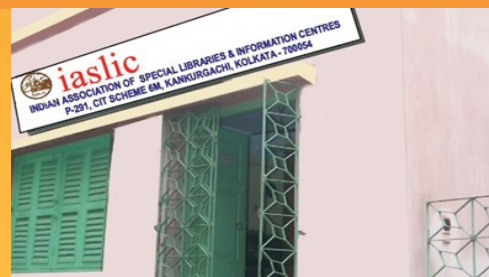




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Quote of the Month

“Libraries are starting places for the adventure of learning that can go on whatever one's vocation and location in life. Reading is an adventure like that of discovery itself. Libraries are our base camps.”

- James H. Billington

American academic and author

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions / states are solicited from IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor.

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IASLIC ACTIVITIES

IASLIC 32nd All India Conference, 2019

December 3 - 5, 2019

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Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi

Main Theme - Future of Library and Information Profession in India.

SIG 1 - Digital Archiving (Computer)

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For Call for Papers see May 2019 issue of IASLIC Newsletter or visit:

<http://www.iaslic1955.org.in/fckeditor/userfiles/file/Call%20for%20Papers%202019.pdf>

Nomination invited for different awards of IASLIC

IASLIC invites nominations for the following awards for the years 2016 and 2017:

1. Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Mrs. Amita Roychoudhury - IASLIC Best LIS Teacher Award, sponsored by Prof. Prabir Roychoudhury and Mrs. Amita Roychoudhury Memorial Fund Trust.
2. Smt A Satyavathi and Prof. A A N Raju - IASLIC Best Young LIS Teacher Award, sponsored by Prof. A A N Raju.
3. S M Ganguly - IASLIC Award for the Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Late S M Ganguly, one of the founder members of IASLIC.

Six copies of application in prescribed format should reach Honorary General Secretary, IASLIC, P291 CIT Scheme No. 6M, Kakurgachi, Kolkata 700054, on or before October 15, 2019.

For eligibility criteria and prescribed format of application visit IASLIC website

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

National

Workshop on Plagiarism Management

The Library - Learning Resource Centre of KES Shroff College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai, is organizing a state level Workshop on 'Plagiarism and Reference Management' on July 13, 2019. For details visit: <https://kessclibrary.wixsite.com/library/wokshop>

Seminar on Enhancing Role of Library

The DeLCON Consortium and NBRC, Manesar, are jointly organizing a National Seminar on 'Enhancing the Role of the Library with New Tools for Teaching and Learning' on August 2, 2019, at National Brain Research Centre, Manesar, Gurgaon. For details visit: <http://delcon.gov.in>

Conference on Digital Trend in L I Services

Information Resource Centre, Integrated Academy of Management and Technology (INMANTEC), Ghaziabad, in association with Asian Library Association (ASIALA), New Delhi, is organizing a National Conference on 'Libraries and Information Services: Emerging Digital Trends' during August 9 - 10, 2019. For details visit: <http://www.inmantec.edu>

Conference on Access to Medical Literature

Dr. B B Dikshit Central Library, AIIMS, New Delhi, is organizing 5th series of National Conference on 'Access and Availability of Medical Literature in Electronic Environment (AMLEE-2019)' during September 2 - 3, 2019. For details email to: chief librarian.aiims@gmail.com or sivaiims@protonmail.com

Conference on Scholarly Communication

A National Conference on 'Scholarly Communication and Scientometrics' is being organized by Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, in association with the Institute of Scientometrics (IoS), during September 27 - 28, 2019. For details email to: ios2019actrec@gmail.com

