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Name of Country : **Uzbekistan**
Name of Library : **National Library of Uzbekistan named after Alisher Navoi**
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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	i. Government
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications	196 i. 122 ii. 74
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	8 138 614 i. 7 129 581 ii. 1 009 033
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	722 524 i. 561 477 ii. 161 047
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	1868

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

The building of the National Library of Uzbekistan has seven floors and it consists of a fund in two underground floors. There is also a modern mobile stillage to store books in a good quality. In the past, librarians spent for at least half an hour to bring a requested book

or newspaper-magazine to the reading hall, but today this process is carried out by a 345-meter tele-elevator and a 100-kilogram supported elevator.

Along with the National Library of Uzbekistan, 14 regional information-library centers and 186 district information-library centers were established. Also, our republic has more than 13,000 information-library institutions with more than 70 million library resources in the system of various ministries and agencies, and more than 21,000 librarians work in them. As a continuation of these works, the construction of modern buildings for information-resource centers in Nukus and Beruni of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Termiz State University of Surkhandarya Region, Uzbek State University of World Languages, Pedagogical University named after Nizomi can be cited as an example. These are some of the ways of the attention given by our government to the field of librarianship, as well as care for our people to be literate and educated. New, modern information-library centers are gradually rising in all regions of our country. For example, modern information-library centers were opened in Surkhandarya, Andijan, Namangan, Tashkent region, Dangara, Yozyovon, Fergana region, Beruniy district of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Arnasoy district of Jizzakh region, Urgut district of Samarkand region, Middle Chirchik, Aqkurgan districts of Tashkent region, Davlabet district of Namangan region.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country

Specialists of the National Library of Uzbekistan conduct memorial activities and also analyze the experience of information and library centers in this direction. Issues of organizing museum activities in libraries, its legal basis, problems of accounting and preservation of collections are discussed at seminars, conferences, round tables, and become the subjects of articles, monographs, scientific collections, and dissertation research.

The National Library of Uzbekistan works closely with museums. Large institutions such as the Abu Rayhan al-Beruni Center for Oriental Manuscripts and the Alisher Navoi National Library receive government support and operate at a high global level. However, provincial museums and libraries often do not have the means to reliably preserve materials that are valuable for the development of local history and culture. They need great support from regional authorities. This problem was raised by the leadership of the National Library of Uzbekistan. The solution to this problem was the gradual sponsorship of regional libraries in order to collect ancient book editions from the local population. As part of the cooperation of museums with the National Library, various spiritual and educational events and thematic exhibitions are regularly held. For example, library specialists, in collaboration with the Historical Museum, organized the exhibition "The Heritage of Navoi and Babur - Our Priceless Wealth", "Uzbekistan is a Country of Interethnic Harmony and Religious Tolerance", and the museum organized a book exhibition dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the National Library of Uzbekistan. A traveling exhibition "Human dignity is great - memory is sacred" was organized at the state museum in memory of victims of repression.

In 2021, the Uzarchive Agency hosted a signing ceremony of the Memorandum between the National Library of Uzbekistan and the Uzarchive Agency. As part of the Memorandum, the National Archives of Uzbekistan, on the basis of outsourcing, began work on the digitization of especially valuable documents. As an example of cooperation in this direction, the country's Main Library was presented with the first electronic resources that meet all the requirements and high-quality indicators of archival documents.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries

Currently, the National Library of Uzbekistan has signed over 35 memorandums and agreements on bilateral and tripartite cooperation with diplomatic missions in Uzbekistan, National libraries and institutions of foreign countries. Among the essential tasks carried out within the framework of cooperation: study halls of partner libraries have been opened, reading rooms are being used virtually, international Library Loans are being performed, exhibitions are being organized. Nowadays, the National Library of Uzbekistan has signed Memorandums of cooperation with 15 National Libraries. These are:

- Central National Library of Rome
- Qatar National Library
- National Library of the Republic of Tatarstan
- National Library of Armenia
- National Library of Russia
- National Library of the Republic of Bashkortostan named after Ahmed-Zaki
- National Library of Azerbaijan
- National Library of Tajikistan
- National Library of Belarus
- National Library of the Czech Republic
- National Library of Kazakhstan
- National Library of Kyrgyzstan
- National Library and Archives of the Islamic Republic of Iran
- National Library of Turkey
- National Library of Korea