

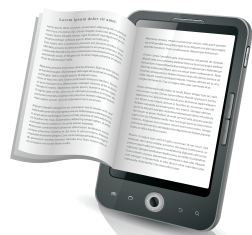
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Quote of the Month

“Without libraries we are less human and more profoundly alone”

- Nicola Davies,
British Writer for children

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

28th National Seminar of IASLIC

Venue: Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan

Dates: November 18 - 20, 2018

Theme: LIS Education in India: Present Scenario and Future Strategies*

Themes for SIG Meetings:

SIG1: Rabindranath Tagore's Vision on Libraries and its Relevance in New Era*

SIG 2: Data Management in Libraries*

(*Sub-themes and facets will be announced shortly)

CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

National

Conference on 21st Century Libraries

A National Conference on 'Libraries in 21st Century' is being organized by Diu College, Diu, on May 12, 2018. For details visit: <https://diulibcon2018.wordpress.com/2018/04/05/103/>

Workshop on DSpace

A National Workshop on 'DSpace and Wordpress' is being organized by Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Pondicherry, on May 19, 2018. For details visit: <http://sbvu.ac.in/event/one-day-national-workshop-on-dspace-and-wordpress/>

Training on Library Automation

Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata, is organizing a Training Programme on 'Library Automation (TPLA): emphasizing on digital and audio-visual media' during May 31 - June 3, 2018. For details visit: www.srfti.ac.in

Workshop on Metadata Standards

INFLIBNET Centre is organizing a National Workshop on 'Metadata Standards: Retrospective Conversion, Preservation and Migration' during June 6 - 8, 2018. For details visit: http://inflibnet.ac.in/hrd/docs/Metadata_2018.pdf

Seminar on Library in 2020: Brief Report

Pustakalaya Parishad, Jodhpur, celebrated its silver jubilee at a function held at Hotel Shri Ram Excellency, Jodhpur, on March 25, 2018. On the eve of this occasion, Pustakalaya Parishad organized its 22nd conference on the topic 'Library in 2020'. Dr. P K Khatri, HOD of Dr. S N Medical College, was the chief guest and Dr. Kshema Prakash, Deputy Librarian, IIT, Jodhpur, inaugurated the conference by lighting the

lamp and garlanding the pictures of Maa Saraswati and Dr. S R Ranganathan, the father of Library Science in India. Dr. Kshema Prakash in her keynote address on 'The Changing Expectations of Libraries in Technical Institutes', demonstrated through slides how libraries serve as learning hubs of the institutions and showed how by using the technological gadgets a library could provide excellent services to the students and faculty members with very limited manpower. The technical session was chaired by Dr. S D Vyas, Ex-Librarian, Vanasthali Vidyapeeth, and Dr. R S Rathore, Ex-Library Head, Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur (DRDO). All the librarians of Jodhpur and major cities of Rajasthan participated and presented their papers. There was also a panel discussion on how technology should be used efficiently to provide effective and efficient library services to the clientele. On this occasion, Life Time Achievement Award 2018 was given to Dr. S D Vyas for his long and distinguished services. Resolutions were passed at the end requesting the state government to effectively implement Rajasthan Public Libraries Act 2006, provide sufficient funds for rendering better library services, and fill up all the posts as per the above Act at the earliest. A memorandum incorporating these resolutions will be submitted by Pustakalaya Parishad, Jodhpur, to the Government of Rajasthan.

Seminar on SL-PL Reciprocation: Brief Report

A National Seminar on 'Symbiotic Reciprocation between School Library and Public Library: Rejuvenation of People's University in Knowledge Society', organized by the Department of Library & Information Science, Vidyasagar University, Medinipur, West Bengal, was held during March 22 - 23, 2018. The seminar was inaugurated on March 22, 2018, by Prof. Damodar Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce, Vidyasagar University. At the outset, Dr. Bidyarthi Dutta, Joint Convener of the Seminar, welcomed the dignitaries, guests and participants. In his inaugural address, Dr. Mishra stressed on the importance of partnership between school library and public library. The chief guest, Dr. Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Director General, RRRLF, Kolkata, highlighted the role of school library in developing reading habit of school-going children. The guest-of-honour, Prof. Krishnapada Majumder, former Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, gave a picture of the public library situation of West Bengal. Dr. Mijanur Rahman, Librarian, Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics, Dhaka, who was the special guest, mentioned about the good progress made in the field of academic libraries in his country. He also made special mention about 55 union information service centres which were successfully selling various community information services in Bangladesh. Prof. B K Sen, Chairman, Bibliometrics Experts Committee, DST, Government of India, in his keynote address, explained how a public library and a school library could be complementary to one another. Prof. Juran Krishna Sarkhel, Adjunct Professor, Kalyani University, Kalyani, in his presidential address, recalled the contribution of Andrew Carnegie in the field of public library development and mentioned about Fletcher report which clearly termed public libraries as auxiliaries to schools. Smt. Smita Sett, Joint Convener of the seminar,