Seminar on Role of PLs in Sustainable Development: Brief Report

A National Seminar on 'Libraries for All: Exploring the Role of Public Libraries and Information Centres for Sustainable Development' was organized by DLIS, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, in association with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, during March 7 - 8, 2019. At the outset of inaugural session Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Head, DLIS, RBU, welcomed the guests and participants. He explained the concept of sustainable development and IFLA's 2030 vision. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Sabyasachi Basu Roychoudhuri, Vice-Chancellor of RBU, who, in his inaugural address, stressed on the sustainability of development, specially socio-economic and political sustainability, and explained the role of libraries in this context. Prof. Pushpanjali Jena of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, in her keynote address, discussed the role of libraries in education and nation building and how that could be beneficial for sustainability of economic and cultural development. She also pointed out the lack of government initiatives in spreading and developing public libraries. The Guest of Honour, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh

of Gauhati University, Guwahati, described the depressing condition of libraries in various sectors and role of State Governments and Central Government in this context. He expressed his doubt about fulfilment of the objectives of IFLA's vision 2030 for sustainable development without the government patronage to the libraries. The former Director of RRRLF and Librarian of Bose Institute, Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, and the present Deputy Director of RRRLF, Shri Soumen Sarkar, explained the role of RRRLF and present national scenario of public libraries. The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ziaur Rahman, Joint Secretary of the Organizing Committee. The technical sessions were organized in two parallel sessions. Altogether 72 papers were presented in these sessions. At the end a panel discussion was held, which was moderated by Prof. Krishnapada Majumder, former Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. The panelists were Prof. Durgashankar Rath of Vidyasagar University, Medinipur; Shri Anirban Biswas of RRRLF; Ms. Anamika Das of Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata; and Dr. Bapan Kumar Maity, District Library Officer, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The panelists highlighted the present condition of public library system in West Bengal and India as a whole.

International

IFLA Satellite Meetings

IFLA Satellite Meeting on 'Library Services for Open Science' will be held at Klosterneuburg (near Vienna), Austria, on August 21, 2019. For details visit: <https://ls-os.pages.ist.ac.at/>

IFLA WLIC Pre-conference Satellite Meeting on 'Robots in Libraries: Challenge or Opportunity?' will be held at Technical University of Applied Sciences, Wildau, Berlin, during August 21 - 22, 2019. For details visit: <https://en.th-wildau.de/ifla-robot/>

IFLA Satellite Meeting on 'Grey Literature: Scholarly Communication in a Digital World', organized by IFLA Serials & Other Continuing Resources Section and IFLA National Libraries Section, will be held at the National Library of Greece on August 23, 2019. For details visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grey-literature-scholarly-communication-in-a-digital-world-tickets-59696495826>

Conference on Transforming Academic Libraries

Sri Krishna College of Engineering & Technology, Coimbatore, is organizing an International Conference on 'Transforming Academic Libraries: Vision 2030' during November 14 - 16, 2019. For details visit: <http://www.Skcet.ac.in/script/ICTAL/ICTAL%202030.htm>

L I Professionals' Summit

The 8th International Library and Information Professionals' Summit (I-LIPS 2019) on 'Empowering Libraries with

Emerging Technologies for Common Sustainable Future' is being jointly organized by DLIS and Gautam Buddha Central Library, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, during November 22 - 24, 2019. For details visit: <https://ilips2019.webnode.com/>

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Library for Sex Workers' Children

Do you remember the first time you read an edition of *Twinkle*? Or how about, much later, when you were blown over by the sheer poetry that is *God of Small Things*? Books can bring joy, wonder, are the little windows to the world, and everyone must get to experience them. With this thought in mind, NGO Apne Aap Women is gathering children on B K Pal Park in Kolkata, and giving them books to read. Why is that a big deal? Well, these kids are children of sex workers in the city's infamous red light area, and through this exercise, introducing them to the sheer pleasure of reading. The organization, which works to fight child trafficking too, now has a minivan stuffed with books for the children to read and enjoy. From an abridged version of *Pride and Prejudice* to Jawaharlal Nehru's biography in Hindi, the library on wheels is bursting with books from all genres, says a report in *The Telegraph* (Kolkata) quoted by yourstory.com. Understanding the importance of these children accessing books, the mobile library was launched by Apne Aap Women World, in collaboration with Apeejay Anand Children's Library, and Coal India, on January 20 this year at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival. Now, the mobile library pulls up at Sonagachhi and Kidderpore from 2 pm to 5 pm every Monday and Wednesday for kids to come and pick up books. On Fridays, the minivan visits children of leather workers in Topsia as well. Not just books, but also storytellers and volunteers hop on for the ride and conduct storytelling sessions. For full report visit: <https://yourstory.com/2019/01/ngo-sex-workers-mobile-library>

