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An interview with Mr Md. Habibur Rahman, Librarian, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU)



Mr Md. Habibur Rahman, alumni of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM), Hons 1992-93 sessions. Before starting his career with CVASU in 2008, he also worked for Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC), International Medical College, Dhaka and adjunct faculty of International Islamic University of Chittagong (IIUC). He also received lots of training from home and abroad including United States of America (USA), Republic of Korea, and Malaysia. With his initiatives, CVASU awarded several Higher Education Quality Enhance-

ment Project (HEQEP) funded by World Bank for development of the Library.

As per our study, he is the youngest Professional University Librarian of any Public University in Bangladesh when he was recruited in the position in 2014.

Recently, he talked with *The Librarian Times* (TLT) and shared his views. The exclusive interview was conducted by TLT Associate Editor Mr Md. Ahasan Habib.

TLT: Tell us something about your Library (location, infrastructure, year of establish-

ment, total user, total collection: online and print, and professional Manpower)?

Mr Habib: Well, our university is situated at Khulshi. It is an aristocratic zone in the Chittagong metropolitan area. CVASU started its journey as a University in 2006. Before taking shape into a university, it was Chittagong Government Veterinary College established in 1996. About 2000 users are using CVASU central library. These users are accessing in 30,000 books and journals in which 20,000 printed and 10,000 online copies. Among the officers and staff of CVASU central library, four are professionals.



TLT: How your library used HEQEP funds for updating library facilities?

Mr Habib: Our CVASU central library utilised all allocated funds according to Project proposal. CVASU library successfully implemented few updated facilities for its users like RFID based electronic library, Digital library and established an E-resources centre.

TLT: Do you get enough budgets to meet the user's demand?

Mr Habib: Since the library is such an organisation that goes through various transformations. In this sense, we have many aspects to develop its services and earn users satisfaction. If I say in a word, we have much more to do and need monetary assistance for improving CVASU library services.

TLT: How do you set your Priority with an allocated budget?

Mr Habib: We set top priority to make the render service fast, easy access to information resources and customer satisfaction. This stage we introduced integrated library

Management System and Institutional Repository, Discovery Tools vufind and Developed library website. An e-resource centre was also established for accessing e-journals, e-books and others e-materials for reading and for downloading and printing. We offer its users the adequate number of computers with high-speed internet connections and a set of powerful multimedia capabilities. The e-resource centre is being used for training purposes; students can watch documentaries of critical operations of different pets and large animals and documentaries of prominent farms management, fisheries and food factories. Beside this, a CCTV based surveillance system has been set for ensuring the security of library materials and library users'. To make the digital library and digitisation processes useful and more convenient, an automatic heavy book scanner has been procured. At the second phase, we introduced RFID technologies for providing at edge library services of our patrons. By these technologies, we ensured self-check-in and check-out of library materials, theft detection of library

materials, appropriate stack management, and any time book-drop facilities. Moreover, finally, for creating better reading and working environment we set up air-condition in whole library premises.

TLT: say something about the training experience gathered from the USA?

Mr Habib: I participated a training program at the Tufts University, Boston, USA and gain practical experiences on how to manage an updated library efficiently and effectively. All most every resource persons described the management of different divisions of a modern library very distinctly and cordially. In addition to that program, I visited few reputed libraries of USA including Boston Public library, Harvard University library, MIT library and New York Public library.

TLT: Would you please tell something about the training experience from Korea and Malaysia?

Mr Habib: In Korea, I attended a training program on preservation and maintenance of library materials at the Suncheon National University of South Korea. I gathered practical knowledge on multi-format library materials preservation procedure including digital ones. I also observed that almost every operation is performed automatically and techno-based. We also signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Suncheon National University Central Library and Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University Central Library to exchange library materials, expertise and combined training program. I participated an attachment training program in the library of University of Putra Malaysia (UPM). I was attached with two days every divisions of the library and I closely observed the activities and management procedures of those divisions namely Corporate and Staff Training Division, Media, Archive and Preservation Division, Collection Development Division, Digital Resource Management Division, User Services Division, Reference Division, Research and Information Services Division, Systems and Information Technology Division, Malaysia Agriculture, Resources Division, Serials Division. If I compare between Bangladeshi university libraries and Malaysian university libraries in relating to activities, services, management systems and overall environment. Malaysian university libraries are more developed than our libraries in Bangladesh.

