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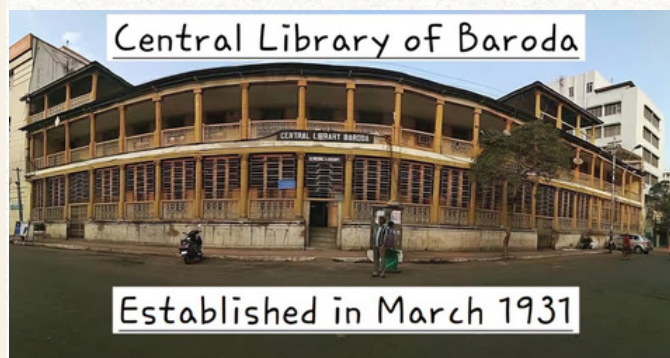


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Dear Professionals

News from different regions/states are solicited from ILA members and other LIS Professionals for inclusion in the newsletter. News from 26th of previous month to 25th of current month (Ex: 26th July to 25th August) with photographs and brief reports may kindly be sent to ilanewslettereditor@gmail.com on or before 26th of current month.

The news includes, success stories, important and significant current affairs, organisation of functions, conferences, seminars, webinars, planned future events, appointments/career advancements, awards, achievements, obituaries, noteworthy readings, forgotten writings, rare pictures, book reviews etc.

Seeking cooperation from all professionals.

Editor

Message from Dr O N Chaubey, General Secretary ILA



Honourable ILA Members,

My tenure as General Secretary will be completed on 31st March 2025. So I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every ILA member. Indeed, it was an honour and a privilege to serve the esteemed institution of ILA, the foundations of which were laid to serve the LIS fraternity with selflessness. I am grateful for the support and cooperation received from ILA EC, Council, Office bearers and all of you. I am confident that the Association will continue to thrive and achieve new heights by new team.

It is instrumental in strengthening LIS community and make a difference. I appreciate ILA team members for their commitment and passion in inspiring future professionals. It is motivational to see people working together and bringing meaningful change. Thanks to all the members once again for your remarkable contribution. Looking forward to continued collaboration and success together.

United we stand, stronger we grow

Dr O N Chaubey,
General Secretary, ILA



Submission of Memoranda to UGC Chairman

ILA office bearers got an opportunity to meet and present LIS professionals request to UGC Chairman along with Karnataka College library Association representatives and present LIS Professionals' issues concerned with the Draft UGC Regulations 2025, along with the KSCLA team.

Prof. Kognuramath former ILA President presented the facts from the 6th Pay Commission to present pay scale structure of the Librarians on par with teaching faculty and stressed upon include Higher learning institutes like Universities, IITs, IIMs, NITs and IISERs, including private Universities and colleges. The Chairman accepted ILA and KSCLA representation and assured them of the best that he could do; further, he expressed that "I am with you".

Dr. P. S. Kattimani has appraised the vacant positions of University Librarians in State, Central universities and Government colleges, including CFTI higher learning institutes. The chairman expressed his concern, and he assured that he will look into the matter.



Feature article

Saheli Nilkanth Atram - Research Scholar

Information-Seeking Behavior of Divyang Students in Non-Agricultural Universities in Maharashtra

Higher education is a process that is broader and more complex and leads to growing up, not just as an internal process of education but also as actors and institutions. It means acquiring knowledge and enhancing one's thinking and performance skills socially relevant. However, for Divyang persons, the process is usually more arduous and more cumbersome for them.

Several inclusive policies and laws have been framed in India to boost inclusive education. However, many of the educational institutions do not provide adequate academic, technical, or infrastructural support to Divyang students. Even in the face of a growing impact of information technology, the expansion of digital education, and the application of inclusive policies for access to use of information, Divyangs face many barriers.

