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National Library--Sri Lanka--Catalogs

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English

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National Library and Documentation Services Board, Sri Lanka

Brief History

Sri Lanka National Library Services Board was established in 1970 under the Act No. 17 of the Parliament of Sri Lanka. The prime objective of this institution was the

fulfillment of the long felt need for a National Library. Consequently all other activities of the board were geared towards the achievement of this goal. The National Library of Sri Lanka was set up by the Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board and was opened to the nation of Sri Lanka on the 27th of April, 1990.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

National Library has a vast collection of library materials in the form of print, audio-visual and electronic media. The collection which is of a high standard both qualitative and quantitative reflects the objectives of the National Library and the needs of the users. The National Library collection currently comprises of twenty seven (27) collections as indicated below: The current book stock of approximately over 500 000 volumes will form the nucleus of the future national collection.

### ***Kind of Information***

The library catalog can be searched by the title of the books, author names, related subjects, ISBN, series, call number. After conducting the search National Library of Sri Lanka provides list of resources arranged in a specific order. At a glance the list primarily provides bibliographic information like title of the book, author, material type, format, literary form of the document, name of the publisher, place and year of publication, places where the book available etc. The color image of cover page is also available there. The title is hyperlinked. By clicking the title the detail bibliographic information are provided in three views, like normal view, MARC view, ISBD view.

In **Normal View**, the DPL catalog provides title, author's name, publisher's name, physical description of the book, ISBN, subjects, summary of the book content, holding details of the book in the collection etc.

The **MARC View** provides bibliographic detail in MARC format. The **ISBD View** gives bibliographic format in ISBD form.

### ***Special Features***

- The search can be conducted through advanced search, browse by hierarchy, authority search, tag cloud, subject cloud.
- Along with the search result OPAC provides facilities like print, add to your cart, unhighlight, save record, more searches.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

Users can arrange their desired documents in many ways, like according to popularity (most to least or least to most), author name (alphabetical from Z to A or from Z to A), call number (from 0 to 9 numbers to A to Z alphabets or vice versa), publication or copyright date from newest to oldest and vice versa, acquisition date from newest to oldest or vice versa, and lastly according to title from A to Z and vice versa.

**Remarks**

National Library is mainly a Research and a Reference Library and is open to all members of the public. Any Sri Lankan or Foreigners who visit Sri Lanka can become a member of the Library.

**Comparable Tools**

- Explore The British Library  
([http://explore.bl.uk/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1](http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1))
  
- National Library of Australia Catalogs  
(<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985>)
  
- U.S. National Library of Medicine Library Catalogs & Services  
(<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/libserv.html>)
  
- National Library of Australia Catalogs  
(<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985>)
  
- NLS: That All May Read: Online Catalog Quick Search  
([https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM\\_HOST\\_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321](https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321))
  
- National Library of India Online Catalogue  
(<http://opac.nationallibrary.gov.in/cgi-bin/gw/chameleon?sessionid=2017040411341325700&skin=nl&lng=en&inst=consortium&timedout=1>)
  
- NDJL-OPAC: National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog  
(<http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en>)

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