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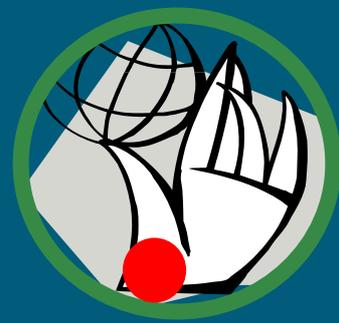
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## Dr Dilara Begum has been honored as an Invited Speaker at the Third World Literacy Summit 2018 at Sheldonian, Oxford University, United Kingdom

Shaharima Parvin, Assistant Librarian, East-West University



Dr Dilara Begum, Chairperson & Associate Professor, Department of Information Studies and Library Management, & Librarian (In-charge), East-West University has been honored as an Invited Speaker in the third World Literacy Summit which was held at Sheldonian, Oxford University, the United Kingdom on

25th-28th March 2018. This summit has been organised to provide a platform for debate, discussion, and sharing of knowledge between some of the world's most ardent literacy and educational leaders, institutions, organisations and pioneers. Besides, it was a unique opportunity for delegates to collaborate, share ideas, learn and be united to close the global literacy gap in the 21st century. Dr Begum presented her paper entitled "Girlhood to womanhood: Awareness of menstrual literacy". She talked about the necessity of the awareness of menstrual literacy among adolescent girls. She also highlighted the initiatives of Government Organizations (GOs) and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) regarding the significant progress in reducing poverty, improving food security and providing better health services for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Along with, she emphasised the possibilities for the collaboration between the Health Information Professionals (HIPs) and Community Health Workers (CHWs) for promoting menstrual literacy among adolescent girls in Bangladesh.



# Training on Zotero at ULAB

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | April 07, 2018



**A** daylong training programme on Reference Management Software Zotero was held at ULAB Library Main Campus, Dhanmondi Dhaka on 05th April 2018. Mr K.M. Hasan Emam, Joint Librarian, ULAB and Mr Abu Zafor, Library Officer were the resource persons. Participants from the Department of English and Humanities (DEH), ULAB took part in the Zotero hands-on training programme. In a short inaugural session of the said date Professor Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee, Treasurer, ULAB attended as a Chief Guest while ULAB Library team members were presented and given necessary support to success the training.

# Library Unlimited A Project Team Visited Munshiganj District Public Library

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | April 07, 2018



**To** set up the first model library under the library unlimited project, a team visited Munshiganj District Public Library on 3rd April 2018. Project team members including Ms Kirsty Grawford, Program Director and Mr Ali Ahmad, Component Led, are seen by others during the said visit. Initially, 25 Model libraries will be set up throughout the country under this project. Libraries Unlimited aims to greatly improve the lives of the citizens of Bangladesh through creating new and innovative models of libraries that will provide free access to information, resources and internet with a particular focus on reaching women, young people 'not in education, regular employment or training' (NEETs) (aged 15-24) and micro-entrepreneurs.

# AGORA Bangladesh National Training Work- shop held at Sher-e Bangla Agricultural University

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | April 07, 2018

**AGORA** Bangladesh National Training Workshop was held at Conference Room (3rd Floor), Administrative Building, Sher-e Bangla Agricultural University on 2nd and 3rd April 2018. The programme was funded by The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations (UN), and organized by Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Bangladesh and Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa (ITOCA), South Africa

The inauguration session held on 10:00 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University is the Chief Guest, and the Chairperson is Professor Md. Ruhul Amin, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture of SAU, the Special Guests are Professor Dr Md. Sekender Ali, Hon'ble Pro-VC, SAU & Professor Dr Md. Anwarul Haque Beg, Treasurer, SAU and Ms Imma Subirats Coll, AGORA Programme Manager, FAO of UN is the Guest of Honour, and the programme is presided over by Dr Md. Anwarul Islam, Librarian, SAU & Programme Coordinator.