Maharashtra is a non-agricultural university that is important in the functions related to higher education. These universities cater to the learning interests of the students of different backgrounds and contribute to the research and innovation. As of today, very little research has been done on the information-seeking behavior of Divyang students in these institutions. It is very important to understand how these students are gaining access to information; what kind of challenges they face in accessing information; how these students have utilized the resources available to them; and what barriers they are facing in accessing information.

The purpose of this study is in-depth analysis of information-seeking behavior among Divyang students in non-agricultural universities in Maharashtra. This research will develop a better environment in higher education institutions for inclusive, accessible learning in terms of the findings that will be discovered regarding the challenges faced, preferences of information gathering, and information seeking habits. It will also provide a model framework to improve educational management, library services, digital learning tools, and policy formulation towards a better schema of knowledge acquisition and accessibility for Divyang students.

Events organized



One-Week National Workshop on “Emerging Trends & Technologies in Libraries”

The Library, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Off Campus, Tuljapur organized a One-Week National Workshop on “Emerging Trends & Technologies in Libraries” on 27 – 31 January 2025. There were 14 participants gathered across the India. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof Bal Rakshase, Campus Director, TISS Tuljapur and Dr J Shivarama, Chairperson, Centre for Library & Information Management Studies, TISS, Mumbai by lighting the lamp. Dr Veeresh Hanchinal, Workshop Convener welcomed the guests and briefed about the workshop and its purpose. Prof Bal Rakshase in his presidential remark, emphasized the need of upgrading the skills of the library professionals and the significance of providing Mobile library services to those who are unreachable. He also extended his warm reception to all the resource persons and participants. During his address Dr Shivarama stressed the need of using the open source software's, particularly KOHA, DSpace, Mendeley etc. He urged the library professionals to equip themselves with the latest technology and serve the users more effectively and efficiently.

Immediately after the inauguration, the training sessions began. The resource person Dr Shivarama briefed about the open sources; KOHA and conducted hands on practical sessions on 27 & 28 Jan 2025 and DSpace practical sessions on 29 & 30 Jan 2025. The resource person Dr Satish Kanamadi, University Librarian, TISS, Mumbai gave overview of the Artificial intelligence Technology and engaged the practical sessions on 30 Jan 2025 and Mendeley an online reference management tool on 31 Jan 2025. Dr Shivarama engaged hands on session on Drupal an open source content management software on 31 Jan 2025. During the Valedictory program on 31 Jan 2025, Dr Manoj Joseph, Sr Faculty & Member of Library Advisory Committee (LAC) in his presidential remark expressed concern of use & misuse of information by the students and challenges to detect the plagiarized contents. He cautioned the teachers as well as library professionals to be alert and keep themselves up to date. Thereafter, the participants shared their feedback. The curtain came down for the one-week national workshop with proposing of vote of thanks by Dr Veeresh Hanchinal, workshop convener.

One Day Seminar On “Shaping the future Libraries”.

A one-day Seminar on Shaping the future Libraries conducted on 8th February, 2025 10.30am onwards. Venue at Senate Hall, Vidyasoudha block, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka state. 50 delegates registered and actively participated in this Seminar. No registration fee was collected.

The seminar started with invocation at 10.30 a.m. The dignitaries on the stage lit the lamp. Dr Ramesh R.Naik , Senior Professor and Chairman welcomed the gathering. The dignitaries were honored with flower bouquet .Dr.C.R.Karisiddappa UGC – Emeritus Professor(Retd) Karnatak University , the Chief Guest of Inaugural function spelt out the dynamics of the seminar. He said that the seminar was aiming at focusing the access in a simple and cost effective way with reachability for all. He insisted on the students, scholars & teachers updating their knowledge by acquiring new scholarship from libraries.

In the first technical session Dr.B.T.Sampatkumar, Senior Professor, Tumkur University, Tumkur presented a talk on “Cybrarians in the Digital Age: Redefining the future of Libraries”, after tea break Dr.P.G.Tadasad, Senior Professor, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women’s University, Vijayapur narrated his experience and highlighted the Changing role of libraries and Librarians to meet the vision of NEP 2020.

