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Preface

The absence of a statistical handbook on libraries in Sri Lanka has been a shortcoming in the library and information field in Sri Lanka. Statistics are very important in decision making in library development activities as well as in research activities. As the centre of library field in Sri Lanka it is our responsibility to compile sources of this nature. This handbook includes information on different types of libraries in Sri Lanka in district and provincial level. I believe that this handbook will be useful for library professionals as well as general readers. I am thankful to Mr G D Amarasiri, Director in charge of Research Division and Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana, Head,Library Research Division for compiling this handbook

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Introduction

As the main government institution in the library and information field in Sri Lanka, maintenance of statistics on library activities in Sri Lanka is a responsibility of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB). Most government institutions compile statistical handbooks relevant to their subject areas. Therefore, the compilation of a statistical handbook on libraries in Sri Lanka by the National Library and Documentation Services Board is very important. Absence of a handbook of this nature was a great shortcoming. This handbook includes information on libraries in district and provincial level. In addition, information on national library services has also been included. Statistics are extremely important in decision making, policy making, research activities as well as day today administration of development activities. I believe that this handbook will be useful to library professionals, policy makers of library field researchers as well as the general readers. Statistics are extremely important in decision making, policy making as well as day today administration. The newly established Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board is implementing a number of projects. This handbook is one of the projects of the Research Division. I am thankful to Mr G. D. Amarasiri, Director in charge of Library Research Division and Mr Wijaya Premadarshana Head, Library Research Division for compiling this handbook.

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Number of Libraries in Sri Lanka by District

Number of libraries in Sri Lanka by district

Ampara District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	56
School Libraries	389
Pirivena Libraries	14
University Libraries	02
College of Education Libraries	01
Teacher Training College Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	03
Total	466

Anuradhapura District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	36
School Libraries	550
Pirivena Libraries	41
University Libraries	04
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	632

Badulla District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	39
School Libraries	568
Pirivena Libraries	33
University Libraries	01
Total	641

Batticaloa District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	53
School Libraries	322
University Libraries	03
College of Education Libraries	01
Teacher Training College Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	381

Colombo District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	65
School Libraries	310
Department Libraries	32
Pirivena Libraries	41
University Libraries	18
Teacher Training College Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	03
Special Libraries	52
Total	522

Galle District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	66
School Libraries	422
Pirivena Libraries	73
University Libraries	03
College of Education Libraries	03
Teacher Training College Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	571

Gampaha District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	75
School Libraries	536
Pirivena Libraries	57
University Libraries	04
College of Education Libraries	03
Technical college libraries	01
Total	676

Hambanthota District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	47
School Libraries	310
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	359

Jaffna District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	58
School Libraries	410
University Libraries	04
College of Education Libraries	01
Teacher training college libraries	02
Technical college libraries	01
Total	476

Kaluthara District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	57
School Libraries	410
Pirivena Libraries	47
College of Education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Special Libraries	05
Total	522

Kandy District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	104
School Libraries	645
Department Libraries	02
Pirivena Libraries	75
University Libraries	10
College of Education Libraries	01
Teacher Training College Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	03
Special libraries	11
Total	853

Kegalle District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	33
School Libraries	529
Pirivena Libraries	38
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	601

Kilinochchi District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	10
School Llibraries	95
Total	105

Kurunegala District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	122
school Libraries	882
Pirivena Libraries	81
University Libraries	02
College of Education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	03
Total	1091

Manna District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	16
School Libraries	94
Total	110

Matale District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	42
School Libraries	304
Pirivena Libraries	19
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	367

Matara District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	42
School Libraries	365
Pirivena Libraries	65
University Libraries	02
College of Education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Special Libraries	01
Total	478

Monaragala District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	24
School Libraries	262
Pirivena Libraries	19
Technical College Libraries	.02
Total	307 ..

