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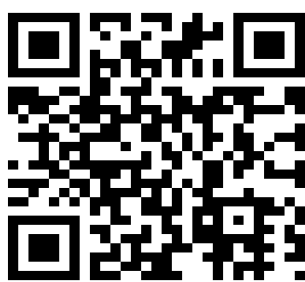


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Libraries' news –

Librarians' voice

TLT board is excited to announce a new member to The Librarian Times Team – Kelly Duong



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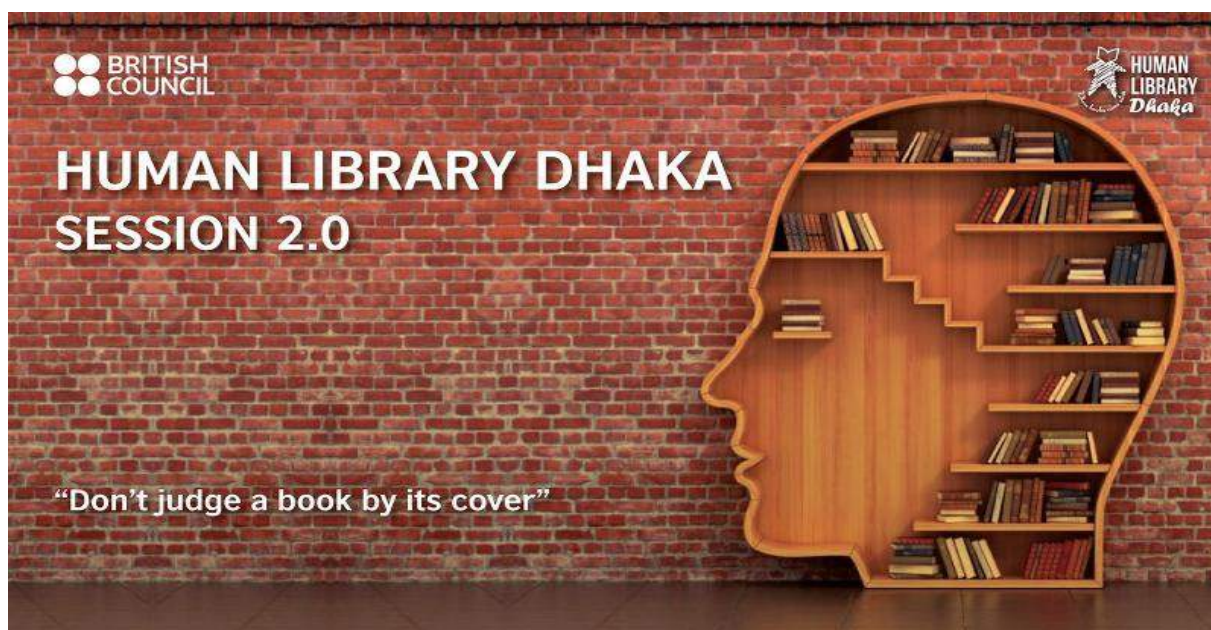
Human Library Dhaka Session held at British Council

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The British Council in collaboration with the Human Library Bangladesh organized Human Library Dhaka Session two between 11.00 to 5.00 pm on Friday December 15, 2017 at the British Council premise, Dhaka University Campus. The main theme of the event was to promote tolerance and empathy through connecting people from a different faiths, values and cultures.

A Human Library is a global initiative started from Copenhagen in 2000. It brings a diverse set of people together from different cultures, backgrounds, thoughts and beliefs here in our society to share their perspectives and thoughts; and allow the reader, to learn their life stories. The concept of Human Library is: a list of people available to be 'borrowed' and visitors are free to opt

out a person who interests them and sit with them to hear their story, or just talk about a particular topic.



How does the Human Library work?

Step 1: The books (humans) gather at the venue with librarians/volunteers accompanying them. Readers come to the library and register themselves in order to get a library card.

Step 2: Then the readers are directed to the book list (human list). From that list, readers choose a particular book by showing their library cards.

Step 3: Then librarians/volunteers take readers to their chosen book and they sit together for 20-25 minutes; their conversation free to flow where it wishes - the 'book'

shares their experience and answers reader questions.

Step 4: The librarians/volunteers keep track of the session time and update the available booklist. A book usually gets minimum 10-15 minutes break after a session. After that, the book is again available in the booklist.

Research seminar on ‘Incorporating Social Media into Library Services: Present Scenario’ held at East West University Library

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East West University Centre for Research and Training (EWUCRT) organized a seminar on ‘Incorporating Social Media into Library Services: Present Scenario at East West University Library’ at the EWU campus, Aftabnagar, Dhaka on 14 December 2017. The research paper was presented by Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor and Chairperson of Department of Information Science and Library Management, and

Acting Librarian of East West University Library (EWU). In her paper, Dr. Begum shed light on how social media can be used in tandem with the library software systems and resources for academic purposes by students and faculties alike.