Indian Boy Builds Library in UAE

An Indian student in the UAE has put together a small library from book donation drives at his home and is encouraging people use it as he aims to inculcate the love of reading in youngsters, who, he believes, spend more time using gadgets and playing video games, says a PTI report published in *The Times of India*. Kashinadh Pranesh, a nine-year-old student in Sharjah, is on a mission to inspire people to know more about the world and has previously been recognized in the UAE for his academic and philanthropic achievements. Last year, he donated the funds he won in a spelling bee to the victims of the Kerala floods. Recently, Pranesh won the Distinguished Student Award of the Hamdan Foundation. His efforts and achievements were also appreciated by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor. "In 2016, the Year of Reading in the UAE, I came to know the importance of reading, so I have started

collecting books through book drives and charity drives and started my own small library. Through this library, I wish to encourage my friends and neighbours to read more," Pranesh was quoted as saying by the *Khaleej Times*. "In this digital world, kids spend more time tinkering with their gadgets and playing video games, which are not good habits. We can instead read books so that we can improve our vocabulary, concentration and memory," he said. "Reading will take us to the imaginary world and shape our dreams. And these dreams will guide us to a bright future," he added. For full report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/features/indian-boy-builds-library-to-encourage-people-to-read-more/articleshow/69478156.cms>

Read Chandigarh Read Campaign

With the virtual world taking away the charm of reading books, the habit of sifting through hardbound books is seeing a decline. To recreate reading interest, especially among the children, an initiative has been kicked off in Chandigarh recently under 'Read Chandigarh Read' campaign, reports *The Times of India*. Under this idea, the efforts are being made to create children libraries in different parts of city and villages. The first project started with Don Bosco Savera, which was inaugurated by UT's education secretary, BL Sharma. Several NGOs and associations have also pitched in to create the library, which will stock books on diverse subjects. While children can come, sit and read books, the library has kept the idea of book donation open. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/events/chandigarh/inculcating-reading-habit-among-children/articleshow/69272866.cms>

Literary Quotes in Public Spaces

There are thousands of street food carts in New Delhi. But only one has the opening lines of Riyazat Ullah Khan's poem Wazoodiyat on the side:

*Where can the pauper keep his pain of existence?
He has no container but a heart.*

The sticker bearing the couplet is from a campaign called StickLit, which seeks to make literature more accessible by placing quotes in public spaces, says a report in *The Guardian*. Nidhin Kundathil and Manoj Pandey had the idea for the project while contemplating the advertisements, posters and billboards that are consumed almost subliminally on Indian streets. "We thought of turning this [visual] experience on its head to create a completely new and refreshing alternative for passersby - [one] which was not just selling something, for a change," says Pandey, 32, a freelance writer in Darjeeling. The idea subsequently evolved: they would make what they call the world's largest library - "the largest repository of good literature in public spaces: a library that's free for all". So they hit the streets, putting up free-format stickers, posters and wall murals.

“Doing anything on the street is tricky as there are multiple factors to consider, like police or permissions,” Pandey says. “It's ironic how we have to run away for trying to do some good for society.” After starting in Bengaluru and Delhi in 2017, the project has spread all over India, with volunteers in various cities taking it up. The stickers are available from the StickLit website and the founders encourage people to download them and use them freely. For full report visit: <https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2019/apr/18/a-pen-can-change-the-world-the-duo-behind-the-worlds-largest-public-library-sticklit>