proposed a vote of thanks.

During the seminar six invited lectures were delivered by Shri Arup Roychoudhury, former Deputy Librarian, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata; Dr. Biplab Chakraborty, Professor, DLIS, University of Calcutta, Kolkata; Dr. Partha Pratim Roy, Deputy Librarian, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Shri Satyabrata Ghoshal, former Librarian, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata; Dr. Azizul Islam Manik, Librarian Rajshahi University, Bangladesh; and Dr. Arup Ratan Das, Librarian, Ichhapur Bibhukinkar High School, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Altogether 44 contributed papers were presented by respective authors or co-authors during different technical sessions.

In the valedictory session, chaired by Prof. B K Sen, Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee, the Rapporteur General of the seminar and former Professor, DLIS, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, presented a brief report of the seminar. He also delivered the valedictory address entitled 'Public Library - School Library Partnership for Better Service to the Community'. In his concluding remarks, Prof. Sen lamented that though many seminars were being organized every year throughout the country, seminar volumes containing the seminar papers were not being published in all cases. Moreover, efforts were not being made to get the resolutions taken in most of the seminars implemented. Three resolutions were passed at this session. The valedictory session as well as the seminar came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Nivedita Bhattacharya Sahu, the teacher-in-charge of the department. Altogether 135 LIS professionals, students and teachers participated in the seminar, which included three professionals from Bangladesh.

International

Workshop on School Libraries

The 4th Regional Workshop on School Libraries in Southeast Asian Countries will be held at National Library of Myanmar, NayPyi Taw, Myanmar, on May 2, 2018. The theme of the workshop is 'Re-energizing School Libraries in the Southeast Asian countries: Connect and Collaborate'. For details visit: http://www.consaxvii.org/regional_school_library_workshop

Congress of South Asian Librarians

The 17th Congress of South Asian Librarians will be held during May 2 - 5, 2018 at NayPy Taw, Myanmar. The theme of the conference is 'Next Generation Libraries: Collaborate and Connect'. For details visit: <http://www.consaxvii.org/home>

Metadata Congress

The Library and Information Research Institute (IIBI) at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), in conjunction with the Metadata Research Seminar, is organizing an 'International Metadata Congress: The Data Revolution' during May 28 - June 1, 2018. For details visit: <http://blogs.simmons.edu/slis/jobline/2018/04/unam-research-seminar-metadata.html>

Conference on Engineering and Information

The Asian Conference on 'Engineering and Information' (ACEI 2018) will be held during June 5 - 7, 2018 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. For details visit: <http://aceai.org/>

Conference on Transformation of Library Services

The National Conference on Library and Information Science 2018 (NACLIS 2018), organized by Sri Lanka Library Association, will be held on June 28, 2018 in Colombo. The theme of the conference is 'Make it happen: Transformation of Library Services for Next Generation'. For details visit: <http://www.slla.org.lk/naclis2018/naclis/index.html>

Conference on LIS

The 2018 International Conference on 'Library and Information Science' (LIS 2018) is to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, during August 8 - 10, 2018. For details visit: <http://soci-science.org/lis/>

Conference on Information and Social Science

The International Conference on 'Information and Social Science-Summer Session' (ISS-Summer 2018) will be held at Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, during August 17 - 19, 2018. For details visit: <http://iainst.org/iss-summer/>

Conference on Digital Preservation

The 15th International Conference on 'Digital Preservation' (iPRES 2018) will be held in Boston and Cambridge, Massachusetts, during September 24 - 27, 2018. For details visit: <https://ipres2018.org/>

