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## PRESS RELEASE

### On the occasion of World Book Day

### 1403 is the number of bookstores and libraries in 2021

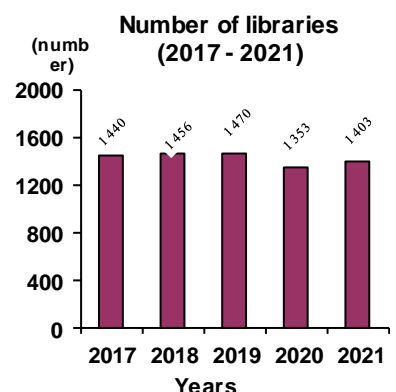
Today, corresponding to 19/ 4 / 2023, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics issued a press release on the occasion of World Book Day, which was approved by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the twenty-third of April of each year, as celebrations are held all over the world that highlight the magical power of books as a link A link between the past and the future, and a bridge connecting 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 the publishing industry. This year's celebration is held under the slogan "

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) for the thirteenth time in the activities of the Cairo International Book Fair in its 54th session, during the period from January 24 to February 6, 2023. Also, 1063 Egyptian, Arab and foreign publishers and agencies from 51 countries participated in the book fair.

According to the latest data of the "NOP World Culture Score Index" on the Global Index of Cultural Achievement, issued earlier this year by the German company Statista, which specializes in market and consumer data, in partnership with British newspaper "The Independent", According to the report Egypt ranked 5th among the most widely reading countries in the world, with a rate of (7 : 30) hours per week, while Saudi Arabia ranked 11th in the world, with an average of (6:46) hours per week, while India ranked first in the world, Thailand ranked second, and China ranked third. The irony was that the United States ranked 23rd, with an average of (5:42) hours per week.

### The most important statistical indicators are as follows:

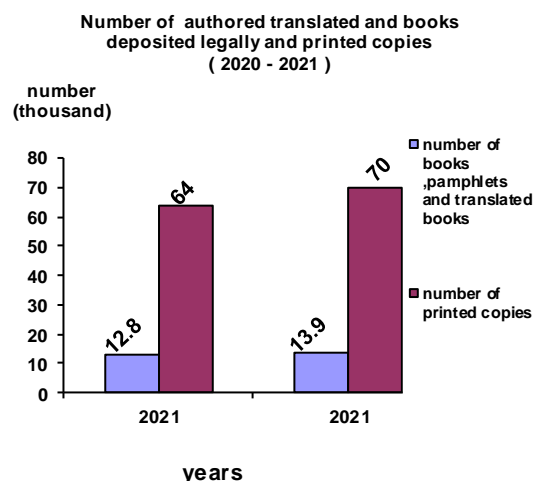
- Number of bookstores, public and specialized libraries, university and institute libraries reached 1.403 libraries (350 public, 375 specialized, 678 university and institutes) in 2021, compared to 1.353 libraries (319 public, 394 specialized, 640 university and institutes) in 2020, with an increase of 3.7%.



- **Number of visitors (Readers / Borrowers) reached 3.9 Million visitors in 2021 compared to 3.4 Million visitors (Readers / Borrowers) in 2020 an increase of 14.7%.**
- **University libraries and institutes occupied the largest Share in the number of readers / borrowers 2.9 million Readers / borrowers followed by Public libraries 545 thousand Readers / borrowers in 2021.**
- **Number of edited and translated books and deposited legally pamphlets at National Book and Documentation Library reached 13.9 thousand books, in 2021 while number of published copies reached 64 thousand in 2020**

**Source of Data:**

- Public/specialized libraries/universities and institutes.
- National Books and Documents House.
- NOP WORLD CULTURE SCORE INDEX.□



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