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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 April to 25th May) 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.

Homage and Condolence Resolution

At the outset of the first meeting of the ILA-COUNCIL for the term 2025–2028, the House solemnly paid homage to the innocent victims of the tragic terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The members expressed deep sorrow and condemned the senseless act of violence that claimed innocent lives and disturbed the peace of the region. The Executive Committee extended its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for peace and healing for all those affected.

The House also expressed profound grief on the sad demise of Shri Rahees Qumar, a distinguished personality in the field of Library and Information Science from Ajmer, Rajasthan. Shri Qumar's contribution to the profession and his role in nurturing generations of LIS professionals was remembered with great respect. His passing is a significant loss to the LIS community. The Committee also extended its deep condolences to Dr. Qumar Abbas, Executive Committee Member of ILA and son of the departed soul, and to the entire bereaved family.

As a mark of respect and in remembrance of the departed souls, the House observed two minutes of silence.

Events organized

Two-Day National Workshop on Setting Up Manuscript Repositories and Indic Libraries







In collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Indic Studies, the Central Library successfully organized a Two-Day National Workshop on Setting Up Manuscript Repositories and Indic Libraries on April 3–4, 2025. The workshop aimed to provide practical insights into the preservation, conservation, digitisation, and legal aspects of manuscripts and Indic collections aligned with India's rich cultural heritage. The workshop received enthusiastic participation from 60 delegates, including faculty members, librarians, researchers, and professionals from across Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

The inaugural ceremony of the workshop began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the Alliance University anthem and a soulful invocation song rendered by Dr. Sruthy Chandrasekhar, setting a traditional and serene ambience for the event. Dr. S. Rajendu, Director, Centre of Excellence in Indic Studies (COE-IKS), welcomed the gathering and set the context for the workshop. Mrs. Surekha Shetty, Registrar General, addressed the audience and extended her best wishes for the grand success of the workshop. This was followed by the inaugural address delivered by Dr. K. A. Venkatesh, Professor and Registrar (Examination & Evaluation), Alliance University, who emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting traditional knowledge systems.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, Dr. A. Umamaheswara Sastri, Former Epigraphist, State Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Andhra Pradesh, who addressed the participants and shared valuable insights into the preservation and study of ancient manuscripts. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Prakash I. N, Librarian, Alliance University, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and organizing members for their presence and support.

The two-day workshop featured 10 technical sessions, covering a diverse range of topics including: Digital knowledge resources for manuscript repositories, Preservation and conservation of Indic manuscripts, Legal and copyright issues in digitization, Practical demonstrations of palm leaf manuscript handling, AI tools for manuscript research and Strategies for setting up digital manuscript libraries

Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur, IGNCA, New Delhi, Dr. Achal Pandya, IGNCA, New Delhi, Dr. Anirban Dash, National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi, Dr. Hindurao S. Waydande, SVU Mumbai, Prof. Muttayya Koganuramath, Basava International Information Centre, Bangalore, Dr. T. Ramakrishna, NLSIU, Bangalore, Prof. Gautam Jantakal, Numismatics Consultant, Bangalore, Mr. Ashok Domlur, e-Sahithya, Bangalore, Dr. V. Vivek, Dr. S. Rajendu and Dr. Prakash I. N, from Alliance University, Bangalore delivered invited lectures.



One of the main attractions of the workshop was the exhibition of rare collections, which included, ancient coins, Palm Leaf Manuscripts. This exhibition offered participants a rare glimpse into India's documentary heritage and attracted widespread appreciation. Additionally, in a unique and culturally significant gesture, each participant received a workshop certificate printed on a palm leaf, which added a symbolic and memorable touch to the event. The workshop concluded with a valedictory session on April 4th at 3:30 PM. The session was graced by Honourable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Priestly Shan and Dr. Athira B Kaimal, Associate Director, RAISE, Alliance University.

