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“I would like to express my gratitude to TLT team for considering me as a member of editorial board. It's my great pleasure to get the opportunity to work for the country's only weekly bulletin for professionals as well as with a group of nice people. Being a library professional, I always try to involve myself with professional activities and try to contribute for its development.”

Apu



“It was a pleasure chatting! I really appreciate your enthusiasm towards our beloved profession. Let's walk together!”

Zakir



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A. K. M. Nurul Alam Apu and Zakir Hossain are the new member of TLT Editorial Board!

We are very happy to welcome A. K. M. Nurul Alam Apu and Zakir Hossain to the Editorial Board here at The Librarian Times. They are joining us at an exciting time while TLT is in transition of volume two. We are hopeful that their fresh ideas, enthusiasms and dedications will be big asset of TLT. **Who are they?**

A.K.M. Nurul Alam familiar in his nick name Apu is a devoted library professionals in the country. He received his BA (Hons.) & MA in Information Science and Library Management from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. Mr. Alam started his career at UN Information Centre as Library and IT Assistant and currently working at Bangladesh Bank Library as the Deputy Director. He is involved with various voluntary works. He took part in various Information Literacy Training Programme for secondary level students and involved in professional development and consultancy activities.

Being a library professional, Mr. Alam is actively working with web programming as well as graphics designing and video editing. He is the developer of BALID membership management system, Periodicals Circulation System at Bangladesh Bank Library as well as the website of BALID and CIS,B. Mr. Alam received extensive training on RFID based library system (implementation, use and troubleshooting) from 3M Singapore (held in Bangladesh and Singapore) with practical experience. He is the localization contributor (Bangla) of Senayan Library Management System (SLiMS) – a popular web based library management system having digital library support. He is also the Country Coordinator of SLiMS Bangladesh. Mr Apu is a member of different professional associations includes Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) and Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB).



A. K. M. Nurul Alam Apu



Zakir Hossain

Zakir Hossain, an active and dedicated Library professional

Zakir Hossain, Teacher-Librarian, Researcher and an advocate of library based lifelong learning awarded his master's degree in Information Science and Library Management from the University of Dhaka with first class-first position. His research interests lie in the field of Lifelong Learning and Learning Society, Social media for PD; Blended School librarianship, Academic Honesty, NGO and Non-profit organization's involvement with libraries. Zakir is a Google certified Internet Search expert and has taken the term 'lifelong learner' personally, constantly pursuing ways to enhance his own learning through Social Media, MOOCs and PLN.

His awards and grants include, inaugural Diljit Singh Leadership Development grant 2017 (IASL), Takeshi Murofushi Research Award 2016 (IASL), the prestigious Anthony Thompson Award-2013 (CILIP,UK) and IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2013 – grants for ASEAN delegates. Zakir is a Mentor for Information and Digital Literacy MOOC offered by the University of Sydney on Coursera, Academic Member of Athens Institute for Education and Research and IFLA/IASL Joint Committee member for school library section.

Currently, Zakir is working at King Faisal School, Riyadh as a MS/HS Teacher-Librarian. Prior to KFS, he worked at EUROPEAN Int'l School Ho Chi Minh City, as a Teacher-Librarian and Diploma Program Extended Essay Coordinator; Manager of Library and Information Center at the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Training Center in Ho Chi Minh City, Singapore International School Vietnam, ULAB and SUB. Zakir is a progressive thinker and results-oriented person, who wants to effect change and development of education as a lifelong undertaking. Personally Zakir is a lover of Internet, travelling and biography books-a geek at heart! Anyone wants to contact with Zakir may reach him through his personal email amity.du@gmail.com and website.

Dr. Susmita Das attended the CODATA workshop on 'Open Data for Better Science'

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An international training workshop on “Open Data for Better Science” was held on 10-21 July 2017 in Beijing, China. The event was organized by CODATA (Committee on Data for Science and Technology). Dr Susmita Das, Senior Documentation Officer working at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Centre (BARC) attended this workshop with full grant support from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and CODATA. She was one of the 25 participants selected from various lower and middle-income countries such as India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, Sudan, Madagascar, Tanzania etc. “This was a great opportunity for me as a first-time attendee”, said Dr Susmita.

