



World leaders from national libraries invited to give lectures at the NDL

February 15, 2005

Ms. Martha Anderson & Mr. William G. LeFurgy

Two experts in digital preservation from the [Library of Congress \(LC\)](#) of the United States came to give lectures on cutting-edge projects. Ms. Martha Anderson and Mr. William G. LeFurgy have been working as project managers for the Office of Strategic Initiatives at LC. They have both been involved in the [National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program \(NDIIPP\)](#).



Ms. Anderson and Mr. LeFurgy

Mr. LeFurgy's work at LC includes overseeing advanced digital preservation projects, guiding research on improved methods for long-term management of digital materials, and working with government agencies, private corporations, professional organizations, and other stakeholders. His speech, "National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP)," briefly described the NDIIPP and outlined the current status and results of the project and the next steps to be taken.

Ms. Anderson is working on projects for building preservation architecture. She serves as the project manager for the Archive Ingest and Handling Test (AIHT) of the NDIIPP and also chairs the Metrics and TestBed Working Group of the [International Internet Preservation Consortium \(IIPC\)](#). Her lecture, "Web Archiving at the Library of Congress: Collection Strategies and Collaborations," elaborated the LC's web archiving strategy. She also put much emphasis on collaboration with international partners. That importance of international partnership was recognized widely, which resulted in the establishment of IIPC in 2003 at the Bibliothèque nationale de France with 12 participating institutions. For

the second phase of IIPC activities, it is planning to expand its membership from 2006, and Ms. Anderson called on Japanese librarians to come forward to participate in this worldwide endeavor.

Aside from giving lectures, Ms. Anderson and Mr. LeFurgy had meetings with the staff of the Digital Information Planning Office, Planning and Cooperation Division at the Tokyo Main Library on February 16. They also visited the Kansai-kan, and had a meeting with the staff of the Digital Library Division at the Kansai-kan on February 17. Hands-on learning experience with these two American experts through these meetings inspired the NDL staff to move forward to tackle the difficulties of digital preservation.

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Dr. Barbara B. Tillett

Another expert from the LC, Dr. Barbara B. Tillett, visited the NDL one week later. She has been Chief of the Cataloging Policy and Support Office at LC since 1994 and supervised the introduction of an integrated library system. The success of this system integration made her one of the most distinguished experts of the library. Her work has also extended outside LC, and she has been active in the [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions \(IFLA\)](#), serving as a chair to the [Division of Bibliographic Control](#) and also as a member of the [IFLA Governing Board](#). Recently she has been leading a joint project of the LC, [Die Deutsche Bibliothek \(DDB\)](#) and the [OCLC \(Online Computer Library Center\)](#). The project is named VIAF (Virtual International Authority File) and aims to build a virtual authority file to match and link the authority records for personal names in the retrospective personal name authority files of DDB and LC. For all these and other numerous achievements in the cataloging field, she was awarded the Margaret Mann Citation, one of the most prestigious awards for librarians, by the [American Library Association](#) in 2004.



Dr. Tillet

Her lecture, "Virtual International Authority File," gave the audience an overall idea of what VIAF is about. Authority control is time-consuming and labor-intensive work. She claims that by sharing the work worldwide through constructing this virtual file, we can save time and work more effectively. She also talked about how IFLA's international cataloging principles had been developed and what the future directions would be.

On February 23, Dr. Tillet attended a meeting with NDL staff of the Bibliography Department to give a presentation on the authority cooperative projects and discuss related matters. The meeting gave the NDL staff an opportunity to look into the actual work flow of cataloging in LC, which is hard to grasp from the published materials, and to refresh their knowledge on up-to-date trends in cataloging.

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Dr. Elisabeth Niggemann

Dr. Niggemann, Director General of [Die Deutsche Bibliothek \(DDB\)](#), gave a lecture titled "Die Deutsche Bibliothek: the German National Library," in which she introduced the brief history and outlined the overall functions and current situation of DDB. She also talked about the challenges that DDB faces concerning digital resources and the two projects called "[nestor](#)" and "KOPAL," both of which aim to contribute to the preservation of digital resources. Her lecture finally extended to [TEL \(The European Library\)](#) project whose objective is to unite the resources of Europe's national libraries.



Dr. Niggemann

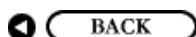
On March 2, a meeting with Dr. Niggemann and the NDL's directors and senior members was held at the Tokyo Main Library with teleconference attendance from the Kansai-kan. There was very active discussion on various subjects such as legislation regarding electronic resources. Though it was the first time that the DDB Director General visited the NDL, Dr. Niggemann talked to everyone in a very friendly and open manner throughout her visit. The NDL staff found many things in common between the two libraries and felt that Dr. Niggemann's visit marked the beginning of a new stage of cooperative relations between DDB and the NDL.

Dr. Niggemann also visited the International Library of Children's Literature and the Goethe-Institut Tokyo during her stay in Japan.

More details of these lectures will appear in future issues of *NDL Monthly Bulletin* (in Japanese).

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NDL Statistics FY2003

*This is an abridged translation of the series articles
"Excerpts from the Annual Report of the NDL, FY2003: statistics" in
the NDL Monthly Bulletin No. 522 and 523 (September - October 2004).*

The NDL compiles and publishes an Annual Report each year with the major achievements and statistics of the previous fiscal year. This Annual Report is submitted to the Diet and also distributed to major libraries and related institutions in Japan. It has been available also on the NDL website since FY2002 ([Annual Report FY2003, Japanese only](#)). The following are statistics abstracted from the Annual Report FY2003.

