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Library Quote: "The health our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for future can be tested by how well we support our Library."

— Carl Sagan

Quote sent by P. Sudhakar, Dy. Librarian, JBREC Hyderabad.

Readers are welcome to provide the virtuous library quotes which will be properly acknowledged and the best quote will be imprinted in the incoming issue of ILA Newsletter with the name of the sender.

Appeal to LIS Professionals

Dear Colleagues,

It would be highly appreciated if you could provide the news for the forthcoming ILA Newsletter pertaining to:

1. Report about Seminar, Conference, Training Programme & Workshop organised by any institute in about 100 words with snapshots if possible;
2. Book publications, or highly Impact Factor research outputs or just concluded projects;
3. Announcement for various LIS courses/ educational up-gradations;
4. Technological Innovations in LIS Research & Development;
5. Any other LIS field related news,

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You are also welcome for any constructive suggestions and feedback for the betterment of ILA Newsletter.

Thanks

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

The first meeting of the General Body (G.B.) of Indian Library Association (ILA) (2016-2019) was held on Friday, the 10th February 2017 at 5.00 P.M. at the venue of 62nd ILA Conference, AMD Block, Jnanashakti Campus, Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura, Karnataka.

Proceedings

At the very outset, Prof. Shabahat Husain, in his opening remarks extended a very warm welcome to the present members of the General Body followed by a two minutes silence observed for the Members who have passed away after the last G.B meeting was held. Some of the names of the deceased are:

Prof J.K Khanna, Sh. A.N Bhardwaj, Dr. R. M Vatnal, Sh. D.N Nagaraj Rao, Dr. Srinath, Sh. T.V Venket Ramia, and Sh. J.M Rama Murthy.

Prof. Shabahat Husain, President of the Association, then briefed the house regarding the initiative taken by the team since 1st April 2016 when the present team of office Bearers took charge. He informed the GB that, since the launching of interactive ILA portal on 19th September, 2016, many perennial problems of ILA have been streamlined. It includes 'Online Registration of new members', 'Journal of Indian Library Association' JILA online with free access to the life members through username and password, login at ILA Portal in lieu of print copy (As per the decision of General Body dated 20.7.2011 and 26.2.2013), Facility of self updating of Members' Profile through 'Edit Profile', Self searchable system of Minutes of Council, Executive and also General Body, Timely issue of Online ILA Newsletter, apart from many other Library Profession related information. President also informed the house that online membership has been well taken, as about 118 members have been registered in a matter of 4 months through PayUMoney, which received a total of Rs.1 lac, 66th 60 as collected registration fee so far, of which Rs. 1,60,813 were transferred online in ILA Account, after deducting their commission, whereas offline membership from 1st April 2016 till 18th September 2016 was only 19. President also updated the house regarding the receipt of 2 Crores 63 lacs IFLA money by ILA. The same was deposited as fixed account in the Bank.

The following business was transacted as per the agenda of the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 1: To consider and adopt the report on the activities of the Association for the year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

The printed report with its copy kept in each ILA kit, was presented by Dr. Pardeep Rai, General Secretary. The report was accepted and approved by the General Body with a small suggestion of improvement of its getup.

Agenda Item No. 2: To consider and adopt the audited Statement of Accounts of the Association for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

The audited statement was presented before the AGM by the treasurer, Dr. Pravin Kumar Choudhary. The members approved the Statement of Accounts for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. The house approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider and adopt the interim report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017

General Secretary presented the report of activities of the Indian Library Association during period starting from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017. The interim Report of the activities of the Association were approved by the house.

Agenda Item No. 4: To consider and adopt any resolution received by the General Secretary from the Hon'ble member (s) of the Association:

No resolution was received.

What about the two offers of holding next ILA conferences. The comment of Asundi may come thereafter.

Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

Before taking up 'any other item', Prof. Shabhat Husain, President of the Association reported the house that ILA, probably for the first time, has received requests from two institutions for organizing the 63rd ILA Annual Conference, namely:

- i. DLIS, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, (Central University) Lucknow U.P. and
- ii. N.I.T Kurukshetra. ILA

Dr. A. Y Asundi was of the opinion that 'if two conferences are organized in the same financial year, the members may not get the permission from their institutions for attending as well as payment of registration fee for two conferences, while a few senior members were in favour of holding two conferences.

After a great deal of deliberations, it was decided that the ILA Guidelines for holding conferences be sent at both the places. After receiving the response, EC will take a decision regarding the institution (s) hosting the conference. The same will be circulated to all Council members and to all the members through ILA Newsletter and ILA web-site.

Other issues discussed with the permission of chair are as follows:

- I. Dr. Kognuramath raised the issue that ILA should apply for the membership of IFLA as it was discontinued sometimes ago due to some reasons.
President assured the house to take a positive action in the matter.
- II. Dr. A. Y Asundi raised the issue of vacancies in LIS profession throughout the country and that ILA should take a lead and send memorandum to Govt. of India for filling up the positions in Library Science, both teaching and Practicing Librarians in various grades..
- III. Prof. Bardol and many others appreciated the present ILA team in bringing about overdue changes in the functioning of ILA through new ILA Portal. requested the house that we should work together for the development of LIS by advocating the cause of Librarianship before MPs and MLAs and elsewhere in our respective areas. He also suggested to make use of the 80G certificate from Income-tax department so that the donors to ILA may receive rebate in filing their Income Tax returns. This may help generate funds for ILA.
- IV. Dr. Vasaappa Goweda thanked ILA for successfully organizing such a conference in such an interior location, but regretted the poor participation. The reasons given may be the high registration fee and also the extra charges of publication of conference volume. He also advocated for the complimentary copy to the contributors.
- V. Similar observations were made by Prof. B.D. Kumbar.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. Pardeep Rai
General Secretary

Prof. Shabhat Husain
President

Minutes of ILA Council Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ILA) COUNCIL (2016-2019)

The third meeting of the Council of Indian Library Association (ILA) (2016-2019) was held at the 62nd ILA Conference Venue, AMD Block, Jnanashakti Campus, Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura, Karnataka on 09th February 2017 at 8.30 A.M. The following members attended the same:

1. Prof. Shabahat Husain (**In the Chair**)
2. Prof. Ashu Shokeen
3. Dr. D.V Singh
4. Prof. B. Ramesha
5. Dr. Mohan R. Kherde
6. Dr. B.R Gadagin
7. Dr. Pravin Kumar Chaudhary
8. Dr. Opendra Nath Chaubey
9. Dr. N.S Shokeen
10. Dr. Pardeep Rai (General Secretary)
11. Dr. Dharam Kumar
12. Dr. Kiran Lata
13. Dr Chetan Sharma
14. Shri Kripanana Jha
15. Dr. M.B Ansane
16. Dr. Suresh Jange
17. Dr. S.S Dhaka
18. Dr. Abhijeet Sinha

Proceedings:

At the outset, the President extended a very warm welcome to the present council members. The following business was transacted as per the agenda of the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of 2nd meeting of the Council held on 15th Dec 2016 in the Central Library, University of Delhi, Delhi

The draft minutes were already circulated through e-mail to all the members and finally uploaded on ILA portal. In the absence of any written comments, the house approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 2: To consider and adopt the report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

The house approved the Annual Report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider and adopt the interim report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017.

The house approved the interim Report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017.

Agenda Item No. 4: To consider and approve the recommendations of the committees constituted by ILA-EC for the purpose of deciding various ILA Awards.

The house approved the recommendations of the committees constituted for the purpose.

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

With the permission of the Chair, an issue was raised regarding the collection of publication fee for publishing papers in conference proceedings from the authors. Some members opined that fee should not be taken from authors, rather it should be made part of registration fee. Besides that complimentary copies may also be given to the authors. Others however, disagreed with the proposal.

