

Your Excellency President of IFLA,

As you're fully aware, Corona disease has taken the world to a new level of individual and collective communication and relations, to the extent that some intellectual, cultural, and work relationships between people could not be established as before. Meanwhile, reading enthusiasts are also experiencing new situation regarding books these days. The boom in digital shopping, the use of online books, as well as online visits to library and records offices have been significant in recent months.

As the largest and most reliable archives in Iran, the National Archives and Library of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in recent months, has provided facilities for free access to its available content in order to provide services to the customers. Therefore, the most important events of this organization in the field of providing digital services and content to its audience during quarantine and corona days are presented to other libraries and librarians in order for them to be aware and to use.

In line with the governance and societal responsibility, and following the closure of schools, we have made the website of the National Library of Children and Adolescents of Iran (<http://icnl.nlai.ir/>) with 23,000 titles available to the public for access and use. No membership is required and all users can take advantage of its content, which includes the full text of the books in visual form. The measure has been well received, with 28,000 daily visits to the Children's Library website from March 10 to April 12.

Before that, the organization's digital library ([www.dl.nlai.ir](http://www.dl.nlai.ir)) provided users with only bibliographic information on sources and manuscripts, and one should have gone to library halls to view the content of the original source. As the library halls were shut, free access to digital resources has been provided. In this area, 100,000 files and 4,639,000 sheets of records were all made available to researchers. In the manuscript section, 36,000 copy titles, including 1,100,000 pages, as well as 3700 lithographic books and 220,000 dissertations, as well as 38,000 pieces of our historical photographs, were digitally accessible and exploitable.

With access to digital resources, the library has grown from 30,000 members to 200,000 members. This sevenfold increase indicates the audience's desire and need to use resources digitally.

Increasing online responsiveness and counseling with reference librarians from 2 hours to 5 hours a day is another measure that our organization has taken to maintain contact with the customers and meet their information needs during the outbreak of the disease.

The Corona Crisis provided an opportunity for libraries to move faster toward achieving the slogan of free access to information. Based on these events, we strongly believe that Corona Pandemics has changed the view of a large part of the audience towards the

library and no doubt the society will no longer allow us to go back. How we should make decisions in the current situation is the main concern of libraries and librarians these days, and it is hoped that IFLA, as a compass for librarians across the globe, will be actively involved in this issue and design and present a roadmap for libraries and librarians for the Corona era and beyond.

Report on the activities of libraries and information centers during the Corona era, which are posted on the IFLA website([www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries#actions](http://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries#actions)) is a very good and effective measure. The National Archives and Library of Iran also presents the current report in this regard.