

(2) Without prejudice to the foregoing, in respect of the National Library, the Deputy Librarian National Library shall:

- (a) manage and conserve its national collections for present and future generations and ensure their accessibility to researchers;
- (b) continue to acquire, assemble and conserve documents, publications, records, works, whether electronic or not, published in Malta, or by Maltese authors, or about Malta, or in the Maltese language, or about any aspect of Maltese studies by any author, wherever they are published;
- (c) acquire, assemble and conserve manuscripts and other unpublished material on any subject by Maltese authors, or on any aspect of Maltese studies by any author;
- (d) organise the collections in such a way as to make them easily accessible to researchers and provide these with the necessary facilities within the limits of the resources available;
- (e) continue to develop, within the National Library, a National Bibliographic Centre that will maintain the Malta National Bibliography;
- (f) make its collections known by organising exhibitions and other promotional events; and
- (g) work closely with the National Archivist such that users of both institutions can easily access each other's collections for users' greater benefit.

(3) In respect of the other libraries, the Deputy Librarian Public Libraries shall:

- (a) maintain a network of the libraries listed in the Schedule;
- (b) involve and advise the Regional and Local Councils in the administration of regional and branch libraries according to the standards of best practice regulating such libraries;
- (c) provide access to all library reference and lending services to foster and strengthen the reading habits of all age groups;
- (d) support individual formal and non-formal education and literacy activities and programmes at all levels and for all age groups;
- (e) promote opportunities for personal creative development and for awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage, literature, scientific achievements and innovations;
- (f) provide information services to individuals, local enterprises, and associations;
- (g) provide professional advice, guidance and assistance on the establishment and management of libraries and on the training of library and information professionals;
- (h) inspect the libraries and establish and ensure compliance with standards for their management to actively promote the improvement of such standards;
- (i) ensure the arrangement and description of the holdings of the libraries and provide appropriate finding aids to facilitate access to them;
- (j) give advice to users on the use of the libraries; and
- (k) make the holdings and services of the Libraries known by organising exhibitions and other promotional activities and events.

8. (1) No document, publication, record, work or object, preserved in the National Library or in the Gozo Public Library, may, without the written permission of the National Librarian, be taken out from the premises of the said libraries. Every permission granted by the National