

Discover the stories of The National Library and its role in preserving the cultural and literacy heritage of Singapore

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ANNEX A

OUR STORIES:

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMMES ON 16 AND 17 NOVEMBER 2019

S/N	Programme	Date, time, and venue
Exhibition tours		
1.	<p><u>On Paper: Singapore Before 1867 exhibition tour</u> Currently running till March 2020</p> <p>More than 100 materials from the National Library and National Archives of Singapore, and over 50 materials from overseas institutions will be showcased – many on public display for the first time.</p> <p>Visitors can see the earliest known landward map – the Bute Map – of Singapore, which documents remnants of ancient Singapore, including Sultan Husain's palace, located in Kampong Glam with a large Bugis town. This map and other materials trace the history of Singapore from as early as the 17th century to 1867, when the Straits Settlements became a British Crown Colony with Singapore as its capital.</p>	<p>Level 10, Gallery</p> <p><u>16 and 17 November</u> 2pm to 3pm – Tour in English 3pm to 4pm – Tour in Chinese</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.nlb.gov.sg/qolibrary</p>
2.	<p><u>Rare Gallery tour</u></p> <p>On display now at the Rare Gallery are early European accounts of Southeast Asia, a theme that was selected as Singapore was chair of ASEAN in 2018.</p> <p>Displays are curated thematically and changed every six months. The Rare Materials collection, which comprises over 16,000 items, is a source of valuable research materials on Singapore and Southeast Asia. It is housed at level 13 of the National Library Building in a climate-controlled environment.</p>	<p>Level 13, Rare Gallery</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 10.30am to 11.30am – Tour in English</p> <p><u>17 November</u> 11am to 12pm – Tour in English</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.nlb.gov.sg/qolibrary</p>
New displays to visit		
3.	<p><u>Cover Art on Jawi Novels</u> Currently running till 24 November 2019</p> <p>Attractive book cover designs are essential in drawing buyers' and readers' attention. This display showcases 20 colourful and intriguing book covers on Jawi novels published in Singapore during the 1940s and 1950s. These novels, in genres such as romance, thrillers and history, were popular with readers in Singapore and Malaya during the post-WWII years.</p>	<p>Level 9, Reading Room</p> <p>Opening hours: Daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm (except on public holidays)</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>

4.	<p><u>1919: The Singapore Centenary and its Celebration</u> Currently running till 13 March 2020</p> <p>As we commemorate Singapore's Bicentennial this year, we look back at the country's hundredth year in 1919. Then a Crown Colony in the British empire, Singapore celebrated Centenary Day on 6 February 1919, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the Treaty of Singapore. Featured in this display are photographs and publications that captured the celebrations then.</p>	<p>Level 11, Reading Room</p> <p>Opening hours: Daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm (except on public holidays)</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>
5.	<p><u>Donors' Gallery</u></p> <p>Materials donated to the National Library help to significantly build up the National Library's collection. Our librarians regularly curate a small selection of these donated materials for display at the Donors' Gallery. The gallery currently showcases materials on Singapore's education and radio history.</p>	<p>Level 10, Gallery</p> <p>Opening hours: Daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm (except on public holidays)</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>
Talks		
6.	<p><u><i>Teater Melayu Singapura: Di antara ruang pementasan & kajian</i></u> <u>(Seminar on Singapore Malay theatre: Performance & Research Spaces)</u></p> <p>This seminar is conducted in Malay and is held in conjunction with the launch of Digital Archives of Singapore Malay Theatre. The seminar will discuss the milestones of Singapore Malay Theatre, specifically in performances and research.</p> <p>Speakers: Dr Sa'eda Buang, Head of Asian Languages & Cultures Ms Shaza Ishak, Company Director, Teater Ekamatra Mr Zulfadli, Independent playwright</p>	<p>Level 5, Imagination Room</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 11.00am to 1.00pm</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.go.gov.sg/nl-ourstories</p>
7.	<p><u>Solutions to our Future: Sustainability and Bioethics</u></p> <p>Join us for an exciting discussion with our two speakers and hear their perspectives on what sustainability and bioethics are and how they impact the choices you make daily.</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Tam Nguyen, GA Circular Dr G. Owen Schaefer, Research Assistant Professor at the Centre for Biomedical Ethics, National University of Singapore</p>	<p>Level 7, Reading Room</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 10.30am to 12.00pm</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.go.gov.sg/nl-ourstories</p>
8.	<p><u>Singapore By Night</u></p>	<p>Level 13, Promenade</p>