ETD Conference

The Electronic Theses and Dissertation Conference 2018 (ETD 2018) will be held during September 26 - 28, 2018 at the National Library of Taiwan, Taipei. The theme of the conference is 'Beyond the Boundaries of Rims and Oceans: Globalizing Knowledge with ETDs'. For details visit: <https://etd2018.ncl.edu.tw/en/>

Internet Conference & Exhibition

Internet Librarian 2018: The Internet Conference and Exhibition for Librarians and Information Managers will be held at Monterey, California, USA, during October 16 - 18, 2018. The theme of the conference is 'Community Partners: Beyond Outreach!' For details visit: <http://internet-librarian.infotoday.com/2018/default.aspx>

Internet Librarian Conference

Internet Librarian International: The Library Innovation Conference will be held in London during October 16 - 17, 2018. For details visit: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2018/>

Conference of Parliamentary Librarians

The Association of Parliamentary Librarians of Asia and the Pacific's Conference (12th APLAP) will be hosted by the National Diet Library in Tokyo during October 31 - November 2, 2018. For details visit: <http://>

asiapacificparllibs.org/tokyo-2018/

Conference on Digital Libraries

The 20th International Conference on 'Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries' (ICADL 2018), will be held during November 19 - 22, 2018 at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand. For details visit: <https://icadl2018.org/>

Semantic Web Conference

Semantic Web in Libraries (SWIB18) Conference will be organized by the ZBW - German National Library of Economics / Leibniz Information Centre for Economics and the North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz) in Bonn, during November 26 - 28, 2018. For details visit: <http://swib.org/swib18/>

New Librarians' Symposium

New Librarians' Symposium will be held during July 5 - 7, 2019 at Adelaide, Australia. The theme of the symposium is 'Collaborate, Deviate, Innovate'. For details visit: <http://nls9.com.au/>

Conference on Document Analysis

The 15th International Conference on 'Document Analysis and Recognition' (ICDAR 2019) will be organized by University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, during September 22 - 25, 2019. For details visit: <http://www.icdar2019.org/>

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

A Library run by Children

Imagine a full-fledged library run totally and successfully by a small group of children, all of them under the age of 17, from a remote village. Seems far-fetched? But, a look at the Children's Library in Chagaletti, a small village in North Bengaluru taluka, will prove you wrong, says a report by Rashmi Gopal Rao in *The Times of India*. A revolutionary concept that has worked wonders for the children, parents, teachers and the entire neighbourhood of villages, it is a library for the children, by the children and of the children. An initiative of the Child Rights Trust (CRT) that is working for the cause of children, the library was set up in 2010 and within a short span of eight months it was presented with the best community library award by the Hippocampus Reading Foundation. "As a director of CRT, I have always been interacting and working with children and when there was a suggestion by the children of our village to have a library in the village, I decided to go ahead with their request provided they take the ownership of managing the show. I attended a three-day workshop by the Hippocampus Reading Foundation where the whole process of running a library scientifically was explained. I then trained the children and they took it up from there," says Nagasimha, the man behind the initiative. The library was started in a room in his house with a small collection of 200 books and was managed entirely by six children (five girls and a boy), aged between 10 and 17, at that time. The entire management of the library including borrowing,

returns, inventory and maintenance was taken up by these children. Today, it is an institution that has over 4,000 books and 200 members, including those from neighbouring villages. The library has not only grown exponentially, but has had a positive effect on the reading habits of the children. For more details visit: <http://www.deccanherald.com/content/642510/meet-young-bibliophiles.html>

Delhi Fails to Achieve Classroom Library Target

The Delhi government has set up only 4,178 classroom libraries in primary sections of schools as against an annual target of 6,300, according to its Outcome Budget 2017-18, says a PTI report published in *The Time of India*. The Outcome Budget was tabled by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. On the other hand, the Directorate of Education had set up 359 vocational labs to encourage vocational education in schools this year against the annual target of 250 during the same period. For details of the outcome budget visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/delhi-govt-falls-short-of-target-in-setting-up-classroom-libraries/articleshow/63414250.cms>

