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A review and consultancy meeting on the progress of library automation and digitization activities

Apu | Dhaka | Nov 11, 2017



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A review and consultancy meeting on the progress of library automation and digitization activities by BANBEIS was held on 09 November 2017 at BANBEIS conference room. Stakeholders and library experts in the country joined at the programme. Mr. Minhaj Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Md. Hossam Haider Chowdhury, Dr. Nasiruddin Mitul, Dr. Shusmita Das, Tanjeba Shoma, Ms Farida Yeasmin and AKM Nurul Alam were present at the program as Library Expert in the meeting. Mr. Md. Fashiullah, Director, BANBEIS was the chief guest of the program. Sheikh Mohammed Alamgir, Specialist (Statistics) presented the overview on the activities of BANBEIS and Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Librarian

spoke on the overall scenario of their library automation and digitization program. Dr. Nasiruddin Mitul and Mr. Md. Hossam Haider Chowdhury opined that a prescribed form can be given to the stakeholders and type the bibliographic information on the word/excel file and the BANBEIS team can transfer them to their software. Mr. Chowdhury also told that a document once digitised is digitised forever. The participating libraries may not have internet connection or proper training, but they can use word or excel to type the bibliographic information. Mr. AKM Nurul Alam proposed Senayan Library Management System - SLiMS can be installed on BANBEIS server and every

institution can use this hosting facility to automate their library. He also addressed that SLiMS has very easy and user friendly interface and school and college librarians may easily adopt this software. Stakeholders told that due to server access problem and lack of follow-up, they couldn't continue the program. They requested BANBEIS to revive the activities and train-up them to handle the software. Director assured that after getting the status from all participating institutions, they will take necessary steps to continue the program actively. He also informed that a new server is going to be installed for library software.

Konok Monirul Islam is at Open Conference in Berlin

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Konok Monirul Islam, Librarian of Prime Minister's Office Bangladesh has honored to attend the Open Conference 2017 (OpenCon) in Berlin, Germany from

November 11-13. Mr. Islam is the Convener of Open Access Bangladesh, a platform for advocating open access and sharing success stories of open access movement in the world and Bangladesh.

The three-day program has begun on Saturday 11th of November with two days of keynotes, panels, and interactive workshops. This is the conference places an emphasis on highlighting diverse, early career voices, while complementing them with leading experts, such as Jimmy Wales (Co-founder of Wikipedia), Amy

Rosenbaum (Director of Legislative Affairs to US President Barack Obama), and Julia Reda (Member of the European Parliament). The third day will feature an all-day "do-a-thon," where participants will have the opportunity to craft new campaigns, lay the foundations for new resources, and form collaborations that will continue long after the November conference is over.

The TLT board sincerely hopes that Mr. Islam will share his conference experience once back to the country.

Alumni Guest Lecture at the Department of ISLM, DU

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First ever Alumni Guest Lecture was held at the department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka on October 31, 2017. Mr. Bijoy Basak, *ppm* Superintendent (SP) of Barguna District, Barisal Range, Bangladesh Police graced the session. The lecture started at the smart class room (Arts Building, Room# 1007) at 11:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm. Students from all current batches attended the session. Mr. Bijoy briefed detailed overview on his professional as well as personal activities at his duty station and the society. It was observed that, each and every attendee enjoyed the lecture.

Earlier, Mr. Bijoy was welcomed with flower bouquet by Professor Dr. Md. Saiful Islam, Convener, ISLM Career Counseling Club. Before starting the lecture, he visited dept.'s smart computer lab, seminar library & all class room of the dept. Professor Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam, *Ph.D.* Chairman of the dept. handed over a memento & Professor Dr. M Nasiruddin Munshi read the citation



Mr. Bijoy termed the lecture moments as 'I'm overwhelmed by the honor given me from the dept. & the citation is a lifetime achievement for me and I'm thankful to my beloved dept. specially, the Chairman Sir for the initiative & nice arrangement'.

before the audience and handed over the Crest to Mr. Bijoy Basak. In his speech, Dr. M Nasiruddin Munshi shared his pleasing memories with Bijoy, his outstanding achievements in career and flooded with tears of joy in his eyes. He mentioned, Mr. Bijoy is our pride and I'm proud of being a teacher of Bijoy. Prof. Munshi urges the students 'I hope you'll enlighten us being a student & proud alumnus of the dept. like Mr. Bijoy Basak.'

At the end of the program. Mr. Bijoy handed over his exclusive token of love & souvenir individually to all participants.

It can be mentioned that, this lecture is the first attempt after newly forming the ISLM Career Club and will continue the same in future.

