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Organizational News

“Bangladeshi Librarians form human chain at the National Press Club”



Librarians of Bangladesh joined hands to form a human chain to protest against the government's decision on the status of school, college and madrasa librarians on 28th January 2017 at the National Press Club. The demonstration was organised by Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID). The former Chairman of BALID Mr Mirza Mohammad Rezaul Islam, former vice-chairman of BALID and current chairman of University Officers' Association Mr Syed Ali Akbar, current Secretary-General Mr Shashanka Kumar Singh, many professionals, academics and students were present in the demonstration. They demanded the cancellation of the circular immediately and urged to the Prime and Education Minister to reconsider the announcement with sympathy.

Conference/Seminar

“Talks on records management at Dhaka & Rajshahi University”



A talk on ‘Records Management is not Rocket Science’ by Md. Nasim Iqbal PhD was held at Department of Information Science & Library Management of University of Dhaka and Rajshahi University (RU) on 24 December, 2016 and later on 2 January, 2017 respectively. Md. Nasim Iqbal, Records Management Officer, an expert in Records Management and Recordkeeping from Australia gave a very valuable and interesting talk on the history of Recordkeeping and its present state in the developed countries. He started with a question What is Records, gave a history of Recordkeeping, What is Records Management, Benefits of Records Management, Records Management Process, Records Management Standards, Information Management Framework and What should we do?

It is clear from his talk that how important is Recordkeeping and sooner we appreciate it the better would be the society and the citizens.

His talk evoked lots of queries and questions from a considerable number of participants. Dr. Iqbal answered all questions often entering into arguments following some critical questions from the participants. This seminar part was attended by a considerable number of faculty, researchers, students and records managers. The audience asked several questions and agreed that time has come to carry out a nationwide campaign for better management of government records and documents.

Success Story

Young scholar Mr Rajesh Das attended an International Conference

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Das, Library Executive, Bengal Foundation and Adjunct Lecturer, Royal University of Dhaka has attended an International Conference, organized by GNIMS Business School, Mumbai on January 21, 2017. He has also chaired a technical session in that conference. He has presented a paper entitled "Mapping Intellectual Structure of Digital Library Research in India: A Co-word and Co-author Analysis". This paper has already been published on Conference Proceedings with ISBN 978-9383003-03-7.

The Librarian Times wishes a continuous success of this young scholar.



Appointment and Promotion

"Minhaj Uddin Ahmed and Rajesh Kumar Das have been appointed at Royal University of Dhaka"

The Royal University of Dhaka authority has appointed Mr. Minhaj Uddin Ahmed and Mr. Rajesh Kumar Das as part-time teachers in the Department of Library Management and Information Science from Spring 2017 semester.

The Department of Library Management and Information Science of Royal University of Dhaka feels proud of these two genius as they secured the first position in their Master's result in the Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka.

The Royal University of Dhaka is also looking for more genius for the Department of Library Management and Information Science.

"Sheik Md. Jalal Uddin has been promoted as the Librarian in Charge"

Mr Sheik Md. Jalal Uddin, Deputy Librarian, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University has been promoted as the Librarian in Charge in the same university effective on 15 January 2017.

The Librarian Times would like to congratulate on his promotion!



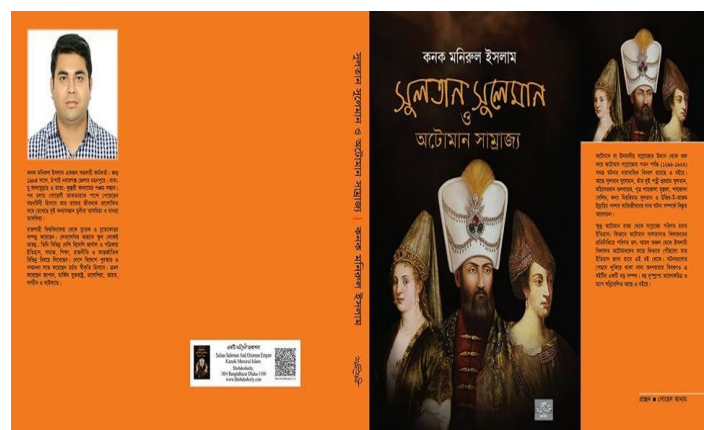
Publication News

"Kanok Monirul Islam's

First Book Published in Ekushy Book Fair"