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I. Collection development and provision of bibliographic information

(1) Collections

The NDL collects various materials published inside and outside Japan.

<Table 1> Materials held by the NDL

Books (volumes)

Japanese and Chinese books	5,841,221
Books in Western languages	2,303,970
Total	8,145,191

Serials (titles)

*numbers in parentheses are non-book-form materials

Japanese serials	Periodicals	117,580	(1,975)
	Newspapers	8,615	(1,991)

	Subtotal	126,195	(3,966)
Western serials	Periodicals	55,456	(352)
	Newspapers	1,583	(172)
	Subtotal	57,039	(524)
Total		183,234	(4,490)

Non-book materials

Microfilms (reels)	412,097
Microfiches (sheets)	7,262,149
Microprints (sheets)	300,108
Video discs (items)	34,372
Video cassettes (items)	6,976
Slides (sheets)	122,728
Phonographic records (sheets)	502,448
Cassette tapes (items)	24,170
Open tapes (reels)	23,215
Magnetic tapes (reels)	81
Magnetic discs (items)	1,605
Optical discs (items)	43,686
IC cards (items)	326
Maps (sheets)	442,742
Maps (volumes)	41,344
Musical scores (sheets)	9,714
Musical scores (volumes)	2,214
Card-form materials (items)	20,237
Still images (items)	91,560
Doctoral dissertations (titles)	422,279
Manuscripts (items)	261,369
Newspaper clippings (articles)	2,009,226
Braille resources and large print editions (volumes)	23,599
Others (items)	2,827

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(2) Acquisition

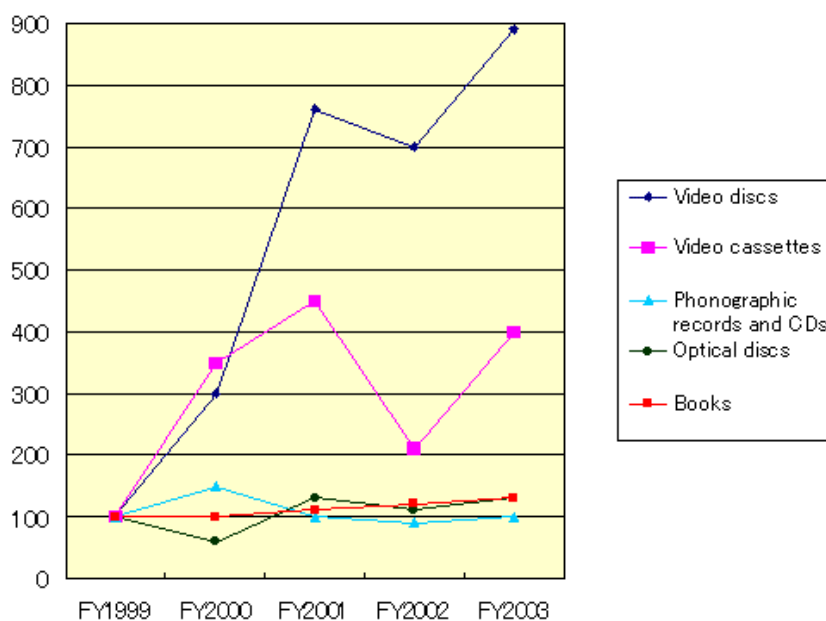
The National Diet Library collects materials by purchase, legal deposit (from the national or local government and private publishers), donation (from individuals and groups inside and outside the country) and exchange (with foreign government and international organizations).

Number of materials newly accessioned in FY2003

Books (volumes)	234,456
Periodicals (titles)	424,903
Newspapers (titles)	197,943
Microfilms (reels)	31,165
Microfiches (sheets)	198,619
Video discs (DVD-V, LD, etc.) (items)	5,852
Video cassettes (items)	1,224
Phonographic records (sheets)	11,376
Optical discs (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, etc.) (items)	8,767

The number of visual materials shows a visible increase in the last five years: about nine times for video discs and four times for video cassettes. This chart shows an increase in accessions of books and offline electronic publications which have been included in the legal deposit system since October 2000.

<Chart 1> Increase in accessions of books and electronic publications FY1999-2003



*The number of materials accessioned in FY1999 is set at 100 in the chart

In the case of electronic journals, the NDL provided about 10,000 titles as of the end of FY2003, made available through nine subscription contracts with foreign providers.

(3) Collection of the digital library

The NDL is developing the digital library where digital materials are available directly from the NDL website: [Web Archiving Project \(WARP\)](#), available since November 2002, [Digital Library from the Meiji Era](#), October 2002, and [Rare Books Image Database](#), March 2000.

WARP

as of the end of FY2003

Online journals	1,029 titles
Websites of government agencies and collaborating institutions	367 websites

Total size of the collection	459GB *14times larger than the end of FY2002
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Digital Library of from the Meiji Era as of the end of FY2003

Number of materials available	32,000 titles (50,000 volumes)
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Rare Books Image Database as of the end of FY2003

Japanese and Chinese books	243 items
Colored woodblock prints	526 items
Number of images	30,000 and over

(4) Provision of bibliographic information

The NDL compiles and publishes the Japanese National Bibliography, which is provided both in paper form and [online \(Japanese only\)](#). [NDL-OPAC](#), the online catalog system which enables cross searching for books, serials, and articles of Japanese periodicals, is also available on the Internet. In FY2003, bibliographic data of maps and audiovisual materials were added to the NDL-OPAC.