TLT: you also received training from India and a lot of from Bangladesh. Do you think it is useful for real practising in the library, if yes how you did make it useful to your Library?

Mr Habib: Thank you for your excellent question. In-service training adds proficiency and widens the views of adopting newer invented technologies in services giving the procedure. In that consequence, every library employ needs in-service training for updating professional knowledge. I am fortunate enough that I have had many opportunities to attend different training pro-

windows of newer possibilities and create new demands from users end. Every library has to manage these challenges using budgetary resources appropriately. We are hopeful that our economy is marching forward to and libraries of our countries will cope up these challenges adding budgetary allocations fruitfully.

Mr Habib: Libraries must look for new tasks and challenges to go along the needs of the university. University library activities depend on the academic needs of a specific university. Newer technological innovations affect reading and learning processes and

policies to fix up positional requirements, standardised salary scale, the policy equivalency and unified recruitment procedure. I think immediate action plan should be taken up to frame national pay procedure and recruitment. Being the apex body of universities UGC as well as professional bodies may formulate appropriate action plans to alleviate the discriminations and anomalies in positions and pay fixation.

TLT: What sorts of Technologies do you use in your library?

Mr. Habib: Well, as I mentioned earlier, CVASU central library introduced most of



grams that enabled me to share knowledge with other library professionals. I assessed the status of my library and needs for development through pieces of training and developed a strategic plan for meeting patrons requirements and developed my library by different initiatives.

TLT: Due to rapid changes in technology, user habits and behaviour changes. How can libraries cope up and introduce new services?

Traditionally, the library faces such type of technological challenges from many years back. Newer technologies open up the

also through challenges to the libraries. To ensure appropriate learning environment, university libraries adopt appropriate technologies and services to meet users satisfaction. It is a continuous process too.

TLT: In Public University, University Librarian is treated as the Professor Equivalent position and has a role of Academic Council Member, but in a Private University library we can see the different scenario. What do you think how does this problem can be solved in the private sectors?

Mr Habib: Both in public and private sectors in Bangladesh, we have not adequate

the devices of RFID technology that are generally used in the libraries such as self check-in check out device, RFID theft detection gate, RFID handheld reader for shelves management and stock taking, external book return device i.e. Book Drop Box, Staff workstation, smart cards for library patrons, RFID tags for book and CD, DVD and Access Control gate for controlling of unwanted people in the library.

TLT: Do you offer any training session for the users? If yes what sorts of training are these?

Mr Habib: Yes, We frequently arrange training programs for faculty members, postgraduate students and undergraduate students even for library professionals. Generally, CVASU library arranges users training programs depending on patrons requirements such as the use of library's newly adopted technologies, user education and write-ups procedure.

TLT: What types of role the library associations especially LAB and BALID can play for overall development of LIS Sectors?

concern members.

TLT: Since you are a practitioner and professional librarian and have a wide variety of local and overseas experience, we want to know the students are learning in the university in ISLM education. Is it enough to learn to conduct a modern library? If not why?

Mr Habib: I think a considerable basic knowledge is being provided by the department of ISLM that is not enough for managing an updated digital and automated library. Librarianship in the modern world is fast forwarding mode, and we have to learn advanced technological know-how and modernise/update our syllabus following the modern

tion from your part?

Mr Habib: I congratulate TLT team for taking such initiatives and its continuation. This type of publication would uphold the image of library practitioners and inform those updated developments and professional news and views. I hope the journey of TLT would be fruitful and soother in the future and the editorial body of The Librarian Times would be able to reach their specific goals.

TLT: Thank you very much for giving your valuable time to TLT.



Mr Habib: It is a delicate question; all professional associations generally represent the interest of the professional practitioners. Since LAB & BALID are the prime professional bodies of the library profession. Both the organisations should come up to solve the problems of organisational members. They should also liaison and bargain with government authorities for the benefits of

world. New graduates do not have enough capabilities to run a modern library.

