkok
- Operates under the control of the Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture
- The total floor area is 44,105.02 square metres and consists of 135 staff
- There are 11 Regional Branches
- The premier agency charged with the responsibility of procuring, collecting, examining, storing and preserving significant National wisdom heritage resources in their various forms.

# Library Resources



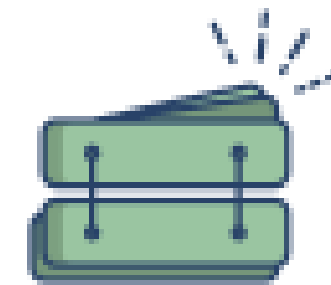
2,800,000  
books



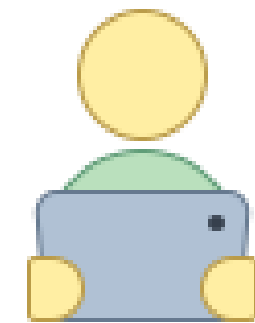
792,000  
serials



1,400,000  
newspapers



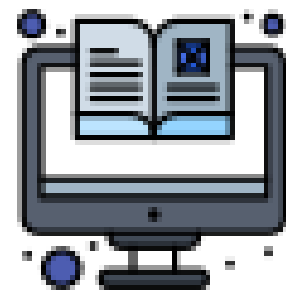
200,000  
manuscripts



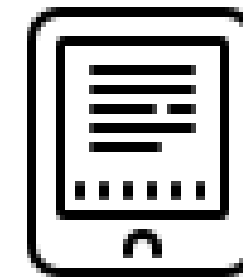
180,000  
digitised manuscripts



230,000  
audio-visual items



89,000  
e-newspapers &  
e-magazines



36,000  
e-books



210,000  
electronic media items

# Thailand's Literary Timeline: The Historical Foundation of the National Library



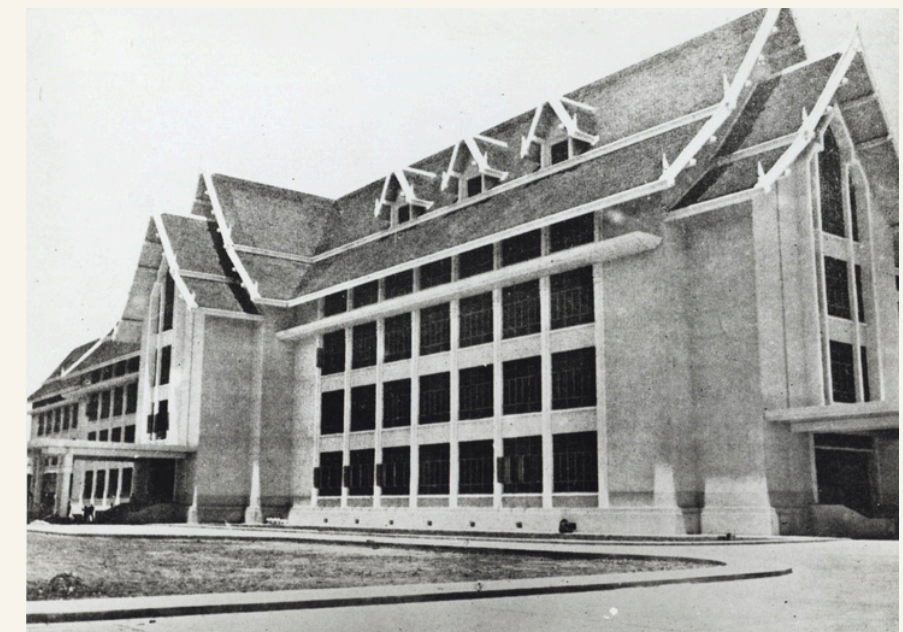
In 1915,  
the National  
Library was relocated  
outside the Royal Palace  
to the Thavaravathu  
Building.

The Vajiranana National  
Library was established  
within the Royal Palace  
in 1905



Sivamokhabhiman Hall of  
the Front Palace (Wang Na)  
was the location of  
the Vajiranana Library  
in 1926

The name was changed to  
The National Library, and it  
was moved to its current  
location in 1966.



