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Quote of the Month

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." —Emanuel James Rohn, professionally known as Jim Rohn, an American entrepreneur, author, and motivational speaker.

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions/ states is solicited from library professionals/IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor. Email:**iaslicnl2023@gmail.com**

IASLIC ACTIVITIES

Institutional Members of IASLIC for the Year 2024

Sl. No.	Name	Membership No.
1	Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	4041 – I[Z 1]
2	Banasthali Vidyapith, Banasthali, Rajasthan	0056 – I[Z 2]
3	Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	0079 – I[Z 1]
4	Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	0102 – I[Z 1]
5	Charuchandra College, Kolkata, West Bengal	2902 – I[Z 6]
6	Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly	0130 – I[[Z 3]
7	Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, Karnataka	2797 – I[Z 1]
8	Dhemaji College, Dhemaji, Assam	4029 - I[Z 5]
9	Duliajan College, Duliajan, Assam	4051 – I [Z 5]
10	G L Choudhury College, Barpeta, Assam	
11	Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, Maharashtra	
12	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata, West Bengal	2877 – I[Z 6]
13	Highways Research Station, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	
14	Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata, West Bengal	0172 – I[Z 6]
15	India International Centre, New Delhi	
16	Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka	4057 – I[Z 1]
17	Konkan Gyanpeeth Karjat College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Raigad, Maharashtra	3102 – I[Z 2]
18	Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan	3821 – I[Z 2]
19	North Gujrat University, Patan, Gujarat	0376 – I[Z 2]
20	Nabajyoti College, Kalgachia, Assam	4030 – I[Z 5]
21	Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi	0368 – I[Z 4]
22	PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore	1911 – I[Z 1]
23	Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, West Bengal	0407 – [Z 6]
24	Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, Punjab	2798 – I[Z 4]
25	Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, West Bengal	2793 – I[Z 6]
26	Reserve Bank of India Library, Mumbai, Maharashtra	3832 – I[Z 2]
27	Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Kerala	2791 – I[Z 1]
28	Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra	

An appeal to the esteemed Institutional Members

IASLIC extends heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and trust and conveys deep appreciation for being an integral part of the team by joining with us as an institutional member. All the Institutional members are earnestly requested to share their contact details (e-mail id and mobile number) to the mail id of IASLIC (iaslic.india@gmail.com) with a copy to the e-mail of the Treasurer Sri Pradip Kumar Sarkar at Spradipk101@yahoo.com

The Institutional Members, those who have already paid their subscription for 2024 via online mode are requested to send the transaction details/screenshot to the official mail id of IASLIC with a copy of the email to the Treasurer Sri Pradip Kumar Sarkar at Spradipk101@yahoo.com

Your continued support is highly solicited.

Announcement

The forthcoming 30th IASLIC National Seminar

Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh – 202002. 21 - 23 November 2024

Main Theme of the Seminar :

Information Literacy for Developing Enlightened Library/Information User Community in New Age

1. Concept and Scope of Information Literacy (IL)

1.1 Aims and Objectives of Information Literacy

1.2 Types of Abilities Expected to be possessed by an Information Literate Person

1.3 Related Concepts and their Relation/Difference with IL: Library Literacy, Visual Literacy, Media Literacy, Computer/Digital Literacy, Network Literacy

1.4 Different Components of Information Literacy

2. Need and Importance of IL of Library/Information Users

2.1 Information Explosion/Overload vis-a-vis Dwindling Number of Personnel in Libraries/Information Centres

2.2 IL Skills Required in Modern Libraries/Information Centres

2.3 Advantages of IL

2.4 IL for lifelong Learning

3. Information Literacy Competency Development

3.1 IL Programmes and their contents

3.2 Methods Employed in IL Development

3.3 Organizations Involved in IL development

3.4 Information Literacy Models

4. Information Literacy Standards

4.1 IL Standards for Different Types of Libraries –Public Libraries, Academic Libraries, Special Libraries

4.2 IL Standards for Various Subject Fields

4.3 IL Standards in Different Countries

4.4 Assessment of IL Level Achieved Based on Standards

5. Information Literacy Initiatives

5.1 International IL Initiatives

5.2 National/Regional IL Initiatives

5.3 IL Initiatives in India

5.4 Best Practices in IL Development – Case Studies

SIG 01: Bridging the Information Gap of Differently-Abled Library Users

a. Information Gap of Differently-Abled Library Users; Identifying Causes and Factors

