Work together to Support Sustainable Development

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National Library of China (NLC)

01 Responsibilities

- Repository of the Nation's Publications
- National Bibliographic Center
- National Center for Preservation and Conservation of Ancient Books
- National Museum of Classic Books
- Offer professional guidance and technical support to the Chinese library community

NLC Main Library, South Area

NLC Main Library, North Area

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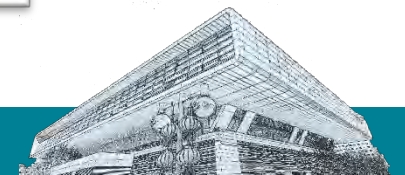
- 280,000 square meters

03 Collections

- Total collection size: 44.93 million volumes (pieces)
- Total capacity of digital resources: 2788TB (as of September 2024)

NLC Ancient Books Library

04 Visitorship

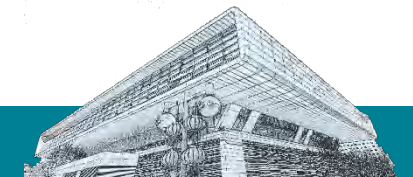- Annual average physical visits: 5.8 million

Libraries and Sustainability

United Nations
Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda
for Sustainable Development

IFLA
Access and Opportunity for All: How Libraries
Contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda

Protect and Preserve Diverse Cultural Heritage

The NLC initiated "China Memory" and the "Archive Plan for Oral Traditions of Ethnic Groups with Small Populations" to collect and preserve rescue oral historical data, as well as protect the cultures of Chinese ethnic minority groups.
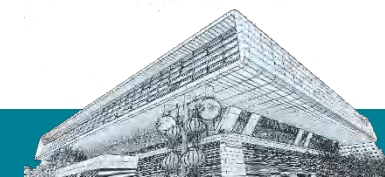

The NLC led the nationwide implementation of the "Chinese Ancient Books Preservation Plan" and established the "Chinese Ancient Books Resources Database", holding 105,000 digitized ancient books globally without login, has reached 300 million visits in the last three years.

The NLC launched the Internet Information Strategic Preservation Project, to collect hundreds of millions of Chinese Internet users' digital life records and excellent online literature.

Explore New Ways to Bring Traditional Culture to Life

Ancient classic books themed exhibitions such as "Memory of Oracle Bone Script"

Collaborating with primary and secondary schools to conduct traditional culture study tours and educational programs

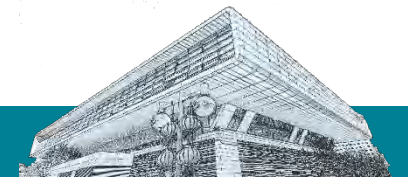**"Journey to Ancient Books" interactive VR documentaries**

nearly 1000 cultural & creative products with design elements from ancient books in our collections

The *Yongle Encyclopedia* HD Images Database

The precious *Yongle Encyclopedia* is one of the Four Special Collections of the NLC.

Based on high-definition images, this database applies technologies like knowledge graphs and semantic analysis to vividly display the rich content of this great ancient encyclopedia, including literature, art, history, geography, philosophy, religion and applied science of pre-14th-century China.
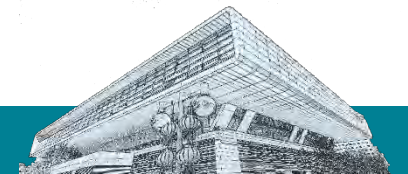
Support the Development of Socio-economic Innovation

- **Through its Science Evaluation Center, the NLC has supported key industries in pilot cities in northwest China.**

- **The NLC established an Intellectual Property Information Service Center, organizing lectures, training sessions, exhibitions, and reading promotions on intellectual property.**
- **This center has been selected as a preparatory institution for the Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).**
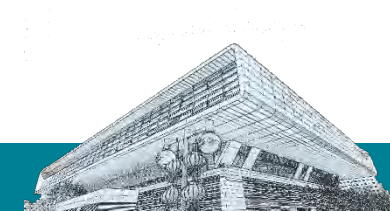
Support Lifelong Learning with a variety of Programs

Since the establishment of the "Wenjin Book Awards" in 2004, the NLC has held a total of 19 editions, awarding 231 books and recommending 827 books.
With its reputation for selecting newly published outstanding books annually, the Awards have become the national guide for public reading.

In 2023, the NLC launched the "Children Read in Seasons" reading promotion project, recommending book lists for children in different age groups each quarter.

In partnership with over 400 public libraries nationwide, the NLC organized various events such as "Traveling with Children's Books."

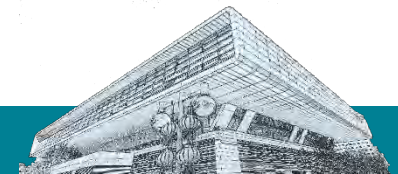# Apply Smart Technologies to Enhance Service Experience

Create immersive reading spaces, transforming NLC's collection into holographic resources with 270° wide screens and VR equipment

Using AI technology, the NLC's digital librarian offers services like smart Q&A, resource recommendations, and book reviews

The National Museum of Classic Books provides multimedia tour guides and personalized routes

Strengthen Information Literacy to Bridge the Digital Divide

In 2023, the user scale of digital reading in China reached 570 million, digital reading is becoming increasingly popular.

However, certain groups including children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities have become digitally vulnerable for struggling to access information timely and effectively.
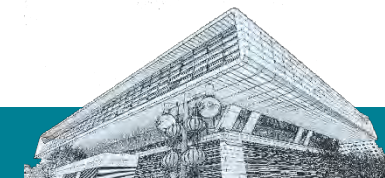
The NLC established the National Digital Library for Children, the China Digital Library for People with Disabilities, and the China Digital Library for Visual Impairment, which provide more reading and learning resources for these groups.

For the elderly, the NLC offered free lectures and training on information searching, Internet use, and smartphone skills, helping them better adapt to the digital world.

Thank You!

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