

National Library of Ireland- A Case Study on Library Management

Background

The National Library of Ireland was established in 1877 by the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act. It is located in Dublin and presently The Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism is responsible for it. The library is free for all; anyone can use the library for consultation for material not otherwise available through the public library system. The National Library of Ireland does not lend books so reading can only be done in the different reading rooms of the library.

The National Library of Ireland's mission is to collect, preserve, and promote knowledge related to Ireland's history and heritage and other recorded knowledgebase.

Project Requirement

The National Library of Ireland has a massive collection of books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, official publications, music, manuscripts, drawings, photographs and ephemeras. The project required to convert this huge collection of knowledge into digital format and properly index them according to their category as the National Library of Ireland wanted to make their collection available digitally.

Solution Offered

The solution was offered in two steps.

The first step was to develop an indexing system that would help keep track of all the resources of the library. A special software system was designed for this very purpose with easy search functionality. This was to ensure that anything could be retrieved easily and quickly. The second step involved converting all the resources into digital format and upload them into the system to be indexed. This was the most delicate part as scanning such a huge collection of books and journals required a great deal of accuracy. Using the latest scanning technology we made sure of the accuracy and efficiency.

Results Achieved:

- Digitization of library records eases the burden of librarian.
- Quick search of books by the members.
- More members turning online for searching their favorite books.
- Information about books availed from any location.
- Better management of library functionalities.