No final decision was taken in this regard.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. Pardeep Rai
General Secretary

Prof. Shabahat Husain
President

Minutes of Fourth ILA EC Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ILA) (2016-2019)
Held on 9th February, 2017

The 4th meeting of the Indian Library Association (ILA) Executive Committee (2016-2019) was held at the 62nd ILA Conference Venue, AMD Block, Jnanashakti Campus, Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura, Karantka on Thursday, the 09th February 2017 at 8.00 A.M. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Shabahat Husain (In the Chair)
2. Dr. D.V Singh
3. Dr. Pravin Kumar Chaudhary
4. Dr. Opendra Nath Chaubey
5. Dr. N.S Shokeen
6. Dr. Pardeep Rai (General Secretary)
7. Dr. Dharam Kumar
8. Dr. Kiran Lata
9. Dr Chetan Sharma
10. Shri Kripanana Jha

Proceedings

Prof. Shabahat Husain welcomed all the members of the Executive Committee. The following business was transacted as per the agenda of the meeting:-

Agenda Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of the 3rd Executive Committee held on 15th December 2016 in Central Library, Delhi University, Delhi.

The draft minutes of 3rd meeting were already circulated through e-mail to all members and finally uploaded on the ILA portal. As no comments were received, the house approved the same.

Agenda Item No. 2: To consider and adopt the report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

EC approved the Annual Report of the activities of the Association for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Agenda Item No. 3: To consider and adopt the interim report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017.

EC approved the interim Report of the activities of the Association for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017.

Agenda Item No. 4: To consider the recommendations of the committee constituted by EC for the purpose of deciding various awards/Fellowship.

The house approved the recommendations of the award committees.

Agenda Item No. 5: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

General Secretary reported the following two requests received for organizing the 63rd ILA annual Conference:

a. A letter of Hon'ble V.C of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, (Central University) Lucknow U.P. received through e-mail by the President ILA on 25.01.2017 regarding request for organising 63rd ILA annual Conference at DLIS,BBAU, Lucknow.

b. An E-mail from Sh. Krishan Gopal, Librarian N.I.T Kurukshetra was received by the General Secretary for organizing 63rd ILA annual Conference at Kurukshetra.

The house discussed the above in detail and decided to send the guidelines for hosting the ILA conference to both the institutions. Further decision will be taken after receiving their consent by EC.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Dr. Pardeep Rai
General Secretary

Prof. Shabahat Husain
President

• Library to offer rare books online

Bhadariya is a non-descript desert village with population of about 15,000. The village boasts of one of the oldest libraries in India. The 4,000-seat library has over nine lakh books and the written word would be digitised soon. It is situated in Sankra tehsil of Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan, the library was built by Saint Harvansh Singh Nirmal, reverentially called Bhadariya Maharaj or Nirmal Maharaj. In the library, which is at the basement of a temple complex some 16 feet below the ground level, the books are neatly arranged in 562 glass shelves. Above the library is the temple complex of Devi Bhadariya Mata. Every year, thousands of tourists - mostly scholars and researchers--visit the library from across the world. Jagadamba Seva Committee, the trust that manages the library, spends annually Rs 6 to Rs 7 lakh on its maintenance. The books have been added over 50 years after Nirmal Maharaj arrived at Bhadariya village in 1959 from Punjab. By February 15, 2010 when he passed away at the age of 80, he had left a rich heritage and a huge collection of books. With its unique architecture, the library is divided into five parts-- two 356-foot-long galleries and two 220-foot-long galleries and 18 rooms. The collection of books in many languages includes science, astrology, astronomy, epics and history. The majority of collection is in Hindi, English and Sanskrit. The library also has collection on Constitutions of various countries, books on law, atlases and multitude of dictionaries in several languages. Besides books, the library also has a rich collection of manuscripts, old books in Persian, Sanskrit and many old languages of the world.

