



National Library of Scotland Act 2012

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- (1) NLS has the general function of managing the library established by section 1(1) of the 1925 Act as a national resource for reference, study, research and bibliography, having particular regard to Scotland.
- (2) NLS has the particular functions of—
 - (a) preserving, conserving and developing its collections,
 - (b) making the collections accessible to the public and to persons wishing to carry out study and research,
 - (c) exhibiting and interpreting objects in the collections, and
 - (d) promoting collaboration and the sharing of good practice with and between other persons providing library and information services, and the adoption of good practice by those persons.
- (3) NLS is to exercise its functions with a view to—
 - (a) encouraging education and research,
 - (b) promoting understanding and enjoyment of the collections,
 - (c) promoting the diversity of persons accessing the collections, and
 - (d) contributing to understanding of Scotland's national culture.
- (4) NLS—
 - (a) must, when required to do so by the Scottish Ministers, and
 - (b) may, at any other time,provide the Scottish Ministers with advice, information and assistance on any matter relating to NLS's functions.
- (5) Any advice, information or assistance under subsection (4)(a) must be provided in such manner as the Scottish Ministers may determine.