A Patron for Orphan Books

“This is really the money shot for this hotel,” said Philip Blackwell, gesturing at a marble fireplace, soft-lit lamps with printed shades, and books, books, books. He was showing off the library at the Ham Yard Hotel in Soho, for which Mr. Blackwell's company Ultimate Library selected about 5,000 books for the shelves, an act of curation that's literary and visual, says a report by Sophie Higney from London published in *The New York Times*. Ultimate Library sells books by the meter to luxury hotels like the Ham Yard. Founded in 2011, it has capitalized on an explosion of interest in books as decorative objects, shown plainly in popular bookshelf images on Instagram and Pinterest, with the hashtags #shelfie or #bookstagram. Books can be aesthetic signifiers, colorful set pieces of sorts, their spines telegraphing a certain gravitas or a certain playfulness, depending on how they're arranged. “I like to compare physical books to candles,” Mr. Blackwell said. “Light bulbs do the job, but there's a strong aesthetic of a candle that puts soul into a room. Books do that, too. They create theatre and drama.” Mr. Blackwell, 60, is erudite, affable and well read; he says he gets “twitchy” when he doesn't have a book on him. He comes from family that has been in the book-selling business since 1879, when one of his ancestors founded Blackwell's Bookshop in Oxford. Mr. Blackwell was involved with the company until 2006, when he stepped down as CEO of the book-selling arm and began travelling while on gardening leave. It was then that something started to bother him: In the hotels where he stayed, the libraries were ill kempt, full of what he called “orphan books.” They were also, apparently, ugly. “Hotels would put so much effort into every other aspect of interior design, but not books,” he said. That led to Ultimate Library, which Mr. Blackwell affectionately calls his “gap-year project gone wrong.” The company has selected books for clients in more than 40 countries, including the Philippines, Greece, the Maldives and Tanzania. In addition to hotels, they include restaurants, private apartments, shops and boats (in case, for example, your yacht lacks a suitable library). Ultimate Library honours highly specific requests: a restaurant in Paris that wanted only books with red spines, or another client who wanted a library based around the subjects of China and horse racing. For full report visit: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/22/style/book-decor.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FLibraries%20and%20Librarians&action=click&content>

Collection=timestopics®ion=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=1&pgtype=collection

Public Library in Hospital

Vishwanath Naidu, a school teacher from Srinivasapura, Kolar, accompanies his relative with an ailing heart to the state-run Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. While the patient undergoes tests and waits for results, what gives Naidu solace are the newspapers and books at the hospital's public library. He is among the many visitors at the hospital making use of the facility, run by the state library department since its inception in 2011, says a report in *The Times of India*. “It's a unique initiative. Reading can help people heal,” says Naidu, who was surprised to see a library in the hospital. It has over 10,000 books and gets 108 magazines and 30 newspapers of various languages. The hospital gets a minimum 5,000 visitors every day, including 1,500 outpatients and 700 inpatients. “At least four relatives come with each patient. If the outpatient is undergoing blood test, it takes a minimum two hours to get results. During that time, instead of moving around here and there, a better option is to read in the library. It is just outside the food court, so those who go there usually don't miss the library,” says director Dr. C N Manjunath. He recalls that the library was first proposed by KG Venkatesh, former director, state department of libraries, when he was once admitted to the hospital for treatment. “Library is for the public and there are provisions in the Public Libraries Act to establish libraries in hospitals. When I had severe chest pain in 2011 and was admitted to Jayadeva, I had seen the necessity of a library there. Glad that it's doing well and people are making use of it,” said Venkatesh. Most who come to the library are keen on reading health-related topics and the hospital has provided the same. “Many read newspapers, but some specifically ask for books that have details about health, functioning of the heart,” says Prema Srinivas, a staffer. While every visitor has to sign at the library registry, the staff don't insist on it, considering the tense moments they may be going through waiting for medical reports. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/jayadeva-hospital-visitors-can-turn-to-books-in-spare-time/articleshowprint/69657877.cms>

Honour for PU Library

The Oxford University Press (OUP) has declared Ananda Rangapillai Library of Pondicherry University as the 'library of the week' acknowledging the special features of the library, reports *The Times of India*. The world's largest university press has awarded a plaque to the Ananda Rangapillai Library recognizing its resources. It has also shared a special article about the library through @OUPLibraries twitter feed. OUP has been in the practice of undertaking research on libraries in India and south-east

Asia and naming the 'library of the week' highlighting its special features, types of collections of books and the history of the library. Presently, R. Samyuktha is the librarian of Pondicherry University. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/puducherry/pu-library-declared-library-of-the-week/articleshowprint/69668800.cms>