TLT: As you know that The Librarian Times is the first-ever weekly News Bulletin in our field and continuing without having an interruption of the last fifteen months. What are its future, strength, and overall evalua-

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Southeast University Library organised an e-Resources Training Session

Ahasan | Dhaka | June 2, 2018



Southeast University Library organized an e-Resources Training Session by Publisher entitled “Following the research workflow using Elsevier’s tools” for the faculty members and enthusiastic researchers of the university in collaboration with Elsevier on May 24, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 02.30 pm at Seminar Hall of the SEU, Banani, Dhaka -1213.

Resource persons of the workshop from Elsevier; A presentation and demo on Scopus was given by Ms Tahseen Afroz, Solution Sales Manager- South Asia, Reference Manager Mendeley presented by Mr Vishal Gupta, Customer Consultant- South Asia, and Understanding the research workflow shared by Nitin Rawat Sr. Account Manager- Science & Technology

Prof. Dr AFM Mafizul Islam, Adviser Board of Trustee (BOT) and Chairman of the Library Committee was given a welcome speech. Mr Kamal Uddin Chowdhury, the Honourable representative of the Board of Trustee, spoke on the occasion while Prof Dr ANM Meshquat Uddin chaired the session

Southeast University Library initiated the said event and Mr Md. Mubassir Ahsan, Assistant Librarian (Library In -Charge) coordinated the programme.

A good number of faculty, staff, and students were present at the event.

Ms Sabrina Aktar has been awarded MPhil Degree

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Ms Sabrina Aktar has been awarded MPhil Degree from the Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM), University of Dhaka (DU).

Her research topic was *“Impact Assessment of E-Journal Usage in University Libraries of Bangladesh.”*

Dr. Md. Shiful Islam, Professor, Dept. of ISLM, DU was her supervisor. She is currently working at the department of Library and Information Science, National University as a Lecturer. Ms Aktar is interested in the area of E-Resources, Knowledge Management, Digital library & Information Literacy. Earlier, she completed her BA (Hons.) and MA degree in Information Science and Library Management from the University of Dhaka.

Department of Public Libraries organised a Training Programme at Central Public Library, Dhaka

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A series of the training programme for the employees of Department of public library under Ministry of Culture was held at Central Public Library, Dhaka. The training title was “APA, Direction of Library and its Digitalization”.

The first phase of the training was held from 20 May to 24 May 2018 and the second phase was held from 27 May to 31 May 2018. Fifty-one (phase one 25 & phase two 26) participants from different parts of the country of Public Library received the said training.

Different topics were covered during the training session including Library Development and Management, ACR, Financial Rules and Audit, Manpower Development, Leave Policy, Job Rules and Appeal Policy, Innovation, E-filing, E-GP, Koha software and MARC 21, Digitalization and Library Service.

Mr Harendranath Basu, Principal Librarian cum Deputy Director, was the coordinator of the training while Mr Ashish Kumar Sarkar, Director General (Additional Secretary) was the training course director.

At the end of the training, there was a Certificate Award Session. Mr Ashish Kumar Sarkar, Director General, Directorate of Public Library distributed the certificates among the participants on 24 and 31 May respectively.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony held at National University

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On-Campus Post Graduate Diploma 1st Batch of Department of Library and Information Science students received the certificate on 27 May 2018 at National University Premises, Gazipur Dhaka. The result of the first batch was published on 22 May 2018.

Prof. Dr Nasiruddin Mitul, Dean, National University distributed certificates among the successful candidates. It is another successful history of National University. Awarded students were delighted.

Congratulations to Prof. Dr Nasiruddin Mitul and his colleagues on the great success and achievement.



A history of a successful batch

ISLM Batch 2002-2003 organises a get-together and Iftar Party at DU Club

Syeda Mukta Begum,
Interim Librarian, International School Dhaka



**What
a
great
success
story!**

An Iftar Party and get together was held at Dhaka University Club on 1 June 2018 organised by the batch 2002-2003, Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka University.