<Table 2> NDL-OPAC coverage (records)

Japanese books	2,868,996
Books in Western languages	339,888
Japanese periodicals and newspapers	121,010
Periodicals and newspapers in Western languages	54,462
Electronic resources	13,977
Rare books and old materials	5,650
Doctoral dissertations	307,948
Maps	36,053
Audiovisual materials	18,173
Articles from Japanese periodicals	6,085,992
Standards / technical reports	154,519
Braille resources/ recorded books	293,906

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II. Services for the National Diet

The NDL provides legislative research services and library services for the National Diet members and others connected with the Diet.

(1) Legislative research service

The Research and Legislative Reference Bureau of the NDL conducts research on politics, economy, and social affairs inside and outside Japan using the NDL collections and databases. The total number of researches conducted by the Research and Legislative Reference Bureau in FY2003 was 26,900. Among them, researches conducted for the Diet members and Diet-related people are shown in <Table 3>.

<Table 3> Legislative research conducted for the Diet members and other Diet-related people

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Client		Members of the House of Representatives	Members of the House of Councillors	Ex-Diet members	Secretariat	Political parties	Total	
Number of cases		14,512	9,093	966	500	1,264	26,335	
Category	Analysis	5	5	0	2	1	13	
	Research	11,842	7,139	567	482	1,153	21,183	
	Document supply	2,665	1,949	399	16	110	5,139	
	Bill drafting	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Subject	Area	Japan	10,003	6,012	706	64	664	17,449
		Overseas	2,752	1,956	172	409	392	5,681
		Japan& Overseas	1,570	1,029	75	23	191	2,888
	Others	187	96	13	4	17	317	
Means of response	Oral	Telephone	456	276	10	33	33	808
		Meeting	141	52	28	17	16	254
		Attend at a session	18	7	0	14	10	49
	Materials	Lending out/Copying	12,661	8,091	861	226	1,054	22,893
	Written	Research paper	1,137	612	57	197	142	2,145
		Book list	87	40	10	11	8	156
		Translation	12	15	0	2	1	30

<Electronic information service for the National Diet>

"Chosa-no-Mado," an NDL portal site for the National Diet, had more than 1,320 kinds of content as of the end of FY2003.

Accesses to [the Full-text Database System for the Minutes of the Diet](#), which covers proceedings from the first National Diet session in 1946, amounted to 523,002 (122,926 increase from the previous year), including accesses both via the National Diet WAN and via the NDL website.

(2) Library service

The Detached Library in the Diet (DLID) is a small but front-line library of the services to the National Diet, located on the fourth floor of the Diet building inside the tower. 55,000 books including parliamentary proceedings and U.S. codes, and about 600 titles of serials are available there. In FY2003, the DLID Information System, which provides loan service using a library card and search service (the DLID-OPAC), was launched and the number of visitors and circulation has increased.

<Table 4> shows the library service provided at the DLID.

<Table 4> DLID Library services

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	Visitors	Circulation		Copying	Reference
		(persons)	(volumes)		
Diet members	1,398	1,495	3,168	6,643	4,027
Diet-related people	47,905	7,527	15,257	1,799	1,247
Total	49,303	9,022	18,425	8,442	5,274

III. Services for the general public

Services for the general public are offered in the Tokyo Main Library, Kansai-kan, International Library of Children's Literature and Toyo Bunko. These facilities offer services for both remote and on-site users.

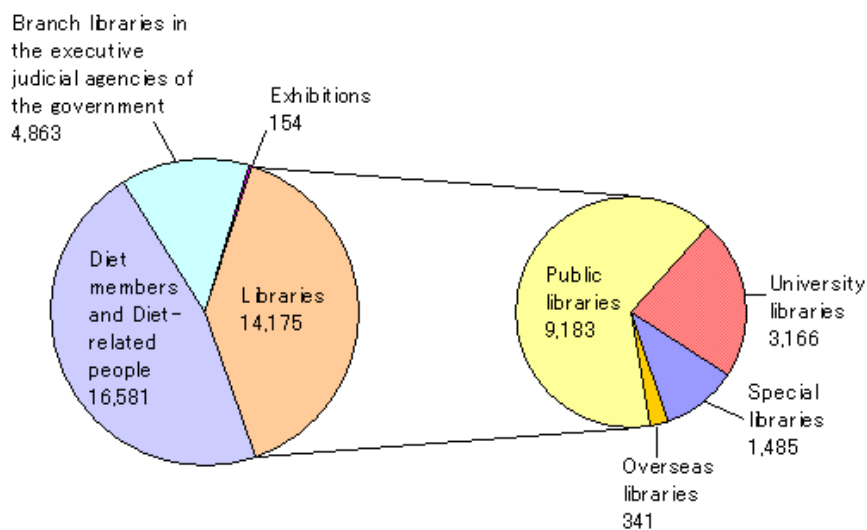
(1) Services for remote users

-Interlibrary loan

The NDL lent out 14,175 materials to 3,167 institutions and libraries including 133 new member institutions and libraries in FY2003.

