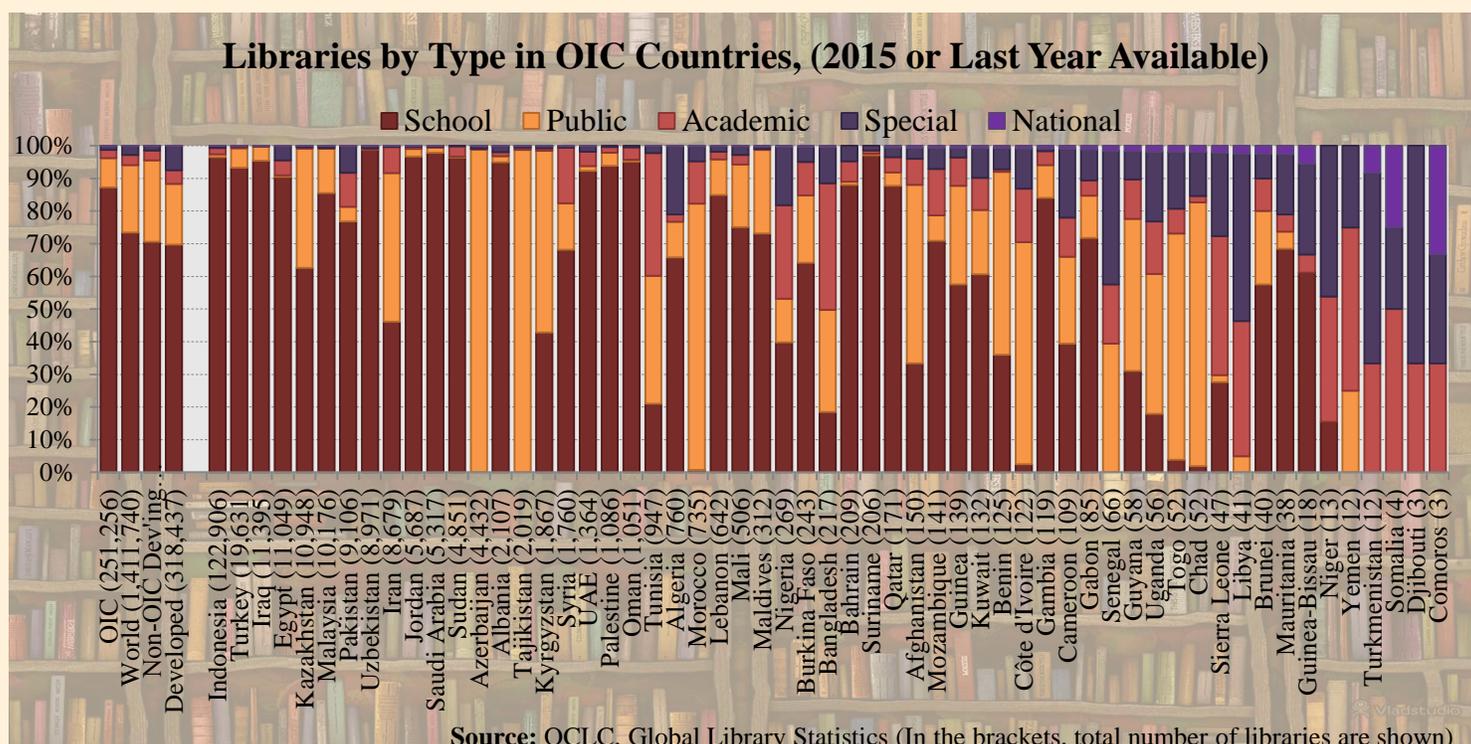


DID YOU KNOW?



- ✓ Historically, scientific and research attainments, as well as overall development of the society, mainly stem from the long-term investments in public education. Libraries, even in today's digital era, play an important role in sharing and distributing the knowledge and information by means of printed as well as the electronic resources.
- ✓ Based on the data from 2015 or last year available, **57 OIC countries** altogether had **251,256** libraries which constitute **17.8%** of the 1,411,740 libraries registered globally. On the other hand, non-OIC Developing countries accounted for 59.6% (842,047 libraries) and Developed countries 22.6% (318,437 libraries) in the World.
- ✓ At the individual country level, **Indonesia** alone accounted for **49%** of all libraries in the **OIC countries**. Together with **Turkey** (7.8%), **Iraq** (4.5%), **Egypt** (4.4%), and **Kazakhstan** (4.4%), these **5 member countries** accounted for **70%** of the total libraries in the **OIC countries**.
- ✓ In OIC countries, the majority of libraries (**around 87%**) were school libraries. In **13 OIC countries**, namely; **Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Jordan, Indonesia, Sudan, Iraq, Oman, Albania, Palestine, Turkey, UAE, and Egypt**, *school libraries* comprised more than **90%** of the total number of libraries. In 2 Central Asian member countries; **Azerbaijan and Tajikistan**, **99%** of the total libraries have been listed as *public libraries*.
- ✓ **19 OIC countries** had less than 10 academic libraries, and **6 of them**, namely; **Djibouti, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Chad, Benin, and Maldives** only had **1** academic library.
- ✓ *Special libraries* were popular in the Developed countries. They host **61%** of the global special libraries. Meanwhile, negligible number of special libraries were found in the OIC countries. Top **4 OIC countries** including **Indonesia (816), Pakistan (750), Egypt (493), and Algeria (159)** owned **73%** of the total OIC special libraries.
- ✓ **Egypt** has **2 national libraries**. Meanwhile, **48 OIC countries** have 1 national library and remaining **8 OIC countries** didn't have any national library.