No Permanent Space for Muskan's Library

Even though two years have passed after the promises being made about a permanent library at Bal Pustakalay at the Durga Nagar Slum, the children are reading under the makeshift canopy where baby Muskan initially started the library to teach kids free of cost, says a report in *The Times of India* (See Muskan's story in IASLIC Newsletter, July 2016). She was promised a permanent library space multiple times by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation but neither the situation nor the scenery have changed much since then, despite the promises. TOI visited the temporary library arrangement on the eve of this year's World Book Day and found children gathering around to read their favourite books, sat under the kuccha roof to pursue their interest. Muskaan Ahirwar, said, "We have been studying under the makeshift library since its beginning. When the library became functional under a makeshift arrangement, the people from the government departments used to come to discuss about turning the temporary arrangement into a permanent library, but in the last one year one even visited the place." Ahirwar further cited the problems the children were facing due to lack of a permanent structure. "It is very difficult for me to store books here as there is no protection from animals and the weather. I keep the books in my house, but there is only limited space inside. I am unable to provide more books to the kids in the library as there is no proper place to store them safely. We face a lot of problems during monsoon as the books get wet and even we get drenched if we are here for reading", she added. We identified the ground at the entrance of the slum to be the perfect place for the library but due to model code of conduct during assembly elections last year and Lok Sabha elections this year, the planning process is incomplete. We will start the work as soon as the elections are over", Harish Gupta, public relation officer of BMC said when contacted about the library in the area. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/world-book-day-children-still-waiting-for-their-library/articleshowprint/69015507.cms>

Book Collection for Starting Libraries

They are book collectors - but for a noble cause. Aware that no schools in the rural areas have a library while children want books other than their texts to read, some youth from Kolhapur started collecting used books to set up libraries in the slum areas of the city as well as remote villages of the district, says a *The Times of India - Maharashtra Times* report. These youths (chiefly from All India Students Federation) - namely Prashant Ambi, Aarti Redekar,

Krushna Panse, Nitin Dhale, Dildar Mujawar, Mukund Kadam, Dheeraj Kathare - first shared their idea with Uma Pansare, wife of Comrade Govind Pansare, who supported them by donating books herself. After this, they contacted potential book donors and also appealed to all Marathi book lovers to donate used books for the social cause. These students also campaigned on social media with hashtags #EkGharEkPustak #SelfieWith Book, following which a lot of people couriered them used books. The campaign, which has been going on for the last two years, has generated 54,000 books. The youths have also collected books on competitive exams. They set up their first library in Mukut Sainik Vasahat, Kolhapur, which was inaugurated by JNU student leader Kanhaiyya Kumar. Others are situated at Ukhalu village under Shahuwadi taluka and at Bambarwadi village under Panhala taluka of the district. These youths are planning to open libraries in 18 villages and have appealed to everyone to donate. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolhapur/maharashtra-youth-collect-54000-books-to-start-libraries-in-rural-areas/articleshowprint/69756644.cms>

Birth of a Public Library

On a restive summer night in 1987, when the walled city (Delhi) was under curfew following communal violence in Uttar Pradesh, a group of young men snuck out to buy vegetables, milk and other essentials for people in the area. That dark, desperate night was the unlikely origin of the Hazrat Shah Waliullah Public Library, a depository of rare literature, including a 600-year-old Arabic book on logic, a copy of the Bhagvad Gita in Urdu, the Ramayan in Persian, and the entire works of Bahadur Shah Zafar printed in 1885, says a PTI report published in *The Hindustan Times*. The library, housed in Pahari Imli lane, a crowded left turn from the famous Matia Mahal road leading to the Jama Masjid, caters to thousands of people in the locality. The night three decades ago was the turning point, said Muhammed Naeem, who with his 10 friends started the Delhi Youth Welfare Association (DYWA) in a nondescript small room in Pahari Imli three years later. "After three-four days of the curfew in 1987, there was no food, or milk. We snuck out to bring essentials. It was a turning point, when this thought occurred that we seriously needed to do something for the people," Naeem told PTI. Soon, the room, once a bachelors' pad where young men gathered to play carom, cards, and cool off after a match or two of cricket, became a library where residents of the area congregated to read books, borrow them or simply browse. Tucked away from the everyday hubbub, nothing about Pahari Imli stands distinct, at least not the small wooden door that leads to the room housing the Waliullah Public Library. For full report visit: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/bhagvad-gita-in-urdu-and-ramayan-in-persian-a-library-of-rare-finds-in-walled-city/story-101CVRz6g9P9t8V5EpEJQO.html>