In the second technical session Dr.Nagappa V.Bakkannanavar Branch Head, Tata Consultancy Services, Bengaluru gave a talk on Visualization of future Librarianship, define your destiny with new skills. After this talk Dr.K.Umeshreddy Librarian & Head JRD Tata Memorial Library, IISC, Bengaluru spoke on Scholarly Communication and Artificial Intelligence.

In the third technical session Dr.SantoshKumar, Professor, Kuvempu University, Shankaghatta talked on Redefining Learning Spaces in Librariaies. Later SrilrappaPattar, Librarian, JSS KHK Institute of Engg, Dharwad gave a talk on Future Librarianship skills attitude and information handling.

As a consequence of advances in ICT, libraries are changing rapidly. The library industry is now practically a web- based industry. In the meantime, the library and information science communities are on duty to meet their knowledge and information needs by using their mobile devices, which are serviced by commercial firms.

Professor Vishvanath Dean of Law and Chairman Department of Law KUD delivered the valedictory address. He mentioned the role of memory power which existed before print media and advised the Librarians to develop their reading habit to serve the users in an effective way. Dr.C.Krishnamurthy proposed the vote of thanks by acknowledging the supportive roles played by the management, staff, delegates and sponsors. The participants after giving out their formal feed-back received their participation certificates. The seminar came to an end with snacks and tea.

Libraries visit by LIS students of Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura

The Department of Library and Information Science of Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura organized a visit to various libraries in Vijayapura city from 15th to 19th February, 2025 for the partial fulfilment of BLib ISc I semester curriculum. They have visited Al-Ameen Medical College Library ,City Central Library, Vijayapura ,BLDEA’s Engineering College Library, BLDEA’s Medical College Library, RCU PG Centre Library, Secab Women Degree College Library, BLDEA’s SBS Women Degree College Library. The primary objective of the visit was to provide students with practical knowledge to library operations, management techniques and modern information services. During the visit, students were guided by respective librarians and staffs at libraries. They gained insights into structure and functioning of libraries, classification and cataloguing processes, user services, e-resource accessibility and also had interaction with library professionals about career opportunities in LIS profession. The visit was an insightful experience for students and the Department of Library and Information Science extends a warm gratitude to the authorities and librarians of the visited library for their valuable guidance and insightful discussions.



National Conferenceon "Envisioning the Future: AI Tools for Libraries

Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre, Assagao, recently hosted a two-day national conference on "Envisioning the Future: AI Tools for Libraries" on 20th and 21st February 2025. Organized under the leadership of Dr. Jayaprakash G. Hugar, Librarian of the college and Organizing Secretary, the conference was inaugurated by Prof. Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Prof. Madalli highlighted the crucial services provided by INFLIBNET to colleges across India, with special emphasis on its impact in Goa. The event commenced with a soulful invocation dedicated to Goddess Saraswathi, followed by a welcome address by Prof. D.B. Arolkar, Principal of the College, who acknowledged the conference as a significant milestone in the institution's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Dr. Jayaprakash G. Hugar elaborated on the conference theme, tracing the evolution of library science from traditional print media to AI-driven digital repositories. He invoked Dr. S.R. Ranganathan's Fifth Law, "Library is a Growing Organism," to underscore the transformative impact of AI on modern libraries. A key highlight of the event was the launch of the "Library ChatBot," an advanced virtual assistant designed to enhance user interaction with library services. The chatbot was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Prof. Madalli, who commended the college's innovative approach. She also released the conference volume on "AI – Driven Libraries: Shaping the Future of Knowledge Management" on this occasion.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. C.R. Karisiddappa, Former Professor and Chairman, DLISc, Karnatak University, Dharwad, delivered an insightful address on the evolution of information retrieval systems, citing historical advancements from Gutenberg's printing press to modern AI applications in libraries. He acknowledged AI's potential in revolutionizing library services while addressing concerns regarding employment, emphasizing that technological advancements, much like the advent of computers, would create new opportunities.