# Beyond Books: The National Library of Thailand as Guardian of Cultural Memory



Stone inscriptions



Palm-leaf manuscripts



Thai Traditional Books

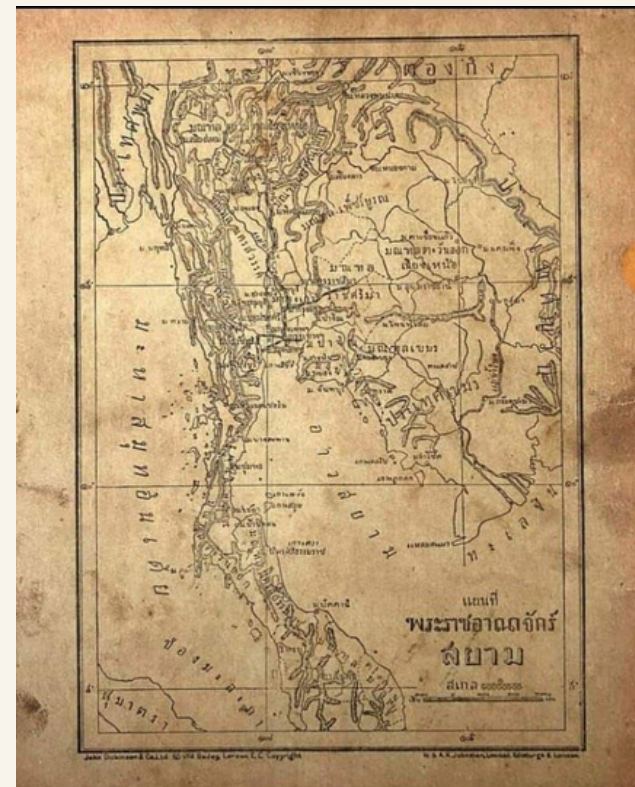


Rare Books

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Old Newspapers



Historical Maps



Royal Gazettes



National Depository Building

# Preserving the Past

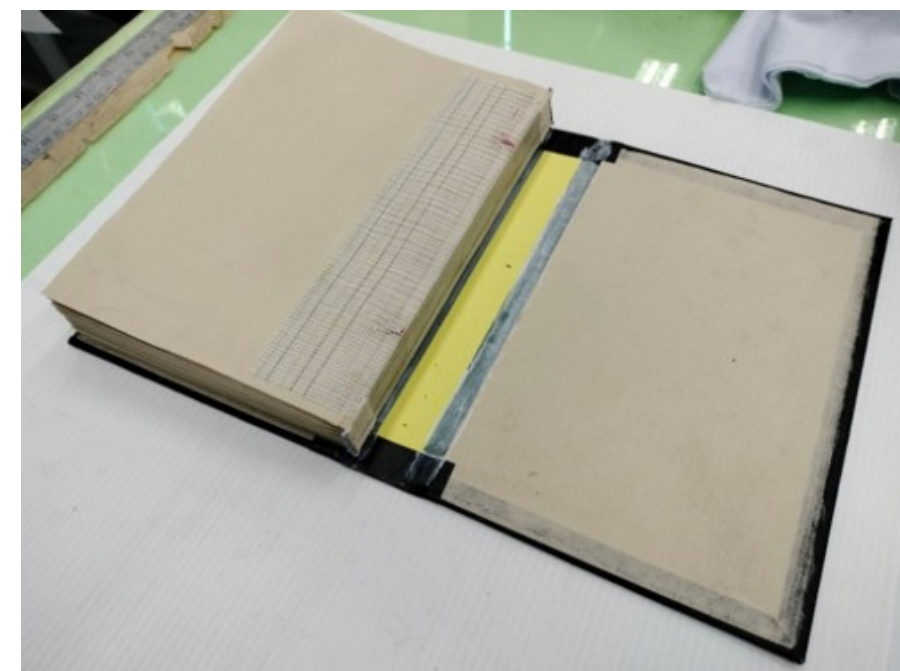
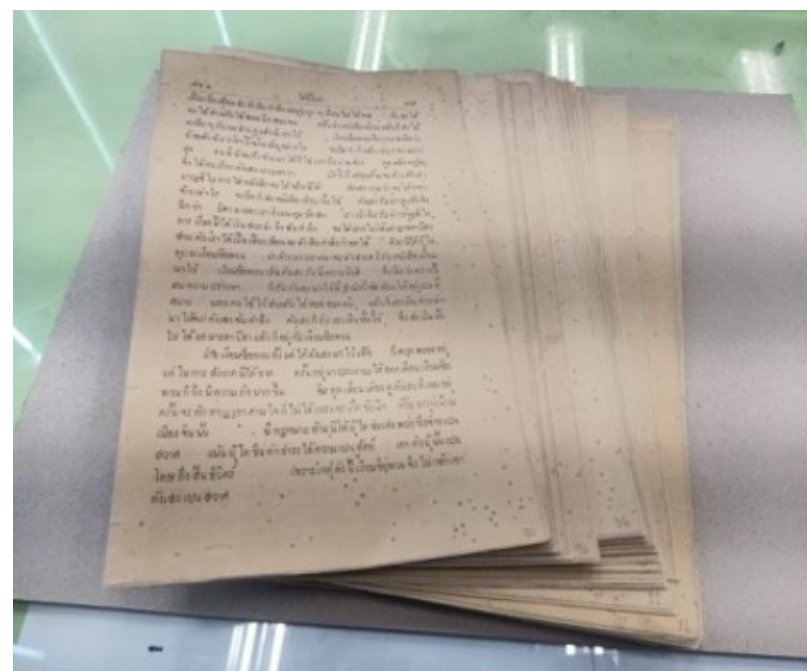
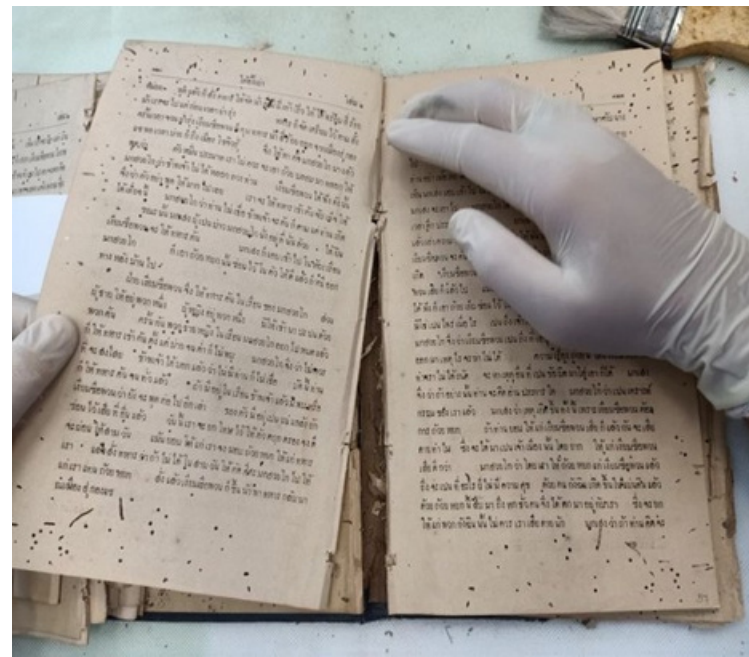
## Preservation Management: Prevention



