

National Library of Sri Lanka

Resources and Services

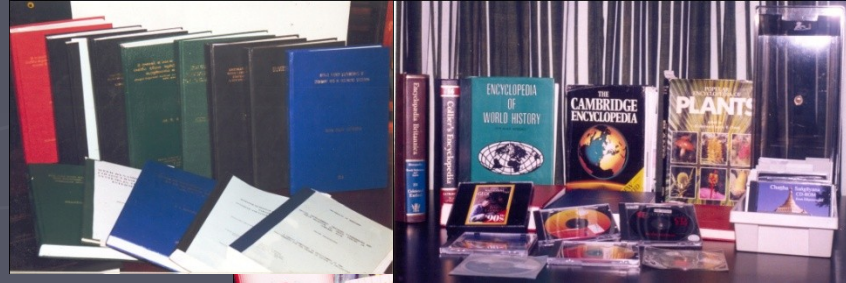
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National Library Collection



The National Library has a comprehensive collection of library materials relating to Sri Lanka and many other information sources in the form of print, audio-visual and

Sri Lanka Collection



The National Library of Sri Lanka is a deposit library and receives copies of Sri Lankan publications

Acquisition System

- ▶ Legal Deposit
- ▶ Purchasing
- ▶ Exchange of publications
- ▶ Gifts and donations

The Collection

- ▶ General reference materials
- ▶ books published in Sri Lanka
- ▶ books published on Sri Lanka in foreign countries

Special Collections

- ▶ Martin Wickramasinghe Collection
- ▶ Prof. Tikiri Abeysinghe Collection
- ▶ Dr. P. B. Sannasgala Collection
- ▶ Prof. D. E. Hettiarachchi Collection
- ▶ Dr. M. H. Peter Silva Collection
- ▶ Dr. E. M. Wijerama Collection
- ▶ Theja Gunawardhana Collection

Library and Information Science Collection



National Library of Sri Lanka holds the largest and most comprehensive Library and Information Science Collection in the country. It consists of a large collection of books including reference books and reputed local and foreign periodicals in the field.

Government Publication Collection

Gazettes, acts, bills, ordinance,
hazardous, sessional papers,
administration reports, Sri Lanka Law
Reports, New Law Reports,
Commission Reports, Blue books,
Circulars and many other
government publications are available.

Basic Reference Collection

- ▶ Contains Encyclopaedias, Directories, Indexes, Bibliographies, Glossaries, Gazetteers and other reference works on a wide range of subjects.
- ▶ Microforms, CD ROMs including Science Citation Index, LISA plus, Current Contents.

Theses and Dissertation Collection



A collection of theses of PhD. and M. phil. degrees compiled by Sri Lankans are kept for reference.

Electronic Collection



- ▶ DEPEC - Devolution of Power and Ethnic Conflict - Online
- ▶ Encyclopaedia Britannica, Encarta
- ▶ Martin Wickramasinghe Collection-Online

- ▶ National Union Catalogue - Online
- ▶ Newspaper Article Index - Online
- ▶ Online Databases : Current Contents, Delnet, Library and Information Science Abstract (LISA)
- ▶ Online Public Access Catalogue available at www.natlib.lk
- ▶ Photographic Index
- ▶ Postgraduate Theses Index - Online

- ▶ Science Citation Index (provides access to current and retrospective bibliographic information, author abstracts and cited references found in world's leading journals)
- ▶ Audio-video cassettes, CDs, DVDs and gramophone discs of Sri Lankan songs, documentaries, plays and teledramas.

Periodical Collection

Over 800 titles of Sri Lankan and foreign periodicals are available. This is undoubtedly a very good source for researchers to get current information. The Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index is a useful guide for searching periodical articles.