Prof. Devika Madalli's keynote address detailed INFLIBNET's contributions, including initiatives like Shodhganga, INDCAT, ePgPathshala, BharatCat, ShodhaChakra, and Sherni, which empower academic research and women researchers in India. She also noted the integration of the SOUL software into an open-source model, now used by 172 university libraries. She lauded the participation of Goan colleges in INFLIBNET's initiatives and congratulated the college on its ChatBot innovation.

During the conference, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Shri Prasada Lolayekar, Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Goa, and Professor Devika Madalli, Director, INFLIBNET, Gandhinagar, in the presence of Dr. Keshav Dhuri, Assistant Director, Directorate of Higher Education; Prof. D. B. Arolkar, Principal and Dr. Jayaprakash, Librarian of the Dnyanprassarak Mandal's College and Research Centre along with Dr. Bala Mandrekar, Librarian of Zantye College, at the Secretariat of the Government of Goa. The MoU facilitates the provision of all INFLIBNET services free of cost to the colleges affiliated with the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa.

The technical sessions covered various facets of AI in library science. Dr. P.G. Tadasad presented a theme paper on "AI in Collection Management," exploring AI's role in budgeting, cataloguing, metadata evolution, and ethical challenges. Dr. Ramesh R. Naik's session on "AI for Information Retrieval and Discovery" highlighted applications in search engines, facial recognition, surveillance, and streaming services. Further presentations included Dr. Sunil M.V. on "AI-Driven User Experience" and Dr. T.S. Kumbar on "AI and Library Workforce Transformation."

A highlight of the conference was the exceptional contribution by Prof. Ashok Y. Asundi, the esteemed Rapporteur General of the conference. His comprehensive and detailed report masterfully encapsulated the essence of the discussions, providing a thorough and insightful summary.

During the valedictory function of the two-day national conference, the Chief Guest, Dr. Sandesh Desai, University Librarian, Goa University, delivered an insightful address highlighting the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in libraries. He emphasized the importance of adopting emerging technologies in library services to enhance efficiency and provide the best possible services to users within the shortest possible time.

The conference concluded with a set of resolutions emphasizing four key areas: the pros and cons of AI applications in libraries, education and training requirements for AI integration, innovative practices in AI tool development, and strategies to address potential employment concerns. The event was a grand success, fostering discussions on the future of AI in libraries and reinforcing the college's role as a pioneer in academic innovation. Dr. Umesh Gawas delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, the college management, faculty, and staff for their invaluable support.



Forthcoming events

MLAS Building Strong Library Associations Initiative : Financial Sustainability
The Management of Library Associations Section (MLAS) is pleased to invite to the upcoming webinar : MLAS Building Strong Library Associations Initiative: Financial Sustainability on June 10, 2025. Link: <https://www.ifla.org/news/mlas-building-strong-library-associations-initiative/>



International Conference on Library, Information Science and Scholarly Publishing, August 20-22, 2025 at ICISE, Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Vietnam



The Conference Planning Committee invites LIS professionals to submit abstracts for the International Conference on Library, Information Science and Scholarly Publishing (ICLISSP2025), August 20-22, 2025 at ICISE, Quy Nhon, Binh Dinh, Vietnam. Read more here: <https://icisequynhon.com/conferences/2025/ICLISSP2025/abstract.html>. Send your abstract to email: iclispp.icise@gmail.com with email title is "Abstract-ICLISSP2025 – Your name" Abstract submission deadline: June 15, 2025

International Conference on Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL 2025)

International Conference on Innovation and Digital Transformation in Academic Libraries (ICIDTAL 2025) is organized by: Dr. O.P. Bhalla Central Library, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), in collaboration with NDLI, Haryana Library Association & Delhi Library Association from 27th-28th May 2025 at MRIIRS, Faridabad.



