

A tale of treasure and technology

Libraries and AI make learning accessible to all

The National Library, also known as KB, has been at the heart of learning and inspiration in the Netherlands for over two centuries. Home to 120 kilometers of physical documents and digital services utilized by 6 million Dutch citizens, it embodies the richness of the nation's heritage.

The page has turned to the modernization of these treasured resources: partnering with Sogeti, KB is developing an AI-powered data platform, within their Microsoft Azure environment, to connect their network of public libraries with communities more seamlessly than ever. The platform will provide policymakers, government stakeholders, and trade partners with valuable data for informed decision-making to serve an evolving society. It will empower everyone – from students and researchers to casual readers and lifelong learners – with quick and intuitive access to the information they seek.

KB is driven by the power of the written word, and with AI fueling their efforts, they are writing a new chapter in their storied legacy – and it's dedicated to smarter, more engaged, and inclusive communities all across the Netherlands.

“Data is of great importance in the library sector. For example, the data platform is part of the National Digital Infrastructure, which provides insights for policymakers from, for example, the Ministry of Education, Statistics Netherlands, and the Association of Dutch Municipalities. Our partners in the book trade also rely on a lot of data. This requires a data platform that is accessible in a secure and, at the same time, user-friendly way for a diverse group of stakeholders. Sogeti is a reliable partner for us that has the relevant knowledge in-house to bring our data platform to a new phase.”

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