Directions

The National Library of Korea
• 10-minute walk from Seocho Station (subway line no. 2, exit no. 5)
• 15-minute walk from Express Bus Terminal Station (subway line no. 3, exit no. 7; subway line no. 7, exit no. 5)

Address: SAN 60-1 BANPO 4-DONG, SEOCHO-GU, SEOUL, KOREA. 137-702
Tel: 82-2-535-4142 FAX: 82-2-590-0530

The National Library for Children and Young Adults
• 5-minute walk from Gangnam Station (subway line no. 2, exit no. 8)
• Bus stops: Gangnam Station, Gangnam Tax Office, Gangnam Station intersection

Address: 635-1 YEOKSAM 1-DONG, GANGNAM-GU, SEOUL, KOREA. 135-080
Tel: 82-2-3451-0800 FAX: 82-2-3451-0751
History of the National Library of Korea

The National Library of Korea is a model for all other libraries in Korea, having a collection of books and other reading materials totaling 5.86 million volumes. The Library provides the public with a massive variety of domestic as well as overseas intellectual and cultural assets. Furthermore, it has devised and standardized a national bibliographic system, and takes the leading role in exchanging ideas and co-operating with other libraries in and outside Korea.

The Library was opened on October 15, 1945. The Library was initially named ‘The National Library’ and located in Sogong-dong, downtown Seoul. Under tremendous social instability during the post-liberation years, the Library was the best public institute providing ‘food for thought’ for the intellectually starving Koreans.

With the enactment of Library Law in 1963, the Library was renamed ‘The National Library of Korea’. And, based on the codes of the Library Law in 1965, deposit system was introduced, which made it possible for the Library to collect virtually all books published in Korea.

The Library was relocated to Namsan in December 1974, and has been housed in a newly-constructed building in Banpo-dong since 1988.

Since the first establishment of computer labs in 1982, the Library has driven computerization and created several databases. In 1996, the Library started providing Internet services through which users can look up the library catalogues and download texts online.

The enactment of the ‘Library Promotion Act’ in 1991 and the ‘Library and Reading Promotion Act’ in 1994 further reinforced the functions and roles of the Library as the best of its kind in Korea.

In less than 60 years, the Library reached a 5 million volume collection in September 1994. Also, as the Ministry of Culture and Tourism officially handed its library-related policy making roles over to the Library in November 2004, the Library has now been in charge of all the library policies in Korea.

On June 28, 2006, the National Library of Children and Young Adults was opened in the previous Thesis Library in Yeoksam-dong.

With the opening of the National Digital Library in 2008, the National Library of Korea is slated to become a state-of-the-art center of knowledge and culture in Korea. Furthermore, the Library will continue its efforts to become one of the best libraries in the world.
Building Map

Brief History

1945.10.15. Opened with the name of the National Library (Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul)
1963.10.28. Library Law enacted. Name changed into the National Library of Korea
1965.3.26. Deposit System launched
1974.12.2. Main Library relocated (from Sogong-dong to Namsan)
1981.9.30. Branch Library relocated (Yeoksam-dong, Seoul)
1982.8.7. Structural reorganization (computer labs opened)
1988.5.28. Library newly built (Bunpo-dong, Seocho-gu)
1991.3.8. Library Promotion Act enacted
1991.4.8. Jurisdiction transferred from the Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Culture
1997.11.25. Pilot system for Digital Library launched
2002.7.2. Cataloging in Publication (CIP) implemented as a pilot project
2004.9.15. Goal of five million volume collection reached
2004.12. RFID-based Management Information System (MIS) introduced
2005.10.14. The Library’s VISION for 2010 announced
2006.6.28. The National Library for Children and Young Adults opened

Organization Chart
1st Floor

1. **U-Library 2008**
   - The National Digital Library
   - PR Room
   A bird's-eye view rendition, maps of the interior and a model of the NDL are displayed. The NDL will become the pinnacle of digital information in Korea, and here you can also see the PR films on the vision of the NDL.

2. **ID Registration Room**
   After you apply for a Library Card on the Library Homepage, you need to visit the ID Registration Room in person, and receive your card. You can choose either a one-day card or a term pass.

