



Libraries and Archives: a brief overview

Archives/Basic Filing Training

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Brief Background

- History of libraries and archives ≈ history of writing
- Early libraries and archives – Kingdoms/Empires/Temples;
- First librarians/archivists were priests, slaves and accountants
- **The invention of printing presses**
- Mass production → modern day archives and libraries



Modern libraries and archives

Libraries

- SCHOOL LIBRARIES
- ACADEMIC LIBRARIES
- PUBLIC LIBRARIES
- SPECIAL LIBRARIES
- STATE LIBRARIES

Archives

- COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES
- CORPORATE ARCHIVES.
- MUSEUMS ARE A FORM OF ARCHIVES
- RELIGIOUS ARCHIVES
- GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES

Archives and Libraries; our own story

Pre-
Independence

- Beginning of the end (1906? 1955)

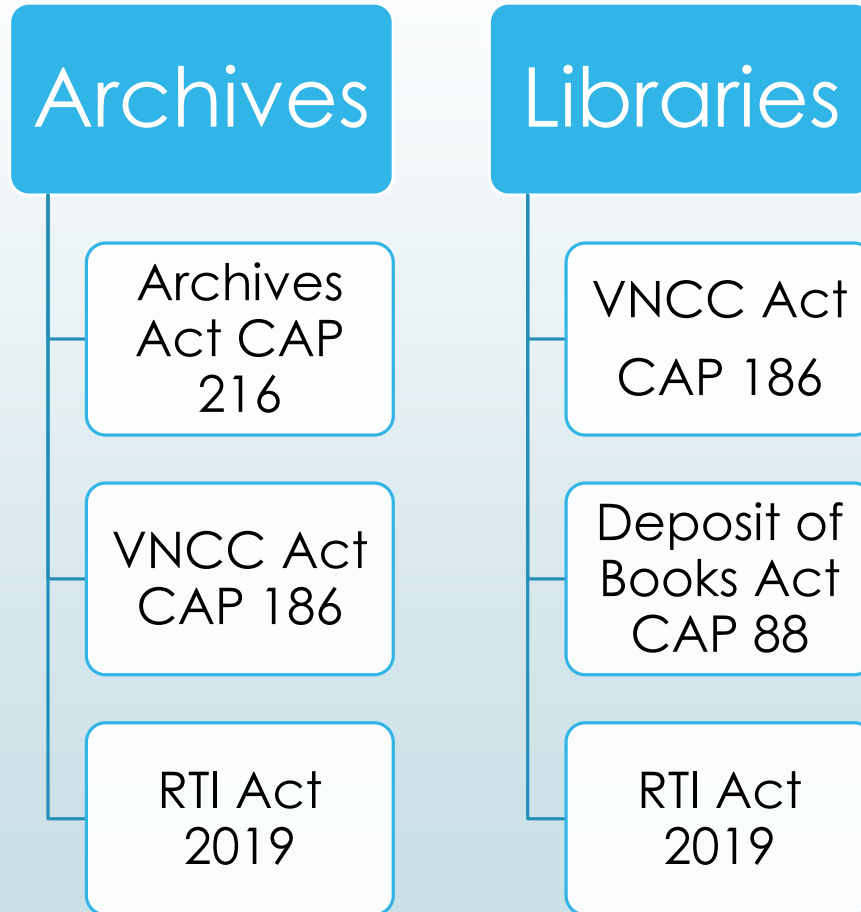
Post
Independence

- Finding ourselves (1980- 1999)

New Millennium

- Making real changes 2000-

Legal Framework



Main Differences

LIBRARIES	ARCHIVES
➤ Collects both the old and current	➤ Collect only the old
➤ Collect both facts and fiction	➤ Collect only facts
➤ Collect any and all relevant information	➤ Collect records of relevant business transactions only
➤ Flexible external lending	➤ Restricted internal lending



TO CONCLUDE

- ▶ Libraries and archives have stood the test of time
- ▶ Purposes and functions evolved over time
- ▶ Their relevance remains intact
- ▶ Age of technology
- ▶ Embrace technology for efficiency, effectiveness and security
- ▶ Vanuatu in the global community
- ▶ International and national standards and best practices be observed



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