Register Here: <https://bit.ly/4bmASwN>. For queries & papersubmissions: icidtal@mriu.edu.in | librarian@mriu.edu.in

One-day National Seminar on "The Future of Libraries in the Era of Artificial Intelligence"

Chitkara University, Himachal Pradesh, is organizing a one-day National Seminar on "The Future of Libraries in the Era of Artificial Intelligence," sponsored by the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

LIS professionals are invited to attend the seminar. For communication contact: Gurdev Yadav, Dy. Librarian, Chitkara University, Himachal Pradesh, Convener, Mobile No: +91 - 98820 17545, 01795-661028, Email ID: gurdev.yadav@chitkarauniversity.edu.in

National Conference on Transforming libraries (NCTL)

Jain University, Bengaluru is organizing a national conference on "Transforming Libraries: Synergy between Accreditation Technology and Academic Excellence" from 23-24 MAY 2025. Research papers are invited in the line of sub themes of the conference which will be published with ISBN. High quality papers will be published in indexed journals. Last date for Paper submission: 15th April 2025, Last date for Author Registration: 20th April 2025, Venue: FMS-CMS Business School, Bengaluru.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/g9fDRRgh9BuJPS66A>

Email: seminars.desk@jainuniversity.ac.in

For More Details Click on : https://events.jainuniversity.ac.in/uploads/blog/NCTL-2025_Conference_Brochure-Final_Brochure_compressed.pdf

Website: www.jainuniversity.ac.in



IFLA World Library and Information Congress

IFLA's Acquisition and Collection Development Section, together with the Library Publishing Special Interest Group and the Advisory Committee on Open Science and Scholarship, is planning a session for the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, to be held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 18–22 August 2025.

The theme is "Sustainable Paths Towards Open Science and Open Scholarship". The call for papers is now open with a closing date of April 30, 2025. For more details, please see:

<https://2025.ifa.org/acquisition-and-collection-development-section/>

3rd International Conference 'Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL 2025)

The 3rd International Conference 'Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL 2025)' will be held at IIT Gandhinagar, India, from 25th to 27th September 2025. The theme for this year's CLSTL 2025 is "Enhancing Library Experiences with Artificial Intelligence," and it will delve into the transformative impact of AI on library services, scholarly communication, and user engagement. The sub-themes chosen complement the theme of the conference. An eclectic mix of experts are identified as speakers along with interesting workshops and the details regarding the sub-themes, workshop titles, list of speakers are given on the conference website. The conference brochure is available [here](#) for download.

Key Dates:

- Registration opens on: 6th March 2025
- Deadline for Registration: 31st August 2025
- Deadline for Proposal/Abstract Submission: 20th April 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 5th May 2025
- Final submission of Poster/Presentation slides: 31st July 2025

Abstracts of articles for presentations and posters that will contribute to shaping the future of libraries in the age of AI are invited. For updates, instructions for presentation & posters, and detailed submission guidelines, please visit the [conference website](#).

ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) Sister Libraries International Librarians Networking Event (3rd session)

Date/Time: Thursday, April 24, 7:00 AM Central Time / 2:00PM CEST / 8:00PM Singapore (To search for the correct time zone, please use [World Clock Converter](#))

Join ALA's IRRT Sister Libraries Committee for a free virtual networking event for librarians from around the world! Connect with your colleagues from across the globe and learn about Sister Library partnerships. You have an opportunity to chat in two breakout room sessions, first librarians of similar types of libraries, and then on topics of shared interest. Make connections that could lead to new friendships and library partnerships! This is a networking event, and not a how-to or training session. You don't need to be an ALA member to participate - all librarians are welcome!"

