

## ABOUT DPL

DPL was established with assistance from UNESCO as a pilot project and inaugurated by Prime Minister, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, on 27th October, 1951. DPL provides free library and information services to residents of Delhi. Currently the busiest public library in south-east Asia, it has several branches and sub-branches, as also community and resettlement colony libraries all over Delhi. Additionally, it runs a braille library for the visually impaired, a prison library for the inmates of Tihar Jail, and provides mobile library services to areas without library facilities.

With an ever expanding membership, the DPL network has a collection of over 18 lakh books in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu. All main branch libraries have a separate children's section with an exclusive children's library in Jor Bagh. Apart from constantly replenishing its book stock, DPL provides some special services to its members. These include:

**Free internet service:** High-speed, internet service has been provided to members at the Central Library (S.P. Mukherjee Marg), Sarojini Nagar and Patel Nagar branches, Janak Puri and Vinoba Puri sub-branches. (This is being expanded to cover 5 more libraries within the year). The service is free.

**Free CD/DVD issue:** DPL has launched the free lending of their CD/DVD collection at the Central Library and at the Sarojini Nagar and Patel Nagar branches. The DVD collection comprises English and Hindi movies, as also educational, recreational and pictures meant for children.

**Revamped children's sections:** DPL has revamped its children's sections at the Central Library and at the Sarojini Nagar and Patel Nagar branches. New books, CDs/DVDs, attractive furniture and games have been added to the existing collections.

**DPL online catalogue:** DPL has issued an online catalogue, using the Koha open source library automation software. Members and users from across the world can now access the most recent catalogue of the DPL system through the websites [www.dpl.gov.in/](http://www.dpl.gov.in/) or [www.delhipubliclibrary.in/](http://www.delhipubliclibrary.in/)

**DPL remains open to its members all seven days of the week.**

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# 60<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations

## DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY REWINDS

### A SAGA OF TIMES GONE BY

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The Delhi Public Library (DPL) is hosting a five-day display to showcase its role as an institution that provides the public with information and insights into India's polity, society and culture.

This five-day display is a unique potpourri of engaging events, archival and musical exhibits, that engage the interest of academics as well as the general public and students.

Venue:  
**INDIRA GANDHI  
NATIONAL CENTRE  
FOR THE ARTS**  
11, Mansingh Road  
New Delhi-110001

Timings:  
10.00 A. M. - 8.00 P.M.



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*Spanning nearly 60 years of DPL's existence from 1951 to the present, the Exhibition utilizes rare archival material, audiovisuals, photographs and books. The highlights of the exhibition include:*

### ARCHIVAL SEGMENT The Newseum

The first of its kind in India, this is a unique display showcasing DPL's newspaper archives, presenting a visual history of Hindi and English newspaper advertisements from 1952 to 2002, as well as an assortment of lesser known but memorable photographs, cartoons and articles from the 1950s and 60s that depict events of current interest as they occurred then. The content and design of the exhibits in the Newseum are products of an original voluntary research project using primary source material from the DPL newspaper archives, led by Gauri Varma on behalf of 9.9 Media Pvt. Ltd.



### 20 milestones of India's journey

Selected policy decisions/events that encapsulate crucial moments in Indian history from 1951 to now are featured along with actual government files obtained from the National Archives, displaying how important government decisions were taken.



### MUSIC/AUDIO SEGMENT

A selection of forty rare gramophone records, spanning the classical, film, religious and popular genres of Indian music. Sourced from DPL's collection of over 4000 records, specially digitised as audio CDs to be played on demand at the exhibition.



### READING PROMOTION SEGMENT

#### DPL through the years

Apart from old photographs of the library as it was then, DPL's wide-ranging collection of books in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu books including 100 books on Delhi will be exhibited.



### EXCLUSIVE ATTRACTIONS

#### Doordarshan's memorable run

A CNN-IBN film, entitled '50 Years of Doordarshan', that showcases DD's history from inception, displaying reflective and reminiscent scenes from notable shows, will be shown throughout the exhibition.



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