Freezing the books to prevent them from damage caused by insects

# Preserving the Past

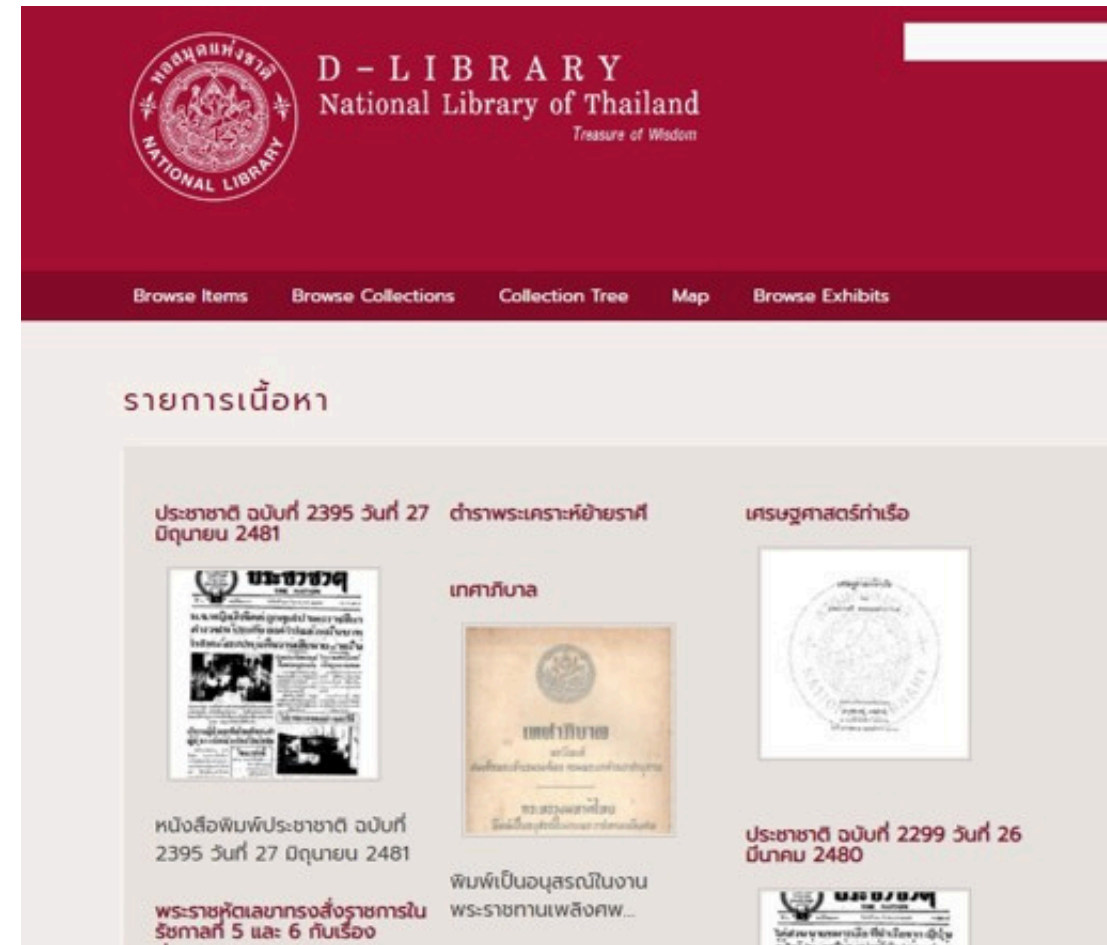
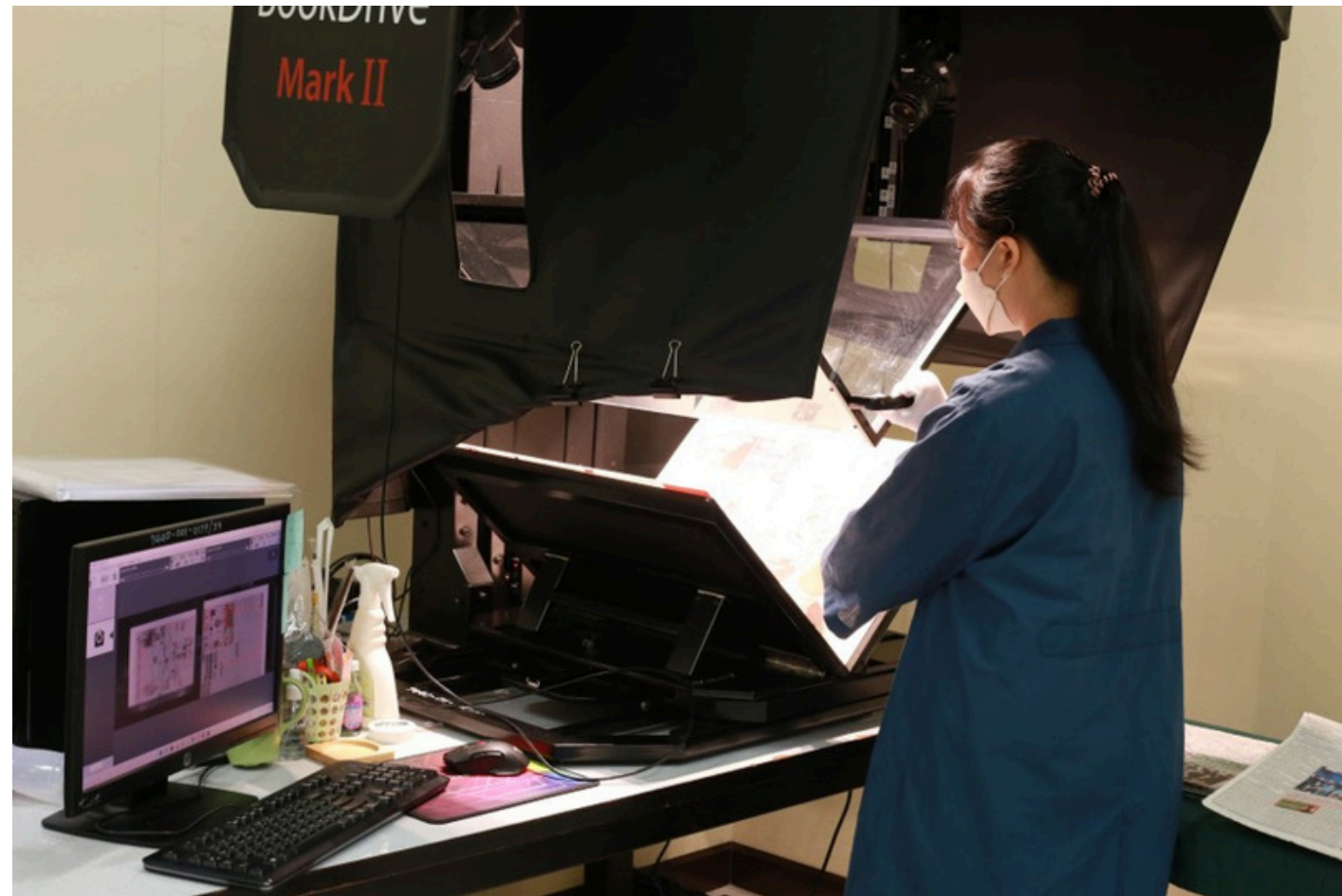
## Preservation Management: Conservation



