**Workshop on e-Resources Information Literacy held at IIUC**

A workshop on “e-Resources Information Literacy” held on August 22, 2017 at the Seminar Hall of International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC). The workshop was organized by the Department of Science of Hadith and Islamic Studies (SHIS). Mr. Md. Jahangir Alam, Additional Librarian, IIUC was the resource person of the workshop. Mr. Alam discussed on various aspects of e-Resources information literacy like concept, advantages, different formats, subscription model, Consortium 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, sources of Arabic e-resources, and digital object identifier of e-Resources. He also talked about research related services of the IIUC Central Library.

Prof. Dr. Delawer Hossain, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Director of IQAC, IIUC was the chief guest in the workshop. Dr. Hossain emphasized on the use of e-resources for conducting research. Mr. Md. Solim Uddin, Assistant Professor & Chairman (in-charge), Department of SHIS, IIUC chaired the session. Besides, Dr. Mohammad Abul Kalam, Associate professor of the same department spoke in the inaugural session of the workshop. A total of 105 students took part in the workshop.

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**HUC workshop for Librarian and IT staff held at BUET**

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) through the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) organized a daylong training/workshop on August 23, 2017 at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). Institute of Water and Flood Management of BUET hoisted the event. The program was divided into two sessions of which the first session focused on how the consortium will promote and strengthen and the second session concentrated on technical issues. Various public and private university Library and IT professionals took part of the event while resource personnel were from China, Nepal and India. Prof. Dr. Saiful Islam, Honourable Vice-Chancellor of BUET was the chief guest of the closing session.
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The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is a regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge sharing centre, based in Kathmandu, Nepal serving the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush Himalayas – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan. The vision of the HUC is to contribute to enhanced collaboration among the universities of the region and to promote centres of excellence on key topics relevant to the region. The aim is to build a dynamic mountain knowledge partnership among universities, ICIMOD, and regional member country partners to promote research and learning. ICIMOD and universities will work together to strengthen capacity by developing joint research and knowledge management programs on contemporary topics and, in so doing, help ease some of the shortcomings that regional institutions may have in terms of capacity and funding. The HUC partners will be involved in developing and sharing new curricula. Key outcomes will include new curricula adopted and more students relevantly trained to meet the new mountain challenges of the future.

National Mourning Day observed at public libraries

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On the occasion of the national Mourning day and the 42nd death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the father of the nation, the Department of public libraries organized a drawing and recitation competition throughout the country. Children of different ages participated in the program. Photographs were received from Sylhet, Bogra, Cox bazar.
2017 Gale/LJ Library of the Year: Nashville Public Library, TN

Featured by Ratan

Library of the Year Award is an annual award honored by prestigious Library Journal (LJ) magazine in partnership with Gale Library to honor a role-model library from U.S. and Canada each year. This year the award goes to Tennessee’s Nashville Public Library (NPL) in the recognition to its profound service to the community; creativity and innovation in developing specific community programs.

Note: LJ is a trusted and respected publication covering the library field. Library Journal/Gale Library of the Year Award instituted in 1994, carries a cash prize of 10,000 us dollar. Main aim of the award is to encourage library community of the world.

The past

Nashville Public Library formerly known as Howard Library which started its journey in 1898. It was the first free circulating library in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1934, name changes to Nashville Public library. A 2016 study by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce calculated the value of NPL’s services and collections at $2,951 per Nashville family. Now a day’s NPL is a model for the United States of America and the world.

Branches

NPL has a main library along with 20 branches across the city Nashville. Each branch has its particular name, e.g. Goodlettsville Branch Library, Edmondson Pike Branch Library, Bellevue Branch Library, Thompson Lane Branch Library etc.

Collections

NPL maintains a collection of millions of items, including books, e-books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audio books, streaming and downloadable books, movies and music, archival and oral history collections, digital collections, Naff Collection etc. Among them Naff Collection is named after Ms. Lula Naff who was the manager of the Ryman Auditorium. The Naff Collection is an assortment of the Ryman’s program booklets, photographs, posters, advertising announcements, letters etc. Note: Ryman Auditorium is a live performance (music, concerts, and events) venue.

NPL’s digital collections include photographs, postcards, maps, manuscripts, oral history clips etc. NPL’s public computers are used nearly 800,000 times a year, in addition to its free Wi-Fi. The library has nearly 57 million into school collections. Its banner collection includes clipping files, photographs and microfilm. These clippings are categorized by biographical and subject filing. The Banner Photograph Collection includes a wide range of wire photographs and printed photographs that are available for research purposes. These collections donated by Irby Simpkins and Brownlee Currey who owned the daily Nashville Banner. The Civil Rights Collection contains various forms of information that pertain to Nashville’s involvement in the Civil Rights Movement during 1950s-1960s. CRC includes over 150 oral history interviews with participants in the movement as well as photographs, documents, periodicals, ephemera, records and manuscripts. Nearly 10,000 scholars, researchers and tourists visit the Civil Rights Room annually.
NPL’s broad engagement with the local school system is unique in the United States. The library has an early reading outreach program namely Bringing Books to Life (BBTL). The main purpose of this program is to elevate student third grade reading skills. Since 2003, BBTL has served 139,327 children, teachers and parents. In 2016 BBTL hosted 1,227 family workshops, teacher trainings, and story times at 152 locations in Nashville. Participants get supplies and tips for easy activities to incorporate reading, writing, talking, singing, and playing into their classrooms and homes.