Hailing from Punjab, Bhadariya Maharaj, a very pious man true to his name "Nirmal," collected these books from various corners of the world and many were gifts. Donations to the library were spent on new books. The library is now maintained by devotees living there. A visitor can find books systematically categorised and lined up in shelves with glass doors. Many would hesitate to feel them, fearing that they might dirty them. The visitors are not allowed to borrow books for now. But it soon intends to lend certain books.

The caretakers have fond memories of library's most cherished visitor and former president the late APJ Abdul Kalam. Jugal Kishore Ashera, head at the library, recalled how Kalam used to sit for hours in the library. The former president has mentioned about the library in his last book. "Scientists and Air Force personnel are regular visitors to the library. Kalam Saheb used to sit in the company of books and would spend hours chatting with Nirmal Maharaj. They would discuss how to make the library more interesting."

This is one of the big oriental libraries in Asia. There is a need to popularise the library," said P K Gupta, former director, Central library, Rajasthan University. "The mode of communication has changed and hence preferences also have changed. But the importance of the library has not reduced. Archiving of old manuscripts is crucial," Gupta said. Books need to be digitised as paper turns brittle over the years, said Dinesh Ojha, a retired librarian in Jodhpur. "The books have been arranged properly in the library but management should quickly try to make it completely digital so that its real purpose is served,"

Source |: Deccan Herald

Taken from LIS Leadership and shared by Kubera K.P, Information Assistant, Information Centre, The Printers (Mysore) Private Ltd., M.G Road, Bangalore.

• 2016 IFLA Knowledge Management Standing Committee Action Plan 2015 – 2017

The IFLA Knowledge Management Section has developed a comprehensive Action Plan for 2015-17 based on the core values of IFLA. Our goal is to promote the role of librarians and libraries in leading Knowledge Management (KM) activities and initiatives in their respective organizations to leverage intellectual assets and facilitate knowledge creation. Our goals are many and include: Raising awareness of KM among libraries, librarians and their institutions, Promoting and enhancing the mission of libraries by harnessing the principles of knowledge management, Identifying and sharing best practices, Disseminating the results of relevant research, Providing connections that help librarian KM practitioners from all regions and specialty areas to develop skills and expertise, while expanding their professional network, Maintaining close contact with other IFLA Sections, integrating KM into IFLA and the library and information community.

Taken from LIS Leadership and shared by Pralhad Jadhav, Senior Manager at Library, Khaitan & Co.

Personalia

Awards

Dr. D. Joyson Soundrarajan, Senior Librarian and Head of Library Services of Christian Medical college, Vellore has been awarded **S.J. Kulkarni Award 2016 for Best Medical Librarian in the country** by Medical Library Association of India in recognition of his outstanding contribution in Medical Library and Information Services at the National Convention of MLAI held at Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College, Gaya Bihar from 19th to 21st March 2017.



Standing Committee Member



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Date: 28 February 2017
Our ref.: A3.2
Subject: Election to Standing Committees for the Term 2017-2021 – Government
Information and Official Publications Section

Dear IFLA Colleague,

On behalf of the IFLA Governing Board and Professional Committee, I am writing to welcome you as a Standing Committee member. You were nominated for a place on the Standing Committee for the above-mentioned section and since the number of vacancies did not exceed the number of nominations, you were automatically elected.

Your term begins with the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland. Your term of office will run from August 2017 to August 2021. You are eligible to stand and to vote for the Standing Committee Chair and Secretary (Officers) in the elections which will take place at the first Standing Committee meeting scheduled for Saturday, 19 August 2017, and therefore you are strongly encouraged to attend.

More information on the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 83rd IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Wroclaw, Poland, and on registration can be found on:
<http://2017.ifla.org/>

Wishing you a most successful term of office and we are looking forward to you joining us in Poland.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald Leitner
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Past Events

Report of Personality Development Program held at DLIS, AMU, Aligarh

Training and Placement Cell of the Department of Library and Information Science, AMU organised a workshop on *"Personality Development"* on 04th March, 2017 in the B.Lib.I.Sc Class Room of the Department.