The workshop was set up by FAO together with major publishers, enables developing countries to gain access to an outstanding digital library collection that includes information on food, agriculture, environmental science, and related social sciences. AGORA provides a selection of up to 6,000 key journals and up to 22,000 books to more than 3,400 institutions in more than 115 countries. AGORA is designed to enhance the scholarship of the many thousands of students, faculty, and researchers of agriculture and life sciences in the developing world. AGORA is one of



the four programmes that make up [Research4Life](#). The other three are Access to Research in Health Programme ([HINARI](#)), Online Access to Research in the Environment ([OARE](#)), Access to Research for Development and Innovation ([ARDI](#)) and Global Online Access to Legal Information ([GOALI](#)).

The primary objective of this workshop is to raise awareness of key trends in scientific publishing in agriculture, environmental science, forestry and related social sciences, and enhance capacities to access and use information resources available on the AGORA platform.

The course comprised of lectures delivered in a classroom setting, hands-on exercises, and group work. Some of the activities were involved accessing relevant live websites and portals on the Internet

and others few issues were conducted offline. Total 105 participants from the various institutions of Bangladesh attended the National Training Workshop. Ms. Imma Subirats Coll conducted both the days as resource person while different participants assisted her for more interactive. Dr Md. Anwarul Islam, Librarian, She-e-Bangla Agriculture University and Secretary General of Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) and his team played a hard work to make the event successful. Professionals appreciated for his devoted work.

Before ending the programme there were a certificate award sessions for the participants in both days.

# Pathak Shamabesh and Penguin book fair

Ratan K Das | Dhaka | April 07, 2018

Both Pathak Shamabesh and Penguin Random House India are committed to publishing great books, connecting readers and authors globally. They want to spread the love of reading. For this reason, these two publishing houses jointly organised a month-long book fair in Pathak Shamabesh Centre in the capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka.

The book fair inaugurated on 1st of April. Director General of Bangla Academy Shamsuzzaman

Syed Manzoorul Islam said, there is a significant market for English books in Bangladesh. For this reason, Penguin came here. Not only this, many of our writers write in English.

*In the past we sold their books, now the time has changed, they will sell our books in abroad though we do not have sufficient translator.*

Kamal Chowdhury said, it is very positive that from now one of our publishers will work with a world-class publication house. I think positive change reflects through this fair. It's a good sign. He urged Bangla Academy to form an elite translation cell under its jurisdiction. Guest emphasised on a quality translation of Bangla classics for the global audience. Shamsuzzaman Khan said due to lack of promotion international-standard literary works in Bangla had so far failed to reach global readers. Tariq Sujat sought cooperation from all stakeholders of the publication sector to promote international linkage of local publishers.

Alkesh Biswal hoped for a well-attended fair. He said Penguin's presence in Bangladesh not for only commercial purpose. There are many talented writers in Bangladesh. If they start writing in English, they can reach their literature to the world. The publishing house would bring the translation of Bengali literary works in a couple of years if the initiative seemed viable, he added.

The book fair will continue until April 30. There are displaying so many books under a single roof, more than 10,000 copies of 3,000 titles are displaying. 20 to 30 percent discount is offering on Penguin Random House books.

**Address:** Pathak Shamabesh Centre, Building # 4, 1st Floor, Bangladesh National Museum, Shahbagh, Dhaka

## এপ্রিল মাস জুড়ে বই উৎসব

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One of the best publication houses of Bangladesh is Pathak Shamabesh. It is one of the premier bookstores in the nation. On the other hand, Penguin Random House India is a subsidiary of the well-established and well-respected global publishing house, Penguin Random House. It is one the most recognised names in Publishing in the UK, US and India.

Khan inaugurated the fair. Educationist Professor Dr Syed Manzoorul Islam presided over the inauguration of the fair. Poet Kamal Chowdhury, General Secretary of Jatiyo Kobita Parishad Tariq Sujat and a Deputy General Manager of Penguin Random House Alkesh Biswal, among others, were present at the programme. Publication Chief of Pathak Shamabesh Wahidul Haque delivered the welcome speech. Managing Director of Pathak Shamabesh Shahidul Islam Bizu greeted all guests.