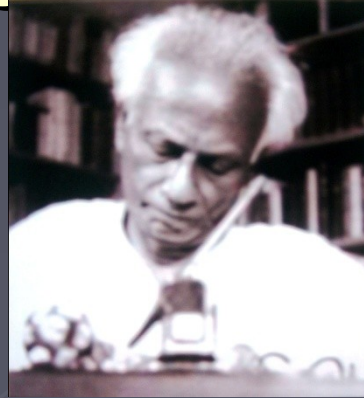
Newspaper Collection

Over 300 newspaper titles in Sinhala, Tamil and English are available. This is a comprehensive local newspaper collection from 1976 to date. Newspaper Article Index - online could be used in retrieving required articles.

Rare Books Collection

Contains books whose irreplaceability or uniqueness makes them rare and books of aesthetic value.

Martin Wickramasinghe Collection



This collection was donated by Martin Wickramasinghe Trusts. This collection consists of his personal collection of books, draft manuscripts of his writing, personal effects such as his desk, typewriter, pen, wristwatch, armchair and a number of cultural artifacts collected by him.

Ola Leaf Collection



A valuable and rare collection covering areas such as Buddhism, Literature and Ayurvedic medicine etc.

Folklore collection

Consists of a large number of material and items including the manuscripts received from late Mr. Peter Wijesinghe.

Map Collection

This collection consists of over 1000 maps relating to Sri Lanka including Divisional Secretariat wise, District wise and Provincial wise maps produced by the Survey Department of Sri Lanka.

SERVICES

Being the main reference library in Sri Lanka, National Library strives to serve people in all parts of the country.

User Education Service

Making the readers aware and skillful in obtaining information from the library.

Inquiry Service

- ▶ Readers can make inquiries by visiting
or through letters, telephone calls, fax messages and e-mails.
- ▶ The information desk located at the
ground floor deals with the
preliminary
queries of prospective users.

Reference Service

Providing reference service through National Library collection for intellectuals, researchers, academics as well as the general public.

Information Services

▶ **Current Awareness Services (CAS)**

This is a service for researchers to keep them informed of the new materials available with us relevant to their specific field of interests as like accession list, content pages service etc.

► **Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI)**

The specific information needs of the researchers involved in various fields are identified and the necessary information is provided through compilation of directories, indices, content pages service, quick reference services and a number of other information dissemination activities

► **Information Repackaging Service**

Collection of information packages prepared on various topics using the information taken from sources such as books, journals and newspapers that is useful for assignments and project works.

- ▶ **Indexing and Abstracting Service**

With the objective of making information searching more convenient, indexing and abstracting services are maintained.

- ▶ **Internet Service**

Internet service is provided to readers at a concessionary rate.

Reprographic Service

Reprographic services such as photocopies, copies of electronic sources, scanning are available.

Refferal Service

Readers are referred to other institutions where the required information is available.

Inter-Library Loan Service

Facilities are available to obtain required library materials from the National Library through Inter-Library Loan Service.

Bibliographic Service

Publishing the Sri Lanka National Bibliography and compiling a number of other bibliographies at national level.

Documentation Services

National Union Catalogue, Sri Lanka News Paper Article Index, Directory of Government Publications, Index of Postgraduate Thesis, Conference Index are the main documentation services available.

Reading Rooms Facilities

Reading rooms located at the ground, first and second floors of the National Library provide seating capacity for 320 readers.

Friends of the National Library

Anybody who wish to extend his/ her support and provide expertise for upgrading the National Library Services may join the "Friends of the National Library". As a member of it you will be kept in touch with National Library activities and functions and be invited for such events.

Other services

International Standard Book Numbering System

- ▶ ISBN – For Books
- ▶ ISSN – For Serial Publications
- ▶ ISMN – For Music Publications

Publication Assistance Project

- ▶ Assistance for publishing New Books
- ▶ Purchasing Newly Printed Publications

Reading Promotion Programme

- ▶ October – Declare the National Reading Month
- ▶ Select the Best Library in Public & School Library Sector

Opening Hours

- ▶ Monday to Saturday 8.30 - 4.15
- ▶ Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 - 6.15
- ▶ Closed on Sunday & other Public Holidays