Prof. Dr. Muhammed Shahriar Haque, Executive Director, EWUCRT was the discussant in the seminar. The seminar was conducted

by Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury, Board Member of Trustees at EWU and Chairperson of EWUCRT, Mrs. Razia Samad, Board Member of Trustees at EWU, Professor Dr. Fakrul Alam, Pro-Vice Chancellor at EWU, along with other faculty members of EWU, officials of EWUCRT and a number of students also attended the seminar.



The photograph was received from Naogaon district public library

Public Libraries celebrated 47th Victory Day of Bangladesh

Department of Public libraries under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Government People’s Republic of Bangladesh celebrated 47th Victory Day of Bangladesh. To mark the Victory Day, various activities such as art competition, essay writing, and book reading event was organized throughout the country. Children at different ages participated in the events from several schools.

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Child-friendly reading corners in 20 libraries nationwide completed

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The Beyond Access Bangladesh project has been completed, with child-friendly reading corners set up in 20 community and public libraries across 11 districts in Bangladesh. In addition to providing reading materials for children at various levels, the project also offered training to the partner library staff.

Honorable Minister of Cultural Affairs, Asaduzzaman Noor presented as chief guest at the 'Library for Literacy' workshop, part of the 'Beyond Access project'; implemented by Save the Children-USA. The presentation was held at the conference room of Central Public Library in the capital; Director General of Public Library Department Mr. Ashish Kumar Sarker presided over the workshop.

According to a press release, officials from the Department of Public Libraries, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and various other non-governmental and partner organizations gathered to celebrate the successful completion of the project at the Department of Public Libraries in Shahbagh, Dhaka, on December 5, 2017.

In his remark speech, the Minister said, "We are thinking of establishing the specialized libraries for children and adults and also working to make sure of their engagement in it. It is important to introduce such more initiatives to build children as a complete human being. Initiatives have already been taken to digitize and modernize the libraries of the country with the collaboration of the British Council."

"It is urgent to ensure the environment of cultural activities alongside the regular education to make their childhood enjoyable and secure their mental development. The government is also putting importance on the issue," he mentioned.

Inaugurating the workshop, Deputy Country Director of Save the Children-USA in Bangladesh, Dr. Ishtiaq Mannan said, "The libraries can play a special role to increase the interest in reading and developing children's learning skills. With this goal, the project has been implemented in 11 districts of the country with the assistance of AEXA and USAID Read Programs 2015.

At the same program, USAID Office of Population, Health, Nutrition, and Education Director Carol Vazquez said: "By leveraging the resources of USAID, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, IREX, and the Department of Public Libraries, along with the expertise of Save the Children-USA, this project has created a model library that makes reading outside of school accessible and fun for children so that they can learn to read."

Beyond Access Bangladesh selected 20 community and public libraries in 11 districts to make use of the country's existing libraries as spaces for children and their families to enjoy reading, and access more reading materials. The project provided reading materials for children at various levels, supplied multiple computer and tablets with literacy-focused computer games, and trained library staff to use interactive reading games and other methods to help children learn to read.

The Beyond Access Bangladesh project is a component of USAID's 5-year READ project, which works to improve the quality of literacy instruction in 2,949 Government Primary Schools throughout Bangladesh.

Muktijoddho Corner established at Khwaja Yunus Ali University (KYAU) Library

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Honourable Vice Chancellor of Khwaja Yunus Ali University (KYAU), Professor Dr. Hossain Reza inaugurated Muktijoddho (Fridoomfighter) Corner at KYAU Central Library on December 16, 2017. KYAU Central Library, established in 2012 is aiming to support instructional and research activity of the university.

Prof. M.A. Mannan, Dean of School of Business and the Convener of the Victory Day Celebration Committee, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Akhtar Ahmed, Dean of Bio-Medical Science, Prof. Abdul Gani Sarker from

Controller of examinations, Mr. Aminuzzaman Talukdar, Assistant Prof. and Head of Business Administration Department, Md. Humayon Kabir, Assistant Prof. and Head Department of Law, Ms. Rozifa Akhtar, Assistant Prof. and Head of Library and Information Science Department, & convener of Muktijoddho corner, Deputy Librarian Mr. Shahinur Rahman were present in the said inauguration ceremony to witness the remarkable event. The KYAU administration sincerely hopes that this corner will strengthen the library facilities and extend its services.



Dr. Jayanti Rani Basak has been promoted as Professor at Rajshahi University

Dr. Jayanti Rani Basak, Associate Professor of Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM) from University of Rajshahi (RU) has recently been promoted to Professor. Dr. Mohammed Khalid Alam, Chairman of ISLM, and fellow colleagues from the University greeted Prof. Basak with a flower bouquet at the Department Office.

On behalf of TLT editorial team, a huge congratulation to Prof. Basak on her promotion.

OIC team visited the IUT Library

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A high official team comprised of three members from the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation(OIC), Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (K.S.A) visited Islamic University of Technology(IUT) Library on December 19, 2017. Members were Mr. Mohamadou Oumarou, Mr. Mohamed Bouqentar and Mr. Mohamed Zghoul.

