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Highlights of public library law

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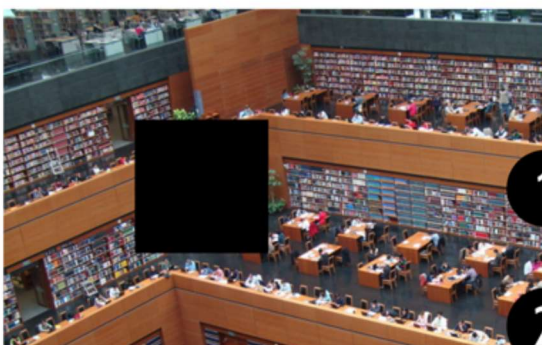
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Editor's note: China's first national public library law will come into effect on January 1st, 2018. Below we have stated a few of the highlights brought about by the law.

Services

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According to the law, a public library should provide four types of services free of charge, including:

offering inquiry and borrowing services for document information

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opening its public spaces such as reading rooms and study rooms



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- organizing public lectures, reading promotion activities, training and exhibitions
- other service programs in accordance with the national regulation

Priority groups

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Government-funded libraries should set up a reading area for children or children's libraries to provide reading guidance and educational activities.

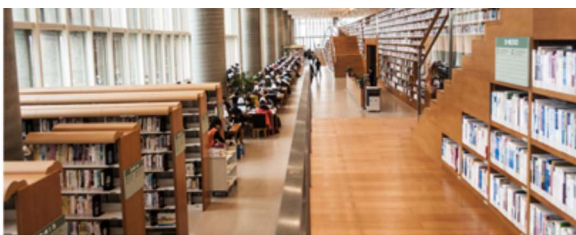


Government-funded libraries should provide special services and barrier-free facilities to the elderly and disabled.

Open time

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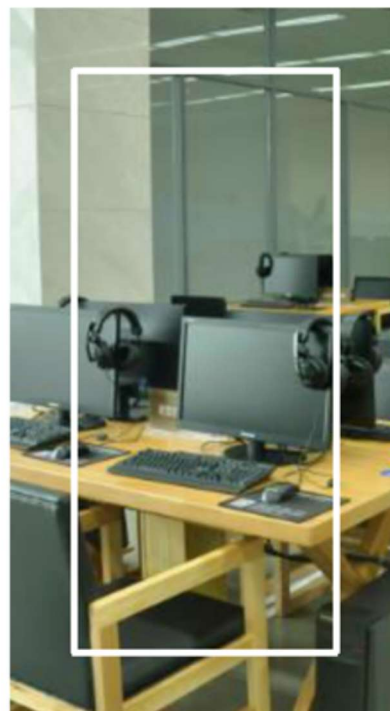


Public libraries are required to open on **weekends** and **legal holidays**.

Digital service & privacy protection

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Government-funded libraries should the strengthen their construction of digital resources and provide document resource e-platforms.



Government-funded libraries are responsible for preventing readers' personal and reading information and from being divulged.

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