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2024-25 Acquisitions in the MENA Region

May 22, 2025

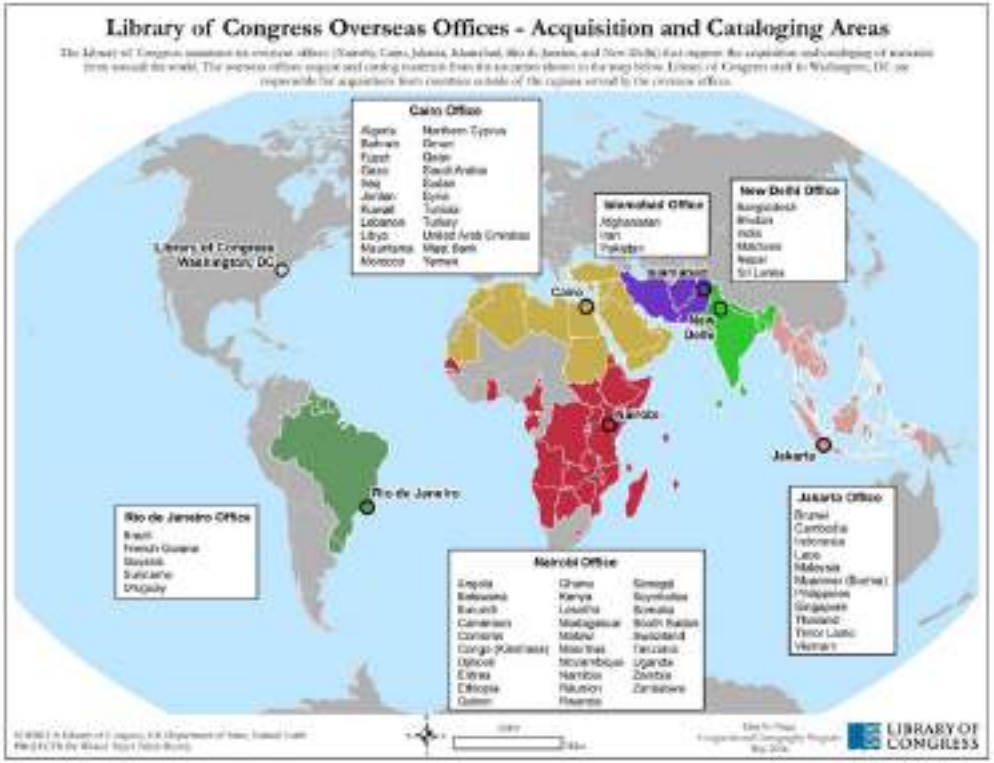
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Overview

Mission: “...to to acquire, catalog, preserve, and distribute library and research materials from countries where such materials are unavailable through conventional acquisitions methods.”

Acquiring, Cataloging, and Processing Arabic, Turkish, Kurdish, Armenian, English, and French materials from over 22 countries.

Materials include Monographs, Serials, Newspapers, & Non-Traditional Formats, etc.



Middle East Cooperative Acquisitions (MECAP)

Offering all commercially available titles to MECAP participants on a **cost-recovery basis**. Includes government publications when available.

Titles From Country Iraq List No. 21484 Expiry Date 6/7/2025 16:04:28

Two Methods:

1. **Profile (Blanket Plan)**
2. **Book List (Firm Order)**





FY24 Statistics at a Glance

LOC

9,971 Monograph pieces

32,089 Serials pieces

LOC Total: **42,060**

MECAP

8,966 titles made available

24,559 Monograph pieces ($295,939)

15,587 Serials pieces ($57,952)

MECAP Total: **40,146** ($353,892)



Book Fairs & Acquisition Travel

Turkey (Aug. 2024)

Kuwait (Nov. 2024)

Cairo (Jan. 2025)

Morocco (April 2025)

Oman (April 2025)







Acquisition Highlights



Uyghur New & Retrospective Materials



Amazigh Materials from Libya & Morocco



Shi'i serials from Lebanon



Kurdish Materials from Iraq & Turkey



Ibadi Materials from Oman & Algeria

MECAP Monographs

MECAP TITLES PER COUNTRY

Algeria	423	Italy	22	Saudi Arabia	430	
Bahrain	4	**Jordan**	**553**	South Sudan	18	
Cyprus	20	Kuwait	246	Sudan	29	
Egypt	**860**	Lebanon	241	Sweden	1	
England	46	Libya	130	Switzerland	1	**TOTAL**
Gaza	33	Mauritania	20	Syria	299	**8,966**
Germany	3	Morocco	273	Tunisia	498	
Iran	107	Oman	144	**Turkey**	**2071**	
Iraq	**1728**	Poland	1	UAE	274	
Israel	49	Qatar	84	West Bank	204	
				Yemen	154	