# International Seminar on “Technology, Innovation and Trends in Libraries, Archives and Museums (LAMs)”



The Department of Information Studies and Library Management, East West University Arranged a day-long international seminar titled “Technology, Innovation and Trends in Libraries, Archives and Museums (LAMs)” on 4 April 2018 at S. M. Nousher Ali Lecture Gallery.

The aims of the seminar were:

*-To discover new technologies, innovative services and modern trends in libraries, archives and museums all over the world.*

*-To bring together researchers, information professionals, employers, media specialists, educators, policymakers and all other related parties from around the world.*

*-To exchange knowledge, experiences and insights, and discuss recent technological developments, innovation and current issues in both theory and practice”-says a press release.*

Dr Susmita Chakraborty, Associate Professor, University of Calcutta, India honored the international seminar by attending as a Keynote Speaker. Among other invited speakers, there were national and international level scholars and practitioners including Dr Parikshit Mondal, Assistant Professor, Calcutta University, India, Ms Ru

mana Rahman, Lecturer, Lalmatia Mohila College, Ms Rumana Eakub, Executive, Gyantapas Abdur Razaq Bidyapeeth and Afrin Sultana, Library Circulation Officer, East West University. The seminar was divided into three segments: Inaugural Ceremony, Technical Sessions and Closing Ceremony.

At the inception, Dr Dilara Begum, Chairperson, Department of Information Studies and Library Management, East West University announced the inauguration of the day-long seminar. After that, The Technical Session-I started which was chaired by Dr Dilara.

The Technical Session-I began with the presentation of Dr Susmita. She discussed the gradual development of Information Science education in India. There were other four papers on that particular session.

After the lunch break, the Technical Session-II started where the session chair was Abdur Rahman Sumon and Md. Hasinul Elahi, Lecturer, Department of Information Studies and Library Management. In that session, total eleven papers had been presented. The presenters of each session included scholars, researchers, practitioners and students. A total of sixteen papers

were presented at the seminar which conferred and illustrated the burning issues related technology and innovation in the field of information science and libraries.

Z. M. Shafiqul Alam, the honorable treasurer, Esat West University honored the closing ceremony of the international seminar as the chief guest. Dr Kazi Mostak Gausul Hoq, Professor, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka was the special guest of the mentioned ceremony. In their brief speech, both of them congratulate the department chairperson for arranging a seminar on such an issue which must be addressed in modern times.

In concluding remarks, the program chair Dr Dilara gave a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries, guests and participants for their thoughtful participation in the international seminar. She also promised the audience that this department will continue to arrange such kind of programs in future for the development of students and professionals of information science.

The ceremony ends with giving the certificates among the national and international participants.



# Carnival with soul mate

Pabna based Library professionals specifically alumni of the Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM), University of Rajshahi celebrated an event titled "Carnival with Soul Mate at Pabna." It is an excellent initiative by the integrated and dedicated library professionals in organising a district wise event. The event was held on 06 April 2018 at Pabna University of Science and Technology campus, Pabna. Few faculty members of ISLM, RU also joined the event. The programme was ended followed by a gala dinner.



## NOTICE BOARD

Respected BALID Members,

The 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2018 and the Election of Executive Committee of BALID for 2018-2019 is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 01 May 2018 at 10 am. The venue of AGM is the Gyan Tapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation (Bengal Foundation), House # 60, Road # 7/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209 (Near Rabindra Sarobar). You are requested to attend and extend your kind cooperation to make the AGM 2018 successful.

Your kind participation in the AGM 2018 and contribute to form the Executive Committee of BALID for 2018-2019 would be highly appreciated.