It has been possible to make a request via NDL-OPAC since October 2002 in addition to postal mail, fax and through the NDL-ILL system. The number of requests via NDL-OPAC was 2,533 (19 % of all the requests) in FY2002 and 7,611 (51 %) in FY2003.

<Chart 2> Number of materials lent out in FY2003



-Reference services

Remote reference services are available by phone, letter, fax, or e-mail. In FY2003, there were 7,979 written (letter, fax, or e-mail) requests, 808 fewer than the previous year. This decrease may be because the NDL-OPAC has been available on the Internet since October 2002, as inquiries about holding information decreased by 606. 80% (6,416) of written requests were from libraries inside the country. The number of reference requests received by phone was 55,704, 95% (52,787) of which were from individual users.

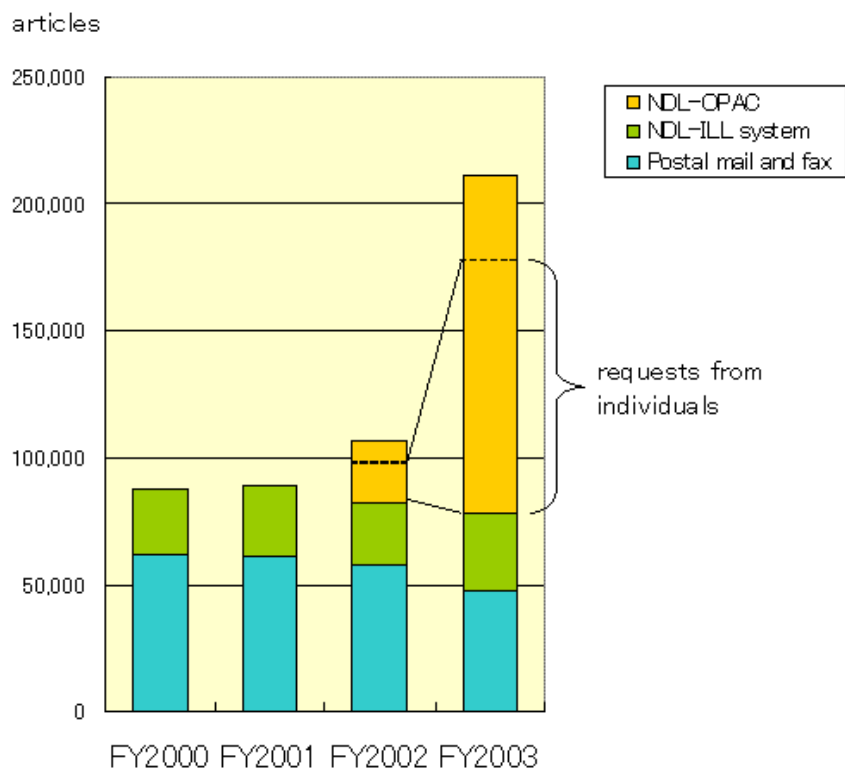
Reference service by e-mail has been available to registered libraries in Japan and overseas users since October 2002. There were 673 requests by e-mail from registered libraries in Japan (22% of all the requests, 517 increase from the previous year) and 91 requests from overseas users (79%, 70 increase).

-Copying service for remote users

We received 110,199 requests for copying service (211,211 articles) in FY2003 (40,617 requests, 106,835 articles in the previous year). In FY 2002, we started receiving requests via NDL-OPAC. The number of

requests via NDL-OPAC comprised 63% of all the requests in FY2003 (23% in the previous year).

<Chart 3> Requests for copying service from libraries and remote users (number of articles requested)



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(2) On-site services

On-site services include reader service, copying service, and in-person reference service.

<Basic Data>

Tokyo Main Library

Opening days per year	240
Visitors	352,317 (1,468 per day)
Circulation	1,254,732
Inter-site circulation (materials sent from Kansai-kan)	4,155

Kansai-kan

Opening days per year	280
Visitors	78,060 (279 per day)
Circulation	91,608
Inter-site circulation (materials sent from Tokyo Main Library)	2,003

We started a user registration system in FY2003. Since then, 4,400 libraries and 33,600 individuals have registered.

<Services in Special Materials Rooms>

Reorganization of Special Materials Rooms was completed with the establishment of the Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room. Statistics are shown in <Table 5>.

<Table 5> Special Materials Room statistics

	Opening days	Users	Users/day (average)	Circulation	Circulation/day
Humanities Room	239	103,702	434	134	1
Newspaper Reading Room	235	79,948	340	203,303	865
Business, Science and Technology Room	238	125,468	527	1,419	6
Statutes and Parliamentary Documents Room (-2003.11.30)	159	7,941	50	10,024	63
Law, Politics and Official Publications Room (-2003.11.30)	159	18,072	114	1,145	7
Parliamentary Documents and Official Publications Room (2003.12.1-)	78	20,680	269	8,034	104
Map Room	235	42,743	182	58,157	247
Modern Japanese Political History Materials Room	226	3,649	16	62,564	277
Rare Books and Old Materials Room	239	4,411	18	39,595	166
Audiovisual Materials Room	230	7,540	33	7,174	31
Electronic Resources Room*	239	12,254	51	4,631	20
Asian Resources Room	280	-	-	3,214	11

*includes the number for Electronic Resources Room 2 (integrated into the Electronic Resources Room in December 2003)