Library for Queer Studies

Queerhythm, a collective of LGBTIQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual,

transgender, intersex, queer, questioning) members has proposed to establish a library for queer studies in Thiruvananthapuram, says a report in *The Times of India*. They plan to setup the library at Queerythm office and short-stay facility arranged by social justice department at Kunnukuzhy Junction for LGBTIQ people. The ground floor can house 25 people and space on the first floor of the two-storey building will be utilised to arrange the library. The group has started a book donation drive to arrange books for the library. "The short-stay facility is likely to be inaugurated in a week. And the work for the arrangement of the library will begin in the second phase," said Prijith P K, president of Queerythm. "The campaign started last week and we have received around twenty books. We have set a target of 2,000 books which will enable us to register at district library council," he said. In addition to the library, they plan to develop the place as a research centre for people interested to do research in queer studies. The group plans to publish a list of books on the subject in their social media pages so that interested people can contribute. "People are not much aware of the books on the subject. There are not many works in fiction and non-fiction regarding the subject in Malayalam or Indian languages. We have a research wing, which will release the list of books required soon. People can directly bring the books to the short stay home or they can send books to us. We plan to arrange the bookshelves, computer system and other requirements through sponsorship," added Prijith. Queerythm will also develop the rooftop area of the building as a community learning centre, where the members and allies of LGBTIQ can conduct meetings and programmes. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/library-for-queer-studies-in-thiruvananthapuram/articleshowprint/69709602.cms>

IIT Students set up Library in School

The alumni association of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D), set up a modern library at the Government High School in Pahari village in Gurgaon recently, says a report in *The Hindustan Times*. Members of the association said the aim is to expand rural children's horizons of thinking and improve their knowledge base. The library will remain open twenty-four hours a day and is equipped with five computers, free Internet connection and books to help students prepare for competitive exams. "We have included books generally used in the preparation for competitive exams of IITs, IIMs and civil services," Vinod Yadav, a member of the association, said. The library was inaugurated by the director of IIT-D, Professor V Ramgopal Rao. The library can be accessed by students of classes six and above. "Children in rural areas are not able to think beyond joining the police force or becoming a teacher. Through our effort, we want to bring a change in the mindset," said Yadav. For original report visit: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/iit-delhi-alumni-set-up-library-in-pahari-village/story-VKloy1bfRYMorDfwlOAsvK.html>

Overdue Magazine Returned after 50 Years

An Ohio library says a 1968 copy of Life magazine with the Beatles on the cover has been returned by a borrower who apologized for stealing it as a "kid" and sent \$100 to cover late fees, according to a post on www.channel3000.com website. The Cuyahoga County Public Library says it received the apology this week from someone named Brian, who acknowledged taking it from a suburban Cleveland branch the year it was published. The library caps late fees at \$100, which is good for Brian. The normal fine of 10 cents a day over 50 years would have exceeded \$1,800. Library spokesman Robert Rua says the library is forgiving and thanks Brian for doing the right thing. A copy of the magazine today fetches around \$50 online. The library expects to put the magazine on display. For original post visit: <https://www.channel3000.com/news/overdue-library-magazine-with-beatles-on-cover-back-50-years-later/1046730843>

