EXTERNAL ADVOCACY FOR WEB ARCHIVES
NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SINGAPORE

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ABOUT US

• Heritage institution under the National Library Board Singapore, together with the National Archives of Singapore, and 27 Public Libraries.

• Plays an important role in collecting and preserving materials about Singapore through legal deposit, acquisitions, and donations.

• In 2019, our legislation was updated to
  – Allow us to archive websites ending in “.sg” without the need for written permission
  – Extend legal deposit to cover digital publications
ABOUT US

• Started web archiving in 2006 to preserve Singapore-related websites.

• Annual domain archiving since 2019 with the legislation changes.

• Collection is accessible via the Web Archive Singapore (WAS) portal. Most archived content available at NLS, with selected websites available online.

• Collection size:
  – 200 TB
  – 320,000 archived websites
EXTERNAL ADVOCACY

Public Engagement  Promotion  Talks
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

• As part of our legislation drafting, we conducted focus group discussions with stakeholders such as academics, heritage researchers, website owners to get feedback and support.

• Newspaper op-ed by an academic advocating for web archiving during the proposed amendments.

• Organised a two-day public event in Nov 2018 to celebrate the legislation amendments. The event included a legal deposit and web archive exhibition, performances, and public talk from a popular blogger in Singapore about the importance of preserving materials.
**PROMOTION**

**LIBRARIAN’S PICK**

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2015 was a landmark year where Singapore celebrated her Golden Jubilee since independence. This National Day had many first: all Singaporeans and Permanent Residents were given a 5G Funpack, and the celebration was extended to the Float @Merdeka Bay on top of the parade at the Padang. Revisit the momentous event in the 2015 archive of the National Day Parade website.

**Librarian’s Pick**

- Highlights from our collection once every two months
- Featured on the WAS portal and social media platforms

**NLS Publications**

- Written two articles on *BiblioAsia*, NLS’ quarterly magazine that features articles on the history, culture and heritage of Singapore
Informative Videos

- Developed two animation videos to provide general information about web archiving and the Web Archive Singapore

Public Nomination via Social Media

- Calls to nominate Singapore websites from the non .sg domain via social media platforms
PROMOTION

How Big is the .sg Web?

Librarian Shereen Tay shares her observations of the National Library’s initiative to web archive .sg websites.

Web Archives Data Analysis Blog Post

• Published a short analysis of the .sg domain crawl data on the NLS blog
• Create awareness of the potential of using web archives data for research

EDM to Researchers

• Promoting NLS datasets, with a spotlight on the web archives data analysis blog article
Dear Future: What Digital Preservation Means for You 2021

- Organised in conjunction with the World Digital Preservation Day
- Shared about what is web archiving, its importance, and how public can help

Love our Libraries & Archives 2023

- An annual event celebrating libraries and archives in Singapore with lineup of programmes
- Shared about web archiving and NLS’ efforts to collect digital formats
FUTURE PLANS

• Developing an annual call for nominations to get the public to nominate their favourite websites as well as other formats such as social media content (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok)

• Exploring providing web archives datasets to promote the collection to researchers
Thank you

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