### Agenda of the AGM

- i) Confirmation of minutes of the 22nd AGM
- ii) Presentation of Annual report: 2016-2017 by Secretary General of BALID and discussion
- iii) Presentation of Financial & Audit Report : 2016-2017

iv) Announcement of Budget : 2018-2019 by Finance Secretary, Discussion and Approval

v) Approval of Divisional Chapter of BALID

vi) Election/Formation of EC of BALID for 2018-2019

vii) Miscellaneous

### Registration for AGM

BALID members are requested to fill up Registration Form available on BALID website <http://www.balid.org> or they can register their names at the AGM venue on 1 May 2018 from 10 am -10.30 am. The registration fee is Tk.200/- only.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman

Chairman, BALID

&

Sasanka Kumar Singha

Secretary General, BALID

## An Exclusive Interview

# Boi Bodol Concept: An exclusive interview with Mr Saifullah Mahfuz Orko, Founder of BoiBodol

Every student of the university purchases books for the incumbent semester. After completing the semester bought books are remain unused, and student has to repurchase new books as per the requirement of the new semester courses. This process continues up to the ending the degrees. Under Boi Bodol concept, a particular student can give unused books to another student, and in return he/she can receive from someone else. Under this cycle, every student can save money and time.

Based on the above concept, **Mr Saifullah Mahfuz Orko**, Master's student of Dept. of Public Administration, University of Dhaka took that initiative. This concept has become popular, and it spreads throughout the country. Mr Orko also visited the United Kingdom under patronising of British Council where 29 young leaders from 15 different nations met together and learned a lot of ideas. He was born in Jashore but grown up in Savar, Dhaka. His family members are the key source of inspiration to him.

Recently he has talked with TLT, regarding Boi Bodol and others issues. This interview is conducted by **Mr Md Aahsan Habib**, one of TLT's Senior Editorial Board members.



Mr Md Aahsan Habib

**TLT: How did you start your Boi Bodol Journey?**

**Saifullah Mahfuz Orko:** I was a participant of Active Citizens Youth Leadership Training provided by the British Council and Democracy Watch jointly. I took the training from 22nd to 25th February 2017. As a

part of the training, we needed to undertake a Social Action Project to help our community. As most of the students of my batch were from the University of Dhaka, we thought that we could help the students first.

**TLT: To whom you shared your idea first?**

**OrkoSaifullah Mahfuz Orko:** As I stated before, we were around 30 young souls gathered at that training and the final day all of us presented our idea about how we could contribute to our society. I also introduced my, and that was installing 'BoiBodol'. Eventually, the idea got the highest vote and was taken as a social action project.

**TLT: How many people are involved in your Boi-Bodol Platform, including followers?**

**OrkoSaifullah Mahfuz Orko:** A lot. We have 9 active volunteers, but through Facebook, we have around 2,800 followers. We are, and more campuses are contacting us to have a branch of BoiBodol at their universities also. We are working on it.

**TLT: At present how many universities are using your idea?**

**OrkoSaifullah Mahfuz Orko:** At present only University of Dhaka, our home campus is using the idea. We are in constant contact with Islamic University, Kushtia, Kushtia Government College and Noakhali Science and Technology University as they've shown interest to implement the



Mr Saifullah Mahfuz Orko

idea at their campuses too.

**TLT: Tell us about a success story.**

**OrkoSaifullah Mahfuz Orko:** It was challenging to figure out how we can reach people and how we can collect the books. For almost one and the half month, my team and I tried many ideas, but nothing was working. The University of Dhaka is a large institution, and we couldn't go for poster as we had budget constraints. We also could not install booths as all of us were running students and hadn't enough time to do that. Finally, in one useful meeting, the idea came to our minds. We planned to create a facebook page, through which we could take the requirement for books, and also if anybody wanted to give us away from their books, could contact with us on the same page. We planned to create a Google data sheet where we can put the names of the books so that it would become easier for students to find out their required book more easily. It worked like magic. This was the great success for us, the BoiBodol team, to create a library in the air!

*Interview continuing....*



# Every shopping mall should have a bookshop:

An editorial view

Ratan K Das



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There is a lack of library and bookshop in this capital (Dhaka). The condition of libraries in school, college and universities are not good enough. We have many schools and colleges in the country where there is no library at all'.