Mullaitivu District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	12
School Libraries	103
Total	115

Nuwara Eliya District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	42
School Libraries	517
Pirivena Libraries	10
College of Education Libraries	01
Teacher Training College Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	01
Special Libraries	01
Total	573

Polonnaruwa District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	18
School Libraries	231
Pirivena Libraries	16
Colleges of Education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	268

Puttalam District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	56
School Libraries	342
Pirivena Libraries	11
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	410

Rathnapura District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	59
School Libraries	580
Pirivena Libraries	41
University Libraries	03
College of Education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	686

Trincomalee District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	30
School Libraries	261
Pirivena Libraries	06
University Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	01
Special Libraries	
Total	299

Vavunia District	
Type of library	Number
Public Libraries	19
School Libraries	186
University Libraries	
Total	205

Number of Libraries by Province

Province	Department Libraries	University Libraries	School Libraries	Public Libraries	Pirivena Libraries	College of Education Libraries	Teacher Training Colleges Libraries	Technical College Libraries	Special Libraries	Total
Western Province	32	22	1256	197	145	5	1	5	52	1704
Central Province	2	10	1466	188	104	2	3	6	12	1782
Southern Province	-	5	1097	155	163	5	2	5	1	1421
Northern Province	-	5	888	115	-	2	2	2	-	1008
Eastern Province	-	6	972	139	20	2	2	5	-	1137
North Western Province	-	2	1224	178	92	1	-	4	-	1496
North Central Province	-	4	781	54	57	1	-	3	-	896
Uva Province	-	1	830	63	79	1	-	3	-	973
Sabaragamuwa Province	-	3	1109	91	52	1	-	4	-	1255
Total	34	58	9623	1180	712	20	10	37	65	11672

Information on Services of the National Library and Documentation Services Board

National Library Membership by end of 2010

Type of Membership	Number of Members
Permanent members	10,805
Daily members	83,153
Life members	156
Institutional members	04

Number of libraries graded by the end of 2010

Type of library	Grade III	Grade II	Grade I	Supra Grade
Public Libraries	735	51	15	02
School Libraries	141	34	31	-
Department Libraries	32	25	15	19
Teacher Training Colleges Libraries	-	-	-	09
Colleges of Education Libraries	-	-	-	19
Total	908	100	61	49

Training Courses for Librarians 2010

Type of course	Numbers of course	Number of participants
Training Courses for Public Librarians	02	138
Training Courses for School Librarians	02	128
Training Courses on Information Communication Technology	10	59
Training Courses on Conservation of Library Materials	08	80
Total	22	405

Donation of Books to Libraries by National Library and Documentation Services Board

Type of Library	Number of Libraries	Number of Books
Public Libraries	115	6980
School Libraries	248	5631
Pirivena Libraries	28	612
Other Libraries	96	1448
Total	487	14671

Publication Services

International standards book numbers (ISBN), International standards serial numbers (ISSN) and cataloguing in publication data (CIP) have been issued to publishers during 2010 as follows

project	publishers
International Standards Book Numbers (ISBN)	8002
International Standards Serial Numbers (ISSN)	239
Cataloguing in Publication Data (CIP)	547

Photo copy Service of National Library

Number of A4 sized photocopies issued	76,492
Number of B4 sized Photocopies issued	13,857
Total number of Photocopies issued	90,349
Number of readers who Obtained photocopies	712

Usage of National Library collections by Readers - 2010

Collection	Number of readers
Legal Deposit collection	950
Sri Lanka collection	5718
Government publications Collection	1460
Foreign publication Collection	159
Science and Technology Collection	44
Theses collection	395
Reference collection	266
Library and information Science collection	216
Martin wickramasinghe Collection	82
News paper collection	3696
Periodical collection	861

National Library and Documentation Services Board Recurrent Expenditure – 2010

Activity	expenditure (Rs)
Personal emoluments	45,754.000
Travelling expenses	217,000
Supplies	2,634,000
Maintenance	4,784,000
Contractual Services	8,346,000
Library Services	6,392,000
Stock and current asserts	1,073,000
Recoverable advances	509,000
Total recurrent expenditure	69,709,000

Capital Expenditure

Activity	Expenditure (Rs)
Rehabilitation and Improvement of capital Assets	539,000
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	5,886,000
Total capital expenditure	6,425,000

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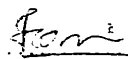
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