100 Meerut Schools to get Library Books

As many as 100 government primary schools in Meerut district in Uttar Pradesh will now have libraries stocked with books and other reading materials under the 'Padhe Bharat, Badhe Bharat' scheme, says a report by Ishita Bhatia in *The Times of India*. The Sarva Shiksha Vibhaag, Meerut, has been instructed to identify 100 schools with at least 100 students in each and allocate a room for a library, provide books so as to ensure better reading facilities for students. A sum of Rs. 19.50 lakh - Rs. 19,500 for each school - has been released for Meerut. The district has 910 schools. Last year, libraries were established in 100 schools. Once more libraries are set up this year, the number will go up to 200. "The fund for each school has been released in a manner that it is utilized for the purchase of cupboard, books and stationery items that will be required by the students in the library," said Satendra Kumar, Meerut Basic Siksha Adhikari. A sum of Rs 14.625 crore has been released for this purpose to all the 75 districts in the state. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/meerut/libraries-to-be-set-up-in-100-meerut-schools/articleshow/63432763.cms>

E-Library for Odisha Cops

The commissioner of police of Bhubaneswar has decided to open an e-library to help police personnel on different issues, especially in tackling challenges of new-age crimes, evolving legal provisions and case studies of successful investigations by police in different states and countries, says a report by Debabrata Mahapatra in *The Times of India*. The proposed e-library, the work on which is underway at the police commissioner's office, will be accessible to police officers of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. "We will launch the e-library soon. Installation of computers and Internet connectivity is being made to make it operational. Readers can find a number of books on

different topics, judgment orders of different courts and books on law", commissioner of police Y B Khurania told TOI. Khurania said the officers in police stations in the twin cities would be encouraged to make it a habit of reading books and improve their knowledge on issues, which mattered their professional capability. The top cop said the practice of searching preferred books or court judgments on computer was quick and far less tedious than the manual search of pages in books. Experts said police officers need to be updated regularly about amendments or changes in law. "We often find officers in many police stations not conversant with changes or amendments in Indian penal code and Code of Criminal Procedure. Unless they learn the changing laws, their investigation will become futile and charge-sheets become weak", retired director general of police S N Tewari said. For more details visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhubaneswar/e-library-to-help-cops-tackle-new-age-crimes/articleshow/63528902.cms>

Book Disinfection sans Chemicals

While data imaging of old books in order to preserve its information may be practiced by libraries across the world, the Goa State Central Library in Panaji is going a step ahead to preserve old books in an effort to enhance their shelf life, says a report by Nida Sayedi in *The Times of India*. This will be done by way of a disinfection station which is soon going to be installed at the library. "We are floating a tender for the digitization agency under the National Mission on Libraries initiated by the National Knowledge Commission under the Ministry of Culture. The digitization station will be installed once the tendering is done," said curator, Carlos Fernandes. In this station, he informed, a device kills the microbes infecting a book by removing oxygen from the room, but maintaining the nitrogen levels. The disinfection is, therefore, done without the use of any chemicals. For details visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/goa/digitisation-to-give-goas-rare-books-immortality/articleshow/63602729.cms>

Australian Radio Libraries Being Dismantled

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation is dismantling its historic sound and reference libraries across the country and making 10 specialist librarians redundant to free up floor space and save on wages, says a report by Amanda Meade in *The Guardian* (UK). Radio National, Classic FM, JJJ and all the other ABC programs rely on the Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Hobart libraries, which are packed full of CDs and vinyl as well as books and journals after 85 years of collecting. The librarians know the collection intimately and suggest music for documentaries and other programs. The libraries will be "culled and packed" to reduce duplication and to "align with production requirements", according to a staff announcement. A single "consolidated" library will survive in Melbourne with a skeleton staff, who will digitize a fraction of the collection. A small classical music collection will remain in Sydney for Classic FM. For more details visit: <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2018/jan/30/abc-dismantles-sound-libraries-and-axes-staff-to-improve-budget>