Fine Free Library

The Cleveland Public Library is ending fines for overdue materials, says a post on www.crainscleveland.com website. That announcement was made during a "State of the Library" address by executive director Felton Thomas Jr. at the City Club of Cleveland on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Thomas also laid out plans for a year-long sesquicentennial celebration that, he said, "focuses on places, programs and people." From its start in 1869 with 5,800 books on the third floor of an office block near Public Square, the Cleveland Public Library has grown to 10.5 million items across 30 buildings as it kicks off the celebration of its 150th birthday. "We are reinventing how we carry out our mission to best serve our community's evolving needs," Thomas said. "Our aspiration is to become the best 21st century library for the city of Cleveland." Ending fines is a growing trend among libraries. Many library officials believe fines are a barrier to library use for some, undermining the core value of the library as a place that provides free and equal access to all the people. For more details visit: <https://www.crainscleveland.com/government/cleveland-public-library-going-fine-free-after-150-years>

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Firefox Enhanced Tracking Protection

If you've never used the Firefox web browser before, Mozilla has promised you a soft landing: New users will not be tracked by default, says a report by Mark Hachman appearing on www.computerworld.in website. Mozilla has recently promised that new users of the current Firefox 67.0.1 and subsequent versions will have Enhanced Tracking Protection turned on by default, blocking all known third-party cookies within Firefox. Enhanced Tracking Protection will go hand in hand with a new version of Facebook Container, which prevents pages with embedded Facebook trackers from watching you as you move around the web. While new users will have Enhanced Tracking Protection turned on by default, that doesn't mean existing users are

stuck. You can go to the Firefox main menu and click *Privacy & Security*. Go to *Content Blocking*, then make sure the *Custom* button is enabled, as well as the *Cookies* checkbox. From there, simply make sure the *Third-party trackers* option in the drop-down menu is enabled. Privacy was also the driving force behind Facebook Container, a technology Firefox introduced last year. Previously, the Container isolated your Facebook browsing into its own tab - the Container - which was colored blue to differentiate it from regular browser tabs. Facebook Container was designed to make it harder for Facebook to track your activity as you hopped between Facebook and other browser tabs. The updated Facebook Container goes a bit further, blocking the connection to Facebook on sites that feature Facebook Like and Share buttons. You'll actually see a purple "fence" badge next to those icons to alert you that information isn't being passed back to Facebook. Firefox also said that it now offers a way to manage passwords on desktop PC browsers, complementing what it already offered for its mobile Android and iOS browsers, known as Lockbox. The new solution, a desktop extension for Firefox, is now known as Firefox Lockwise. Finally, Firefox has said that it had updated Firefox Monitor, a solution that lets users track whether their email address has been caught up in a data breach. Similar in concept to HaveIBeenPwned and other like-minded services, the Firefox Monitor has now been migrated from an email alert system to a central dashboard for easier oversight. For original report visit: <https://www.computerworld.in/news/firefox-beefs-security-and-privacy-blocking-third-party-trackers-facebook-cookies-and-more>

SPECIAL FEATURE

Now Library in Space!

We are now entering the age of space tourism. Russian Space Agency has already conducted an orbital space tour and some aerospace companies like Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic are working towards developing sub-orbital space tourism vehicles, while another aerospace manufacturer SpaceX announced in 2018 that it was planning to send two space tourists on a free-return trajectory around the moon on the upper stage of SpaceX's BFR rocket, known as Starship. Possibly days are not far away when the people will be able to visit the moon as a tourist. Some people think that even human colony may be set up in near future on the moon.

If you happen to be on the moon or in the orbit riding a space craft, how will you spend time after you have enjoyed the beauty of the awe-inspiring space all around you? Don't be disheartened. There will be a library nearby where you can find some specimens of best literature in the world and even you can access Wikipedia. Don't think that it is a fantasy, or a figment of one's imagination. A library is already on the moon and another orbiting the sun.

The Solar Library, as it is known, which is going round the sun, was the first to be sent in space on February 6, 2018. It

was the idea of Novak Spivack, co-founder of Arch Mission Foundation - a non-profit organization the goal of which is to create repositories of human knowledge around the solar system, including on earth - to send a quartz disk containing millions of documents with the help of Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX, and a book lover himself, aboard Tesela Roadstar, an artificial satellite of the sun. The payload was placed in an elliptical orbit that extends nearly 243 million miles from the sun at its farthest point. The 5D optical storage technology has been used to create the quartz disc. The disc will reportedly remain readable for up to 14 billion years, resist cosmic radiation, and can withstand temperatures up to 1,000°C. Incidentally, a quartz disk can hold an astonishing 360 terabytes of information, or enough for 180 million books, but since only 130 million books have so far been published, there will be plenty of memory left to accommodate more documents to be published in future. The first permanent space library is projected to orbit around the sun for a few million years.

