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Professor KM Saiful Islam is now at rest. We mourn his passing but we are grateful for his contribution to the Library and Information Science profession in Bangladesh and Worldwide.

Our condolences to his Family upon the passing of our legendary Teacher .

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Special Feature

On Professor K. M. Saiful Islam

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Professor KM Saiful Islam department of Information Science and Library Management of Dhaka University (DU) died of a cardiac arrest at his residence on 31st July 2017 at the age of 68. To honor the memory of our legendary teacher TLT is happy to publish a special feature on his life and professional career.

Education and academic career:

Professor Dr. KM Saiful Islam passed matriculation examination from Zikirganj High School in 1957 and passed IA from MM College in Jessore in 1959.

He joined at DU Information Science and Library Management Department as lecturer on July 1, 1975 and went to retirement as professor on June 29, 2009. He was promoted as an Assistant Professor on 12th December, 1978, Associate Professor on 17th April, 1988 and Professor on 21 July 1993. Professor Dr. KM Saiful Islam was the chairman of the department since 1988 to 1990.

Before joining to University of Dhaka Dr Islam obtained BA degree from Dhaka College in 1961 and MA degree in Library Science from University of Karachi, Pakistan in 1963. He studied and worked in Great Britain with Scholarship for completing his PhD thesis. Later he pursued post-doctoral research project on 'public library systems and services' in Great Britain and on comparative studies in automation system in Malaysia with scholarship administered by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Professional Career:

- a. Librarian, ICDDR,B, Dhaka, 1972-75
- b. Incharge, Bengali Section / Catalogue librarian/ Classifier, Karachi University Library [Pakistan], 1966-71
- c. Head, Reference [Editorial] *Morning News* [Karachi], 1963-65
- d. General Secretary, Karachi University Professional Librarians' Association (KUPLA), 1967-71
- e. Member, Editorial Board, and Reviewer, *Dhaka University Studies*, 1995-97
- f. Reviewer, *Arts Faculty Journal*, DU
- g. Editor, *Bangladesh Library Science Newsbulletin*, Dept of Library & Information Science, DU, 1975-77
- h. Editor, *Pakistan Library Review* (PLR). q. 1970-71
- i. As Course Director completed an Internship programme sponsored by Asia Foundation in 1988 to organize the collections of government college libraries in Dhaka
- j. Karachi Correspondent, *Holiday* [Dhaka] ; *Sonar Desh* [Rajshahi], 1965-71; Free-lancer in most newspapers of Pakistan; and in leading popular newspapers of Bangladesh: mostly wrote on economic disparity, language movement, cultural affairs, current political movement, history of liberation war, current socio-political violence, crimes and corruption.

Special feature On Professor K. M. Saiful Islam

Research and fellowship:

His PhD thesis entitled “A Code for Cataloguing and Indexing Bangladeshi Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist Name” has been a great, original contribution to solve outstanding, burning problems of the treatment of Bangladeshi oriental names in the libraries of Bangladesh. He gained international recognition in contributing the ‘Bangladesh’ chapter in the international cataloguing manual: “IFLA’s Names of Persons: National Usage for Entry in Catalogues” published by K. G. Saur from Munchen, New Providence, London and Paris in 1996 (briefly called IFLA UBCIM’ 96) which is used and taught throughout the world.

He obtained several research and fellowship grants includes;

- a. Association of Commonwealth Universities fellowship to complete a post-doctoral project on Comparative studies in Library automation, University of Malaya, 1995
- b. British Council senior fellowship in Gt. Britain [1989] to complete a post-doctoral research project, *Public library systems and services in Great Britain and Bangladesh* [published]
- c. Charles Wallace Trust fellowship (1983) for research studies in Britain to complete remaining parts of Ph.D. thesis on the treatment of Bangladeshi names.
- d. Research grantship from University Grants Commission, Bangladesh [1976-80] to complete a research project on Cataloguing of Muslim names.



Professor Islam was also a Rabindra Sangeet singer at BTV. Besides his family and professional life he was very much interested in gardening, angling, hunting, fishing, photography, nature and animal world.

Books:

He wrote the following books:

Essentials of cataloguing and classification Dhaka: New Progati Prokashani, 2008. xxi, 265 p. ISBN 98470139-0000-9, Number building in Dewey decimal classification: 19th and 16th editions, a practical manual. Dhaka: Khan & Sons Publications, 1991. ix, 57 p. [Sponsored and funded by Asia Foundation, Dhaka], A Code for cataloguing and indexing Bangladeshi Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist names: a dissertation submitted in fulfilment of the degree of doctor of philosophy in library science. Dhaka: Pallab Publishers, World Agencies Limited, 1992. xix, 448 p. and Bibliography on nutrition in Bangladesh, 1947-1977. Dhaka: Bangladesh Medical Research Council, 1977. xx, 139 p. [Funded by UNICEF, Dhaka]

Professor Islam earned reputation for the university working as a prominent information science and library specialist in the international arena.

