

# WildLibrary Vietnam

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## Libraries in Vietnam

The National Library of Vietnam has branches in many towns/communes. However, the need for professional library training and better community outreach is frequently expressed in literature about libraries in Vietnam ([The Asia Foundation, 2011](#)). As such, the National Library has expressed a need for Vietnamese language training materials. ([National Library Vietnam](#)).

## Environmental Awareness in Vietnam

There is a rising environmental awareness in Vietnam ([Chapman, 2017](#)). Citizen scientists are on the rise, and often use apps like iNaturalist, Fieldscope and Marine Debris Tracker ([Borton, 2018](#)). However, there is an environmental policy crossroads, because political attempts to help environment are not particularly effective in practice ([Shirmbeck, 2017](#)). Especially as the area continues to be a major hub for wildlife trade ([USAid, 2013](#)) ([The Economist, 2018](#)).

## Important Fauna

1. Pangolin. (Vulnerable to Critically Endangered - IUCN Red List) Most trafficked animal in Asia ([WWF](#))
2. Saola. (Critically Endangered) Hunting, habitat loss, aversion to humans, contribute to it being one of the rarest large mammals in the world.
3. Red-shanked douc (Endangered) Hunted for food, medicinal use, or for pet trade. Also faces habitat loss. ([WWF](#))
4. Francois' langur: (Endangered. Less than 500 in North Vietnam. At SDZG) Hunting and habitat destruction: farmers burn cover/sustenance.
5. Slow Loris: (Vulnerable to Endangered. Often eaten, with hunting ban rarely enforced. Also sold as pets, with teeth removed. Fare poorly as pets.)
6. Indian elephant. (Endangered. 70-100 in Vietnam)
7. Indochinese tiger. (Endangered. 20 in Vietnam)
8. Dhole. (Endangered)
9. Fish: 2,470, Corals: 23,000
10. Native rhino species (Javan) has gone extinct.

## Important Flora

1. Dwarf bamboo
2. Orchids, *Paphiopedilum* ([IUCN](#))
3. Pine ([IUCN](#))
4. Mangroves
5. Magnolias ([Global Trees](#))

6. Agarwood ([IUCN](#))
7. Rosewood ([IUCN](#))
8. Ginseng
9. Rubber
10. Forests: “Vietnam has lost 50 percent of its original primary forests in the past half century. Vietnam has the world’s sixth-largest export trade in wood—worth over \$7 billion annually—and the consequences of deforestation are significant, threatening biodiversity and triggering the release of an immense store of carbon dioxide.”

\*Flora & Fauna information from Wikipedia unless otherwise noted.

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## [WildAct](#)

- Primary goal: Raise conservation awareness through childhood education
- Executive director: Trang Nguyen. Staff: 2 operations managers, 1 visual designer, 6 volunteers.
- Seems to have community partners & locations selected.
- Needs librarian assistance: collection development, cataloging, programs, training, etc.

## Library Operations Assistance

- Need: Mission statement, potential location, staffing information, & evaluation metrics
- Cataloging: Who will primarily handle cataloging?
- What type of patron-centered programs are envisioned?

## Collection Development Questions

- What important topics/aspects are missing from current environmental education in Vietnam? What gaps can be filled with this library?
- Subject focus: Specific terminology helps. Assuming: environment, ecology, conservation, and threatened species. What about adaptation/evolution, animal care, science (biology, chemistry, botany, etc.), meteorology, agriculture, or animal care?
- What percentage fiction and non-fiction? What percentage reference?
- Age range for specific subjects: “Equal rights, feminism, career guidance” - is this section for young children, middle grades, teens, or all three?

## Other Groups

Partnering with other environmental groups in Vietnam can be factored into library programming, including taking children to national parks, such as Bach Ma National Park. Also consider contacting organizations for student career visits, or arranged talks at the library.

