

## **The Library Of Congress Overseas Offices**

The Library of Congress acquires materials from around the world in all formats—books, periodicals, maps, music, prints, photographs, recorded sound, videos, etc.—and in nearly all subjects for its universal collection of human knowledge. The Library's collections now total more than 108 million items.

Since 1962, the Library of Congress has maintained its Overseas Offices to acquire, catalog, preserve, and distribute library and research materials from countries where such materials are unavailable through conventional acquisitions methods. These materials are distributed to other libraries and institutions through the Cooperative Acquisitions Programs (CAP). Thanks to nearly 40 years of participation in CAP, many U.S. academic libraries have developed unparalleled collections that support advanced research on developing countries. In fiscal year 1998, the Library supplied more than 400,000 individual publications to 81 higher education institutions in the U.S. and 10 academic institutions abroad.

Between 1962 and 1986, 23 Overseas Offices were funded by Congress; all but six have been closed because they are no longer needed. Those six offices continue operating in Cairo, Egypt; Islamabad, Pakistan; Jakarta, Indonesia; Nairobi, Kenya; New Delhi, India; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. MARC records are prepared for materials acquired by all of the foreign offices, and two offices—the New Delhi office and the Jakarta office—maintain large-scale micrographics operations for preservation microfilming.

### **The Library of Congress Office in Cairo:**

- acquires materials from Algeria, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Gaza, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, West Bank, and Yemen;
- acquired 4,694 items for LC in FY98; and
- acquired 7,505 items for CAP participants in FY98.

### **The Library of Congress Office in Islamabad:**

- acquires materials from Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan;
- acquired 19,156 items for LC in FY98; and
- acquired 52,914 items for CAP participants in FY98.

### **The Library of Congress Office in Jakarta:**

- acquires materials from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam;
- acquired 48,478 items for LC in FY98;
- acquired 72,281 items for CAP participants in FY98; and
- participates in the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program's Southeast Asian Journals Project.

### **The Library of Congress Office in Nairobi:**

- acquires materials from Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Comoros, Congo (Kinshasa), Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe;

- acquired 44,975 items for LC in FY98;
- acquired 55,116 items for CAP participants in FY98; and
- participates in the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program's Union List of African Newspapers project.

#### **The Library of Congress Office in New Delhi:**

- acquires materials from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, as well as Mongolian and Tibetan materials published in several Asian countries;
- acquired 69,191 items for LC in FY98;
- acquired 197,096 items for CAP participants in FY98; and
- participates in the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program's Digital South Asia Library project.

#### **The Library of Congress Office in Rio de Janeiro:**

- acquires materials from Brazil, Guyana, Suriname, and Uruguay;
- acquired 22,323 items for LC in FY98;
- acquired 34,457 items for CAP participants in FY98; and
- participates in the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program's Latin Americanist Research Resources Project.

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