Post-Reunion Gala Night at ISLM, DU

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A post-reunion gala night held at the department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka on November 1, 2017. It event was arranged to honor & recognize the great contributions of student volunteers, cultural performers, faculties and officials of the dept. to its Grand Successful **ISLM Reunion 2017** which was held at TSC in September 15 this year. The program started with watching the captured video of the Reunion-2017 program. Around 120 invited participants presented the occasion. Spouse and family members of

faculties also attended the gala night. Professor Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam, *Ph.D.*, Chairman & Convener of ISLM Reunion 2017 and Professor Dr. Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq, Member Secretary welcomed and thanked



everyone for their all-out contribution and support that made the event a grand success. The gala night ended with welcome dinner & distribution of gift

pack & kit-bag filled with souvenirs of reunion 2017 among the participants.



The Angriest Librarian Is Full of Hope

ALEX HALPERN, OCT 29, 2017

After his profanity-laced tweetstorm went viral last week, Portland student librarian Alex Halpern found himself speaking up for his embattled profession.

Full reading at: https://www.citylab.com/life/2017/10/the-angriest-librarian-is-full-of-hope/544310/?utm_source=twb?utm_source=twb



Human resources

The Human Library Organisation replaces pages with people

In an attempt to encourage empathy and understanding, “readers” can “check out” an individual to hear their story

Full reading at <https://www.economist.com/blogs/prospero/2017/11/human-resources>



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Libraries Support Education, Science and Culture: IFLA attends the UNESCO General Conference

The 39th session of the General Conference took place in Paris, on 30 October – 14 November. IFLA took an active part, attending meetings on UNESCO’s activities in the area of communication and information.

Full news at <https://www.ifla.org/node/16845>



From secret student archives to crusty old microfilm: Tales from the international ILL world

Stacy Brunner | 31 October 2017

Back in 1988, one of my OCLC colleagues worked at The Ohio State University Law Library as a work-study student. Recently, he told me a story about going deep into the basement to the compact storage units to retrieve an 1870s law book to photocopy some Ohio municipal codes for a library in Japan. He mailed the document to the library the next day using the US Postal Service.

Details: <http://www.oclc.org/blog/main/from-secret-student-archives-to-crusty-old-microfilm-tales-from-the-international-ill-world/>



Win € 2000 plus registration and travel to IFLA World Library and Information Congress 24-30 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/16742>



LILAC 2018

LIVERPOOL 4-6 APRIL 2018

LILAC is organised by CILIP's Information Literacy Group. The LILAC committee is made up of a team of information professionals from all aspects of library and information work who are dedicated to improving information literacy.

Details <http://www.lilacconference.com/about-lilac>

ACURIL 2018 Conference Call For Papers



June 3-7, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Open Access in Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions

Details: <http://libguides.uwi.edu/acurilconference2018>

Editorial Board

Library Association Bangladesh gears up for 2017 LAB election Who Will Lead the LAB?

Almost every country in the world has the professional organisation for library and information services sector. They provide the national voice of the profession in the development, promotion and delivery of quality library and information services, through leadership, advocacy and mutual support. Similarly the Library Association of Bangladesh was established to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services in the country. The LAB has been working for the librarianship profession in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all since its establishment in 1956.

Indication shows how much progress has been made in the library and information sector in the recent years. There were, of course, huge effort was given by our previous LAB leaders in Bangladesh. But there are still some burning issues left quite unfocused. The aim of today's editorial is to focus on these questions to draw an attention to the upcoming LAB leaders.

The Library Association Bangladesh is gearing up for its upcoming election. Polls will open at 8 a.m. and will be continuing till 3 p.m. on Friday, 29th December 2017. We are observing the campaign for the Association's elections is in full swing. Candidates are engaged to gain support from professional members and different councils zones for the elections scheduled to be held on December 29.

The elected members have a critical role to play in a world where challenges to intellectual freedom, equitable access to information, and informed citizenship seem greater than they have in decades. The candidates should make sure their commitment to further reform of the library professional portfolio based on organisations and individual educational qualification and experiences. Similarly they should clarify about their plans and policies to organise fund for librarianship research and innovation? What role they see for libraries in helping to deliver digital transformation? How they ensure that libraries are included in the nation's future literacy and learning strategies? How they can leverage government decision makers to endorse library industry as a critical element of the nation's knowledge infrastructure? How will they endorse the aspirational goal of a qualified library professional in every school and college? Is there any consideration on implementing a national database for libraries, archives and knowledge centre in near future?

They should have clear election manifesto in their campaign on organising international conference at least once a year and research seminar on regular basis for professional development.

Are they capable in influencing to existing institutions that teach LIS to modify academic curriculum for world class standard teaching and lifelong learning? The candidates should also declare whether they are considering introducing legislation that library professionals should have registration with professional body. (Akin to engineering, health and other professions requiring practitioner registration?). Are they considering a collaboration effort between other board like UGC for developing a national policy of library consortium in favour of resource sharing, purchasing, accessing resources? What are their plans about school/college/madrassa librarian's portfolio and their qualification? The candidates should have clear goal on what are their thinking on Open Access policy plan for Bangladesh and how they are going to promote this.

We know our infrastructure and resources are limited to think in taking consideration all these hitches to implement in Bangladesh. However, it's time to start thinking on these important issues and taking attention to the greater professional community during the election campaign. Good luck for both panels.

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