Conserving rare books by employing scientific methods

# Building the Future

## Sustainable Development Strategies: Digital Preservation



The full-text content is searchable through search engines and accessible via the Digital Library (D-Library) and its mobile application

# Building the Future

Sustainable Development Strategies: Encourage community participation in cultural activities



Disseminate conservation knowledge to the public and private sectors

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Sustainable Development Strategies: Collaborative partnerships with other cultural institutions



Collaborative partnerships with the National Archives, National Museum, and the Office of Literature and History led to the organisation of an exhibition and academic seminars to promote cultural heritage.

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Sustainable Development Strategies: Promote the richness of cultural heritage



The National Collection of Palm-Leaf Manuscripts of the Phra That Phanom Chronicle was inscribed as a new item of documentary heritage on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register on May 18, 2023



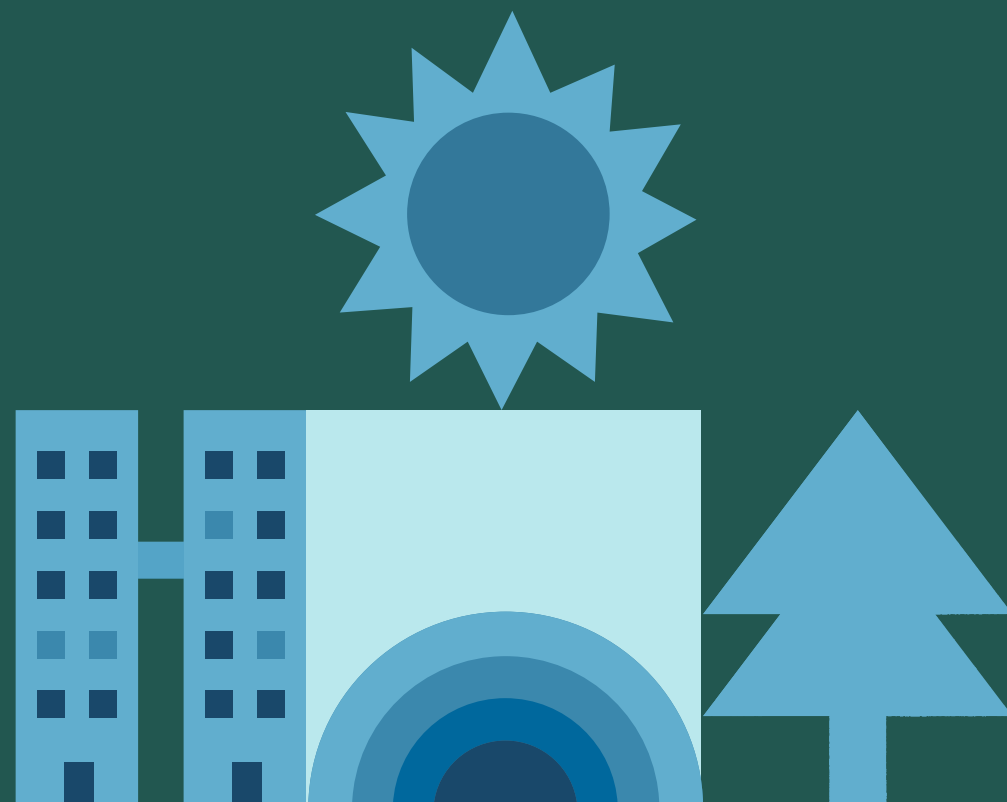
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## THE GLOBAL GOALS

