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Preface

Compilation of this Statistical handbook was started by the Library Research Division in 2010. As the main national institute in library and information field in Sri Lanka, it is our responsibility to make available the Statistics in library and information field. This handbook includes statistics on different types of libraries in district and provincial level. I hope that this handbook will be useful for library professionals as well as general readers.

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Introduction

Maintenance of Statistics on library activities in Sri Lanka is a responsibility of the National Library and Documentation Services Board as the main national body of the library and information field in Sri Lanka. Statistics are very important for research, decision making, policy making etc. Most government and non government organizations compile statistical handbooks on their respective subject areas. This handbook includes statistics on libraries in district and provincial level. It also includes statistics on services of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. I thank Mr. G.D Amarasiri, Director in charge of Library Research Division and Mrs. Priyanga Bandara, Head, Library Research Division and Miss. W.M Erandika Hasanjalee, Information Assistant for compiling this handbook.

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Number of Libraries by District

Ampara District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	57
School Libraries	207
Pirivena Libraries	14
University Libraries	02
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	03
Total	285

Anuradhapura District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	36
School Libraries	300
Pirivena Libraries	41
University Libraries	04
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	382

Badulla District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	39
School Libraries	301
Pirivena Libraries	33
University Libraries	01
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	376

Batticaloa District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	47
School Libraries	150
Pirivena Libraries	03
University Libraries	
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	203

Colombo District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	65
School Libraries	340
Department Libraries	32
Pirivena Libraries	41
University Libraries	18
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	03
Special Libraries	47
Total	547

Galle District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	66
School Libraries	301
Pirivena Libraries	73
University Libraries	03
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	05
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	450

Gampaha District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	74
School Libraries	381
Pirivena Libraries	57
University Libraries	05
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	03
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	521

Hambanthota District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	47
School Libraries	220
Pirivena Libraries	25
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	294

Jaffna District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	52
School Libraries	171
University Libraries	04
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	03
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	231

Kaluthara District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	58
School Libraries	260
Pirivena Libraries	47
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	368

Kandy District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	84
School Libraries	364
Pirivena Libraries	75
Department Libraries	02
University Libraries	10
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	03
Technical College Libraries	03
Special Libraries	11
Total	552

Kegalle District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	32
School Libraries	246
Pirivena Libraries	38
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	318

Kilinochchi District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	09
School Libraries	16
Total	25

Kurunegala District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	119
School Libraries	509
Pirivena Libraries	81
University Libraries	02
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	03
Total	715

Manna District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	17
School Libraries	39
Total	56

Matale District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	41
School Libraries	169
Pirivena Libraries	19
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	231

Matara District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	42
School Libraries	273
Pirivena Libraries	65
University Libraries	02
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Special Libraries	01
Total	386

Monaragala District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	24
School Libraries	159
Pirivena Libraries	19
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	204

Mullaitivu District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	11
School Libraries	19
Total	30

Nuwara Eliya District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	47
School Libraries	203
Pirivena Libraries	10
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	02
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	263

Polonnaruwa District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	18
School Libraries	134
Pirivena Libraries	16
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	169

Puttalama District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	56
School Libraries	223
Pirivena Libraries	11
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	291

Rathnapura District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	59
School Libraries	290
Pirivena Libraries	19
University Libraries	03
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	02
Total	374

Trincomalee District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	30
School Libraries	125
Pirivena Libraries	06
University Libraries	01
Technical College Libraries	01
Total	163

Vavunia District	
Type of Library	Number
Public Libraries	03
School Libraries	48
University Libraries	01
Teacher Training College/ College of education Libraries	01
Total	53

Number of Libraries by Province

Province	Department Libraries	University Libraries	School Libraries	Public Libraries	Pirivena Libraries	College Of Education and Teacher Training College Libraries	Technical College Libraries	Special Libraries	Total
Western Province	32	23	981	197	145	06	05	52	1441
Central Province	02	10	736	172	104	05	06	12	1047
Southern Province		05	794	155	163	07	05	01	1130
Northern Province		05	293	92		03	01		394
Eastern Province		06	482	134	20	04	05		651
North Western Province		02	732	175	92	01	04		1006
North Central Province		04	434	54	57	01	03		553
Uva Province		01	460	63	52	01	03		580
Sabaragamuwa Province		03	536	91	79	01	04		714
Total	34	59	5448	1133	712	29	36	65	7516

Source: Library Extension Services Division
National Library and Documentation Services Board

**Information on Services of the national Library and
Documentation Services Board**

National Library Membership by end of 2011

Type of Membership	Number of Members
Permanent members	11400
Daily members	92412
Life members	186
Institutional members	-

Number of libraries graded by the end of 2011

Type of Library	Grade III	Grade II	Grade I	Supra Grade
Public Library	750	55	18	02
School Library	173	32	31	-
Department Library	32	26	16	19
Teacher Training Colleges Library	-	-	-	09
Colleges of Education Library	-	-	-	19
Total	955	116	65	49

Training Courses for Librarians 2011

Type of Library	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Training Courses for Public Librarians	07	615
Training Courses for School Librarians	11	837
Training Courses on Information Communication Technology	10	56
Training Courses on Conservation of Library Materials	04	46
Total	32	1554

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

Type of Library	Number of Libraries	Number of Books
Public Libraries	44	1164
School Libraries	173	4555
Pirivena Libraries	40	1307
Other Libraries	39	848
Total	296	7874

Publication Services

International standards book numbers (ISBN), International standards Serial numbers (ISSN), International Standard Music number (ISMN) and cataloguing in publication data (CIP) have been issued to publishers during 2011 as follows

Project	Publishers
International standards book numbers (ISBN)	10236
International standards Serial numbers (ISSN)	217
International Standard Music number (ISMN)	03
cataloguing in publication data (CIP)	526

Photo copy Service of the National Library

Number of A4 sized Photocopies issued	84622
Number of B4 sized Photocopies issued	12822
Total Number of Photocopies issued	97444
Number of readers who Obtained Photocopies	9358

Usage of National Library collections by Readers - 2011

Collection	Number of Readers
Legal Deposit Collection	996
Sri Lanka Collection	7425
Government Publications Collection	1857
Foreign Publication Collection	411
Science and Technology Collection	285
Theses Collection	616
Reference Collection	387
Library and information Science Collection	343
Martin wickramasinghe Collection	94
News paper Collection	4159
Periodical Collection	1551

**National Library and Documentation Services Board Recurrent
Expenditure – 2011**

Activity	Expenditure (Rs)
Personal emoluments	45,900,000
Travelling expenses	605,000
Supplies	3,368,000
Maintenance	4,255,000
Contractual Services	9,104,000
Library Services	9,715,000
Stock and current asserts	350,000
Recoverable advances	191,000
Total recurrent expenditure	73,488,000

Capital expenditure

Activity	Expenditure (Rs)
Rehabilitation and Improvement of capital Assets	891,000
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	7,196,000
Total capital expenditure	8,087,000

Productions Library Stationary the Book Binding

Production	Number
Catalog Cards	171000
Accession Register	347
Newspaper Boxes	288
Closed pamphlet boxes	35
Open pamphlet boxes	82

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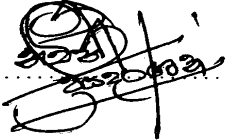
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