National Conference on Modern Library Technologies and Services (NCMLTS-2025)





The National Conference on Modern Library Technologies and Services (NCMLTS-2025) was successfully held on March 28 and 29, 2025, at the MAHE Bengaluru Campus. Distinguished Guest Dr. Alok Kumar Shrivastava, ISRO, Outstanding Scientist & Associate Director (Rtd.); Chief Guest Prof. Madhu Veeraraghavan, Pro-Vice Chancellor, MAHE Bengaluru, and Guest of Honor Prof. Arindam Das, Director, SMI; inaugurated the successful event. Ten invited talks, ten technical sessions, and ten product presentations took place during the course of the two-day conference.

All the practical aspects and implementation of ICT in libraries thanks to Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi's keynote talk on "Next Generation Libraries: Opportunities and Possibilities." With further comments and questions, attendees engaged in a lengthy discussion of the first invited talk by Prof. Santosh K.V. on "Open Access and Transformative Agreement."

Dr. Nagappa Bakkannanavar's presentation on the "Role of Librarians in Knowledge Management" focused on corporate library activities. The lecture on "Sustainable Library Services in Academic Libraries" led by Prof. Dr. Prahalad G. Tadasad offered guidance for the future and highlighted the critical role libraries can play in accomplishing the SDGs. Vikram Sridhar gave a Performance Storyteller to close up the first day of the conference, which was followed by dinner. Dr. Umesh Reddy, Librarian IISc, led a session titled "Hybrid Libraries: Striking a Balance Between Print and Digital Resources" to kick off the second conference session. Dr. Bhojaraju Gunjal from IITH then gave another invited session titled "Designing Innovative Library Spaces: Enhancing User Engagement and Collaboration in Libraries." A seminar on "Enhancing Information Retrieval: From Storage Databases to Al Based retrieval systems" was led by renowned KUD professor Prof. Gururaj Hadagali. Dr. Ranjan Sinha Thakur, Chief Librarian of BITS Pilani, led another crucial session on "Navigating the Future: Evolving Technologies Shaping Libraries."

IIM Kozhikode librarian Dr. Appasaheb Naikal's talked on, "Boosting Library User Engagement: Strategies for Lasting Connections," has this information. "Global Research Trends in Evidence-Based Librarianship" was the topic of discussion for Dr. Santosh Hulagabali, University Librarian at Central University of Haryana. Last but not least, Dr. Suresh Jange's presentation on the "Role of Libraries in rankings/accreditation" was highly beneficial and taught attendees about the criteria to be targeted and more general features of the institute ranking process. The technical sessions that followed each of these ten invited speakers were chaired, co-chaired, and reported by renowned LIS specialists, who also assessed the presentations given by the conference's professionals, researchers, and students. As many as 64 articles were presented, accounting for 94% of the accepted papers.

Prof.Raghavendra Prabhu P, Deputy Registrar, MAHE BLR was the Guest of honor; Dr. Suresh Balutagi, from IISc, was the conference director and Dr. Rajendra Babu H., Assistant professor, DOSR, LIS, Tumkur University was the rapporteur general for the NCMLTS-2025. Dr.Ishappa Bandi, Chief Librarian, MAHE Bengaluru, was the Organizing Chairperson; Dr. Harish H.T. and Dr.Thippeswamy were the Convenors of this conference. Mr.Sameer Laxmeshwar, Chitra Singh, Nithya, Sanjay, Lakshmidevi, Srinandan, Puneet, Venela, were part of the organizing team. The Research scholars Srilakshmi, Manjula K, Parmeshwar, Mahesh, Jasna were actively conducted few of the technical sessions. The whole team of the library and research scholars of DLIS, Bengaluru, put in wonderful teamwork and made NCMLTS-2025 a huge success. We thank all participants, paper presenters, invited speakers, guests, sponsors, teachers, and researchers who made this conference so special.