MECAP Average Price Per Monograph Piece

	FY24	FY23
ALGERIA	$11.53	$11.12
BAHRAIN	**$20.21**	$16.28
EGYPT	$6.11	$6.87
IRAQ	$10.56	$9.33
ISRAEL	**$10.61**	$14.49
JORDAN	$13.68	$14.87
KUWAIT	$21.16	$20.16
LEBANON	**$13.86**	$7.04
LIBYA	$8.45	$5.15
MOROCCO	$10.02	$9.19
MAURITANIA	$7.80	N/A
OMAN	$11.66	$10.30
QATAR	**$17.36**	$13.77
S. ARABIA	$17.82	$16.27
SUDAN	**$6.48**	$8.67
S. SUDAN	$5.81	N/A
SYRIA	$12.60	$10.28
TUNISIA	**$13.35**	$15.92
TURKEY	**$16.35**	$18.54
UAE	$14.66	$12.41
WEST BANK	$14.15	$14.17
YEMEN	**$16.25**	$12.45

FY23 TOTAL AVERAGE $12.36

FY24 TOTAL AVERAGE $12.05

MECAP Serials



SERIALS PIECES BY COUNTRY

ALGERIA	608	QATAR	1
EGYPT	10,410	S. ARABIA	303
IRAQ	125	SUDAN	6
JORDAN	1,412	SYRIA	477
KUWAIT	375	TUNISIA	555
LEBANON	768	TURKEY	111
LIBYA	71	UAE	16
MOROCCO	71	WEST BANK	13
OMAN	0	YEMEN	265

TOTAL 15,587

MECAP Serials

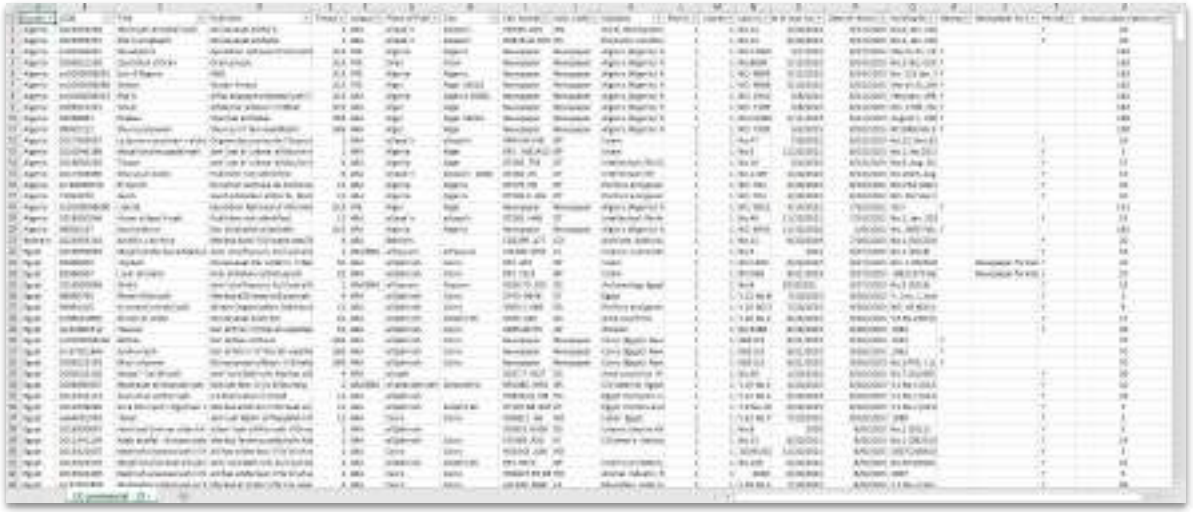
2537 Active Serial titles acquired by LC

(2,294 commercial | 243 exchange)

889 MECAP Serials subscriptions

1430 LC-only Serial titles (commercial)

Curated list of **465** commercial new and continuing titles



Substitution plan available to prevent gradual reduction of MECAP Serials

Shipping

MECAP SHIPPING STATISTICS

TOTAL WEIGHT	TOTAL BOXES
15,192 kg	1,011

MONOGRAPHS SHIPPED		SERIALS SHIPPED	
WEIGHT	BOXES	WEIGHT	BOXES
12,227 kg	1,817	2,965 kg	194

MECAP Titles and Pieces (Monographs)

Titles	Pieces
20,619	22,830



Cataloging



MONOGRAPHS

Total Records: **12,033**

IBC: 12,497

Whole Book: **3,505** (59%↑ vs. FY23)

Copycat (Shelf-Ready): 5,837

New Authority Records: **3,528** (29%↑ vs. FY23)

Modified Authorities: 1,194

SERIALS

New Records: 296

New Authority Records: 111

Total Cataloging Hours: 11,084

MECAP UX Improvements

RECENTLY ADDED Features

1. Estimated Balance
2. Export MARC records
3. Subscribe to LOC lists
4. Profile View & Export (XLS)
5. Request to Add or Remove Subjects