In-charge TPO of the Department Prof. Naushad Ali P.M welcomed the president, keynote speaker and the research scholars, M.Lib.I.Sc and B.Lib.I.Sc students of the department. He gave a brief description about the TPO of the department and the importance of Personality Development. He mentioned some of the important components of Personality Development and pointed out that one has to develop all the components of PD to succeed in the journey of life long careers. Prof. Naushad portrayed the strategic and structured ways of fulfilling the dreams of life by continuously developing ones strategic elements of personality development.

Prof. Shabihat Husain, chairman, DLIS and President ILA, presided over the function. In his presidential remarks, Prof. Husain conversed about his vast experiences of the development of the personality. He emphasized on positive attitude and focused approach in targeting the aims and ambitions in life. He presented some of the interesting ideas of how one should prepare for the journey of life by adopting the best ways of honesty and dedication. He presented some of the incidents of his own life related to the various facets of the development of the personality which was highly appreciated by the audience.

Sudharma Haridasan, Associate Professor in the department was the keynote speaker of the program. Dr. Haridasan talked about the communication skills and gave a wide array of intellectual thoughts about the development of communication skills. She demonstrated the different forms of communication and their strategic developments to enhance the skills needed by the current career agencies.

The whole program concluded by some of the inspiring and stirring deliberations which left deep imprints on the minds of the whole gathering. The Incharge TPO mentioned that such programs will be conducted regularly on weekly basis so that students and research scholars will be better trained and prepared for the job avenues in future.



Report of Prof. J. L. SARDANA Memorial Lecture

Smt. M. Sarada Foundation organised the meeting of the library and information science professionals on 26th March, 2017 at 10.00 am at Gandhi Gyana Mandir, koti synchronizing the date with the first anniversary of Late Prof. J. L. Sardana. He was a teacher par- excellence, doyen in the field of library and information science. He was a high profile in the subject, who shaped the life and career of so many students who are now settled in high positions in different libraries.

At the outset, the professionals observed two minute silence in memory of late Prof. Sardana

Prof. M. Sankara Reddy, the president of Smt. Sarada foundation presided over the meeting. After welcoming the chief guest, Prof. P S G Kumar, former president of Indian Library Association, Dr. Reddy invited him on the dais for delivering the memorial lecture on the topic "The Changing Scenario in Library Movement". Prof. Reddy said that "A learned man informs, intellectual instructs but a teacher transforms and inspires like Prof. Kumar who possesses these qualities. He is a great author of many books and an expert in the field of Library and information science. He was the founder of department of LIS and he is the pillar for the development of Nagpur university library. Prof PSG Kumar while delivering the lecture, narrated the developments of library and information science in India from the days of Boden and Maharaja Gaekwad Baroda till today's digital and virtual libraries. In spite of several hurdles the libraries are fast developing into paperless mode and users are gathering information from print sources as well as from international digital websites. Among the important and senior professionals attended the meeting was Prof. AAN Raju, Prof. LS Ramaiah. Dr. M. Koteswar Rao, Dr. P Vysamurthy, Dr. Veerajaneyulu, ABNS Prasad Roa, Dr. M. Kanakachary, Mr. Ashok Babu and several others.

Prof. AAN Raju while addressing the meeting said that the library use is declining and many university libraries do not have librarians. The Professional Associations like ILA, IASLIC, ALSD have become inactive and their newsletters and journals are irregular. Prof LS Ramaiah said that the state and central governments are not showing any interest for developing libraries and to change the policies for improvement of public libraries. Dr. M. Koteswar Rao spoke about the present state of art of academic libraries. Dr. Veerajaneyulu, ABNS Prasad Roa, Dr. P. Vysamurthy have explained the present importance of special libraries, services and skills of professionals. Dr. Kanakachary spoke about the latest trend and change of library services.