NPL has a partnership with Metro Nashville Public Schools called Limitless Libraries. So far it is the most renowned educational effort of NPL. Limitless Libraries also transform school library environments into colorful, interactive learning hubs with multipurpose classrooms, reading nooks, and maker spaces. These efforts enable students to borrow hundreds of thousands of books, movies, and other items without leaving school. As a result, borrowing has increased at school libraries, and collection quality has improved since the program began. Limitless Libraries serves 3rd-12th grade students in Nashville. Its adult education efforts cover a wide variety of literacy topics. Lifelong learners visit NPL to learn how to read, read more, or read better. They come to use the library increase their health literacy, and gain financial skills too. More than 800 adult literacy classes and workshops were offered at NPL in 2016. Nearly 7,000 adults benefitted through these programs in that year. NPL hosts a yearly Adult Education Symposium where they present an annual Adult Educator of the Year Award.

Puppetmobile

Puppetry is a core part of storytelling at NPL, at home and on the road. In 1938, puppeteer and later NPL staffer Tom Tichenor introduced puppetry to NPL. He gave NPL 250 of his handmade marionettes. They now travel the city in the NPL Puppet Truck. Since 2003, the Puppet Truck has given performances for 300,347 children and adults.

Creativity zone

NPL engages local teens to help design their projects. More than 36,000 teens have used Studio NPL and participated in 3,550 workshops. They are encouraged to experience positive peer interaction along with build confidence, discover new interests, and read. Teen patrons learn how to record voice-overs for their films. They learn how to create podcasts and public service announcements and fabricate on 3D printers. They also study coding and creative writing.

Members and Staffs

NPL serves a community of nearly 700,000 residents of Nashville. The library has encouraged more than 3.3 million visits and answered nearly 300,000 questions over the last year. NPL has more than 350 staffs, plus 600 volunteers.

Ratan Kumer Das, Contributor
Courtesy: Library Journal, Nashville Public Library

Applications now being accepted for 2018 IFLA/OCLC Fellowship Program for librarians from developing countries

Fellows to be announced in January; Program to run from 17 March to 13 April 2018

The Fellowship Program, sponsored by IFLA and OCLC, is a four-week program based at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA, that provides education and professional development opportunities for early career librarians from countries with developing economies. The 2018 program will run from 17 March to 13 April 2018.

More details at http://www.oclc.org/en/about/awards.html

From Wroclaw to Munich to Chicago—how Polish materials are reflected in the world’s libraries

Brian Lavoie|21 August 2017

The international library community is gathered in Wroclaw, Poland, for the 2017 World Library and Information Congress. This ancient city by the River Oder will offer many attractions to the delegates, including the oldest zoo in Poland, historic Centennial Hall, and the more contemporary Multimedia Fountain. And, as many librarians will especially appreciate, Poland is home to some of the greatest authors and works in world literature.

A recently published story on NPR highlights an emerging trend in public libraries: Providing opportunities for older adults to exercise and have fun together at the library. The story "Xbox Bowling for Seniors?"
Details at: http://publiclibrariesonline.org/2017/08/senior-fitness-programs-at-the-library/

Indian Government asks universities to digitise books on national digital library
The Centre has asked all universities to digitise books and other study material in their libraries and forward them to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, for posting on the national digital library for students to access free of cost.
Full news: http://www.deccanherald.com/content/629779/govt-asks-varsities-digitise-books.html

Government moves to modernise copyright in Australia
Australia’s educators, cultural institutions, disability organisations and tech sector welcome the Government’s commitment to modernisation of our copyright system and to ensuring fairer access to content for Australians.

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A 3-day technology-focused conference for everyone who cares about libraries, archives, and other information services.
2017 LITA Forum Registration details: http://forum.lita.org/registrationtravel/

WORLD CONFERENCE ON ONLINE LEARNING
Teaching in a Digital Age — Re-thinking Teaching & Learning
Registration is now open for the World Conference on Online Learning: Teaching in a Digital Age – Re-Thinking Teaching & Learning from October 16 to 19, 2017 in Toronto, Canada.
Do a research related to LIS in South Asia and win $2000

Emerald is delighted to offer a research grant for a South Asian project in the field of library and information science research. The award will offer £2,000 to fund the winning research project. In addition to the research fund it is also hoped that the findings of the research can be published in one of Emerald’s many excellent library and information studies titles. Applications should address the dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of South Asia.

Eligibility

The main member of the research team must be of South Asian origin or be based in South Asia. For the purpose of this award, South Asian countries are defined as: India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives.

Key dates

Last date for Submissions: October 15, 2017.
Announcement of Winners: December 2017.
Details at http://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/research/awards/southasia_lis.htm

Impact of online coursework on college students

Get the full story about how online coursework affects student learning in higher education.
Online learning in higher education is here to stay, and the library—especially reference services—plays an important role. But what does the future look like and what’s the impact on college students?

Editorial

“The Librarian Times” Vol. 02, Issue 04 has been published today. TLT is a non-profit entity, an elfin effort and platform by a group of committed Bangladeshi youth! It’s a flagship that typifies the dreams of a dedicated young folk, the dream of uplifting the profession and professionals; the dreams of new service, innovation and research and much more.....! We all are utterly busy. Within this hectic life, these committed young folk’s sell their time and energy for free without any pre-calculation of loss and profit. I personally trust that the present tiny effort and services will then be the central sources of information to the next generation and the generation after. Each and every issue will be considered as an archive! To some extent, many of we are unknown and unable to trace the glorious history of our local LIS ancestors, professionals, researchers and enthusiastic teachers. It is in this premise the TLT was born and our commitment is to create a platform for our successors that encompasses national, regional and international highlighted events and information within a single venue. Please, come forward and share your important news and events in TLT and let us encourage others.

Editor