India's Richest Literary Award

A new literary prize, billed as the country's richest with an award amount of Rs 25 lakh, has been announced with an aim to discover and celebrate distinguished works of fiction by Indian writers and also to break the barriers separating literature in different Indian languages, says a PTI report in *The Economic Times*. Award-winning novelist and essayist Rana Dasgupta has been roped in as literary director of the JCB Prize for Literature. The prize, funded by earthmoving and construction equipment manufacturer JCB India Ltd, and administered by the JCB Literature Foundation, is open for entries until May 31. Publishers have entry quotas for works in English, and separately, for works translated into English from any other language. If the winning book is translated, the translator will be awarded Rs 5 lakh. "By recognizing the full range of India's literary traditions, the JCB Prize for Literature hopes to encourage future translations (both into English and between Indian languages) and therefore open up a truly Indian literature to readers," a statement read. For more details visit: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/jcb-announces-indias-richest-literary-award-of-rs-25-lakh-ropes-in-award-winning-novelist-rana-dasgupta/articleshow/63215376.cm>

Development of New Koha Feature

An initiative has been taken by Shri Vinod Kumar Mishra of NIT, Rourkela, and many other Indian library professionals, in collaboration with L2C2 Technologies for the development of a new feature of Koha. A good number of library professionals has supported the movement in different ways and contributed for the development of bug no. 9290 which will add a new feature in the Koha for restricting the category of users to place the purchase request. The said method can be an example for others, including governmental organizations, to follow for enhancement of open source software features used in their libraries. This will save money and time and bring better changes in the open source solutions which will benefit the professionals around the globe. The detailed story can be found at: <http://mishravk.com/2018/02/crowdfunding/>

EBSCO to Release DRM-free E-Books

EBSCO eBooks will soon make 70,000 titles available digital rights management (DRM)-free to libraries. With thousands of DRM-free titles available, libraries can now purchase both DRM-free and DRM-protected e-books from EBSCO. Titles will be available on an unlimited concurrent user (UU) basis, and users will avoid any limitations on printing, saving, or downloading. No sign-in or Adobe ID will be required, and no special software will be needed to access these titles. Librarians will have the choice between the DRM-free unlimited user version of a title or a limited user model (1U or 3U) with standard DRM-protection, enabling them to maximize their budgets and customize their collections to meet user demand. For more details visit: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2018/03/prweb15274512.htm>

Libraries Empowering Rural Women

Despite the ups and downs in India's march to attain its Sustainable Development Goals for gender equality and women's empowerment, there are some truly heart-warming stories of the new surge for gender equality coming from rural India. Rural Education and Development (Read) India, through its Community Library and Resource Centres (CLRCs) in 107 villages across 12 states, quite clearly leads in the empowerment race, according to a report by Usha Rai in *The Asian Age*. Started in 2007, its programmes are supported by the government as well as several business houses as their corporate social responsibility initiatives. Read India works largely with rural communities low in social indices like health, literacy, skills and earning capacity and propels them to take control of their lives. "Empowering rural communities is critical to alleviating global poverty," says Geeta Malhotra, its country head. Read has 42 permanent CLRCs and women feel safe coming to them with their children and sometimes with their mothers-in-law. Since the community provides the space for the centres they also feel a sense of ownership. Each CLRC has 2,000 to 3,000 books in the language of the region whether it is Hindi, Urdu, Bengali or Marathi. Some 24,000 women are getting literate. There are pre-school classes for the 0 to 6 year olds; computer and digital literacy classes for young people and skill training for 6,100 women who are eager to supplement family incomes or empower themselves. For more details visit: <http://www.asianage.com/life/more-features/020218/libraries-resource-centres-inspire-rural-women-on-road-to-prosperity.html>

Maharashtra Secretariat Library to Shut Down

The Mantralaya Library at the Maharashtra State Secretariat, which was established on February 11, 1955, will be shut down soon due to its poor use by members, says a report by Umakant Deshpande in *The Asian Age*. Books, including those on the Constitution and the Samyukta Maharashtra movement, are lying in the passage in a very bad condition. A digital resource centre will be created in its place. Director General of Information and Public Relation Department, Brijesh Singh said, "the books will be handed over to the Vidhan Mandal Library and Central Library. Important books will be digitalized and will be made available online. A digital resource centre will be created soon in place of library." The Mantralaya Library is older than the state and was established during the time of 'Bombay State'. It has important documents such as speeches of chief ministers, governors' addresses before assembly every year, budgets and many other historical documents. The library has 47,000 books, including constitution volumes, Marathi Sanskriti Kosh, and Vishwakosh. Many chief ministers and other ministers, secretaries used to call for references from the library. But nobody has bothered to do that during the last 30 years. The library receives only Rs 1 lakh a year for purchase and maintenance of books. For more details visit: http://www.asianage.com/metros/mumbai/260118/its-a-closed-chapter-for-mantralaya-library.html?fromNewsdog=1&utm_source=NewsDog&u