Registration Link: https://ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_agmARO8vSkC-9WOpNviZBw

3 Days Online Workshop on Koha, Data Migration and Gate Entry Management

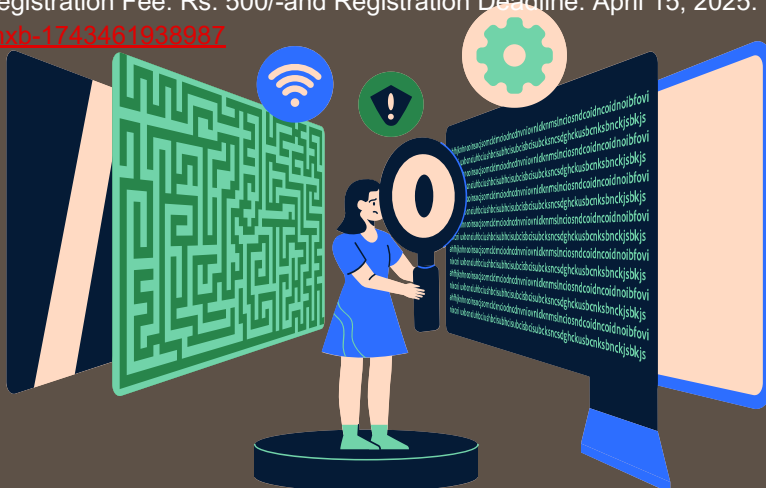
The Librarian Guide is pleased to announce a Three-Day Workshop on Open Source Library Management System (Koha), InOut Management System, and Data Migration, scheduled to be conducted during April 18-20, 2025. This workshop aims to provide online training in Koha, a widely used open-source Integrated Library Management System (ILMS), along with InOut Management System for tracking library usage, and Data Migration techniques to facilitate smooth transition from legacy systems. Link to join the workshop will be sent to the registered participants separately. Registration Fee: Rs. 500/- and Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025.

Registration Link: <https://web.librarianguide.org/wlp/webinar-yuuhxb-1743461938987>

3 Days Online Workshop on Koha, Data Migration and Gate Entry Management

"Intelligence and Equity: Shaping the Future of Knowledge"

Visit <https://ifdik2025.com/icadl-2025/> for submission details.



The 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Library Information Education and Practice (A-LIEP 2025)

Asia-Pacific Conference 2025 (the annual meeting of Asia-Pacific chapter of IFLA, or the API Schools) Visit

<https://ifdik2025.com/ap-ic-conference-2025/> for submission details.

Theme: "LIS Education, Research, and Practice: Ethics, Sustainability, and Social Responsibility"
Visit <https://ifdik2025.com/aliep-2025/> for submission details.

One day OLH & ORCID 2024 supported workshop on Open Access Publishing

Gulbarga University and Central Library, IIT Delhi jointly organize One day OLH & ORCID 2024 supported workshop on Open Access Publishing on 17th April 2025.

One-Day Workshop on "AI-Powered Libraries: Unlocking the Potential of Generative AI"

The Vidyashilp University Library is pleased to announce a One-Day Workshop on "AI-Powered Libraries: Unlocking the Potential of Generative AI," scheduled for April 26, 2025. Supported by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bengaluru. This workshop aims to provide hands-on experience with AI tools to enhance library operations, research, and services. For more information please visit : <https://vua-lisworkshop.mystrikingly.com/>



National seminar on Indian Knowledge System through libraries: Manuscripts to AI era

IK Gujral Technological University, Kapurthala is organizing two days national seminar on Indian Knowledge System through libraries: Manuscripts to AI era, sponsored by RRRLF, from 22-23 April 2025. Last date for submission of abstracts 12th April 2025.

For registration:

<https://forms.gle/LcbRRfZLWxxGCBKY8>

News you can use

UN Charter Libraries Knowledge Network* March 2025

The United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld Library put forward a proposal for a UN Charter Libraries Knowledge Network, a network that will collaboratively re-envision the work and nature of partnerships among affiliated libraries with the United Nations. This is a strategic re-positioning that aims to leverage the existing UN Depository Library Programme into a new, robust, inclusive knowledge network focused on the founding document of the Organization, the UN Charter, and all the UN actions emanating from it.