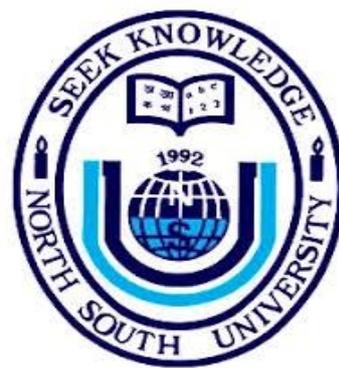
To keep this date memorable, a number of the students from the batch 2002-2003 participated the get-together event from the country and outside of the country including USA and Finland. The group arranged a cake cutting ceremony to celebrate their long friendship. The batch-mates planned to meet and organised this get together to encourage and stretch appreciation to their one of the successful friends Hassan Zamir on his outstanding achievement for joining as a lecturer at Dominican University, USA. A number of fun activities were also arranged for friends and families in the event. The participation of family members made this event a grand success with love, happiness, and enjoyment. The friends, who came from the abroad to join the party, shared

their personal feelings with friends and families.

This is one of the successful batches at DU among Information Science and Library Management. The students of this batch have a broad range of prosperity in the country and abroad. The attendees of this batch 2002-2003 are Hassan Zamir, lecturer, Dominican University, USA; Khorshed Alam, Additional Superintendent of Police; Shariful Islam, Senior Assistant Commissioner & Executive Magistrate; Mustak Ahamed, District Commandant; Amirul Islam, Jail Super; Shahed-al-Kaium, Program Assistant World Bank; Nusrat Sharmin, College Counsellor, International School Dhaka; Imran Parvez, Senior Finance Auditor Bangladesh Navy; Forhad Ahmed, Saidul Islam, Ruma, Khaled Mahmud, Shahjalal Shimul, are Bankers in the private and government sectors; Rezwatul Abedin Rassel and Habibullah Mukta are Businessmen. Moreover, more than 20 students are working as

respective library professionals including Irin Sultana as a Deputy Director at National Institute of Mass-Communication, Noman Hossain and Yousuf Ali Anim at University of Dhaka, Dil Rukhsana Basunia at Chittagong University, Habibe Kibria at Daffodil International University, Shahrina Parvin at East-West University, Sayma Sultana at University of Liberal Arts, Annie Cruze at American International School Dhaka, Syeda Mukta Begum at International School Dhaka, Chandra Rani Saha at Bangladesh Agricultural and Research Institute (BARI) and Monira Khatun at Ministry of Education and others in the prominent organizations. Rafiqul Islam is a PhD scholar and Mir Parvin Pushan studying MBA in the USA. Mayeena Parvin and Shibaji Das live in Japan for a more extended period and working in a world famous company like Toyota. Rony Yasir lives in Finland. Tuli lives in France, and Mollik Ruhul Amin lives in England with their respective jobs.

Basic Research Support Programme for MPPG Students held at NSU



Tanveer Ahasan
NSU Library
14-May-2018



Basic Research Support Program for the students of Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) Program (8th Batch) was held on 13 May 2018 at E-Resource Access Center, North South University Library. MPPG Program is an international program under the Dept. of Political Science and Sociology (PSS) of NSU.

After the introductory speech, University Librarian Dr Md. Zahid Hossain Shoeb demonstrated PPG online resources, Search Strategies & Techniques and Reference Management Tool 'Mendeley'.

Senior Assistant Librarian Mr M M Shoeb described the different features of Grammar checker tool 'Grammarly'.

Assistant Librarian Mr Md. Abdul Hakim described the process of Library Membership and 'OpenAthens' Access.

Senior IT Officer Rajiv Mahmud demonstrated different features of Plagiarism Check Portal 'Turnitin' and Citation and Abstract database 'Scopus'.

Total 12 participants including international and local students of MPPG participated in the program.

Professor Dr Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director PPG Program and Dr M. Mahfuzul Haque, Faculty Member of PPG Program were present in the session. DrSk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director PPG Program expressed the necessity of such types of research support program and appreciated the efforts of NSU library team. MPPG Program Officer & Research Assistant Mr Sazzad Nayem coordinated the program.