Jebun Nahar, a school teacher from Dhaka, expressed her frustration in this way while tried to buy Jahanara Imam's 'Ekattorer Dinguli'. She came to Aziz Super Market at Shahbagh from Uttara. She said, 'Tomorrow is my son's birthday. I would like to give him this book as birthday gift. Though, there are few bookshops in Uttara where I failed to buy my desired books several times. For this reason, I came here after passing two and half hours in the hectic traffic jam. This jam ruined my day totally. Because of this problem, I did not come to buy books.'

Rafsan Jamil Shreyas came to Nilkhet from Mirpur 10 for buying books. He said, 'There are many CD shops in every shopping mall in this city, but there is no available quality bookshops. The government should pay attention to solve this problem. In addition to this, the owner of the shopping mall, cultural minded businessman and publishers are supposed to take the initiative.'

This is the typical scenario of Dhaka. Most of the reader and students have to go to Aziz Super Market, Nilkhet or New Market to buy books. Some shopping malls have bookstores, but their collection is pitiable. It looks like a grocery shop owner opens a bookshop.

Many people think that, Government should initiate to open at least one

bookshop in each shopping mall in the city.

Administration should find out the reason behind why there is no bookshop in each shopping mall at all? Is selling book not a profitable business? If so, the government should motivate the businessmen to overcome this problem.

Those who know the business of bookselling they should come forward to starting their business. Good publishers and creative businessmen must be encouraged.

# Library Professionals of Bangladesh, a Facebook group approaching to its 8th birthday

Momena Khatun, Gothenburg

How many Facebook groups are you a member of right now? Most of you may not know the exact number and could not list off every single one. I know I cannot too, but the first group that will come to my mind is the Library Professionals of Bangladesh (in short LPB) that was created on 8 May 2010. 'Connecting People and Knowledge' is the motto of LPB. The platform aims to connect all the Bangladeshi library professionals who are using Facebook.

In Bangladesh, the Facebook was getting popular in the late 2010s. The 'Harvard-only social network' (Earlier version of Facebook) was originally launched in 2004. In 2007, Facebook amended their restrictive practices and opened for public. A couple of group e-mails exist among the library professionals during the period. The library professionals mostly received emails during office hours, and many regret to even

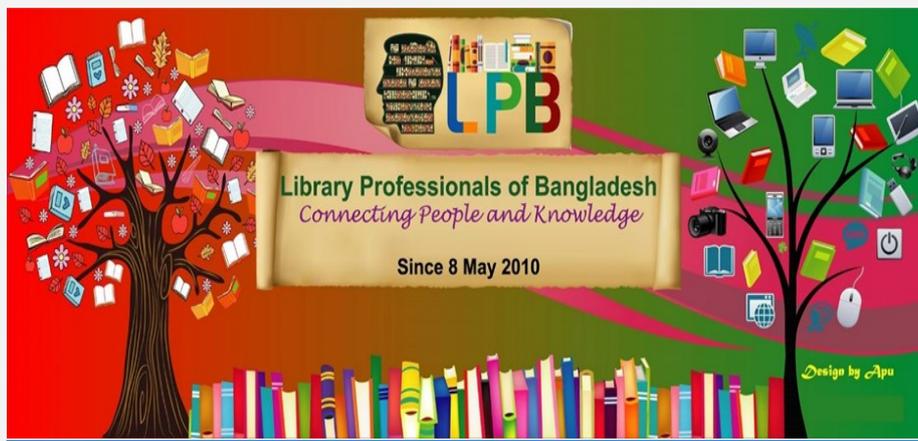
open professional e-mails due to priority to official work. Whereas, most of the professionals use Facebook in leisure. The LPB admins predicted the future of group module of Facebook and started to give the flavor to the library professional to share, care and connect with professionals when they are in leisure.

There was a time when professionals came to know about the opportunities and occasions, for example, further higher education, scholarship, training, ongoing library movement, state-of-art technologies using by the libraries in the home and abroad and many others professional activities news and views, after a long time the event had happened. There was a definite gap between professional information need and significant trusted source of information disseminated. The LPB started to fill the gap slowly but steadily.