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Total requests for copying

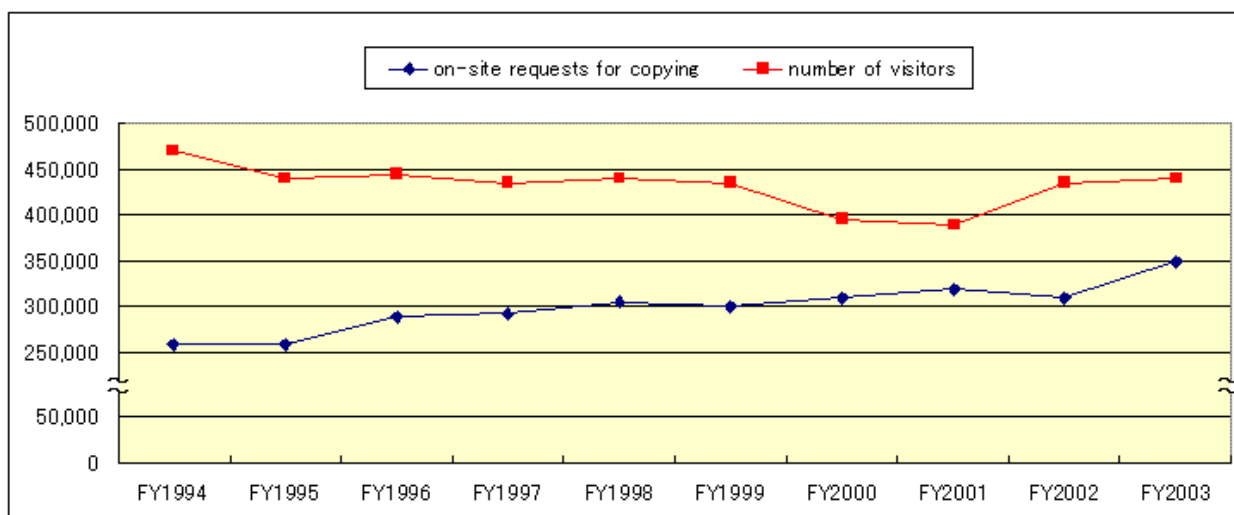
Tokyo Main Library	302,760 (292,016 in FY2002)
Kansai-kan	47,922 (16,662 in FY2002)

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In-person reference service for visitors

Tokyo Main Library	166,093 (21% increase from FY2002)
Kansai-kan	17,286 (38% increase from FY2002)

<Chart 4> Transition in the number of visitors and requests for copying (in the last ten years)



(3) Services of the International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL)

<Table 6> shows FY2003 statistics of the ILCL, a branch library of the NDL providing library services for children's literature and related materials.

<Table 6> ILCL Statistics (fully opened in May 2002)

	FY2003	FY2002
Opening days	294	265
Visitors	143,530 (488 per day)	143,632 (542 per day)
Circulation	35,806	29,264
ILL requests	466	283
In-person reference service	5,721	7,173
Reference service by letter	237	379
Reference service by phone	860	858
Requests for on-site copying service	2,977	-
Requests for copying service by mail	415	1,122
Book sets lending service to school libraries	7,635	1,304
Visitors to the exhibitions	84,104	111,855

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Global sharing and contribution from Japan

the wide range of NDL's international cooperation (part 2/2)

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5. Emphasis on Asia

(1) Information services on Asia

The NDL puts emphasis on activities with an eye to Asia. The Kansai-kan of the National Diet Library was established with such a major function as information services on Asia. Placing the Asian Resources Room in the Kansai-kan at the center, the whole NDL is making efforts to enhance user services including remote services based on information resources on Asia that have been accumulated for years. Since 2002, the National Diet Library Asian Language Materials Online Public Access Catalog is open to the public (bibliographic data of Chinese, Korean, Mongolian and Vietnamese materials are included at this time). To cooperate with not only domestic but also international Asia-related institutions, an international symposium named "The New Horizon of Library Services Toward the Better Understanding of Asia" was held in the Kansai-kan in 2003.

(2) Editorial work for the CDNLAO Newsletter

Since 1983, the NDL has edited and published an English newsletter, CDNLAO Newsletter, to provide a forum for exchange of information among librarians in the Asia and Oceania region. This newsletter, first named the A/O Newsletter, was launched based on the Recommendation adopted by the Second International Conference of Directors of National

Libraries on Resources Sharing in Asia and Oceania held in 1982, hosted by the NDL. The Conference was renamed the Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) from the fourth conference held in Beijing in 1989. The newsletter was also renamed the CDNLAO Newsletter from 1988. With the cooperation of librarians in the Asia and Oceania region, by the 50th issue published in July 2004, approximately 300 articles were carried in 21 years. In addition to the paper version, web version has been on the NDL website since 1998 and the paper version was discontinued in 2003.

(3) Mutual visit programs with the National Library of China (NLC) [related article](#)

The NDL and the National Library of China (NLC) have been sending staffers to one another since 1981, thus deepening friendly relations and improving each other's library services. The first time the NDL sent delegates headed by the Deputy Librarian to China, and since then two libraries have alternately sent five delegates to the other's country. In 2004, the 24th program was held in Japan. Having reported on their activities and exchanged opinions on themes of the time, the two libraries have made use of what they gained from those occasions to enhance their own library services. In May 1999, the two national libraries exchanged a letter of intent of five articles concerning exchange and cooperation, with the intention of enhancing friendly/cooperative relations and promoting activities to respond to the digital information age. Based on the Letter, the NDL has been acquiring Chinese materials to expand the Asian materials collection in the Kansai-kan with cooperation from the NLC. For details, please see [here](#).