The Network will align closely with the UN Global Principles for Information Integrity within the context of the Pact for the Future and the associated Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations.

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library launched a global consultation, encouraging feedback from individuals, libraries, professional organizations and other knowledge organizations.

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library team is working on analyzing and consolidating your invaluable inputs which will be considered in the development of the UN Charter Libraries Knowledge Network.

Survey results of IFLA Code of Ethics

In the Survey on the IFLA Code of Ethics, an impressive number of responses, almost 700 were received.

Please find the results of the survey on IFLA's Code of Ethics through the link below. These results will be key for the FAIFE Committee as we move forward with the next steps regarding the Code of Ethics.

<https://www.ifla.org/news/a-constant-priority-but-changing-responsibilities-results-of-the-survey-on-iflas-code-of-ethics/>

Reclaiming Academic Publishing: The Launch of the Open Journals Collective
The Open Journals Collective (OJC), an equitable, sustainable, community-led alternative to the big deals and transformative agreements offered by corporate academic publishers was launched recently. The OJC is a collective of libraries and university-based publishers working to change the way academic research is supported and disseminated. Drawing on more than a decade of digital publishing innovation, the OJC confronts the crisis in academic journal publishing with a viable path toward bringing publishing back in-house at universities. A large collection of hundreds of diamond open access journals in the humanities and social sciences in January 2026 will be launched.

The OJC Library Board includes library directors, intellectual property specialists, and open research leaders from institutions such as Iowa State University, Princeton University, the University of Edinburgh, Harvard University, MIT, Yale University, Lancaster University, the University of York, the University of Cambridge, the National Library of Scotland, the University of Sussex, and the University of St Andrews. Publishers that have already joined the OJC include the Open Library of Humanities, LSE Press, UCL Press, the University of Michigan Press, the California Digital Library, and Edinburgh Diamond at the University of Edinburgh — with more publishers joining soon. While we are primarily based in the US, Canada, and the UK, we are also actively working with colleagues in Europe and beyond.

Learn more about OJC: www.openjournalscollective.org. Read the accompanying LSE blog by Dr. Caroline Edwards: [Academic libraries cannot afford to carry on with transformative agreements](#). Follow OJC on [Bluesky](#) for updates.

Project "IFLA Guidelines for Green Libraries"

The project "IFLA Guidelines for Green Libraries" is looking for information about Green Library Networks, Funding Opportunities Grants, Initiatives especially from some regions:

Green Library Networks: Latin America and the Caribbean

Funding Opportunities, Grants: Asia-Oceania, Latin America and the Caribbean and Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa

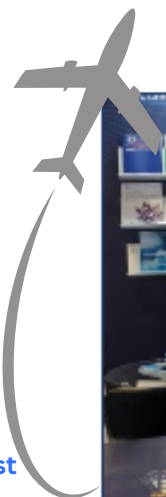
Green Library Initiatives: Asia-Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean

26 Stunning University Libraries Around the World You Need to See"

<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/stunning-university-libraries-slideshow>

Library being rented for theatre and cultural shows

The library welcomes all readers with a nominal fee, while renting out its premises for theatre and cultural shows. But a lack of funds means its days are numbe... <https://search.app/suJrmNfm6tqQK2dE9>



Success Story

World Book Fair, Delhi - 2025: The Celebration of Knowledge and Reading Culture Development

Mr. Shubham Masurkar, Librarian at Shrimati panchashila Art's Science and commerce Women's College, Hardoli
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The World Book Fair 2025, held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi, was one of the most significant literary occasions for a broad range of publishing houses from India and abroad to exhibit their best works. It was a golden opportunity for book lovers and professionals from the field of library sciences. Shubham Sanjeev Masurkar, the librarian of Shrimati Panchshil Arts, Science, and Commerce Women's College, Hardauli, attended this book fair on behalf of the college.

