The Namgyal Institute of Tibetology's libraries

The Tibetan library is situated on the first floor of the institute's main building. The NIT's library holds one of the largest collections of Tibetan works in the world outside Tibet. There are over 60,000 titles consisting of Tibetan translations of canonical and non-canonical works from their original Sanskrit or Pali, as well as tantric texts belonging to the four sects of Tibetan Buddhism. Among others, the library also has the collected works of Padma Lingpa, Mipham Rinpoche and the great Vth Dalai Lama, and the hagiography of guru Padmasambhava.

To the right side of the main building is the general library. This library holds a good collection of books in different languages covering Tibet, Sikkim, Nepal, Bhutan and Ladakh, including a number of collections on religion [Buddhism], History and Philosophy. In addition, journals and periodicals from leading institutions and organizations enrich the collection. Since it is a reference library, the institute does not lend or issue books for home use. However, readers and visitors can consult them in the library's reading room. The library allows photocopying although some restrictions apply to the rare books collection.

The library is open from 10 am to 4 pm and remains closed on Sundays, every month's second Saturdays and Sikkim Government holidays.