Seeds for Open Data movement in Bangladesh had started with the establishment of the open data portal, ‘Open Data Bangladesh’ which is being populated with the datasets from various ministries and departments. During the workshop, she presented a paper on ‘Open Data Bangladesh: Issues, Challenges & Success’ where she spoke the policy and portal of ‘Open Data Bangladesh’ and mentioned about the community of practice, Open Access Bangladesh and its advocacy plans. She also emphasized on the need for the establishment of Open Data Portal for National Agricultural Research System in Bangladesh which would help the researchers in understanding the research better and to formulate new development projects related to agriculture.

In this training workshop which was conducted as part of the mission of CODATA to “strengthen international science for the benefit of society by promoting improved scientific and technical data management and use” was imparted by the various subject matter specialists from CODATA and CAS. It had had sessions on building data science policies in the participating countries, use and application of various data tools for data mining and visualization for generating the meaningful information and generation of new knowledge.

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During the training, Dr. Susmita also attended an International Symposium entitled “Open Data and Innovation: Vision and Practice”. The symposium was focused to explore new practical ways to open, share, and reuse data for building a community of interest in DATA and data intelligence. Dr. Susmita Das envision organizing such workshop in Bangladesh in near future for building an Open Data Portal for National Agricultural Research System in Bangladesh.



LAB's 100th batch of Certificate Course in Library and Information Science celebrated!

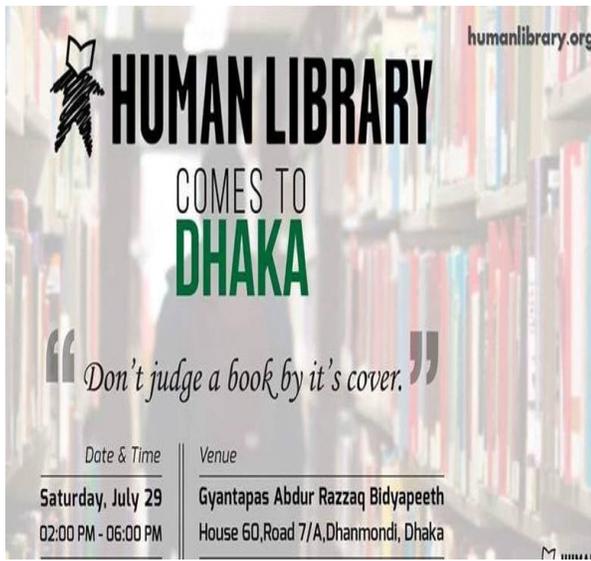
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The celebration of 100th batch of certificate course of Library and Information Science held on 25 July 2017 at Begum Sufia Kamal National Public Library Auditorium, Dhaka organized by Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB). Current students, alumni, library professionals and guests were present at the event. The program was presided over by Professor Dr. Nasir Uddin Munshi, President of LAB. The function was started by a welcoming address from Md. Ahiduzzaman Liton, Joint Secretary General of LAB.

Prof. Dr Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam, Chairman, Dept. of Information Science and Library Management of University of Dhaka & member of LAB Academic Council of Certificate Course, Dr M. Mizanur Rahman, Secretary General of LAB, three Vice Presidents of LAB, Treasurer A D M Ali Ahmed, Organizing Secretary Humayun Kabir Tutul, Research and Publication Secretary Hamidur Rahman Tusar, and other LAB Counselors delivered their speech on the occasion. A number of alumni of certificate course shared their memories and current students expressed their feelings with the audience. The program came to an end with cultural function.

'Human Library Dhaka' has been organized at Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Bidyapeeth



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For the book lovers, an interesting event for the first time has been held on July 29, 2017 at Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Bidyapeeth by Human Library Dhaka under the theme of: "Don't judge a book by its cover". The idea was taken originally from the 'Human Library Organization' founded by a Dutch national Ronni Abergel.

The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers. It is based on the idea of conventional library but here humans are 'books' and volunteers are 'librarians' who help 'readers' to find their desired 'books'. It is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. People from different walks of life were presented as 'books'. The readers were given a list of books and they will choose one book to borrow for a period of 25 minutes. They were engaged in an interactive, one-to-one conversation where the book narrated his/her experiences and the reader(s) tried to understand the book better by asking questions. Five young university students- Mushfiqz-zamzn Khan, Rafsanul Hoque, Upoma Rashid, Rifa Tasfia Khan and Ash-rafuzzaman launched the platform in Dhaka.

