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The National Library of Laos was established in 1956, and moved to its independent quarters in 1988. It was previously part of another ministry and shared space with museum and anthropology offices.

The National Library of Laos plays an important role in **preserving and collecting Lao materials and foreign materials about Lao**. The Lao

**Ancient Manuscript Preservation Project** has been operating since 1989, documenting the locations and subject matter of thousands of ancient texts, written in ancient Lao and Sanskrit and housed in monasteries all over the country.

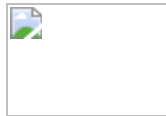
There are currently 9 reading and resource centres and 44 reading rooms throughout Laos PDR, under the administration of the Ministry of Education. The National Library Director serves as a consultant for these centres. The National Reading Promotion Project, operated by the National Library, provides literacy services to these libraries, which are visited annually.

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