(4) Mutual visit programs with the National Library of Korea (NLK) and the National Assembly Library of Korea (NAL) [related article](#)

Mutual visit programs with the NLK started in 1997 to deepen mutual understanding among library communities in neighboring countries for the 21st century and to collaborate on solving common problems. The first program was held in the NDL and since then the two libraries have alternately sent three delegates to the other's country. In 2004, the 8th program was held in Korea. At the meetings, which are mainly in the form of seminars, participants present common issues, and actively exchange opinions, questions and answers. As a result of this activity, the two libraries have established a friendly relationship and other activities on themes such as preservation and children's services have also started. For details, please see [here](#).

As a parliamentary library, the NDL also has a relationship with the National Assembly Library of Korea (NAL). In 2000 and 2001, both libraries alternately sent one staffer for one-month training. Based on the results of this training program, the NDL and the NAL started a mutual visit program in 2003. In the first year, two staff members from the NAL visited the NDL and had a seminar on the theme "What the services for parliaments should be." This activity will be held twice in each library for four years. For details, please see [here](#).

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6. Supporting overseas Japanese studies

As the largest resource of Japanese information, the NDL is making efforts to share its collection worldwide and always seeks to support overseas Japanese studies institutes and scholars. For this purpose it is developing access methods to its resources from

overseas through such services as online bibliographic databases and digitized materials, and improving copying service. Since 2002, the Japanese Periodicals Index has been available via the NDL-OPAC and users can search and request copying service for periodical articles at the same time. It provides strong support for Japanese studies scholars overseas.

With the Japan Foundation (JF), the NDL has jointly hosted training programs for information specialists on Japanese studies who are working in overseas libraries and institutions. The first program was held for five years; from FY1996 to FY1997 under the title of the Training Program for Senior Japanese Studies Librarians and from FY1998 to FY2000 under the title of the Training Program for Japanese Studies Librarians. Since FY2002, a three-year program has been held under the title of the Training Program for Information Specialists for Japanese Studies. Since 1996, the total number of trainees is 88 from 29 countries. This three-week program including high quality lectures and study tours is highly praised by trainees and related institutions.

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7. Children's literature service

The International Library of Children's Literature (ILCL), NDL branch library partly opened to the public in 2000 and fully in 2002, was established to provide library services on children's literature and related materials to the public under the international cooperation scheme. In addition to domestic materials acquired via the legal deposit system, the ILCL acquires overseas materials especially from Asian countries and provides them not only to Japanese users but also to overseas users taking advantage of digital library functions. To acquire overseas materials, the ILCL utilizes international cooperation such as donations from the secretariat of the Bologna Children's Book Fair. The ILCL not only provides reading and copying services but also holds exhibitions, lectures and symposiums, and invites writers, scholars and librarians of children's libraries. It also cooperates with related institutions such as the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) and children's libraries in other countries, and sends staffers to related conferences and events.

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8. Construction of the NDL Digital Archive: a global digital library

To acquire, preserve and provide digital information resources is an urgent issue not only for the NDL but also for other national libraries around the world. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) defines "digital heritage," resources of information in digital forms including the Internet resources, and adopted the [Charter on the Preservation of the Digital Heritage](#) at the 32nd General Conference in 2003. In the charter, the appropriate legal and institutional frameworks needed to secure the protection of each country's digital heritage are stated.

The first project to share digital information resources worldwide and to make them accessible is the G7 (G8 after 1998) electronic library project proposed at the "Meeting of Concerned Cabinet Members for the Information Society" held in Brussels in 1995. It had

been carried out under the joint sponsorship of Japan and France, and the NDL played a positive role in its activities. In 1997, as a part of the G7 (G8) electronic library project, the Bibliotheca Universalis Project began under the theme of "Exchanges between people." In 1999 it came out of the G8 scheme and was reorganized as a joint project based on an agreement signed by 13 national libraries. The NDL continues to participate in the project and made the electronic exhibition "Nippon in the World" available on the NDL website in 2000. Although the Bibliotheca Universalis originally aimed at sharing digitized materials and bibliographic information, with the rapid development of the Internet, its objective was shifted to focus on network resources. Other international joint projects have been launched. The NDL is involved in international challenges through sending staffers to international conferences on the digital library and inviting people in charge of digital library projects.

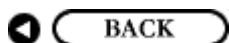
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9. As a member of the global library community

I have outlined the NDL's international cooperation activities from traditional international exchange and sharing of bibliographic data to the latest activities such as the digital library. In addition to the activities mentioned above, Current Awareness, a quarterly magazine, and Current Awareness-E, an e-mail newsletter that disseminates information about international movements and topics in the library and library science field to domestic libraries, can be included in NDL international activities in a broad sense.

