



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of World Book Day

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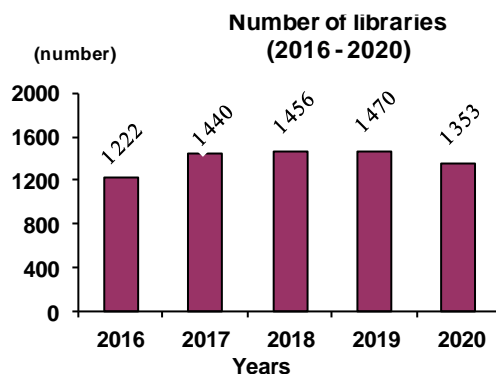
Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued today 21 / 4 / 2022 a press release on the occasion of the World Book Day which adopted by United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 23 April annually Where celebrations are held all over the world, it illustrates the magical power of books stands out as a link between past and future and a bridge between generations and across cultures. The book is considered a valuable tool for exchanging knowledge, understanding and openness to others and the world. Publishing houses, libraries, cultural institutes and authors associations all over the world come together to promote reading and publishing industry.

This day is considered to express the whole world's presentation of writers and authors and the irrevocable contributions of all those who paved the way for social and cultural progress of humanity. Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics participated for the twelfth time in the activities of the 53rd Cairo International Book Fair during the period from January 26 to February 7/ 2022.

Such participation comes within the framework of the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics' keenness to spread general statistical awareness among all state institutions, whether governmental or private, as well as civil society to reach the ordinary Egyptian citizen, as well as introducing the importance of official statistics in the lives of peoples in particular, and in formulating future development policies in general. In order to achieve UN sustainable development goals 2030, Among the exhibition's activities, the establishment of the Children's Book Fair, and creation of a new award at the Book Fair for the best Arab publishing house in cooperation with the Arab Publishers Union, 1063 Egyptian, Arab and foreign publishers and agencies from 51 countries participated in it, Greece was the guest of honor. The exhibition witnesses launch of digital book project at Egyptian General Book Authority, which begins with the "Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt" by the famous archaeologist, the late Dr. Slim Hassan.

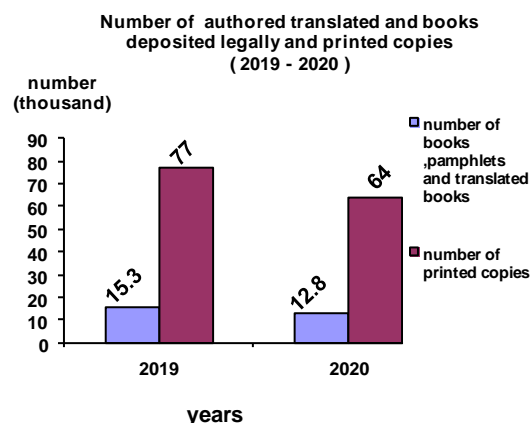
The most important statistical indicators are as follows:

- Number of bookstores, public, specialized, Universities and institutes libraries reached 1353 libraries in 2020 (319 public, 394 specialized, 640 universities and institutes).
- Number of visitors (Readers / Borrowers) reached 3420 thousand visitors in 2020.



- **University libraries and institutes occupied the largest Share in the number of readers / borrowers 2.7 million Readers / borrowers followed by Public libraries 465 thousand Readers / borrowers in 2020.**
- **Number of edited and translated books and deposited legally pamphlets at National Book and Documentation Library reached 12.8 thousand books, in 2020 while number of published copies reached 64 thousand in 2020 (5 copies for each edited and translated book)**

Source of Data: Public/specialized libraries/universities and institutes.



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