

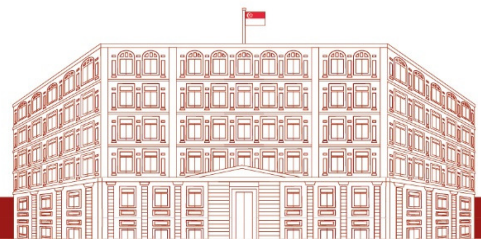
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MEDIA FACTSHEET

LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES PLAN 2025 (LAP25)

1. Technology has changed all aspects of people's lives – from how they work and play, to the way they learn. This has made reading and life-long learning ever more important. It is no longer just essential for maintaining employability, but necessary to stay connected in and with society.
2. With this in mind, NLB has transformed libraries and archives into reading and learning spaces that are suitable for and appeal to people of all ages. In the next five years, NLB will enhance its products, programmes and services to continue to meet the needs and aspirations of Singaporeans in this evolving learning and knowledge landscape.
3. The Libraries and Archives Plan (LAP25) will outline NLB's strategic plan from 2021 to 2025. Through the continued use of technological solutions and design thinking, we aim to provide a more integrated service experience to patrons. We will also build on and strengthen our partnerships to create programmes that transcend individual learning to foster community learning.
4. We are reaching out to the community and our stakeholders and partners, to seek feedback and suggestions on LAP25. This is being done through various channels, including dialogues, engagement sessions and public consultations. Response for the LAP25 has been very encouraging. The inaugural external stakeholder engagement on 12 January 2020 at library@harbourfront saw close to 40 representatives including academics, community groups, creatives, volunteer welfare organisations and heritage researchers providing their views on the theme "Rethinking Partnerships". NLB has also been receiving email feedback and suggestions from members of the public. The LAP25 public consultation is expected to be conducted in June 2020.
5. As LAP25 is still in the early stages of development, more information will be released later this year. It is expected to be launched in September 2020, coinciding with NLB's 25th anniversary.

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About NLB

The National Library Board (NLB) nurtures Readers for Life, Learning Communities and a Knowledgeable Nation by promoting reading, learning and history through its network of 26 public libraries, the National Library and the National Archives of Singapore. NLB also forges strategic partnerships that encourage awareness, appreciation and greater discovery of Singapore's history through its rich collections on Singapore and the region.

NLB achieves excellence through innovation, focusing on citizen engagement and co-creation, resource and digital innovation. This creates learning opportunities, greater access to library resources, services and archival collections, as well as a continual development of innovative library spaces. Established on 1 September 1995 as a statutory board, NLB is under the Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI).

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