   - **One-day Library Card and Term Pass**
     - One-day Library Card: Once applying for a Library Card at the ID Registration Room, you can be issued a one-day card from the card machine every time you visit the Library. You need to return the card into the card-deposit box when you leave the Library.
     - Term Pass: You can apply for a pass for a certain period of time. Maximum period for a term pass is three years.

3. **Exhibition Hall**
   A multi-cultural space. This room is used for the Library's own exhibitions or lent for various non-Library exhibitions.

4. **Locker Room**
   Lockers are available for use by visitors for storage of valuables and other belongings.

5. **Information Service**
   Library information and other user-related services are provided. A variety of encyclopedias, language dictionaries, and other thematically specialized dictionaries are available in this room. Services such as night-time library use, document delivery service and international reference service are available.
   - **Self Book-Return Machine**
     Night-time Library users (18:00 - 22:00) are required to return resources by putting them into the automatic book-return machine.
   - **RFID-based MIS**
     In 2004, the Library introduced the RFID-based Management Information System. It provides vital integration, linking RFID resource management, KOLIS, and Library Card issuing all together in one information system. With this system, the Library has access to real-time statistics on users and resources used, thereby enhance its user-friendly services.

6. **Main Circulation Desk**
   Application is required for resources published within the past five years. Once you make your application, wait until the paging lights show your name.
   - **Automatic Book Conveyor System**
     There is a 2.45 meter-long automatic book conveyor running for the fast circulation of resources from the underground book stacks to the first-floor circulation desk. Book stacks are divided thematically into 7 stations. Once desired books are loaded up onto the book car, the conveyor transports them to the circulation desk.
2nd Floor

1. Language · Literature/Library & Information Science Room
Books on language, literature, and library & information science published within the past five years, periodicals and government publications on library & information science are available.

   Real-time Data Monitor (Smart ID)
   This particular equipment helps monitor the circulation of resources in each resources room in real time. Data collected from it are used to enhance services and produce statistics for book purchases in the future.

2. Northeast Asian & North Korea Collections Room
Original resources published in North Korea, special resources on North Korea, and resources published in the other Northeast Asian countries such as Japan, China, Russia, and Mongolia are provided in this room.
Resources on ancient political relations between Korea and China, historical resources on Goguryeo and Balhae, and overseas documents on Korea are all provided in this room.
[Facilities] PCs for DB search, overseas documents desk, seminar rooms

   Special Resources
   These are highly political and ideological resources published in North Korea or other communist countries, and managed under the rules of "The National Library of Korea Special Resources Regulations."

   Overseas Documents Collection
   This is a collection of documents on the modern history of Korea published or kept in overseas countries. The collection includes documents from NARA (National Archives and Records Administration, USA).

3rd Floor

1. Government Publications / International Organizations(UN-OECD) documents Room
In this room, you have access to government-issued newsletters, yearbooks, statistics, all the current laws in Korea and related index materials, periodicals, and other real-time government data.
Also available are microfiche resources donated by the US government, and resources also donated by various international organizations.
[Facilities] MF Reader Printers, PCs for online resources on international organizations

   International Organizations Resources
   These are resources deposited by 10 international organizations including the UN and its affiliated organizations, OECD, and ADB. Minutes, yearbooks, statistics, and published books are available.

2. Serials
Domestic and international magazines, academic journals, information books on universities, and yearbooks are provided either in hard copy or on microfiche.
[Facilities] MF Reader Printers, PCs for publication information and contents

3. Newspapers
Domestic and international daily newspapers, weekly magazines, local newspapers, and specialty magazines are available either in hard copy or on microfiche.
Major daily newspapers issued for the past 10 years, and approximately 30 main issued newspapers are available on the open shelves.
[Facilities] MF Reader Printers, Photocopier for newspapers only, desks for photographing
**4th Floor**

**Human Science**
Korean resources published in the past five years, and foreign resources published in the past four years are available. Areas of resources include general humanities, philosophy, religion, arts, athletics, history, and geography. Other resources include various references, land registers, lot number registers, road map books, and other maps.