## Places to find Books

- [USBBY Outstanding International Books List](#)
- [South Asia Book Award](#)
- [Hans Christian Andersen Award](#)
- [Batchelder Award](#)
- [Worlds of Words](#)
- [Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award](#)
- [Green Earth Book Award](#)

### Good Vendors

- [Vinabook](#)
- [Tiki](#)
- [WorldLanguage](#)
- Amazon

### Additional Resources

- UNESCO Guide - [How to Start and Run a Basic Library](#)
- ALA guide - [Setting up a Library](#)
- [ALA Professional Tools for Librarians Serving Youth](#)
- Nguyen Quang Thach - [On Starting a Library Revolution in Rural Vietnam](#)
- [Library & Education Assistance Foundation for Vietnam](#)
- [Development of Public Library Performance in Laos and Vietnam](#)
- Five Star Children's Library in [Hanoi](#)
- Report: [Aspiring Leaders of Vietnamese Library Association](#)
- Simmons College training program with Vietnamese Librarians
  - [Article](#)
  - [Powerpoint](#)
- Zakir Hossain
  - [Slideshow](#): Developing a School Library Program in Vietnam
  - [Article](#): An Analytical Study of Some NGOs'/NPOs' Contributions by promoting Library Activities at Disadvantageous Areas in Vietnam to Create Potential and Lifelong Learners

## Suggested Book List

### Young children

1. Walking through the Jungle (worldlanguage)
2. Keeping up with cheetah (worldlanguage)

3. Goodnight, Panda : Chuc Con Ngu Ngon! (amazon)
4. A whale who dreamt of a snail : Giac Mo Cua Ca Voi Ve Chu Oc Sen. Meimbach & Tolentino (amazon).
5. Sand Dollar, Sand Dollar : Banh Quy Bien, Bahn Quy Bien. dos Santos.
6. No less a Starfish. McNamara (amazon).
7. Sid the Homeless Hermit Crab : Sid - Chang Cua An Si Khong Nha. Johnston (amazon).
8. Crocodile is not bad (vinabook).
9. Farmer Duck (worldlanguage)
10. Chicken Boots : Ban Ga Mai Di Ung. Barrera (amazon)
11. Teach your child to sow seeds (vinabook)
12. Small informers. Larousse (vinabook)
13. All my friends are dead. Monsen (vinabook)
14. Lion Fables (worldlanguage)
15. Fox Fables (worldlanguage)

### Middle grade children

1. Animal world bookshelf (vinabook)
2. What to know - Animal secrets (vinabook)
3. Small steps - Water; Animals; Male & Female Rights (vinabook)
4. Knowledge Library Students (vinabook)
5. 200 questions & answers - Animal World (vinabook)
6. Young Scientist (vinabook)
7. Simple Science (vinabook)
8. Fun Science - The world of mighty animals; the world of mushrooms (vinabook)
9. Spruce Tree : Mầm Cây Tìm Cội ([vinabook](#))
10. Beyond the world of plants - Too Beautiful! (vinabook)
11. Understanding the Universe (vinabook)
12. Planet Earth ([vinabook](#))
13. Listen to the Earth; series (vinabook)
14. The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me. Dahl. (amazon)
15. Jobs : Cong Viec. ([Worldlanguage](#))

### Adolescents

1. Ecosystem approach to Health (Ecohealth) : Tiep Can He Sinh Thai Doi Voi Suc Khoe (Ecohealth). Nguyen & Tran. (amazon)
2. Environmental Group The Carp Team - Teens cleaning up the country. 2014. (amazon)
3. The Best We Could Do. Thi Bui (Graphic Novel) (amazon)
4. The source of knowledge - The Secret of the Fish (vinabook)
5. Animal intelligence (vinabook)
6. Sapiens: Human History : Sapiens: Lược Sử Loài Người ([tiki](#))
7. Intelligent enlightenment bookshelf - Flower (vinabook)
8. Beautiful plants (vinabook)

9. Southern Forest : Đất Rừng Phương Nam ([tiki](#))
10. Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why the World Needs a Green Revolution ; Nóng, Phẳng, Chật.  
Friedman. ([tiki](#))
11. I think like a Meteorologist (vinabook)
12. Combos Young Scientist (vinabook)
13. Life of Pi. Martel. (amazon)
14. What Color is your parachute. Christen. (amazon)
15. 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens : 7 Thói Quen của bạn trẻ thành đạt ([tiki](#))