	<p>Talk by librarian, Timothy Pwee</p> <p>What was Singapore's nightlife scene like in the past, way back when streets were barely lit in the evening? In this talk, Timothy will share more about how people had fun after the sun went down, how amusement parks were the coolest go-to spots in town, and what street lightings had to do with it all.</p>	<p><u>16 November</u> 7.00pm to 8.30pm</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.go.gov.sg/nl-ourstories</p>
Take a break with our librarians		
9.	<p><u>Birds in Singapore</u> with associate librarian, Kevin Seet</p> <p>Are you able to name a Singapore bird when you see one? Learn more about birds and animals in Singapore with librarian Kevin, who will also highlight interesting books on the topic.</p>	<p>Level 7, Reading Room</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 4.30pm to 4.45pm</p>
10.	<p><u>Early Singapore Travel Materials</u> with librarian Jessie Yak</p> <p>How much do you know about tourism in Singapore in the late 1800s? In this session, librarian Jessie will share more about the travelling trails of the Far East, and showcase rare travel guides and photographic mementos. Jessie will do two sessions, one in English and one in Chinese.</p>	<p>Level 11, Reading Room</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 3.00pm to 3.15pm – talk in English</p> <p><u>17 November</u> 11.00am to 11.15am – talk in Chinese</p>
11.	<p><u>Pandan</u> with senior librarian, Timothy Pwee</p> <p>Timothy will provide a brief history of Pandan, followed by a tour of the garden at the National Library Building where pandan leaves are planted. Participants will enjoy refreshing pandan cakes, while learning about books and recipes featuring the tropical plant in this session.</p>	<p>Level 10 Promenade and Garden</p> <p><u>17 November</u> 3.00pm to 3.15pm</p>
Performances		
12.	<p><u>Choral Performance by LalitAnjali</u></p> <p>LalitAnjali (L9P) was established in 2015 by Mrs Lalitha Vaidyanathan, veteran musician and founder of the Singapore Indian Orchestra and Choir. She was one of the first musicians in Singapore to bring the Western concept of the orchestra to classical Indian ensembles and a pioneer in infusing multicultural works for Indian orchestration. L9P will perform pieces from the Digital Archive of Singapore Tamil Music, (http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/arts).</p>	<p>Level 9, Promenade</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 5.00pm to 5.20pm</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>
Other activities		

13.	<p><u>The National Library Explorer – A D.I.Y trail for children and family</u></p> <p>Parents and children go on a discovery route in the National Library, while discovering interesting facts along the way. Tokens will be given to children and families that solve all the clues and complete the hunt.</p>	<p>Registration at Central Public Library</p> <p><u>16 and 17 November</u> 10.00am to 8.00pm</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>
14.	<p><u>WikiSURE</u></p> <p>With the assistance of NLB's librarians and various NLB resources and collections, you can play a part in contributing to the accuracy of info found on Singapore-related articles on Wikipedia.</p>	<p>Level 10, Learning Space</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 10.30am – 12.00pm</p> <p>Admission is free. Register at www.go.gov.sg/nl-ourstories</p>
15.	<p><u>Chill with MusicSG</u></p> <p>Enjoy music by Singapore artists and musicians from the National Library's portal <u>MusicSG</u> (http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/music). Listen to the wide array of songs from our jukebox, while sipping a cuppa.</p>	<p>Level 8, Promenade</p> <p><u>16 November</u> 10.00am to 9.00pm</p> <p><u>17 November</u> 10.00am to 8.00pm</p>
Curated spaces to visit		
16.	<p><u>The Arts Space</u></p> <p>Eating is both Singapore's favourite past time and an integral part of Singapore culture. This current theme at The Arts Space, titled <u>Makan Makan</u>, explores food and their significance as captured by artists, writers and filmmakers. Tours will also be conducted on Saturday 16 November, 3.00am to 3.30pm and Sunday 17 November, 10.30am to 11.00am.</p>	<p>Level 8, Reading Room</p> <p>For the tour, register at www.go.gov.sg/nl-ourstories</p> <p>Opening hours: Daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm (except on public holidays)</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>
17.	<p><u>Eye on Asia</u></p> <p>The Eye on Asia resource centre provides curated information to promote awareness of regional developments in ASEAN countries, China and India. Through this, we hope to encourage everyone, especially students and young professionals in Singapore, to explore opportunities abroad</p>	<p>Level 7, Lee Kong Chian Reference Library</p> <p>Opening hours: Daily from 10.00am to 9.00pm (except on public holidays)</p> <p>Admission is free.</p>