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It is concluded that wide range of the national library functions will remain confined merely in paper unless they are put into execution on a legal basis. A national library like many other cultural institutions of a nation stands for the protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of a nation lying in documentary form. In order to make it a really serviceable institution, sufficient trained men and money will be required without which it will be limping while gasping frantically for its survival.

The acquisition preservation and dissemination of information of books and documents are unique activities which have played a vital role in the development of human civilization. The present century has seen an increased emphasis on the dissemination of information materials through more sophisticated and effective ways. To meet the potential users' needs, a wide variety of institutions and services have been developed. In recent years, public, university, college school, special and mobile library services have been