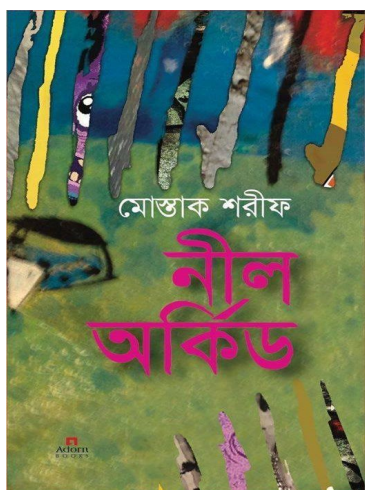
Kanok Monirul's first book Sultan Suleman O Ottoman Samrajjo (সুলতান সুলেমান ও অটোমান সাম্রাজ্য) is published in Ekushy Book Fair 2017 under the renowned Publishing house Shobdoshaily (শব্দশৈলী).

The book is available to purchase from stall no 357-58-59, Ekushay Book Fair, Bangla Academy.



Publication

A new book
'Neel Orchid'
written by Dr
Mostak Sharif is
now available
in the Ekushay
Book Fair



Notice Board

**BALID Annual Picnic to be held
at the "Jol O Jongoler Kabbo" resort**

Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) Annual Picnic is going to organize their annual picnic at "Jol O Jongoler Kabbo" resort at Pubail, Gazipur on Friday, 03 February 2017.

International

**"Experience! User Experience (UX)
in the Library"**



Routledge is currently free access to a collection of articles covering the topic of User Experience (UX). The articles in this collection cover the basics of UX research methods, tools, testing, and evaluation. Also included in the collection are several case studies illustrating how libraries are developing user-centered systems and policies for their patrons. Free access to these articles expires March 31, 2017.

More information:

<http://explore.tandfonline.com/content/bes/ux-libraries16>

World Read Aloud Day

World Read Aloud Day 2017 will be held on Thursday, February 16th. Every year World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. Stay tuned and register now for the latest announcements!

<http://www.litworld.org/register>

Future IFLA Congresses

2017 - Wrocław, Poland

2018 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2019 - worldwide

2020 - Asia Oceania

Five librarians selected as 2017 IFLA/OCLC Fellows



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Editorial

Are librarians teachers? This has long been a topic that is up for debate in the library world. A number of studies have been found on this issue. A group of Bangladeshi Librarians are demanding that school and college librarians should be declared as teachers/Teacher Librarian. We need to justify our demand to prove as a teacher with the proper evidences, references before going to any demonstration. According to ALIA, a qualified teacher librarian is defined as a person who holds recognised teaching qualifications and qualifications in librarianship, defined as eligibility for professional membership for the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Within the broad fields of education and librarianship, teacher librarians are uniquely qualified in the developed countries like Australia. In Bangladesh, many of the school and college librarians have a Diploma in Library certificate even from low-standard institutions. Without an apposite knowledge and skills how they can be treated as teachers? No doubt, there is an important connection between librarians and students. Teacher librarianship course may be considered as a separate and unique qualification for school and college librarians to identify as a teacher. Professional leaders and academics should investigate about this issue to clarify of teacher and librarian identity in relation to the future of the library profession in Bangladesh.

CALL FOR PAPERS

IFLA SATELLITE MEETING 2017

Managing Change: Library Transitions – moving into the future. Best practices from around the world!

All proposals must be submitted before 1 March 2017 (deadline extended).

For more information please visit at
<http://www.managingchange2017.org/>

Call for Papers: Open Sessions

LGBTQ Users Special Interest Group

All proposals must be submitted before 28 February 2017.

Please visit: <http://2017.ifla.org/cfp-calls/lgbtq-users-special-interest-group>

Call for Papers: IFLA Library Buildings and Equipment & Management and Marketing sections

IFLA: All proposals must be submitted before 15 February 2017 (deadline extended).

More information at:

http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/library-buildings-and-equipment/Conferences/poland16/lbes_management_and_marketing_-