On July 31, 20017 the life of such a legendary person died of a cardiac arrest at his residence in Dhaka at the age of 68.

Memory

With Professor K. M. Saiful Islam

Sir K M Saiful Islam is a one of the best teacher in my life whom I learned a lot of librarianship. He gave my recommended letter for getting admission in Ph.D. My Ph.D. supervisor Prof. J. C Binwal remarked on that letter that Prof. Islam is an extraordinary knowledgeable person in our field. You should proud of him. I pray to Allah for his eternal peace.

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I owe to my father for my life and I owe to my teachers for my knowledge. Similarly I owe to Professor K. M. Saiful Islam sir for my LIS knowledge. One of the young teachers during my period S. M. Mannan informed us about K.M Saiful Islam's sincerity on timing when I admitted to the department. When he wrote something on Black board, we should follow and copy everything without asking any questions. He used anti-dust chalk to write, if we questioned him at the time of writing, he just voiced- no talk. After the copying of that writing we automatically understood the matter. He used a radio antenna as a stick to teach us writing. He was the only teacher, who used a leather stylist briefcase in the class.

He was a stylist person. He used to wear white dresses, white belt, white shoes, white tie, but his briefcase was only the cream colour. He was called white man sir!

He taught us cataloguing system, especially card catalogue preparation under the AACR-2 and ALA-49.

He also taught us on Cutter figure for author mark, from his old sheet. We memorised the system of using, if the starting of the entry bye... the figure will be...

We forgot the rules and we are now using LC's Shanbourn cutter figure automatically through the software.

We learnt MARC from him, but did not see at that time. We are using it now after a long time of learning. He

taught us online catalogue in 1992/1993. And we memorized the comparison of different type of cataloguing.

Now we are providing OPAC support to the patrons and to our tertiary users worldwide. Besides, he taught us cataloguing theory and practice and the special library as our specialization. His philosophy on money was, "Money is the secondary issue, but the willingness is the main to do well." I follow this motto.

I pray for the salvation of his soul, May Allah grants him Jannah (Ameen).

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DU introduces 'Shahid Ullah Gold Medal'

A new gold medal was introduced at Information Science and Library Management Department of Dhaka University (DU) after the name of its former principal lab instructor Md Shahid Ullah.

Wife of late Shahid Ullah, Hasina Akter on Monday handed over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to DU vice-chancellor professor AAMS Arefin Siddique at a function at his office on the campus for launching the gold medal titled 'Shahid Ullah Gold Medal', said a DU press release.

Arts Faculty dean professor Abu Md Delwar Hossain, Information Science and Library Management Department chairman professor Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam, professor of the department Saiful Islam, acting registrar of the university and family members of the donor were present, among others, at the function, the release added.

Out of the income of the donation, every year one meritorious student of DU Information Science and Library Management Department will be awarded 'Md Shahid Ullah Gold Medal' for securing the highest CGPA in MA final examination, the release also said.

Addressing the function, professor Arefin Siddique thanked the donor for funding to introduce the gold medal and hoped that the students would be highly benefited and encouraged by the award to carry out outstanding academic and research activities.

Late Md Shahid Ullah was born in 31 December, 1950 in Noakhali district and died on 2 November 2016 in the capital city.

Source: Prothom Alo

Digital, Youth and Employability: Role of a Modern Library

Through access to information and technology, modern libraries can play a crucial role in youth employability, participants discussed at the IID policy breakfast held in Dhaka on 26 July 2017.

Globally, library services have been transformed by Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Although, government's Vision 2021 Digital Bangladesh aims to convert libraries into digital libraries, the use of ICT in library services is yet to take off in Bangladesh. According to the findings of NextGen survey, 75 per cent of the youth agreed that there is lack in ICT education of the countries education system. In this context, IID, as the Policy Partner of the Libraries Unlimited programme, organised this policy breakfast in partnership with the British Council.

The policy breakfast on "Digital, Youth and Employability: Role of a Modern Library" focused on aspects of digitalisation in domains of a library space and also suggested that rural school libraries could be connected to the district level libraries to build a knowledge based society. The session also emphasised on responding to the needs of skills deficit of youth not in employment, education or training with a special focus on increasing opportunities for employability using ICT services as the knowledge hub of libraries.

The panelists included Zunaid Ahmed Palak MP, the Honourable State Minister for ICT Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology; Sir Ciarán Gearoid Devane, Chief Executive, British Council; Barbara Wickham, Director, British Council Bangladesh, among others. Syeed Ahamed, CEO of IID, facilitated the session.

Participants included representatives from government, political parties, library professionals, academics, CSO/ NGOs, development partners, among other relevant stakeholders.