The Lunar Library - again created by the Arch Mission Foundation - a specially designed disc comprising 25 thin nickel films, created using a new technology called Nanofisch and recording approximately 30 million pages of contents was launched on February 21 this year aboard a spacecraft propelled by SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. "In addition to the English version of the Wikipedia (approximately 7.5M printed pages), the library contains more than 25,000 books and other resources, including collections from Project Gutenberg and the Internet Archive, and the Long Now Foundation Rosetta and PanLex datasets, which provide a linguistic key to 5000 languages with 1.5 billion cross-language translations. The library also holds a long-duration duplicate of SpaceIL's Israeli Time Capsule, and several other private archives and special collections". The nickel used in the disc is impervious to radiation and temperatures on the moon, and can last for billions of years without losing any data. The Lunar Library is shielded by a protective layer and insulation, as well as the structure of the Israel made Beresheet lander which will safeguard it from micrometeorites that strike the moon on a regular basis. In spite of all the precautions, the spacecraft carrying the library crashlanded on the moon on April 12 last. Nevertheless, the library has not totally perished in such landing. Arch Mission chairman Spivack has indicated that at least 60,000 pages of the library have survived.

Meanwhile, Spivack's organization, in partnership with SpaceChain, a community based space platform of China that combines space and blockchain technologies to build the world's first open-source blockchain-based satellite network, has launched an Orbital Library as part of SpaceChina's payload sent by a CZ-4B Y34 rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre, in Xinzhou, China, in October 2018, and placed it into low-earth orbit. This library also contains Wikipedia and Isaac Asimov's Foundation series among other contents. The Arch Mission has a plan to deliver another instalment in the Lunar Library containing additional content

in an upcoming mission with Pittsburgh-based Astrobotic and set up libraries containing our precious cultural heritage throughout the solar system, including Mars and at underground and mountaneous locations around the earth.

So space libraries are here. You can wait for your turn to be in space as a space tourist in near future and have a glimpse and even access to the contents of the space libraries being set up by Arch Mission. Bon Voyage in advance!

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PERSONALIA

Shri Suryakant Madhav Kulkarni, popularly known as S M Kulkarni, former librarian of Anthropological Survey of India, Nagpur and Kolkata, has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by Maharashtra Sewa Sangh at a function held at Sahitya Samrat N C Kelkar Library, Mumbai, on May 25, 2019. Shri Kulkarni has been very closely associated with IASLIC for many years. He served as Honorary General Secretary and Vice-President of IASLIC and Editor of IASLIC Newsletter for a long time,

besides holding several other important positions. He also served as a Council Member and Vice-President of Indian Library Association. Shri Kulkarni has earlier received awards and honours from several other professional and cultural organizations.

OBITUARY

Shri N B Marathe, former Librarian, Central Reference Library, Kolkata, passed away in Pune on June 6, 2019. Born on August 23, 1925, Shri Marathe was a Sanskrit scholar and was the editor (Sanskrit) of INB. Even after his retirement, he was actively involved in professional and research activities and worked with Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, during 1988 - 2006. He authored *Bharatiya Granthalayacha Itihas* (3 vols in Marathi) and *Mahabharat Sanskritic Suchi*. He was also closely associated with IASLIC Study Circle. He was honoured by several organizations for his scholarship.

Shri Shiva Prakash, the founder Secretary of Jharkhand Information & Library Association (JILA), Ranchi, passed away on April 6, 2019 in Bengaluru. He was one of the leaders of the library movement in Jharkhand and actively contributed to the development and growth of the libraries and information centres in the State. He successfully organized a good number of conferences, seminars, workshops, etc. for the library and information professionals and students. At the time of his death he was the Secretary of JILA and the Managing Editor of JILA's journal *INFOLIB*. It is an irreplaceable loss to the library profession of India and Jharkhand in particular.

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