LPB's one of the major advantages is that members can comment and discuss



on any issue, without being a Facebook friend. They can receive feedback on any subject matter or queries that they might have. It is an excellent source of immediate feedback. A post can be pinned to the top to put a call to action



and guarantee that professionals draw eyeballs to it.

LPB helps to find the right people with similar interests, keeping everyone in the loop to get informative information, interacting directly with anyone who may have questions and encouraging others to help. LPB is a particularly popular and useful as it allows discussion forums and threads based on common interests and activities. It is an excellent mechanism for assembly of people of similar interests or profession. It enables to present a range of interpersonal information with a variety of Web 2.0 technologies.

**Currently, LPB comprises of around 1500 professionals.**

LPB's membership is available only for the Bangladeshi origin library professionals. It is a 'closed group' to protect the misuse of the professionals' photos and information. It gives strength to individual members to raise their voice within the professional community first. One must have a professional affiliation (for example, work in a library, or have obtained a degree in the discipline or current student) and have to make sure the availability of professional affiliations on his/her Facebook public profile before sending a join request to LPB. The admins explore the public profile of the person to be sure to add to the group.

In addition to the Admins, Biswanath Bhattacharjee, Saif Rahman, Abdullah Al-Modabber, Ajm Saifullah, Muhammad Abdul Karim, Mohi Uddin Tariq, Rafiqur Rahman, Prodip Kumer Roy, Mohammad Abdur Rahim Mahmud, Muhammad Saadat

Ali, Mohammad Mofakharul Islam Chowdhury, Sawad Parvez, Mohammad Amiruzzaman Jewel, Md Mamun-Or Rashid, Ziaul Hoque Shakil, Nonigopal Roy, Rupan Chakma, Razia Sultana, Shompa Kazi, Nadia Mohamed became member of the group during the very first two-days.

Dr Jakaria Rahman, Ahasan Habib, Dr Dilara Begum, Momena Khatun and M Hossam Haider Chowdhury have been performing as the admins of the LBP facebook group since the commencement. The admins take care of the professional value of this group. The combined efforts keep them energised about the road ahead. The current cover photo is designed by A. K. M. Nurul Islam (Apu). The image focused our nationalism and the transformation of library profession in the country. The logo of LPB is illustrated with the books and a human head. The head shows the rows of books which carries the symbol of knowledge. The background is a piece of old paper.

# We are excited to announce the winner of TLT Sponsored Scheme Scholarship Award 2018!



TLT board is thrilled to help students and library professionals succeed, by offering programs like TLT Sponsored Scheme Scholarship Award 2018. The winner of the TLT Sponsored Scheme Scholarship Award 2018 is Ahmadul Islam Howlader. The recipient will be awarded in the total amount of 36,000.00 BDT. (3000.00 BDT) per month to a deserving for up to 12 months. This money will be provided to the recipient towards the educational expenses.

Mr Ahmadul is a Masters student in Information Science and Library Management at the University of Dhaka. Funding for this scholarship is provided by Tania Islam, a Teacher Librarian at Nord Anglia International School, Al Khor, Qatar. The funding is accepted under signing an agreement between the TLT editor and the donor that, TLT is a not for profit and non-registered voluntary organisation to contribute to the library profession in Bangladesh.

Thank you to the Award Sponsor, Ms Tania Islam for her generous contribution to the student.

With her contribution, TLT will be able to help at least a student by giving financial support. This support encourages our continued commitment to reaching our goal.

Congratulations to Ahmadul from everyone at TLT board and the sponsor!