b. Bridging the Information Gap through Customized Library /Information Services

c. Facilitating and Enhancing Information Access with the help of Assistive Technologies

d. Bridging Digital Divide affecting Differently-Abled Users

e. Organizing Information Literacy/User Education Programmes for Differently-Abled Users

SIG 02: Raising Library Service Quality through Application of AI

a. Concept of AI and Advantages of its use in Human Activities

b. Exploring Possibilities for Applying AI in Libraries / Information Centres for Providing Improved Library / Information Services

c. Developing Augmented Intelligence for Libraries

d. Case Studies of AI Application in Libraries

e. Portraying the Library Scene of Post-AI Application Era

351st Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC

The 351st Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC will be held on 9th May, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of IASLIC which is situated at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700054. Dr. Avijit Chakrabarti, Librarian, Maharaja Srischandra College, Kolkata, will be the Speaker of the abovementioned session. The Chairman of the abovementioned study circle meeting will be Dr. Nitai Raychoudhury, Librarian, City College, Kolkata and the EC Member of IASLIC. The topic of discussion of the said study circle meeting will be as follows:- **"Story of Idea: A Case Study of Transforming Traditional Library to Community Engagement Store".**

All the Librarians, Teachers, Information Professionals, Students, Research Scholars, and the Library Lovers are hereby requested to be present in the abovementioned Study Circle Meeting. All are Welcome.

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay,

Convenor, Study Circle Division,

IASLIC, Kolkata

Indian Library Science Abstracts [ILSA] –Volume 45-49 (2011-2015)

Indian Library Science Abstracts (ILSA), being brought out by IASLIC since1967, is the only national abstracting and indexing journal of India in the field of library and information Science. Due to the phenomenal growth of LIS literature in India in English as well as regional languages and the lack of volunteer professionals it has become a herculean task to collect, organize and compile data for the ILSA. The last cumulative volume (Vols. 40-44, 2006-2010) was published in 2018, the print copies as well as e-copies (in CD) of which are available for sale at IASLIC Office.

ILSA Volumes: 45-49 (2011-2015) published in July, 2023. The volume consists of 1365 entries from 17 journals and 6 conference proceedings. Complete bibliographical description of the abstracted document as furnished in the source journal has been provided in order to facilitate the users to identify the document. The volume consists of two parts: Main or Classified Part and Index Part. Entries in the main/classified part are primarily arranged according to the classified order by adopting 22nd ed. of DDC.

We humbly acknowledge the patronage of the honourable members of the Editorial Board. We also gratefully acknowledge commercial and academic publishers, LIS schools, research institutes, professional associations, library and information science professionals for their encouragement and support in getting data from various sources distributed in different states of India. The team hopes that ILSA will be an authentic and comprehensive surrogate of Indian intellectual output in Library and Information Science.

Snapshots of some pages of the **ILSA Volume 45-49 (2011-2015) are available in the IASLIC website.** The hard copy and soft copy will be

available from IASLIC Office. **The Price of Print version is Rs. 2500/- and e-version is Rs. 500/**. For any query, please mail to: iaslic.india@gmail.com.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP

The 350 th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC: A brief report

The 350 th Study Circle Meeting of IASLIC was held on 4th April, 2024 (Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of IASLIC which is situated at P-291, CIT Scheme 6M, Kankurgachhi, Kolkata - 700 054. The Speaker of the Session was Dr. Swati Ghosh, Librarian, Savitri Girls' College, Kolkata. The Chairman of the above mentioned session was Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati, Ex- Principal Technical Officer & Head, KRC, Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee & Vice-President , IASLIC. The topic of Discussion was **"Enlightening Women Through NEP 2020 with the Help of Library"**. At the outset Mr Abhijit Kumar, the General Secretary of IASLIC welcomed the audience and other dignitaries. After that Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convener of the Study circle division of IASLIC introduced the Chairman and the Speaker. Then the Speaker and the Chairman of the session were felicitated with flower bouquets by Miss Moumita Ash, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC. Dr. Swati Ghosh, the speaker of the session has elaborately discussed the situation of women in the present day society. She has clearly described how women can be enlightened with the help of libraries and how the libraries can provide the required information for the enlightenment of women in our society. She has also pinpointedly discussed about the different higher education scholarships provided by UGC and the Government, especially for the women students and how NEP 2020 can help the women students for their regular study, teaching and the research activities. Dr. Susanta Kumar Senapati, the Chairman of the session has briefly described the entire lecture of the session. After that the audience took part in the discussion and question-answer session.

It was an attractive and interesting session. The speaker, the chairman and the audience spontaneously interacted at the end of the session. Dr. Banashree Roy, the Joint Secretary of IASLIC has delivered the address of vote of thanks. Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay, the Convenor of the Study Circle Division of IASLIC thanked all the dignitaries and the audience. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

Drawing contest held on reading habits

GIET School of Pharmacy Principal Dhana Raju and Librarian Shaik Meera with the winners of competition in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday

Dr. Tridib Chattopadhyay,

Convenor, Study Circle Division,

IASLIC, Kolkata

American Library Celebrated National Library Week 2024: A brief report

Debasis Ghosh, Librarian, American Center Library Kolkata reported that on April 12, 2024, the American Library at the American Center, Kolkata, celebrated National Library Week with forty college librarians from various districts of West Bengal. They interacted with Juan Clar, Deputy Director from the American Center Kolkata, and Kathleen Fox, Regional Public Engagement Specialist, from U.S. Embassy New Delhi. Their insights on digitization efforts and making resources available for first-generation learners echo the spirit of this year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" The librarians learned about the United States of America, American library resources including the digital library eLibraryUSA (https://elibraryusa.state.gov) and heard from United States India Educational Foundation Kolkata about how to connect their students with U.S. education resources and American Center programming. Initiated in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA, Chicago) and observed in libraries across the United States in the month of April.

GIET organises drawing contest on the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day

On the occasion of World Book and Copyright Day 2024, GIET School of Pharmacy organised a drawing competition on reading habits at the school library on Tuesday, 23 April 2024. During the est, Principal Dr. MD Dhanaraju explained about the importance of reading habit. Librarian Shaik Meera and the Principal of the competition encouraged the participants and winners of the programme.

FORTH COMING CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/ TRAINING/WORKSHOP/CELEBRATION

National Conference on Academic Publishing, Libraries and Artificial Intelligence (MILAN-APLAI 2024)

National Conference on Academic Publishing, Libraries and Artificial Intelligence (MILAN-APLAI 2024), organized by MILAN (Mysore University Information and Library Science Alumni Network) and Dept. of Studies in Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, Mysuru, will be held on June 21- 22, 2024 at Vijnan Bhavan, Manasagangotri, University of Mysore, Karnataka. The goal of the National Conference on Academic Publishing, Libraries, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is likely to provide a platform for scholars, researchers, librarians, and professionals from various fields to come together and discuss the latest advancements, challenges, and opportunities in the intersection of academic publishing, libraries, and AI. Overall, the conference aims to create a dynamic and collaborative environment where stakeholders can engage in meaningful discussions, share insights, and contribute to the continued evolution of academic publishing and library practices in the era of artificial intelligence.

Call for Papers and Participation

All interested individuals and organizations are invited to join this endeavor to shape the future of academic publishing and advance the profession's readiness to embrace the opportunities and challenges presented by AI.