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Two-Day National Workshop on Setting Up Manuscript Repositories and Indic Libraries



The Department of Library at S.S.N. Arts & Commerce College, Hukkeri, successfully organized a one-day special lecture on "Using N-LIST (INFLIBNET) to Encourage Research and Innovation". The event, held on 10-03-2025 aimed to equip faculty members and students with the necessary tools and knowledge to enhance their research capabilities through the INFLIBNET platform.

The session featured Dr.Praveen Hulloli, as the Chief Guest and Resource Person. Dr. Hulloli delivered an insightful presentation focusing on the significance of effective scientific communication and the crucial role of research papers in academic advancement.

He provided a comprehensive overview of the INFLIBNET platform, highlighting its various facets, including E-Consortium, Open Access resources, Projects & Services, Vidwan, and the N-LIST program. Dr. Praveen Hulloli practical demonstrations and explanations of the INFLIBNET platform's applications were met with enthusiastic participation from the faculty and students of the college. Participants gained valuable insights into leveraging these resources to boost their research and innovation endeavors.

Visit to College library by Honorable Vice Chancellor





Honourable Vice Chancellor of Kuvempu University, Shakaraghatta, Karnataka, visited the library of an affiliated college – Government First Grade College, Hole Honnur and expressed satisfaction over the facilities and services provided in the library.

18-Hour Reading Abhiyan at J. Watumull Sadhubella Girls College, Ulhasnagar





In commemoration of the 134th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti, and as a part of the 'Samajik Samata Parv Abhiyan', J. Watumull Sadhubella Girls College, Ulhasnagar organized an inspiring 18-Hour Reading Abhiyan on 12th April 2025. This thoughtful initiative aimed at promoting the values of social justice, equality, and education for all. The event witnessed the active participation of 150+ enthusiastic students along with all teaching and non-teaching staff, reflecting our institution's strong culture of lifelong learning and academic engagement. The program was conceptualized and coordinated by Dr. Dattatraya Kalbande, Librarian & IQAC Coordinator, under the visionary leadership of Dr. Vasant Pandit Mali, Principal.

One Day OLH & ORCID GPF 2024 Supported Workshop on Open Access Publishing



Gulbarga University Library, in collaboration with the Central Library, IIT Delhi, successfully organized a One Day OLH & ORCID GPF 2024 Supported Workshop on Open Access Publishing on 17th April 2025 at Manthana Hall, GUK Library. This academic event aimed to foster awareness and skills in the areas of open access publishing, researcher visibility through ORCID, and digital scholarly platforms. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, research scholars, library professionals, and postgraduate students. Dr. Suresh Jange, University Librarian, Gulbarga University presided over the function. Dr. Shankaragouda S. G., Assistant Librarian, Gulbarga University was the workshop coordinator.

Ms. Paula Clemente Vega, Marketing Officer, Open Library of Humanities (OLH), Birkbeck, UK delivered an insightful session on the global landscape of open access publishing, OLH initiatives, and ethical publishing models Dr. Mohit Garg, Principal Investigator, ORCID Project, IIT Delhi

presented an in-depth overview of ORCID and its integration into academic publishing. His live demonstration of the Janeway platform provided practical exposure to open access submission workflows and metadata management. Registered participants were provided with a workshop kit, certificate of participation, and refreshments. The event was open to faculty members, research scholars, independent researchers, and LIS professionals from affiliated institutions. The event concluded with interactive Q&A sessions, A QUIZ event and wide appreciation from attendees.

Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organised "National Webinar on Women Empowerment" to Commemorate the International Women's Day on 28th March 2025.





To commemorate International Women's Day, the Library Association of Bihar (LAB) organized a virtual National Webinar on "Empowerment of Women" on 28th March 2024, hosted on the Google Meet platform. The event aimed to highlight the importance of women's contributions across various sectors and promote gender equality.

The programme was initiated with the Welcome Address by Professor Manoj Kumar Sinha, the Hon,ble President, Library Association of Bihar and followed by the address by Dr. D. D. Lal, General Secretary, Library Association of Bihar who highlighted about the LAB and it's activities and also introduced briefly about the National Webinar.