# International News



## 2018 Global Council election results announced

OCLC Global Council convened on 26–28 March in Dublin, Ohio, USA. Delegates elected Craig Anderson, University Librarian at Deakin University in Australia, and Sarah Thomas, Vice President for Harvard Library and Roy E. Larsen Librarian for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University in the US, to the OCLC Board of Trustees. Craig and Sarah will take their seats on the Board in November 2018. Delegates also elected Hubert Krekels, Library Director at Wageningen University of the Netherlands, to be the Global Council Chair for the year that begins 1 July 2018.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/en/news/announcements/2018/global-council-election-results-2018.html>

## BSLA Project Report: Sri Lanka (2015-2018) "Establishment and Promotion of Professional Ethics Culture among Library and Information Professionals"



After completion of the BSLA project we had some questions for the project team and this is what they told us! Get inspired by the path taken by the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) in strengthening their library and information sector!

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/36073>

## New national study reveals voter perceptions of libraries

*Joint PLA/ALA/OCLC research updates 2008 'From Awareness to Funding' report*

**DUBLIN, Ohio, 21 March 2018**—The Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, in partnership with OCLC, today released the report, *From Awareness to Funding: Voter Perceptions and Support of Public Libraries in 2018*. The research updates OCLC's seminal 2008 study that explored voter perceptions, use, and attitudes toward public libraries, librarians, and library funding.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/en/news/releases/2018/20180320-national-study-reveals-perceptions-libraries.html>

## Can Myanmar's Libraries Help Combat Human Trafficking?

March 28, 2018

By Mi Ki Kyaw Myin



In June, the U.S. State Department Trafficking in Persons Report [moved Myanmar up to Tier 2](#) on its watch list, acknowledging "significant efforts" to combat human trafficking and forced labor in the country. For a country undergoing rapid reform and still grappling with a transition to democracy, the news was welcome, but caught some by surprise.

More:

<https://asiafoundation.org/2018/03/28/can-myanmars-libraries-help-combat-human-trafficking/>

## Cambridge Core joins the ProQuest OASIS platform



*New OASIS alliance increases library flexibility and choice in ebook curation*

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA, March 27, 2018** – ProQuest has teamed with Cambridge University Press to provide libraries access to the Cambridge Core platform and content via the ProQuest OASIS® platform. Over 30,000 ebook titles across 36 subject areas from Cambridge University Press and other publishers become available through the OASIS® selection and purchase system beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Details: <http://www.proquest.com/about/news/2018/Cambridge-Core-Joins-the->

## Next step in the IFLA Global Vision journey: Latin America and the Caribbean



With the determination to achieve a strong and united library field powering literate, informed and participative societies, the second phase in our IFLA Global Vision journey continues.

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/36185>

# Conferences

## ICADL 2018 : The 20th International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries

19-22 November 2018

University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand



The University of Waikato Campus at dusk.

(12 March 2018) Since its beginnings in Hong Kong in 1998, ICADL has become one of the premiere international conferences for digital library research. ICADL 2018 at the University of Waikato in New Zealand offers a valuable opportunity for researchers, educators, and practitioners to share their experiences and innovative developments.

Details: <https://icadl2018.org/>

**RSC RDA**  
Steering Committee

## RDA all-day conference on August 23, 2018, hosted by the National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur

This event is organized by the RDA Board. It will be held at the National Library of Malaysia, 232 Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur.

Join for a full-day event focused on RDA, and looking particularly at the ways in which RDA is evolving to accommodate the needs of cataloguing communities around the world.

Details: <http://rda-rsc.org/node/557>

## Wason Conference 2018



Cornell University Library and Ohio University Libraries are pleased to announce that they will jointly organize the 7th International Conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies, from September 27 to 28, 2018, at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, USA. This event is held in conjunction with the centennial jubilee of Cornell University Library's Charles W. Wason Collection on East Asia. The Institute of Overseas Chinese at Hua Qiao University will provide assistance to this academic gathering.

Details: <https://asia.library.cornell.edu/conference2018>

## 2018 Entrepreneurial



## Librarian Conference

Grow, Evolve, Serve

**Prospective topics:**

- evolving roles of librarians and other information professionals
- growth of new services: data visualization, IR, data management, outreach, scholarly communication
- educating new professionals to prepare them for the future
- privacy and the library
- analytics, assessment, evaluation

**The Calls for Proposals is coming soon!**

Details: <http://entrelib.org/>

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