**Social Science**
Korean resources published in the past five years, and foreign resources in the past four years are available. Areas of resources include economics, sociology, politics, administration, education, ethnology, and defense.

**Natural Science**
Korean resources on natural sciences and technologies such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering, and homemaking are available. Related foreign resources published in the past four years are also accessible.

**5th Floor**

**Digital Multimedia Center**
This room is an integrated cultural space providing multimedia resources such as LPs, videos, CD-ROMs, DVDs. DB search desks are available for domestic and international academic journals and for general online information search. Video-on-demand (VOD) services, world news through satellite broadcasting, and video/audio appreciation facilities are also available.

* Seats should be reserved before use. (Application for use: 09:00-17:00)

**Facilities**
- PCs for seat reservation, Audio-visual room, PC desks for the disabled

**Services for the Disabled**
For the disabled, the Library provides a total of 11 different equipment including adjustable tables, adjustable keyboards, no-hand mouses, and clear-view head pointers. Screen Readers and monitor-magnifying programs are also available for people with visual problems.

**6th Floor**

**Old and Rare Collection**
This room holds about 260,000 old books including family pedigrees, anthologies, geographic documents, and resources designated as national treasures. You can also access the classical writers’ personal book collections, Gobawoo political cartoon collection, hard-covered family pedigrees, and original text DB of the Library’s classical resources.

**Facilities**
- MF Reader Printers, PCs for old book DB search

**Personal Collections**
Personally donated books are conserved with particular care and are available to the public. Out of 17 collections, 9 old book collections and Gobawoo collection are managed by the Old and Rare Collection. The other 8 collections are managed by the Public Service Division.

**7th Floor**

**Thesis Room**
Master’s and doctoral theses both from domestic and foreign academic institutes are available. An online text DB of the theses is also accessible.

**Facilities**
- PCs for theses DB search

**Indicators for Theses**
- DP: Ph.D. Thesis
- DM: Master’s Thesis

**Services for the Disabled**
For the disabled, the Library provides a total of 11 different equipment including adjustable tables, adjustable keyboards, no-hand mouses, and clear-view head pointers. Screen Readers and monitor-magnifying programs are also available for people with visual problems.
The Center provides specialized education programs for librarians. The Library started running education programs for librarians for the first time in 1963. Since 1998, the Library has been designated by the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs as a specialized teaching institute for librarians. Training programs are provided to librarians working for the central and local governments, private companies, colleges and universities, and other specialized libraries. More than 30 courses are run each year including novice and intermediary classes for subject specialists, library communications, and reading instructions.

[Facilities] An international conference hall, a main auditorium, a small auditorium, discussion rooms, computer education rooms, seminar rooms, study rooms.

Deposit Building

This Building was established in August 2000 to conserve valuable national literary resources in a systemic and scientific way. It has a storage capacity of 3.6 million copies of books. There are an old books room capable of holding more than 300,000 books and a rare books room equipped with humidity-control panels, dew-proof facilities, and gas-operated fire extinguishers. The Building is also facilitated with a professionalized book-repair room, a fumigation room, a room for MF preservation-processing, and a room for anti-acid processing.

[Facilities] A temperature & moisture control equipment, a fumigation room
Humidity-control panels, dew-proof facilities, and gas-operated fire extinguishers in the rare books room.

The National Digital Library

Currently under construction, this will be a building consisting of three above-ground stories and five underground stories incorporated with the main Library building. As large as 38,000㎡, the NDL will be the greatest national digital information complex by 2008, equipped with state-of-the-art technologies. The NDL promotes services in the new information era characterized by digitalized publications, online information resources, and development of media industries.