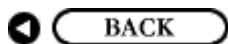
In 2002, the NDL was extensively reorganized. As a result, library cooperation related works was separated into functional categories and reallocated among several divisions. International cooperation is now needed in every division and this reallocation is quite beneficial for the development of the whole NDL and its international cooperation function. The legal and other systems that are the basis of the NDL and the know-how and experience acquired through implementation of projects could be useful for the libraries of other countries. Sharing these achievements with colleagues worldwide, the NDL will be able to make further international contributions. Staffers dispatched by the NDL to international conferences this year made as many presentations as possible to introduce NDL's activities. We consider that such a succession of little efforts can be as important a contribution as big projects in sharing information resources and the know-how with the international library community.

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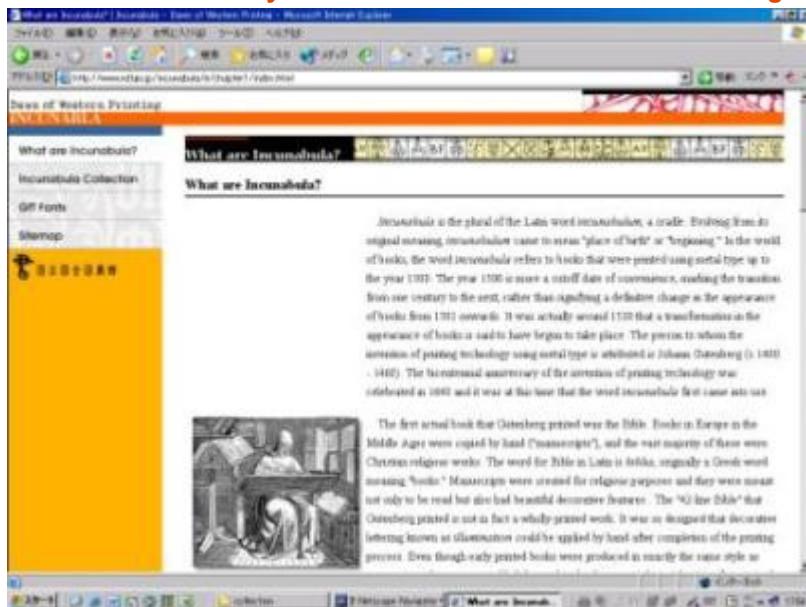


Selections from the NDL collection

Schramm, Albert "Der Bilderschmuck der Frühdrucke" (Decorative illustrations in the early days of prints)

The NDL Gallery (<http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/gallery/index.html>) now features an exhibition "Incunabula -Dawn of Western Printing-" in which you can see 13 incunabula and 55 incunabula leaves selected from 15 incunabula and 307 leaves housed in the National Diet Library. The exhibition also provides explanations of printing types, paper, printing techniques and other matters related to incunabula. A glossary, chronological table and a collection of links to other websites is also available.

From the NDL Gallery "Incunabula -Dawn of Western Printing"



Incunabula are books printed with metal type up to the year 1500. If you search on the database *Illustrated Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue* (IISTC), you will find 8,396 titles of incunabula printed in Germany including 1,087 titles with illustrative decorations.

Printed books in early times were designed in the same style as the manuscripts of medieval times, with ornamental initials, border decorations and illustrative miniatures. Woodcuts were used for such decorations including printers' marks, ornamental initials and beautiful illustrations. Woodcut technique was frequently used for incunabula printed in German cities including Ulm, Nuremberg, Luebeck, and Augsburg, especially by printers such as Günther Zainer, Anton Sorg, and Johann Bämler. Later William Morris, a great lover of such books, printed a number of books with woodcut illustrations at the Kelmscott Press.

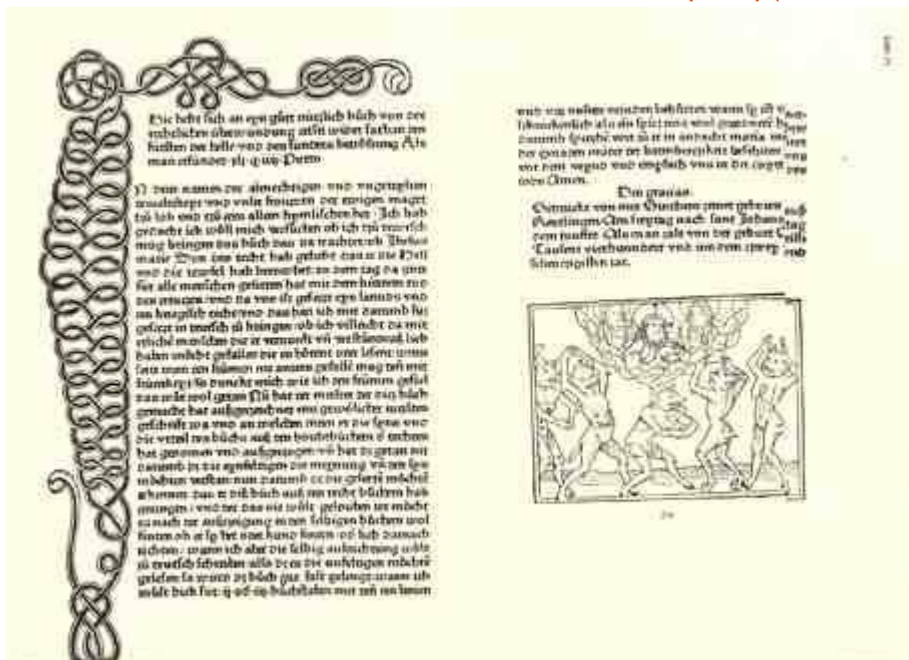
Full volumes (bound) of *Der Bilderschmuck der Frühdrucke* and the title page