Important Dates

Last Date for submission of paper: 30th April 2024

Notification of acceptance of paper: 31st May 2024

Conference Publication

1. All papers submitted will be subject to a blind peer review process with a plagiarism (Turnitin) check. The accepted papers will be published in the Conference Volume that will be brought out and released during the inauguration of the conference on June 21, 2024

2. Select papers will be published also in one of the issues of the **Journal of Information and Knowledge** by the SRELS (Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science)

Conference Highlights: Thematic Sessions/ Keynote Addresses / Panel Discussions / Networking Opportunities / Publication Opportunities / Best Paper Award / Best Presentation Award

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS e7HevMOSYUpzV5gfXysduhDaHGGR09xvqxh2 CJ4-qC2JFYPw/viewform?pli=1

PLANNER: A National Convention for North Eastern Region

12th Convention PLANNER 2024 is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar at Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh from September 19-21, 2024.

About the Conference

Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region (PLANNER) is a bi-annual convention with a special focus to uplift academic libraries in the North-Eastern region, India in the aspect of library automation and networking. The event is organized by INFLIB-

NET Centre along with the universities located in the respective North-Eastern States. PLANNER 2024 is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh during September 19-21, 2024 at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

The objective of the convention is to address the modern tools and techniques that have manifested in the form of ICT applications which had made an impact in today's library management and services. It is evident that these disruptive innovations relentlessly moves up the preferred to-do list for librarians in view of their inherent characteristics of being readily adopted, adapted and evolving into new scenarios eventually displacing established procedures and techniques. In the entire process, while issues and challenges are visible, solutions too are expected as an outcome of the deliberations. It is also envisaged that the convention will not only further promote library automation and networking in North-Eastern states of India but will be an opportunity for the LIS professionals of North-Eastern states of India along with other participants to address the aforesaid issues and acquire new skills and techniques, in the process.

Theme: Libraries in AI Era: Applications and Perspectives

Sub-Theme:

• AI and Libraries

    o   Open Science and AI

    o   Generative AI

    o   Ethical use of AI in Scholarly Communication

    o   Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery

    o   Data Analytic and Text Mining

• Role of Libraries for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

    o   Community Engagement and Outreach

    o   Automated / Assisted Data Management

    o   Training, Innovation, and Infrastructure

    o   Best Practices and Case Studies

• Indigenous Knowledge and Libraries

    o   Knowledge / Data Repositories

    o   Persistent Identifiers for Repositories

Paper Submission

The full-text paper must be submitted electronically, as a .DOCX or .ODT file, and uploaded on http://planner.inflibnet.ac.in/submission/. The submission should be typed in Times New Roman Font size 12 and single-spaced in A4 size. The length of the Full-text Paper should not be more than 3500 words. **The research data generated while conducting research and used to derive results have to be supplied mandatorily at the time of submission. Accompanying material such as study description, data description, questionnaire and other supporting documents may be uploaded under 'Upload Dataset' in a single zip file.** A paper should contain an abstract, keywords, and references properly cited within the text of the article as per APA 7th Edition referencing style. The submission will be sent for blind review and therefore, **the manuscript should not contain the author's full name, and affiliations along with an email of author(s), author biography or any other identification of the author/institute.** The paper submitted should be an unpublished document in any media and of any format. While the copyright for the paper would belong to the author, PLANNER 2024 organisers reserve the right to host a copy of the papers in its institutional repository in open access. The authors of the accepted Papers will have to register for the Convention and present their papers during technical sessions.