tm_medium=referral

Literature on Wheels

Sheikh Sadiq Ali, a 54-year former journo in Yellandu, a town 250 km east of Hyderabad, is sweating out pushing a cartload of Telugu poetry and literature with the sole aim of cultivating seeds of literary sense among the children, according to a story by Adepu Mahender published in *The Hans India*. Sadiq, who hails from Wardhannapet and lives in Hanamkonda, was born at Kallur in Khammam district. A post-graduate in Telugu literature from Osmania University, Sadiq early in his career had worked with a top vernacular daily before moving to freelancing through the 80s and 90s. A couple of years ago when he was at the Hyderabad National Book Fair, the thought of taking out the literature to the doorsteps of rural folk flashed through his mind. That was enough for Sadiq who has all the eccentricities of a maverick to implement his idea. It was on February 22, 2015, he set out from Hyderabad to rural areas pushing a four-wheel cart (Thopudu Bandi) loaded up with books. The lesson number one he learnt was small is beautiful as people showed no interest in buying hefty books. Later, he started to distribute books to children free-of-cost, accrued through his own earnings and literature lovers. Sadiq has toured parts of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Nalgonda and Warangal (undivided) districts till December 2017 pushing his cart covering a distance of around 1,650 km. He has since taken a 100-day sojourn of tribal pockets of Bhadrachari-Kothagudem district. Talking to *The Hans India*, Sadiq said: "The very sight of glitter in the eyes of children when they find a book in their hands intoxicates me. Book reading not just enhances knowledge but also makes the children better citizens." Sadiq attributes his love for book reading to a library in Kallur, which no more exists. However, Sadiq has plans to fill this void by constructing a library at Kallur with an outlay of Rs 30 lakh. "This way I can give something back to my grandma's village. Better part of my childhood is associated with this library and what is my life today is its impact", Sadiq said. For more details visit: <http://www.thehansindia.com/posts/index/Andhra-Pradesh/2017-12-19/Literature-on-wheels/346385>

Toy Library to beat Kids' Boredom

Three-year-old Saanvi Parasramka of Sreebhumi in Kolkata wanted a doll's house, but her parents were reluctant to buy her one because they knew she would quickly get bored with it. Saanvi did get a doll's house to play with for 14 days, long enough to prove her parents right. This one came from a toy library called Khilonewala, set up to ensure that kids like her are never short of new things to play with and parents like hers don't waste money buying those, says a report by Chandreyee Ghosh in *The Telegraph* (India). "How many toys will you buy? And then you don't know where to store the toys that your child will not play with," said Saanvi's mother Swati, mirroring the exasperation of many parents. Khilonewala was set up in August 2015 by Nikhil and Binita Agarwal with only 10 members from the neighbourhood. Today, they have more than 200 from across the city. The toy library is a part of a start-up chain that was the brainchild of two Indore

brothers, Abhishek and Bharat Jain. Khilonewala now has more than 50 centres across the country, catering to kids below 12 years of age. The membership plans - silver, gold, diamond and kohinoor - decide how many toys can be rented. "Parents can get an assortment of three to four toys for a basic monthly plan of Rs 450. The toy kit is sent to their doorstep and replenished after 14 days," said Nikhil. The library is not just about fun for kids, it also stocks educational toys that are used in playschools. "I was not sure how much my child had progressed in her playschool. By borrowing the same toys, I could keep track of my four-year-old-daughter Zohra's mental growth," said Rabiya Wasim, a resident of Park Street. For original story visit: <https://www.telegraphindia.com/calcutta/toy-library-helps-beat-kiddie-boredom-216090>

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Passwords May Become Obsolete