* User facilities: audio-visual rooms, academic DB editing rooms, multimedia and online publication rooms
* Management facilities: contents development room, online resources collection room, program operation room, non-text resources room
* Stacks: book stacks, non-book materials stacks, a thermostats control room
  + Retainment capacity: 12 million copies

OASIS (Online Archiving & Searching Internet Sources)

OASIS is a national project for preservation of knowledge and cultural legacy for future generations by collecting and providing diverse web contents to the public. It collects websites worthy of long-term preservation, research reports, statistics, and other web resources with great social importance. The project started its collection process in January 2004, opened its Internet homepage (www.oasis.go.kr) for public services in February 2006, and now continues to work to meet the goal of collecting one million web resources by 2010.
How to Use the Library

- Opening Hours: 9:00~18:00 / Digital Multimedia Center: 9:00~17:30 / Night-time Library: 18:00~22:00 (Monday through Friday)
- The Library is closed on the second and the fourth Mondays each month, and on national holidays (except for Sundays).

1. Personal Belongings
   Users are required to keep their personal belongings in the lockers. Laptops and pens are allowed to carry.

2. Library Cards
   - Users are required to apply for a Library Card (either for one-day or for an extended term). You can receive the card in the ID Registration Room.
   - Library Cards are needed to enter the Library and also to use Library resources.
   - To enter the Library building, you can simply place your Library Card against the Card ID machine at the entrance.

3. Using Resources
   - You need to identify the locations of the resources you want first, and then go to the relevant resource room.
   - In case the resources are not open-shelved, you need to apply for them at the Main Circulation Desk.
   - Open Shelves: You can look and pick up the resources from the shelves on your own.
   - Closed Shelves: (Main Circulation Desk, Government Publications, Serials, Newspapers room, Old & Rare Collection, Thesis Room) Locate your resources on the computer first, then apply for them to the librarians. After finishing reading the resources, return them to the application desks.

   ※ All the resources are to be used only inside the Library.

4. Resources Photocopying
   Photocopying facilities are available on each floor.
   Photocopying Fee:
   - self photocopy: 40 won/page
   - old books: 100 won/page
   - colored photocopy: 1,000 won/page

   ※ In accordance with copyrights regulations, only partial photocopying (less than 1/3) is allowed.

5. When Finished
   Return your one-day Library Card at the entrance. If you are a term pass user, you can keep it yourself for the next visit.

Other Services of the Library

1. Digital Reference Services
   Subject specialist librarians give out answers online to the questions submitted on the Library’s websites. It takes an average of 5 business days for you to get answers from them.

2. Document Delivery Service
   For the users who are not able to visit the Library in person, the Library provides photocopying and posting/faxing services.
   - Only partial photocopying (less than 1/3) is allowed (books with expired copyrights can be copied in whole).
   - Application confirmation: Information Service (82-2-590-0586, Fax 82-2-590-0608).
   - Old & Rare Collection (82-2-590-0678, Fax 82-2-590-0712).

3. Resources Use at Night-Time Library
   Night-time (18:00~22:00) users are required to apply for the desired resources at the thematically specialized rooms (on the second and the fourth floors), and then read them at the Information Service later at night. You can also make applications on the Internet or by fax during day-time, and read them at night.
   - Application for night-time use should be completed by 5 o’clock in the afternoon.
   - 82-2-590-0586.

4. Resources Use on Weekends
   - For use on weekends, you need to make applications on the Internet or at the relevant resources rooms (Main Circulation Desk, Northeast Asian & North Korea Collections, Old & Rare Collection, Thesis Room).
   - Applications should be made during weekdays. Resources can then be accessed and read on the weekends. (Saturdays only for old & rare books).

5. Services for the Disabled
   - General facilities: disabled-only parking lots, wheelchair lifts, road marks for users with visual handicap, 2 wheelchairs, elevators for the disabled, PCs and magnifiers for users with visual handicap, bathroom for the disabled.
   - Available resources: in-braille resources (Main Circulation Desk on the 1st floor), and webpages (http://sigak.nl.go.kr), Screen Reader programs, texts DB for users with visual handicap.
   - Digital Multimedia Center: A total of 11 kinds of disabled-supporting equipment is provisioned including adjustable tables and keyboards, foot-operated mouses, and clear-view handpointers.
The National Library for Children and Young Adults

Library for the Future of Children and Young Adults

The National Library for Children and Young Adults provides the youth with precious opportunities to further their dreams, imaginations, and hopes for the future. It also supports researchers and librarians with various activities and information for their work with the youth.