Having left for Delhi on the evening of February 7 at 9 PM via Janata Express, Shubham Masurkar and Ph.D. students Mayur Padole and Bhupesh Deshmukh arrived in Delhi at noon on February 8. They first tried to find accommodation at Maharashtra Sadan, which was not available. Hence, they stayed at Crystal Hotel in Paharganj. Excellent experiences with Delhi weather and visiting historic sights greatly contributed to the joy of their excursion. The students also visited some of the trendy bookstores downtown, where they were allowed to browse the latest literature on multiple subjects.

The World Book Fair on that day, during February 8, afforded marvellous excitement with the very vast exhibits of books from various countries and in different languages. Various stalls were set up for well-known publishers like Diamond Books, Sahitya Akademi, Scholastic, and National Book Trust; the Russian and Turkish publishing houses were among the crowd-pullers. Instead of buying books, they focused on information about the fair and visiting various stalls.

Panel discussions and special interaction sessions on several genres were organized. An interactive meeting with authors and publishers was thus an excellent opportunity to learn about the publishing world.

February 9 was completely booked for acquiring book purchases. They got one original copy of the Indian Constitution and quite a number of academic books for the college library. They also gone through the shelf of literature from Sahitya Akademi, Kolonge International, Upkar Publications, Prakash Books, and Atlantic Publishers as well as the other Indian and international publishers. They had information regarding academic reference books, guides to competitive examinations, and rare pieces of literature

The updated technology, science, business management, and social sciences literature they came across will be very beneficial for the students. The library's access to e-books and digital resources was also evaluated to encourage online reading habits among students.

World Book Fair was an important place to promote a culture of reading, where books were sold. It provided a good view of the new trends in education, the emerging authors were made known, and reading culture was strengthened. Such literary fairs are believed to encourage students to cultivate a greater interest in reading and knowledge accumulation.

Various workshops and discussion sessions also took place for the promotion of the reading culture. There were discussions on the future of digital publishing and its impact on the management of a library.

Shubham Masurkar thanked the college administration and the president of the institution for making the trip possible. He hopes that this is the beginning of the participation of many more students in book fairs to come. Such enlightening events help boost the reading culture and evoke in students a passion for learning throughout life.

Space Management in Libraries

Rajesha H T, Assistant Manager -

Library, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore,

In our country, India, many librarians, under the guise of renovation, are actually causing harm to the spaces meant for reading and learning. Instead of enhancing the environment, these changes often result in distractions for readers. For example, the replacement of 7-foot shelves with 3-foot colorful racks reduces the available space for books, leading to overcrowding and a lack of proper storage. Additionally, the use of brightly colored walls and colorful furniture, which may seem appealing at first glance, often creates visual distractions that hinder concentration and focus. This not only limits the library's capacity to hold more books but also reduces the reading area, making it uncomfortable for visitors.

We should take inspiration from the Göttingen University Library, which exemplifies thoughtful interior design that enhances the reading experience. The library avoids flashy, colorful walls and furniture, opting instead for a calm, minimalist aesthetic. The interior features proper high book racks, strategically placed reading areas next to the shelves for easy access to resources, and personalized reading spaces designed for individual comfort. Each reader's space is equipped with its own reading light, allowing for focused illumination without causing eye strain. Ample natural light floods the library, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere that fosters concentration.

Such design choices create an environment that promotes focus, comfort, and a genuine love for reading. As librarians, we should advocate for renovations that prioritize the needs of readers, focusing on creating serene, organized, and reader-friendly interiors. My message to the librarians who is damaging/damaged the libraries, Please don't damage the library and don't waste government funds/ hard earned money of the institute. It's not your property.



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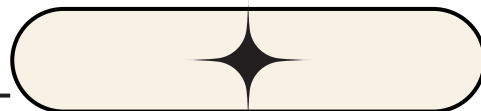
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