A new web standard is expected to kill passwords, meaning users will no longer have to remember difficult logins for each and every website or service they use, says a post by Sammuel Gibbs on www.newsfactor.com website. The Web Authentication (WebAuthn) standard is designed to replace the password with biometrics and devices that users already own, such as a security key, a smartphone, a fingerprint scanner or webcam. Instead of having to remember an increasingly long string of characters, users can authenticate their login with their body or something they have in their possession, communicating directly with the website via Bluetooth, USB or NFC. "WebAuthn will change the way that people access the Web," said Jeff Jaffe, chief executive of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), the body that controls web standards. One example of how WebAuthn will work is that when a user visits a site they want to log into, they input a user name and then get an alert on their smartphone. Tapping on the alert on their phone then logs them into the website without the need for a password. WebAuthn promises to protect users against phishing attacks and the use of stolen credentials as there will be nothing to steal, the authentication token is generated and used once by their specific device each time the user logs in. "After years of increasingly severe data breaches and password credential theft, now is the time for service providers to end their dependency on vulnerable passwords and one-time-passcodes and adopt phishing-resistant FIDO Authentication for all websites and applications," said Brett McDowell, executive director of the FIDO Alliance, one of the bodies pushing the new standard. For more details visit: https://www.newsfactor.com/news/End-of-the-Road-for-Passwords/story.xhtml?story_id=031001218F6Z

New E-Mail Authentication Platform

Valimail, the world's only provider of fully automated email authentication, recently unveiled its next-generation authentication platform, the Valimail Identity-Driven Email Anti-impersonation (IDEA)TM platform. This modular platform is designed for robustness, global availability, four-nines of reliability, and extensibility.

Unlike current solutions in the market, it enables complete, turn-key automation of DMARC enforcement, without ever touching the customer's DNS, ensuring the highest success rates in the industry. The IDEA platform is already powering two current products, Valimail Enforce™ and Valimail Deliver™, serving numerous enterprise customers and protecting their employees, customers, and partners from billions of fraudulent emails while increasing deliverability and providing reliable, worry-free brand protection. Valimail's IDEA platform removes significant technical hurdles including email sender identification and management challenges, and other issues associated with traditional approaches to email authentication. For more details visit: https://www.newsfactor.com/news/Valimail-Boosts-Email-Authentication/story.xhtml?story_id=031000JJC87K

SPECIAL FEATURE

Movers and Shakers!

Who are movers and shakers? The term 'Movers and Shakers' was first coined by English poet Arthur O'Shaughnessy in 1873 in his poem 'Ode'. It referred to business leaders and those who had made great accomplishments. In the current context movers and shakers are those who make extra-ordinary efforts to bring change in the field of their work. Such change makers can be found in every field. In the library and information profession too, there are such people who give new meaning to the term librarian by their deeds. We have heard about a little girl Muskan, herself a slum-dweller, setting up and running a library in front of her thatched house for other children of the slum (See IASLIC Newsletter July 2016). We have also heard about Jose Alberto Gutierrez, a rubbish collector of Bogota, the capital city of Colombia, and Aadel Haleem, a garbage collector of Ankara, capital city of Turkey, who have set up libraries to serve other members of the community and people at large (See IASLIC Newsletter February 2018). These are the people, who, in spite of their own problems and limitations, work for other people. They are no doubt change makers. They are indeed movers and shakers.

We have come across a few more such change makers in the field of library and information services, who, in spite of their own initial limitations, shined as librarians by providing emulative services to the community. One such person is Shanika Heyward. She was born to addicts and had a baby at 14; now as a library branch manager she builds relationships to help impoverished community. Shanika is the manager of the East 38th Street branch of The Indianapolis Public Library in USA. Her incredible efforts won her the recognition as a Mover and Shaker from *Library Journal* during National Library week in 2016. Drugs, crime, poverty - that was the world Shanika lived in during the 1980s and early 1990s. Her parents were lost to drug addiction and mental illness during her youth. She and her two siblings bounced from home to home, moving in and out of foster care. But two things

saved a young Shanika - her grandmother and the library. From the time she was 6 years old, Shanika would walk with her older brother and sister to the old Emerson Avenue branch of the Indianapolis Public Library, a few blocks from her grandmother's home. Even when her siblings got older and stopped going, she did not. "I went every day, and the librarians helped me with my homework," Shanika said.

Now, Shanika is in a position to help others. She was recognized nationally for tapping into her deep familiarity with the neighborhood to organize community partnerships with more than 40 non-profit organizations, businesses, churches and universities. Those who know her say that Shanika is always looking for ways to attack the unemployment, crime and poverty that threaten to rob families of the one thing everyone needs to survive - hope. Consider that the unemployment rate in the area served by the library is 22 per cent, with an accompanying poverty rate of 25 per cent; 40 per cent earn less than \$25,000 annually; 18 per cent do not even have a high school diploma.

