


Name of national library in full (in your own language and in anglicised form):	Milli Kütüphane Başkanlığı National Library of Turkey
Name of Director General with official title:	Zülfı Toman, President
Main library address:	Bahçelievler Son Durak 06490 Ankara Turkey
Current logo as a .jpg:	



Exterior

- 1) If available, please provide .jpg images of all library sites described in question 5.
Images of the solitary site could be found above.
- 2) If available, please provide .jpg images of all library spaces described in question 6.





Reading Rooms



Exhibition Space



Conference Halls



Cafe-Restaurant



Conservation Studio



Lounge



Audio Books Studio



Digital Park



Digital Hall

Brief details on the history of your library buildings.

Year (first) library building opened	1948
Architect of (first) library building	Paul Bonatz

Year (current) library building opened	1983
Architect of (current) library building	Şevki Vanlı, Ersen Gömlüksiz
Any additional information. Eg length of build/cost of build/reason for build	Construction duration: 1973-1982. Rationale: Capacity-wise the former building became inadequate; therefore a new building was needed.

3) If available, please provide a short text on the milestones of the history of your library and/or provide a link to this information online. Please include any bibliographic information about publications about your library and links to these publications in your library catalogue or an aggregated catalogue.

Efforts to establish a comprehensive, national and general library have been thought to extend to the late Ottoman Empire. In 1870, construction of a “Library of the Nation” became a hot topic among the upper echelons of the intellectual segment, although whether the purpose was towards a genuine national library with recognised functions is up to debate. As a result of the concerted efforts at the time; “The Common Library”, a.k.a. Beyazit State Library, was found in 1882 and according to some library historians, should be considered as the Ottoman national library for using the word “national” was thought to be inconvenient at the time of Empire. Eventually, Beyazit State Library in Istanbul might be the first national library on Anatolian soil.

After the Second Constitutionalist Period in the Ottoman Empire, there appeared many libraries with a title “national library”, though those were essentially public libraries with an emphasis to nationalist movements coming into prominence.

During the revamp following the declaration of the Republic, the parliament published the first Legal Deposit Law dated 1934, with a view to establish a much belated national library.

The works of foundation for the modern National Library was laid in a small office in the Ministry of National Education, Directorate of Publications on April 15, 1946 and a collection of 8.000 works were accumulated in a short time. On April 1, 1947 the library was temporarily moved to another building and during this period the collection reached to 60.000. A building on Kumrular Street is

allocated in order to put the collection into service and the National Library was opened to users on August 16, 1948.

With the enactment of the Establishment Law on March 29, 1950, the National Library assumed a legal identity. Foundation of a Bibliographical Institute working under the National Library was ensured the "Supplementary Law to the Establishment Law of the Turkish National Library" dated May 18, 1955.

Considering that the first building would not meet the future needs, planning of a new building was started in 1965. The construction work began after a long period of planning during 1965-1973, and the building was completed in 1982. The National Library started serving its users in the current building on August 5, 1983.

The National Library started to work in 1987 on a modern computer-based information system on a national and international basis. The system installed, which is based on a thorough feasibility, system analysis and design study. All the library hardware and software was integrated to the main system.

<http://www.mkutup.gov.tr/tr/Sayfalar/Hakkimizda/tarihce-kronoloji.aspx>

<http://bibliyografyalar.mkutup.gov.tr/>

<https://makaleler.mkutup.gov.tr/>

<http://eyayinlar.mkutup.gov.tr/>

