KO TE HITORI O TE PUNA O TE MĀTAURANGA
Nō te tau 1965 ka tā ai Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, he whakatōtanga i te Whare Pukapuka o Alexander Turnbull, te Whare Pukapuka Whakamārama Whiriū, no te Rotonga Whare Pukapuka o Aotearoa nō te Ture.

Mā mua ka kite a muri; Mā muri ka ora a mua.

Those who lead give sight to those who follow; Those who follow give life to those who lead.

The following timeline shows significant events in the formation and growth of the National Library:

2011 The National Library is integrated into the Department of Internal Affairs, alongside Archives New Zealand.
2009 The National Library starts a redevelopment of its Wellington building, to ensure the safety of the collections and create storage space.
2001 The publication of Te Kaupapa Mahi Tahi – A Plan for Partnership affirms the Library's commitment to Māori clients.
1992 Ian Grant establishes the New Zealand Cartoon Archive in the Turnbull Library.
1991 The Oral History Centre is created within the Alexander Turnbull Library when the New Zealand Oral History Archive (which had been an independent organisation since 1987) is disestablished.
1990 The National Film Library becomes part of the National Library.
1988 The National library becomes an autonomous government department, no longer administered by the Department of Education, Te Mātauranga o Aotearoa – the wellspring of knowledge.
1987 Library staff and collections are moved from 14 sites around Wellington to the new National Library building on Molesworth Street. The August.
1985 The General Assembly Library separates from the National Library. It is now known as the Parliamentary Library.
1980 The Archive of New Zealand Music is established at the suggestion of Douglas Liburn.
1945 The Country Library Service and the School Library Service are amalgamated to form the National Library Service.
1942 The School Library Service is established.
1938 The Country Library Service is formed, the first step towards creating a national library.
1934 The Munn-Barr report recommends a national library service.
1920 The Alexander Turnbull Library, based on the collections bequeathed to the Crown by Alexander Horsburgh Turnbull in 1918, is opened.
1858 General Assembly Library is formed to serve Members of Parliament.