The Library Association of Bihar (LAB) Invited the two esteemed resource persons:

1)Prof. Sonal Singh (Retd. Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Vikram University, Ujjain)

2)Ms. Poonam Bharti Gola (Librarian, AIMA, New Delhi & PhD Scholar, Gujarat University).

The session was moderated and anchored by Ms. Prameeta Sharma, Treasurer of LAB and she also offered a formal Vote of thanks.

Prof. Sonal Singh's lecture focused on the 'Viksit Bharat Movement', emphasizing the significant roles played by women from various sectors in shaping India's progress. Her session highlighted the transformative power of women's participation in nation-building efforts.

Ms. Poonam Bharti Gola shared her expertise on the 'Art of Presentation', providing valuable insights into creating impactful and engaging presentations. She discussed the key elements to make presentations more interactive, thus enhancing communication effectiveness.

A good number of participants, Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members have attended the Webinar. The interactive sessions sparked discussions and received positive feedback for their relevance and clarity.

This initiative by LAB was well-received, and participants lauded the association's efforts in organizing such an enlightening event to celebrate and empower women. The LAB authority congratulated to the all the participants for attending the above webinar.

One-Day VTU Consortium E-Resources at BLDEA's V.P. Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology, Vijayapur



BLDEA's V.P. Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology, Vijayapur, conducted a One-Day VTU Consortium E-Resources event for the academic year 2024-25. This event was sponsored by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, and co-sponsored by M/s Eduport Global, CBS, New Delhi, and was held on January 3, 2025. The Director of the Institute, Dr. V.G. Sangam, served as the chief guest for the program. He emphasized to the participants that VTU has taken a significant step by subscribing to various scientific databases, including Science Direct, Springer Nature, Emerald Insight, IEEE Xplore, EBSCO Engineering Suite, and many e-books aligned with the VTU syllabus. He encouraged the participants to utilize these e-resources effectively to enhance their academics and research efforts, noting that it would also help them stay updated with current knowledge and save valuable time when searching for literature in their fields. The organizers invited faculty members, research scholars, and library professionals from the host institution as well as nearby affiliated institutions to participate in the program. A total of 215 participants registered, with 195 actively engaging in the training sessions.

Dr. M.M. Bachalapur, the Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the sessions and concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

Faculty Development Programme on Advanced Practices and Emerging Technologies in the New Era Libraries, April 9 -11, 2025, Christ University, Bangalore



The Knowledge Centre at Christ University, Bangalore, hosted a three-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) from April 9–11, 2025, focused on "Advanced Practices and Emerging Technologies in the New Era Libraries." Attended by 55 librarians, research scholars, and library professionals, the FDP aimed to strengthen technical competencies, introduce cutting-edge library tools, address ethical AI concerns, and promote collaborative learning.

The inaugural session featured dignitaries, including Dr. Fr Jose C.C., Vice Chancellor, who delivered the presidential address highlighting digital transformation in libraries. Mr. Sree Kumar Nair outlined the programme's structure, while Dr. Nagappa B. from TCS delivered the keynote on leveraging AI, quantum computing, and big data to redefine the librarian's role. Dr. Fr Varghese K.J, Director, Library inspired participants to embrace innovation and purpose-driven librarianship.Day 1 included sessions by Dr. Jayapriya on AI tools such as Research Rabbit and Napkin AI for research and inclusivity, and Dr. Jayakanth from IISc on using DSpace-CRIS to build research-oriented digital ecosystems. Dr. Akhandanand Shukla explored libraries' roles in NAAC accreditation, and Mr. Sree Kumar Nair presented Christ University Library's journey into a digital model, followed by a guided library tour.