International Library Loan
In cooperation with foreign libraries, the Library provides international book loan or resource photocopying services for resources sharing.

For more information: Information Service ☎ 82-2-590-0586 Fax 82-2-590-0608

Other Facilities of the Library

Book Restaurant • ‘Chaeksarang’ Café
- Located on the 1st floor of the Librarian Training Center.
- Opening Hours: 11:00~16:00(Café 11:00~18:00)

Places for Visitors’ Convenience
(in the main library building)
- Souvenir shop on the 1st floor
- Lounge with public phones on the 2nd floor

Nearby Parks
Seo-ri-pul Park, Montmartres Park, Seo-rae Park
How to Use the National Library for Children and Young Adults

1. Lockers for Personal Items
   You are required to put your personal items in the lockers on the 1st floor.

2. Library Card
   Register and get your Library Card in the User Registration Room.
   * If you are under 18 years of age, you are required to show your health-insurance card or a copy of resident registration.

3. Using Resources
   - Resources Search
     You can locate your desired resources at the ‘Want to Know the Library!’ (Information Center on the 1st floor), or on the PCs in each resources room.
   - Get the Resources
     Once you locate your resources, you can either get them in person, or apply for them at the circulation desk.
     - In-person access: open shelved resources → pick up the resources on the shelves in person
     - Application: closed shelved resources (stacked resources) → apply for them on PC or by filling out the application form. Once you finish reading the resources, return them to the corresponding resources room.
   * All resources are to be used only inside the Library.

4. When Finished
   Return all the resources you used. Your Library Card should also be returned.

1st Floor

Children’s Collection
This room has a vast collection of books and other reading materials published in Korea for pre-school and lower-grade elementary school children.

Foreign Language Children’s Collection
Here you can find picture books, story books, school textbooks, and other references from many countries around the world. Materials for upper-grade elementary school children are also available.

2nd Floor

Multimedia Room
This room consists of a ‘multimedia corner’, ‘language labs’, and an ‘audio-visual room’. You can also get access to various online information and digitalized resources.

Exhibition Hall
Through a variety of art exhibitions, this room provides children with diverse and exciting cultural experiences.

3rd Floor

Young Adults’ Collection
Teenagers can freely enjoy books and periodicals of their own tastes.

Research Materials Room
In this room, you can gain access to academic studies on children and teenagers, studies on literature for children, materials on reading instruction, story writers’ personal book collections (Kang So-cheon, Park Hong-geun, and Yoon Seok-jung), and information on children’s libraries in and outside Korea. Researchers as well as concerned adults are especially welcomed to use these resources.

4th Floor

Auditorium/Seminar Room/Reading and Discussion Rooms
You can use these rooms for academic conferences, seminars, discussion sessions, and training workshops.

Stacks
The room holds more than 200,000 closed-shelved children’s books, textbooks, and study books published in Korea.
Information on The National Library for Children and Young Adults

* Opening Hours : 9:00–18:00

* Dates Closed : the second and fourth Mondays each month, national holidays (except for Sundays).

* Using Resources
You can access resources in person in the Children’s Collection, Foreign Language Children’s Collection, Young Adults’ Collection, and Research materials Room. Resources in the Multimedia Room and Stacks are accessible only with application.

* Reservation for Weekend Use of Stacked Resources
Application for reservation should be made during weekdays either online or in the resources room. Reserved resources (no more than 5 books) should be used only inside the Research Materials Room on the 3rd floor during weekends.

* Use of Night-Time Library
  - Dates opened : Monday through Friday
  - Opening Hours : 18:00–22:00
  - Location for Use : Research Materials Room on the 3rd floor
  - Available Resources : Resources in the Young Adults’ Collection, and Research Materials Room. Reservations are not required, but optional.

* Library Tours
Groups from kindergarten and schools are welcomed for library tours. Other related organizations are also welcomed. Application for library tours should be made two weeks before.
☎ 82-2-3451-0749

* Day & Time for Tours

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