Source: <http://iidbd.org/pb13lu/>





Workshop for faculty members on How to Access and Download e-Resources held at IIUC

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A workshop for faculty members on “How to Access and Download e-Resources” was held on 31 July 2017 in the Seminar Hall of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC). The workshop was organized in two sessions. Mr. Md. Jahangir Alam, Additional Librarian, IIUC was the facilitator and resource person of the workshop. Mr. Alam discussed on various aspects of e-Resources information literacy like concept, advantages, different formats, subscription model, consortiums for subscription of e-resources; available e-resources at IIUC, access to e-resources, open access online journals, free Access online journals, Bangladeshi online journals, Impact of online journals in Bangladesh, different search techniques and digital object identifier of e-Resources. He also focused on research related services of the IIUC Central Library.

Prof. Dr. Delawer Hossain, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Director of IQAC, IIUC chaired the sessions. Dr. Hossain emphasized on the use of e-resources for conducting research. He also emphasized on arranging this kind of workshop for the final semester students. A total of 210 faculty members from the different departments of the university took part in the workshop.



Reunion of ISLM, DU 10th Batch held at TSC

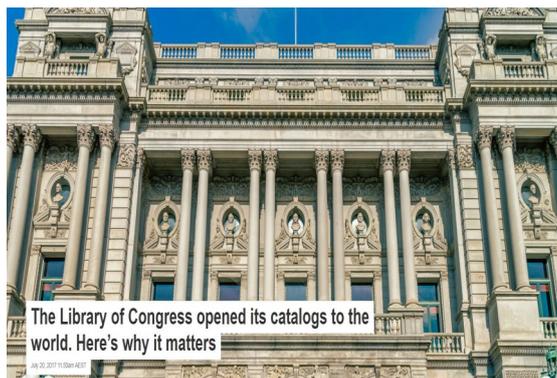
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The 10th batch (honors) of the department of information science and library management of the University of Dhaka, session 1996-97, celebrated 20 years togetherness on 29 July 2017 at TSC premise. This is the 7th get-together in the last 15 years arranged by the said batch. The 20-year celebration was a great day to meet all the beautiful minds in the same place where 20 years before they started their journey together. In spite of the terrible hot weather and mid-day thundershower, they managed time to share the event. It was not just a gathering, but also a reunion to meet the friends whom they admire as part of life.



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Mr. Nonigopal Roy has been promoted as Assistant Librarian at Central Library, University of Rajshahi. Initially he was appointed as a Junior Librarian at the same Organization. Prior to join at Central Library, University of Rajshahi, he worked as Assistant Librarian at Ayesha Abed Library, BRAC University and Deputy Librarian (Head of the Library) at Green University of Bangladesh. As a professional expert he has conducted several training on Machine Readable Cataloguing (MARC 21). Mr. Roy has obtained BSS (Hons.) and MSS in Information Science & Library Management from University of Rajshahi and PGD in Information Technology (IT), CSE from the same University.



The Library of Congress opened its catalogs to the world. Here's why it matter

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Imagine you wanted to find books or journal articles on a particular subject. Or find manuscripts by a particular author. Or locate serials, music or maps. You would use a library catalog that includes facts – like title, author, publication date, subject headings and genre.

That information and more is stored in the treasure trove of library catalogs.

More at: <https://theconversation.com/the-library-of-congress-opened-its-catalogs-to-the-world-heres-why-it-matters-78570>

Theme of 2017 International Open Access Week to be “Open in order to...”

Posted by Nick Shockey on April 24, 2017

In conjunction with this year's Open Access Week Advisory Committee, SPARC today announces the theme for this year's 10th International Open Access Week, to be held October 23-29, will be “Open in order to...”.

This year's theme is an invitation to answer the question of what concrete benefits can be realized by making scholarly outputs openly available. “Open in order to...” serves as a prompt to move beyond talking about openness in itself and focus on what openness enables—in an individual discipline, at a particular institution, or in a specific context; then to take action to realize these benefits.

More at <http://www.openaccessweek.org/profiles/blogs/2017-open-access-week-theme>



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Elsevier acquires bepress, a leading service provider used by academic institutions to showcase their research

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British Library digitising rare printed Bengali books

The British Library, which is leading an international partnership to digitise rare material from its South Asian printed book collection, has scanned 1,000 old and rare printed Bengali books

More: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/features/british-library-digitising-rare-printed-bengali-books/articleshow/59629121.cms>



14th International Conference on Digital Preservation / Kyoto, Japan / September 25 – 29, 2017

Kyoto University is delighted to announce that the 14th International Conference on Digital Preservation (iPRES) will take place from September 25th (Mon.) to 29th (Fri.), 2017 in Kyoto, Japan.

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More at <https://ipres2017.jp/cfp/>



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