A Discussion meeting on the National Library Day held at Central Public Library, Dhaka

Ahasan | Dhaka | June 02, 2018



Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) organised a discussion meeting on National Library Day on Saturday 02 June 2018 at VIP Auditorium (Seminar Room), Central Public Library, Shahbag, Dhaka.

Honourable Chief Whip Mr ASM Feroz, MP, was present as the Chief Guest while Begum Akhtar Jahan MP and Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee, Ministry of Finance attended as the special Guest. Dr Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Library Management and Information Science, Royal University presented a keynote paper.

The Chief Guest emphasised on "**development of library at School level, and he ensured that he would like to discuss with the finance minister for special allocation for libraries of the**

forthcoming budget. He also uttered that School Librarians are the teachers as long as they are taking classes, and he surprised to know the Board Gazette."



Dr Md. Mostafizur Rahman nicely presented a Keynote paper and also high-

lighted about the National Library Day its worldwide history, and importance.

Prof. Dr SM Zabed Ahmed, Librarian (Acting), University of Dhaka also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the overall arrangement.

BALID Chairman Dr Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam chaired the event and Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Secretary General of BALID given a welcome speech. MS Razina Akter, Vice Chairman, BALID anchored the event.

Around 120 professionals attended the event and played a pivotal role to make it successful. The programme was ended followed by an Iftar.

International News

WHY PRISON LIBRARIES MATTER FOR INMATES, JAILERS AND BOOK DONORS

By jfalcon on May 31, 2018



It's 9.15 a.m. when a dark green, 1993 Toyota truck that's logged 160,000 miles pulls into Tooele County (UT) jail parking lot. A tall, thin woman in khaki cargo pants and a black T-shirt gets out to unload boxes of donated books and cart them into the men's jail library.

Details: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/why-prison-libraries-matter-inmates-jailers-and-book-donors>

China cracks down on academic misconduct, issues tough guidelines for authors and institutions

Sneha Kulkarni | May 31, 2018



China, one of the leading countries in scientific research, is working proactively to ensure that the researchers in the country abide by the highest standards of academic integrity. On May 30, 2018, the ruling Communist Party and the State Council issued new guidelines according to which the conduct of scientists and institutions would be recorded and assessed for academic integrity.

Derails: <https://www.editage.com/insights/news/china-cracks-down-on-academic-misconduct-issues-tough-guidelines-for-authors-and-institutions/1527787399>

Design for Taichung, Taiwan mega-library unveiled

Japanese architect Kazuyo Sejima releases design for landmark library-meets-art-museum structure in Taichung



TAIPEI (Taiwan News) — Globally renowned Japanese architect, Kazuyo Sejima of the SANAA architecture firm, publicly released the design plans for the Taichung library and art gallery on May 7.

Details: <https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3424050>

Global MIL Week is Coming! How Can You Get Involved?



Global Media and Information Week 2018 will take place from 24 to 31 October 2018, and provides an opportunity to discuss – and celebrate – the importance of skills as both a response to the challenges of a digital world, and an opportunity for people of all ages. IFLA is playing an active role in the preparation of the events, and encourages its members and the broader library community to get involved!

Details: <https://www.ifla.org/node/50985>

Conferences

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Empowering the Next Generation to Advance
Open Access, Open Education and Open Data

2-4 November 2018

Setting the default to open for research and education is fundamentally about people and the decisions they make. The culture of research and education emerges from the countless individual decisions made by millions of researchers and educators each day—at different types of institutions, within different disciplines, and in every country.

Details: <https://www.opencon2017.org/updates>

PhD programme at the School of Information Management



The PhD or Master's thesis is a major piece of work that demonstrates your ability to carry out independent research.

Details: <https://www.victoria.ac.nz/sim/study/postgraduate/phd>

& Awards

2018 OCLC Americas Regional Council Conference

October 25–26, 2018 • Chicago, Illinois, USA



Libraries as drivers of transformation

Libraries are continuously evolving to meet changing community needs.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/en/events/councils/2018-19/americas-regional-council-meetings-home.html>

CLA 2018 - Conference



Location: Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California

Date: November 9–11, 2018

Details: <https://www.conferenceabstracts.com/cfp2/login.asp?EventKey=EWLBAOUZ#>



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