Day 2 began with Dr. Vijay Kumar Verma (IIT Delhi) explaining lifecycle management of e-resources using tools like CORAL and preservation systems like CLOCKSS. Dr. Suresh Jange (Gulbarga University) addressed NEP 2020's implications for libraries, and Dr. Vimal Kumar V (MG University) conducted a technical session on Koha installation and customisation. Dr. Fr John Neelankavil emphasised the importance of innovative library spaces integrating technology and natural elements.

Day 3 opened with sessions on the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) by Dr. B. Sutradhar (IIT, Kharagpur) and Mrs. Manali Sengupta, highlighting its integration with NEP and AI initiatives. Dr. Sridevi and Dr. Helen Joy led hands-on sessions on AI for library analytics, while Dr. S. Kumar Chandar explored Open Science and Generative AI. Dr. Fr Biju K.C. demonstrated AR/VR applications for enhanced library engagement.

The valedictory session, led by Dr. B. Ramesha (Bangalore University), underscored librarians' evolving roles amidst technological shifts. Mr. Nair closed the event with a vote of thanks, followed by certificate distribution, marking the programme's successful completion.

World Book and Copyright Day 2025

The Resource Centre (library) of Dhirubhai Ambani University (formerly DAIICT), Gandhinagar observed the World Book & Copyright Day (WBCD) on 23rd April 2025. As one of the initiatives to commemorate the day, Resource Centre organized 'Our Input Your Output' (OIYO) Challenge and invited participation of individual students, staff, students/staff in pairs or as a team of 4 to create a poster using Canva or power point or any other software with a condition that the participants should use the resources, namely magazines, journals, posters, books provided by the RC. The topics ranged from technology and digital life to mental health and wellbeing, social issues and activism, education and career, finance and lifestyle. Six teams including students and staff participated. This initiative was aimed at creating an awareness about the subscribed magazines, newspapers and the books by the Resource Centre and encourage the utility of the same.

Since the day also involves creating awareness about Copyright, a talk was arranged on the topic 'Intellectual Property Rights in the NEP 2020 Paradigm'. Prof Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay, Associate Professor at the School of Law, Dhirubhai Ambani University delivered the talk. Prof Upadhyay introduced the concept of IPR while explaining the intricacies of copyright in the NEP 2020 context. The talk was quite interactive as well as informative with citing of copyright infringement cases and remedies which helped the audience understand the nuances of copyrights in the academic purview. The library trainees also created informative posters on different types of IPR which were displayed at the Resource Centre.

The day also marks the death anniversary of William Shakespeare and to encourage the student community, the works of Shakespeare were displayed along with an activity of identifying the characters in his plays through the clues provided alongside the illustrations of the characters. Another activity involved guessing the names of the plays written by Shakespeare from the scenes displayed around the collection. The objective of these activities was to enable the students to connect with classics and borrow the works for their summer break.



A bibliography on the topics of Copyright, IPR and Innovation was shared with the community for creating awareness about the availability of the books in the Resource Centre. A quarterly newsletter from the Resource Centre covering the details of the collection, facilities and services of the months January to March was also released to mark the day.

Book launch on "Knowledge Management in Libraries of India"

The former Chairman of the Library Science Department at Osmania University and Tagore Fellow, Prof. Sudarshan Rao, has authored a book titled "Knowledge Management in Libraries of India." The book was launched at the Senate Hall of Osmania University by the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, Prof. Kumar. During the event, the Vice-Chancellor spoke highly of the book, stating that it would serve as a valuable reference for researchers. He emphasized that current researchers should aim to produce high-quality and intellectual works. He also mentioned that this book will serve as a reference not only for Library Science but also for other fields. He praised Prof. Sudarshan Rao's continued contribution to research, even after his retirement, and expressed hope that future works of similar caliber would continue to emerge from his pen.

The review of the book was presented by Prof. Aluwala Ravi, Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda. He highlighted the well-structured chapters, excellent review of literature, analytical methods, and reference techniques in the book. He pointed out that the book provides meaningful insights for researchers and explained that it would be an essential resource for anyone involved in research.