Dr. Mirza Mohammad Rezaul Islam, Librarian, Islamic University of Technology(IUT) welcomed the members to IUT Library. Dr.

Reza described the recent development of IUT Library including infrastructure, ICT applications, e-resources management and subscription status etc. Heads of the departments and offices of IUT and library staff members were there during the visit.

Here, it is mentioned that Islamic University of Technology (IUT) is an educational and research institution in Bangladesh runs and funded by the OIC. The main objective of IUT is to contribute to developing the

human resources of the member states of the OIC, particularly in the fields of engineering, technology and technical education. IUT receives the direct endowment from OIC member countries and offers scholarships to its students in the form of free tuition, boarding, lodging and medicare. The aesthetic campus was designed by Turkish architect Pamir Mehmet, an MIT graduate.



External Peer Reviewers visited BRAC University Ayesha Abed Library

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A team of External Peer Reviewers (EPR) visited Ayesha Abed Library on December 21, 2017, as part of the quality assurance process of EEE Department of BRAC University. The team members of EPR were Dr. Mohammed S. Alam, Professor and Dean at Texas A & M University- College of Engineering, Kingsville, TX, USA; an International IQAC Expert, Dr. Abdul Hasib Chowdhury, Professor of Dept. of EEE, BUET as

Local IQAC Expert; and Dr. Asaduzzaman, Professor of Dept. of CSE, CUET as Local IQAC Expert. Ms. Hasina Afroz, University Librarian of BRAC University and other library staff members were there during the visit.





Facebook reveals data on copyright and trademark complaints

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Facebook Inc announced Monday that it removed nearly 3 million posts, including videos, ads and other forms of content, from its services during the first half of 2017 following complaints of counterfeiting and copyright and trademark infringement.

Details: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-facebook-transparency/facebook-reveals-data-on-copyright-and-trademark-complaints-idUSKBN1EC2MZ>



Nearly half of Americans use digital voice assistants, mostly on their smartphones

BY KENNETH OLMSTEAD

Voice-controlled digital assistants are being incorporated into a wide range of consumer products, and nearly half of U.S.

Details: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/12/12/nearly-half-of-americans-use-digital-voice-assistants-mostly-on-their-smartphones/>



Too many libraries?

Western Australia's public library system will be modernised to meet the diverse and evolving needs of communities as part of a State Government overhaul.

Details: <http://designinglibraries.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=1483>



IFLA is Coming to Greece: World Library and Information Congress 2019 to be held in Athens

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/19412>



NEXT LIBRARY® Conference Berlin 2018.

The Future of Public Libraries. An event of the Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin

Details: <http://www.nextlibrary.net/berlin-satellite-2018>



LTC 2018

Library Technology Conclave (LTC 2018) is a continuation of Koha Conclave instituted by Informatics in 2016 as an annual event. The first Koha Conclave was held in Bangalore in February 2016.

Details: <http://ltc2018.informaticsglobal.com/>



Call for Papers (CfP): Open Session - Joint KM, ARL and Rare Books and Special Collections Sections -

Theme: "Digital scholarship and knowledge management: building confidence in the digital world"

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/20023>



Call for Papers: The Document Delivery and Resource Sharing Section is organizing an Open Session during the 2018 WLIC in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

2018 IFLA World Library and Information Congress Open Session 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, 24 - 30 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/20027>

Editorial



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of The Librarian Times (TLT) editorial board, I would like to thank you for all the support that you have offered us throughout 2017.

Not only does your continued support make a difference, it inspires us as new professionals and gives awareness to improve the quality of the bulletin. I am eternally grateful for your commitment to helping The Librarian Times. None of this would be remotely possible without your sincere support.

As we are going to start a new year, I believe we will be able to reach ever greater heights. We are happy to announce that TLT is going to inaugurate a number of awards to encourage library professionals and students to recognize their enthusiasm, dedication to our beloved profession and the accomplishments of exceptional services at public, school, college, government or university libraries. This is a TLT initiative that aims to fill the gaps of lack of professional recognition in the country. We do need your help to nominate the right person for these awards.

I am pleased to announce a new member to The Librarian Times team – Kelly Duong

Today I am excited to announce our newest addition to The Librarian Times team. Kelly comes to us from RMIT University where she has been serving as a Library Officer. As editorial board member, Kelly will be looking for proof-reading of each issue to make the bulletin widely acceptance. A brief biography of Kelly will be published in the New Year issue and will be posted on The Librarian Times website.

We will also accumulate lots of library-related news for you and collaborate with professionals for their voice, starting with the release of every issue. That's why we are considering putting our new motto as "libraries' news – librarians' voice".

As part of TLT's mission and vision, the board is going to host a social gathering called 'TLT Fun Night' to celebrate TLT's one year birth anniversary. The board would like to invite you all to join this delightful event. Please keep an eye for more details.

Thank you once again for all your support to TLT team in accomplishing the meaningful year of 2017. I am looking forward to many more great innovative ideas, feedbacks to make The Librarian Times of our professionals' heart.

The board wishes you a blessed 2018 filled with many inspiring and fun tropical moments!

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