Another such person is Patricia Ann Kettles, who could not read her first book until she was 10. She knows what it is to struggle with the very act of reading, trying to make sense of words on a page long past an age when other children can finish a thick Harry Potter or Twilight novel as quickly as a wedge of cake. Now over 40, she is the manager of the Port Richmond Library, which operates out of a stately brick edifice that Andrew Carnegie's largess built a century ago on "one of the finest residence streets on Staten Island (in New York)". Forced to repeat first grade and twice made to switch schools, she was so lost that she was in fourth grade before she conquered an entire book. When Patricia took over in 2010, the library was a fixer-upper, serving a clientele that was overwhelmingly poor. Crime is also a problem, even though the library has a fair number of police officers who are devotees of its mystery section. She has had to shoo drug dealers away from the property more than once. It is not far from the schools where classmates called her "stupid" and a teacher yanked her hair for getting everything wrong on a spelling test. Yolanda Gleason, who had approved Patricia for the Port Richmond post, said: "She is at Port Richmond, where people are transitioning and trying to raise their literacy levels, and she's there telling them, 'Don't be discouraged, because at one time I couldn't read.' " Patricia's father, his family's sole provider, was killed by a drunken driver in 1976. Patty Ann, the youngest of four daughters, was 3 at the time. The sisters muddled through, as did their mother, a homemaker for much of her life. When she finished first grade at Public School 36 on Staten Island without knowing how to read, her mother moved her to St. Joseph and St. Thomas School on Maguire Avenue. "Within a month, they realized I couldn't really read and left me back," Patricia said. She added that the adults in her life "just did not know what to do with me," especially when others her age were avidly reading. She wished she were too. On rainy days, friends gathered to play a game that Patricia invented called

“Library.” Her role was to arrange the books in her basement and stamp out anything borrowed from the collection. By third grade, the school felt it could do no more for her, and she found herself back at Public School 36, with a warning, as fourth grade began, that she would be held back again if she did not improve. She credits her breakthrough that year to her teacher, John Bilotti. “His confidence in me gave me confidence in myself,” she added. “That turned everything around.” Finally able to overcome the anxiety that had thwarted her reading, she blossomed as a student, sought out theatre classes and graduated from Tottenville High School in 1992.

She now supervises the library, adult stacks included, which has more visitors who are under 18 than any other branch on Staten Island. They tend to crave time on the free computers, so she rewards them with bonus minutes for every 20 minutes of good old-fashioned reading they do. Before Patricia arrived, “everyone had to be so quiet,” said Ashley Ortiz, a sixth-grader who has visited the branch for years. “But now with Miss Patty,” Ashley continued, “we can talk.” Another point she notes in the librarian's favour: “She'll give us books we never knew about, like old-time books.” Bria Benjamin, also in the sixth grade, offered another reason library denizens like Patricia's regime: “Sometimes, when we have a problem, she comes out of nowhere and tells us a story.”

In USA, *Library Journal* recognizes about fifty such change makers as mover and shakers every year. The library associations in our country may also consider honouring change makers among Indian library and information professionals and even non-professionals who make exemplary contributions in extending library and information services to the under-privileged.

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OBITUARY

Prof. Ratnakar Rout, former Professor & Head, P G Department of Library & Information Science, Sambalpur University, Sambalpur, Orissa, passed away on February 15, 2018. He was 72. After passing B Lib & Inf Sc examination from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, in 1971, he joined Swami Vivekananda College, Jagatsinghpur, and later served as Assistant Librarian of Utkal University Study Centre located at Ravenshaw College in Cuttack. He passed M Lib & Inf Sc examination in 1976 from Karnataka University and joined Sambalpur University as a lecturer and subsequently served as a Reader (1985-1988) and a Professor (1988-2006). He headed and successfully organized the department for several years. It was during this period, that the department obtained SAP-DRS status from UGC. Prof. Rout was a very popular teacher and also a writer of several books in different areas of LIS, the most popular of them being 'Library Legislation in India: Problems and Prospects'. IASLIC deeply mourns his death.

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