Another key speaker at the event, Dr. Riyaz, Chairman of the Library Council of Telangana, discussed the significant contribution of ancient universities in India, which have historically been the source of knowledge and have greatly facilitated research. He mentioned that Osmania University holds a prominent place among such institutions. Dr. Riyaz further stated that the book by Sudarshan Rao is a great boon for researchers and that it has gained national-level recognition. He encouraged researchers, postgraduate students, and faculty to read and refer to this book as it is an invaluable resource.

The event was presided over by Prof. Naresh Reddy, the Registrar of Osmania University. He emphasized the importance of the book, which is intellectually stimulating, and stated that researchers across the country should make it a reference. He also discussed how Knowledge Management is being disseminated in educational libraries across India and how it benefits researchers, faculty, and scientists.

The program saw participation from several distinguished guests, including Prof. Jitendra Nayak (OSD), Vice Chancellor of Osmania University, Prof. Lakshman Rao, Dr. Anjayya, Dr. Bharti, Dr. Radhika Rani, Vidyadhar Bhatt, Dr. Janardhan Reddy, Dr. Chakravarthy, Dr. Achalamunigal, Dr. Ramachandra, Dr. Narasimhamurthy, Dr. Munia Nayak, Dr. Venkateswarlu, Ravinder, Dr. Salamma, Dr. Buchchi Ramulu, Dr. Ramesh, researchers, students, family members, friends, and well-wishers of Prof. Sudarshan Rao.. The event was organized by Dr. Vivekavardhan, Head of the Department of Library Science, Osmania University, Dr. S. Yadgiri, Associate Professor, Osmania University, and Dr. Ravi Kumar Chegoni, Library Incharge at Government City College, Hyderabad.

Forthcoming events

Online International Conference On Contemporary Innovations in Library Information Services and Technologies

Online International Conference On Contemporary Innovations in Library Information Services and Technologies is organized by Library Professionals Foundation on May 10, 2025. The papers on the theme of the Conference, based on research or practical experience in the field may be submitted for presentation. Case studies will also be accepted. To encourage the spirit of Research, LPF presents different awards like: LPF Best Library Research Award, LPF Best Paper Presentation Award, and 10 LPF Awards

Artificial Intelligence, Bibliographic Control and Legal Matters: Navigating New Horizons, Astana, Kazakhstan

The IFLA Bibliography Section, the IFLA Information Technology Section and the IFLA Artificial Intelligence Special Interest Group invite to submit paper proposals to their IFLA WLIC 2025 joint Satellite Meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday 14th August (afternoon) and 15th August (full day) at the Astana IT University, Astana, Kazakhstan on Artificial Intelligence, Bibliographic Control and Legal Matters: Navigating New Horizons (Metadata, Collections, Copyright, Legal Deposit)

More information at: https://2025.ifla.org/bibliography-section-with-the-information-technology-section-and-the-ifla-artificial-intelligence-special-interest-group/

National Seminar on Shifting Paradigm of Public Libraries in Artificial Intelligence Era

National Seminar on Shifting Paradigm of Public Libraries in Artificial Intelligence Era is Organised by Department of Library and Information Sciences Sponsored By Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation Ministry of Culture, Government of India at Central University of Punjab on May 9, 2025.

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/rVap8psftbaP6bK18

News you can use

Translation of activity sheets

The Creative Librarians' Club, a division of the Association of Library and Information Professionals of the Czech Republic, has translated the latest issue of its activity sheets entitled Maly tvorivec (Little Craftkid) both to Ukrainian and English, so that they can be used as widely as possible.