In the meeting, it was also felt that APLA alone in the country have been bringing out the monthly journal regularly right from 1915 till today.

Prof. PSG Kumar was felicitated with shawl and bouquet by Mr. Reddy and other senior professionals. Further, Mr Reddy mentioned about the messages received from Prof. Janardhan Rao, Sri S. Koteswar Rao, Prof. Laxman Rao and Dr SM Dhawan expressing their tributes. The meeting was concluded by Dr. Reddy by mentioning his heartfelt thanks to all the professionals for their active participation in deliberations. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the management of Gandhi Gyana Mandir particularly Sri Ranga Roa and his staff.

Treasurer
Smt. Sarada Foundation

Report of Interactive session on Use of Koha LMS for Libraries on BestBookBuddies.com

The interaction program took place at Hyderabad on 24 Feb 2017 with the participation of 27 Librarians and guests, who gathered to discuss the possibilities of using Koha @ BestBookBuddies platform.

Dr. S. K. Soam, Head, Information and Communication Management Division, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), welcomed the gathering and Dr. N. Srinivasa Rao, Principal Scientist, ICM Division, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM) discussed the topic.

Sudhir Gandotra from Best Book Buddies explained the new developments of his company, with the launch of the Global Library Platform “Best Book Buddies” that offers Koha Hosting, AMC and upgrades absolutely free of cost to all the libraries across the world, with the intent of assisting the Libraries grow stronger with the use of best technologies.

He explained what we all know is that the **Library is the Backbone of Learning**, and no wonder, India alone has over 13,000 million books and over 13,00,000 Libraries, but not even 2% of Libraries are automated. He explained that this pathetic situation pushed him to develop this new model of Free Koha services as a win-win situation for Libraries.

He explained that Best Book Buddies is "Redefining Libraries and Connecting Book-Lovers". It offers to assist the automation of libraries that exist with Government, Museums, Educational & Research Institutions, NGOs, PSUs, Corporates, Public, Private, Personal Libraries & collections of all kinds.

The Solution offered is:

- Best Book Buddies provides Free of cost Library Management System - Koha;
- You get Free Koha Library Hosting, AMC, Upgrades;
- There are no expenses for Server, Software, AMC, Upgrades;
- It can migrate your existing Koha Library within 4 hours of giving us your Koha SQL backup, after registration. Of course, any LMS or manual system can be migrated to this platform at BBB.
- There are no budgets required for this ZERO Cost proposal; hence the decision can be taken by the person in charge of Library, rather easily, with ethics in place.

Sudhir explained that since the launch of the platform on 1 September 2016, more than 1,100 libraries have come forward for automation and are being on-boarded on the platform. Libraries are there from 19 countries with 1.6 million books.

This attempt is bound to redefine the libraries, because with the availability of the best technology free of cost, the issue of budget is no more a problem for the library automation.

Additionally, since the maintenance is being taken care of by the platform itself, the Librarian is free to spend his/her time to enhance the Library-domain, which will result in a more effective utilization of Librarian's specialization of the subject.

While talking of all these aspects, Sudhir said that Librarians need to beware of Un-ethical Vendors, who are pushing “Proprietary Products” and “Controlled Services” to keep you under “Vendor-Control”. And that there is no need to spend anything for Koha automation for implementation (cloud), hosting, AMC and upgrades for ever.

Sudhir requested participants to undertake another Selfless-Positive action to help another library save money and get the Best Technology without Cost, by recommending bestbookbuddies.com. This can be done through the simple automated process of a form @www.BestBookBuddies.com/recommend-us.