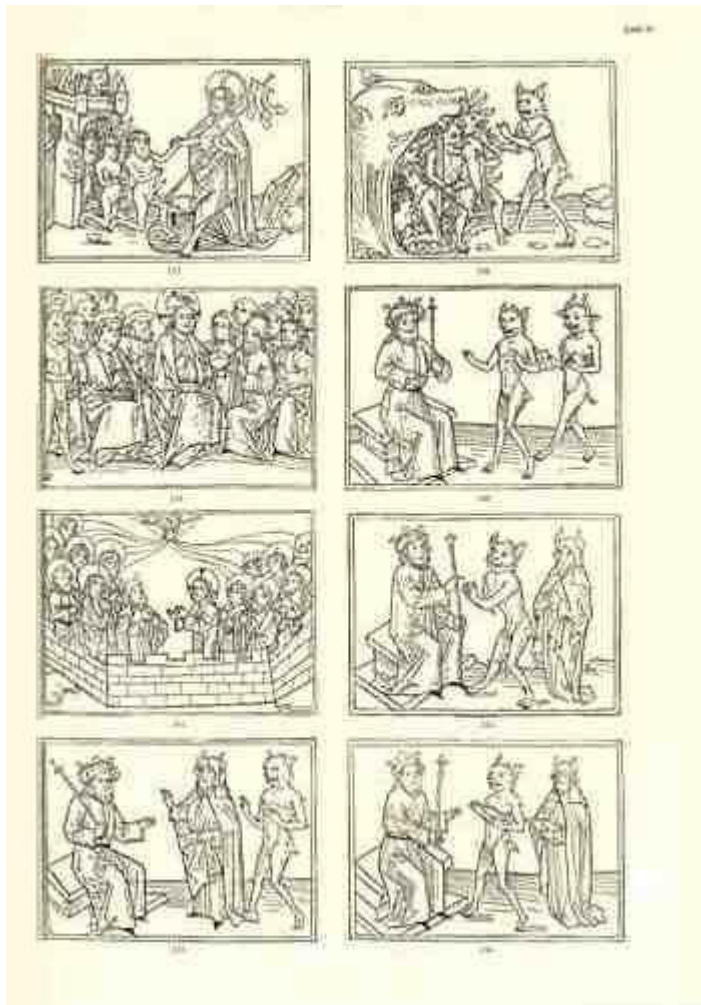


Der Bilderschmuck der Frühdrucke is a series of research books which present thorough reproductions of illustrations (including border decorations, woodcut initials and printer's devices) used in German incunabula. The following images are reproductions of woodcut illustrations appearing in Jacobus de Theramo's "Belial" printed by the Günther Zainer in Augsburg, 1472. "Belial" is a moral book widely found among the general public in medieval times, and more than 110 manuscripts and almost 40 incunabula of it are known to exist. Zainer's is the first illustrated incunabulum of "Belial."

The author Albert Schramm was an incunabula researcher who studied theology and philology in Tuebingen and worked for a library in Leipzig. He died with the work unfinished, and it was taken up and completed in 1943 by the "Commission for the Union Catalogue of Incunabula (Kommission für den Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke; GW)" which aims to compile a thorough catalog of incunabula.

Illustrations from *Der Bilderschmuck der Frühdrucke* (vol.2) (Click for a larger image.)





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1920–43. 23 v. in 9.

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Title of each volume

- Bd. 1: Die Drucke von Albrecht Pfister in Bamberg. 1922.
- Bd. 2: Die Drucke von Günther Zainer in Augsburg. 1920.
- Bd. 3: Die Drucke von Johann Baemler in Augsburg. 1921.
- Bd. 4: Die Drucke von Anton Sorg in Augsburg. 1921.
- Bd. 5: Die Drucke von Johann Zainer in Ulm. 1923.
- Bd. 6: Die Drucke von Konrad Dinckmut in Ulm. 1923.
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- Second mutual visit program with the National Assembly Library of Korea : For solving challenges [related article](#)
 - Board of inquiry on expansion of library services of the International Library of Children's Literature: 3rd meeting and submission of the report
 - International seminar "Document delivery service in the age of digital information: vision and strategy"
 - <Announcement>
 - USCAR (United States Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands) Public Affairs Department materials now available
 - Meeting with service organizations for the blind in FY2004
 - Report of the 12th forum for libraries participating in the National Union Catalog Network
 - NDL budget for fiscal 2005 [related article](#)
- ["Directory of Institutions for Asian Studies in Japan"](#) (Japanese only) available on the NDL website

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- Service for children in the International Library of Children's Literature: Sharing the pleasure of reading with children
- Training program for the staff of the National Library of Nepal [related article](#)
 - A prayer to a small statue of Buddha

- 50 days in Japan
 - On the training program for preservation in Nepal
- Participating in the Preservation Conference in Korea with specialists from China and Japan
 - Participating in the 4th Conference of Chinese Resources Cooperation and Development
 - The Earthquake off Sumatra and Tsunami Disaster in the Indian Ocean
 - <Announcement>
- A new series "Goods that supported the NDL" will start soon!
 - Announcement of the employment examinations for fiscal 2005
- Miniature books: a tiny world (Enchanting world of books – Guide to regular exhibition, 12) [related webpage \(Japanese only\)](#)