The activity sheets in Ukrainian:

https://www.skipcr.cz/odborne-organy/kluby/klub-tvorivych-knihovniku/maly-tvorivec/jaro-2025-ukrajinsky

The activity sheets in English:

https://www.skipcr.cz/odborne-organy/kluby/klub-tvorivych-knihovniku/maly-tvorivec/jaro-2025-anglicky

A list of all issues published so far:

https://www.skipcr.cz/odborne-organy/kluby/klub-tvorivych-knihovniku/maly-tvorivec

They consist of quizzes, colouring pictures and other activities sparking creativity in preschool children and younger primary school children and can be used in libraries, schools and other organizations focusing on leisure activities for children, helping Ukrainian refugees etc.

OMICS PUBLISHING GROUP ACCUSED OF SEVERAL DECEPTIVE PRACTICES



- 1. False Peer Review Claims: OMICS claimed rigorous peer review, but many articles were published with little to no review.
- 2. Misleading Editorial Boards: They falsely claimed prominent academics were part of their editorial boards without consent.
- 3. Hidden Publication Fees: Fees were not disclosed until after article acceptance, and authors were often not allowed to withdraw their submissions.
- 4. Fake Impact Factors and Indexing: OMICS claimed high impact factors and indexing in databases like PubMed, which was not true.
- 5. Deceptive Conference Practices: They listed prominent researchers as conference participants without their consent

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ESTONIA OFFICIALLY INTRODUCES CHATGPT INTO EDUCATION SYSTEM

Starting September 1, 2025, 20,000 high school students and 3,000 teachers in Estonia will get free access to ChatGPT. Over time, all schools and colleges in the country will start using the bot as part of the AI Leap program. The AI assistants will help teachers with planning, administrative tasks, and student support. Students will get personalized AI-powered tutors. Students and teachers will have access to ChatGPT Edu, a special educational version of the bot based on GPT-40 with higher message limits than the free version. Students at Harvard, Oxford, London Business School, and many other top institutions already use this bot. However, Estonia is the first country in the world to introduce ChatGPT in education at the state level. The annual budget of the state program is 6.5 million euros.

According to OpenAI, every fourth resident in Estonia already uses ChatGPT. Estonians mainly use AI for studying, programming and working with texts. "The education system cannot ignore or ban new technologies. Instead, schools must lead technology implementation by providing a supportive framework," says Linnar Viik, co-founder of the AI Leap program.

FIRST NATIONWIDE "NIGHT OF LIBRARIES" IN GERMANY!

Over 1,800 large and small city libraries, island libraries, university libraries, bookmobiles, school libraries, patient libraries, special libraries, and a prison library participated in the first nationwide Night of the Libraries last Friday. Around 4,300 library events took place, including author readings, lectures, game nights for the whole family, workshops in maker-spaces, visits by opera singers from the Komische Oper Berlin, yoga and gaming workshops, stuffed animal sleepovers, and exciting library tours through the stacks.

Elke Büdenbender, the patron of the nationwide Night of Libraries and wife of the German Federal President, visited the America Memorial Library in Berlin on April 4 and learned about the library's activities. Volker Heller, Federal Chairman of the German Library Association (dbv), said: "The [...] Night was a complete success! We are absolutely thrilled that the night attracted such great interest, with over 250,000 visitors of all ages. On Friday, libraries across the country demonstrated that libraries are wonderful places for people – where we can meet, exchange ideas, learn together, and gather information."

Background: The Night of Libraries is an initiative of the German Library Association (dbv) and its 16 regional associations. It took place nationwide for the first time. The Night of Libraries, which will take place every two years, aims to draw nationwide attention to the diverse offerings and services offered by libraries and invite all citizens to rediscover their local libraries. The next nationwide Night of Libraries will take place on April 23, 2027.

For more information visit www.nachtderbibliotheken.de (mostly in German).

HOW INDIA'S FOOD SHORTAGE FILLED AMERICAN LIBRARIES

The 132-year-old University of Chicago houses more than 800,000 volumes related to South Asia, making it one of the world's premier collections for studies on the region. But how did such a treasure trove of South Asian literature end up there?