Forthcoming Events

April

- INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat is organising a two days national workshop on ***“Ethical Issues and Use of Anti Plagiarism for Research Integrity”*** on April 06-07, 2017 at Information & Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The details of the Workshop are available at: http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/forthcoming/Ethical_issues_Brochure.pdf
- DELNET in collaboration with Christ University, Karnataka & S.R.M University, Tamil Nadu is going to organize a series of a one day workshop on ***“DELNET Discovery Services, Open Source Software & Emerging Trend in LIS Services”*** on 11th & 13th April 2017 at Christ University, Karnataka & S.R.M University, Tamil Nadu. The details of the workshop are available at: <http://delnet.nic.in/programmes.htm>
- The Central Library of School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur under the program of National Digital Library of India, MHRD is going to organize a two-days Regional (South - IV) Workshop on ***“Institutional Digital Repository (IDR-2017)”*** from April 21-22, 2017 at SPA Vijayawada. The details of the Workshop are available at: http://spav.ac.in/library_workshop.html
- Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), Gandhinagar, Gujarat is going to organize a five days national workshop on ***“Creation and Management of Digital Collections using DSpace”*** from April 24-28 2017 at INFLIBNET centre, Gujarat. The details of the workshop are available at: http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/forthcoming/dspace_032017.pdf
- Department of Library & Information Science, Mizoram University, Aizawl in collaboration with Information and Library Network Centre, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is going to organize a three days National Workshop-cum-Training Program on ***“Bibliometrics and Research Output Analysis”*** from April 11-13 2017 at Conference Hall, Mizoram University Guest House, Aizawl. The details of the workshop are available at: <http://www.mzu.edu.in/index.php/downloads/forms/finish/9-seminars-workshop-notice/9221-national-workshop-cum-training-program-on-bibliometrics-and-research-output-analysis-on-11th-13th-april-2017>

- Department of Library & Information science C. U. Shah University & ADINET, Ahmedabad is going to organize a one day National Conference on ***“Transforming Libraries into Digital Era: A Journey from Librarian to Cybrarian”*** on 23rd April 2017 at Auditorium C. U. Shah University Campus. The details of the conference are available at: <http://vbtlis.org/cilibcon2017/>

- Department of Library and Information Science, Mangalore University is going to organize a national conference on the topic ***“Professionalism in Library and Information Services for User Empowerment: Opportunities and Challenges”*** (PLISUE – 2017) from April 27 to 28 2017 at Mangala auditorium, University campus. The Details of the conference are available at: <http://profuse2017.weebly.com/>

May

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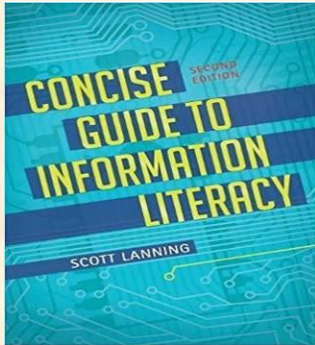
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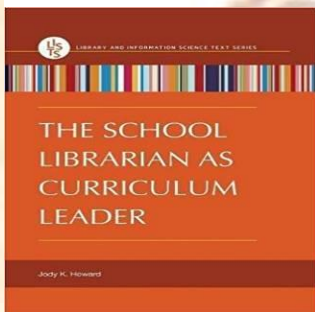
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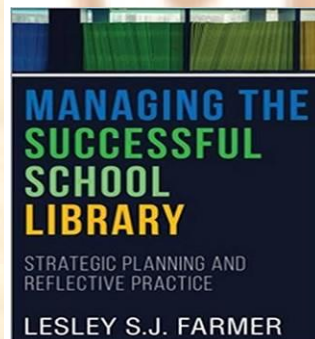
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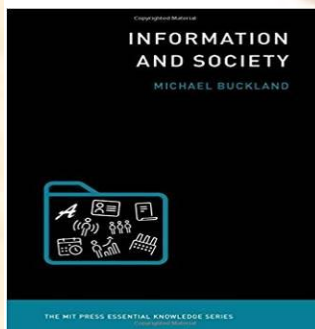
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