Important Dates:

Convention Date: Sept 19-21, 2024

Paper Submission: April 30, 2024

Paper Acceptance: June 15, 2024

Convention Registration: August 31, 2024

More details are available at: https://planner.in-flibnet.ac.in/index.php

UNESCO Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms

UNESCO has released its Guidelines for the Governance of Digital Platforms, the result of a year's work involving a wide variety of stakeholders, including the Internet4Trust conference in February which attracted over 4000 participants. The final version of UNESCO's guidelines on how digital platforms – and in particular social media – should work offers helpful affirmation of the importance of access to information, skills, and libraries. It also provides a framework for us to engage in wider debates about information regulation. At the heart of the Guidelines there are a set of five principles. These are:

1. Platforms should conduct human rights due diligence – this should take place in general and before any major changes, and incorporate a full variety of perspectives.

2. Platforms should adhere to international human rights standards, including in platform design, content moderation and content curation – this should involve non-discrimination by design, moderation in local languages (as well as support for moderators, who otherwise can have a terrible job), a variety of responses to harmful content, auditing processes, avoiding promoting content that would generally be seen as illegal.

3. Platforms should be transparent – crucial to achieving the above is transparency, both in terms of setting out terms of service, and showing clearly how platforms comply with them. This covers everything from moderation, advertising, complaints and appeals, safeguards for freedom of expression, and ensuring access to data for researchers, civil society and media

4. Platforms should make information and tools available for users – this refers to ensuring that users understand processes and their rights, in particular in their own language.

5. Platforms should be accountable to relevant stakeholders – there should be effective complaints mechanisms that take account of local needs.

To know more please visit: https://www.ifla.org/news/unesco-guidelines-for-the-governance-of-digital-platforms/

Bengal Library Association Convocation-2024

Students, who have passed certificate in Library Science in 2023, get their certificate in the convocation programme which was held on 27th April, 2024 (Saturday) at 4.30 p.m. in the Association Building. Prof. Samiran Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor of Techno India University was present in the said programme and delivered the convocation lecture as well as distributed the certificates among the students.

Dr. Joydeep Chanda, Secretary of Bengal Library Association requested Dr. Krishnapada Majumder, Vice President of the Association, Mr. Bhupen Roy, Convener of Library Science Training Committee and Prof. Samiran Chattopadhyay to come on the stage to take their seats. Prof. Samiran Chattopadhyay was to felicitated with scarf and bunch of flower. Dr. Joydeep Chanda requested Mr. Bhupen Roy to continue the programme. Mr. Bhupen Roy asked Dr. Joydeep Chanda to talk about the Association and Library Science Course.

Dr. Joydeep Chanda said that the Library Science Training Course was started in 1937. He said that all including the students who got their certificate were lucky enough as because this year BLA is going to start the centenary celebration of the Association. He also requested Prof. Chattopadhyay to join the celebration committee.

Dr. Krishnapada Majumder, Vice President of the Association talked about the history of Library Science Training since 1933 under the leadership

of Sri Pariimal Chandra Basu. He welcomed all.

Prof. Samiran Chattopadhyay in his lecture talked about the role of library in his day to day work and his education. He said that he started reading books at the age of 6-7 years. He said that today neither the people nor the students consult books, nor go to the library and only know how to operate smart phones. He welcomed the students and expects that the students who got the certificate that day will become a good librarian in the near future. He said, only the librarians know how to handle the knowledge. He thanked all.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The UGC's INFLIBNET Centre launched SheRNI to Connect Indian Women Scientists, promote collaboration, and recognize their contributions.

SheRNI, the She Research Network in India, is a platform dedicated to connecting and harnessing the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across different sectors in India. It focuses on empowering women by facilitating collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing opportunities.

She Research Network in India (SheRNI) is the expert profile network system that connects and leverages the knowledge, skills, and expertise of women across various fields in India. This system aims to empower women by providing opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing. The objectives of this project are to create a national-level expert profile system for women faculty members and facilitate the exchange of expertise, insights, and experiences among women experts in diverse fields.

The system supports the women scientists/faculty members to build a strong professional network that fosters collaboration, mentorship, and career advancement opportunities. The SheRNI expert network system serves as a dynamic platform for women professionals to connect, collaborate, and empower each other, ultimately contributing to the advancement of women in various fields.

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