The answer lies in a programme called PL-480, a US initiative launched in 1954 under Public Law 480, also known as the Food for Peace, a hallmark of Cold War diplomacy.

Signed into law by President Dwight D Eisenhower, PL-480 allowed countries like India to buy US grain with local currency, easing their foreign exchange burden and reducing US surpluses. India was one of the largest recipients of this food aid, particularly during the 1950s and 1960s when it faced severe food shortages.

For more read: https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cevj80gld7do

Awards

Dr Rajesh Singh



Dr. Rajesh Singh, University Librarian, Delhi University Library System (DULS), has been awarded the ILA - Kaula Best Librarian Award 2024 for his remarkable contributions to the Library and Information Science (LIS) profession. Presented at the 70th All India Library Conference at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Raichur, the award recognizes his transformative work in modernizing academic libraries. Dr. Singh's initiatives—such as the DU E-Library platform, Information Literacy Program (ILP), and integration of advanced technologies like Koha and digital surveillance—have redefined library services at University of Delhi. His leadership in ICT-based training, research ethics, and content access has created impactful learning environments for students and researchers.

Beyond infrastructure, his efforts in large-scale recruitment and professional development have strengthened LIS human resources nationwide. With a prolific academic record and global representation, Dr. Singh's work sets a benchmark for innovation and service in the field. His recognition underscores the evolving role of librarianship in the digital age and its growing relevance in national academic and research ecosystems.

Prof Shilpi Verma



Professor Shilpi Verma, from the Department of Library and Information Science at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, was honored with the Best Teacher Award at a two-day national seminar organized at Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar. Professor Shilpi Verma has also received several other awards in the fields of teaching and research. Under her guidance, 13 Ph.D. and 11 M.Phil. scholars have successfully earned their degrees. She has authored nine books and published 99 journal papers. Additionally, she has organized 55 conferences and seminars. She has served in prestigious positions, including Chief Vigilance Officer, Deputy Director (IQAC), and other senior roles.

Dr. P. K. Suresh Kumar

Dr. P. K. Suresh Kumar, Former Deputy Librarian and Head of the IT Division, University of Kerala, has been honored with the Best Librarian Award by the Alumni Association of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala. This prestigious award recognizes his outstanding contributions to librarianship, scholarly research, and dedicated service to the profession. The award was presented by Shri. K. Jayakumar, IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala, at a special function held at the University Library Hall, Trivandrum, on 27th March 2025.



Prof. A.Y Asundi



Prof A Y Asundi Professor (Retd) DLISc, Bangalore Univeresity, Bengaluru has been awarded A G. Motivale Best Teacher Award by the IATLIS in its recently held National conference at TISS, Mumbai considering his contributions to LIS teaching and research for more than five decades.

Mr. Manjunath, S



Ph D Awarded

Mr. Manjunatha S Librarian Govt First Grade College for Women's, Hassan, Karnataka has been awarded Ph D in Library and Information Science, by Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Belagavi for his thesis "A study on ICT Competency and Attitude among Teaching Professionals working in Govt. First Grade Colleges affiliated to the University of Mysore under the guidance of Dr. Bachalapur, M M Librarian BLDEAs P G Halakatti's College of engineering and Technology, Vijayapura.

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Dr. Nirmala C Librarian Government First Grade College, HSR Layout Bengaluru has been placed in Academic Level 13A Under CAS



Obituary

Mr. S. K. A. Kazmi



Mr. S. K. A. Kazmi breathed his last recently. He has worked as a librarian in Government College Dholpur, Government College Pali, Government College Ajmer for more than 35 years. He was the Vice President of Rajasthan Library Association and worked for the development of libraries in Rajasthan. He has taught thousands of students of DLIS and BLIS of Kota Open University. He was also honored by the Indian Library Association (ILA) in 2023. Apart from this, he has also been honored by the Association of Senior Library Information Professionals (ASLIP). His remarkable personality, kindness, and contributions will be greatly missed.



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