DG, Ministry of Education met the activists' librarians' representatives

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A group of library professionals led by Dr. M. Mostafizur Rahman, Chairman, BALID and Head of Information Science and Library Management Department, Royal University met the MoE Director General Prof. Ahiduzzaman on July 25, 2017 at his secretariat office. Dr. Mostafizur and his alliance presented the demands and current concerns of School, College and Madrasha librarians of Bangladesh and how the MoE acts to solve the issues. Honorable DG listened to the representatives and ensured that he will do as best as he can to resolve the issues. Mr. Shyama Prashad Bapery, Project Director and Joint Secretary of MoE cordially welcomed the library professionals and offered every support from his end. Mr. Syed Ali Akbar, President, Dhaka University Officers Association, Syed Mahfuz Ahmed, Divisional Counselor, LAB were in the meeting.

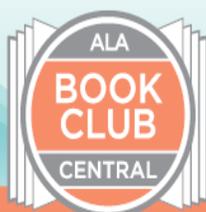
Orientation programme held for Dr. Mizanur Rahman Professional College

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Orientation ceremony for Diploma in Library and Information Science (2nd batch) of Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman Professional College was held on July 16, 2017 at its Adabor-Dhaka campus. A total of 196 students have already been enrolled for the 2nd batch. Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, Mizanur Rahman Shikkha Trust, Prof. Mohammad Moqbul Hussain Bhuiyan, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka, Mr. Ahiduzzaman Liton, Joint Secretary General, LAB, faculty members and students were presented on that occasion. The College is an accredited institution of National University, Bangladesh (NUB) and students' award certificates from NUB. Remarkably, 74 students from the first batch already been graduated in 2017.

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'A unique gift': National Archives hands back priceless Japanese records

Thousands of historic Japanese commercial records seized during World War II have been returned to Tokyo as part of a significant cultural milestone from the National Archives of Australia. The largest move of its kind from Australia, the gift will see more than 3300 archival boxes of business documents, journals, posters, catalogues, meeting minutes, shipping records and even some personal photographs returned to Japan.

For more: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/a-unique-gift-national-archives-hands-back-priceless-japanese-records-20170720-gxexwf.html>



Friday panel: What is the future for books? Are the paper pages dead?

This Are books dead? That is the topic of this week's Friday on my Mind panel with ABC Radio Canberra Breakfast host Dan Bouchier. The discussion panel includes the owner of Canty's Second Hand Bookshop Luke Canty, former bookstore owner and ACT publishing consultant Suzanne Kiraly and Canberra librarian Sarah Steed.

For listening: <http://www.abc.net.au/radio/canberra/programs/breakfast/friday-panel-on-the-topic-are-books-dead/8731010>



The first library in the world to display work by Banksy by Caele Pemberton, courtesy of Kokomo Tribune

The Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (IN) will become what is thought to be the first library in the world to host a piece of art by the street artist Banksy. The well-known, stealthy Banksy has created coveted political and social commentary street art around the world. The KHCPL will display a piece Banksy created in San Francisco on the side of a bed and breakfast, titled “Haight Street Rat.” The piece features a rat sporting a cap reminiscent of Che Guevara, the late Argentine Marxist military leader. The rat is holding a marker next to a drawn red line, and the other end of the line reads “This is Where I Draw the Line.” The piece that will be on display does not include the phrase.

For details: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/first-library-world-display-work-banksy>

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84th World Library and Information Congress will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 24 - 30 August 2018. 84th IFLA WLIC is jointly organized by IFLA, Librarians Association of Malaysia and National Library of Malaysia and supported by Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia and MyCEB under theme of: "Transform Libraries, Transform Societies" with the additional tagline: 'Reaching out to the hard to reach'.

If you are interested, see more at: <https://2018.ifla.org/>



Göteborg Book Fair's International Rights Centre (IRC) is a hub for agents and companies from across Europe. This is the largest market place for Nordic literature where, at the same time, companies and agents from numerous countries sell rights to the Nordic market. For more: <https://bokmassan.se/eng/>

FREE online course on Media and Information Literacy from UNESCO!



The open access course is developed by UNESCO and Athabasca University Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue (MILID) Course, in partnership with the International Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue University Network.

The course is open to anyone who wishes to sign in. There are 10 units addressing such concepts as media and information literacy, intercultural dialogue, freedom of expression, the multiple roles of media and advertising in contemporary life, gender representation and stereotyping in the media, challenges and opportunities for youth, and ways of engaging with new technologies for social change. If you wish to receive a certificate for taking this course, you need to achieve a grade of at least 65% overall.

For registration, visit <http://elab.lms.athabascau.ca/>

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