Promotion

Four Assistant Directors from Bangladesh Bank Library (Head Office) have been promoted to Deputy Director recently. They are Mr. Md. Samsur Rahman, Mr. A.K.M. Nurul Alam (Apu), Mr. Rajib Mandal & Mrs. Israt Jahan. A staff order has been issued by Human Resources Department-1 on 07 February 2017 about the promotion. They have been posted at the same office as well. All of them have been graduated in Information Science and Library Management from the University of Dhaka . They were recruited on 3 November 2013 as Assistant Director.

Md. Samsur Rahman

A.K.M. Nurul Alam (Apu)

Rajib Mandal

Israt Jahan

International Seminar

62nd Indian Library Association Conference 2017 on "Gearing up for the future: Library initiatives for digital India"

Indian Library Association (ILA), nation's body for Library and Information professional has been organizing annual conference since 1933. This year it has organized its 62nd edition on "Gearing up for the future: Library initiatives for digital India" held on 9-11 February at Karnataka State Women's University, Vijayapura. Three academicians from Bangladesh namely Dr. Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam , Dr. Md. Shariful Islam and Mr. Md. Uzzal Hossain has attended this conference. Dr. Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam, Professor & Chairman, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka was the guest of honour of the inaugural ceremony of the conference. He had also an invited talk on "Information Literacy: Narrowing Knowledge Gap". Dr. Md. Shariful Islam, Associate Professor, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi and Md. Uzzal Hossain, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Rajshahi (one of the co-author) have jointly presented the paper on "Libraries for Preparing a Nation in the Digital Era: Bangladesh Perspective". Dr. Islam was also one of the panellist in panel discussion in the valedictory session on the theme of: "Digital India Initiatives: Role of SAARC countries in international collaboration."
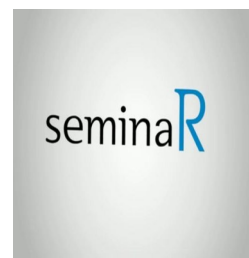
Dr. Muhammad Mezbah-ul-Islam

Md. Uzzal Hossain

Dr. Md. Shariful Islam

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Update: Ukrainian librarian under Russian house arrest takes case to court of human rights

Danuta Kean | The Guardian | 10 February 2017
Natalya Sharina, who has been confined to her flat since 2015, faces what her lawyer says are absurd charges of anti-Russian extremism and embezzlement.

More about the update at :

https://amp.theguardian.com/books/2017/feb/09/ukrainian-librarian-house-arrest-court-of-human-rights-natalya-sharina

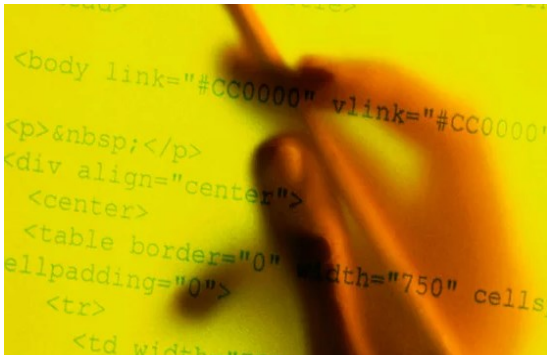Natalya Sharina in court in October 2015 in Moscow. Photograph: Alamy

ProQuest launches displaced researchers program

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http://www.proquest.com/about/news/2017/ProQuest-Launches-Displaced-Researchers-Program.html

Hi-tech library project spawns book promoting

Danuta Kean | The Guardian | 13 February 2017

In the UK, a Place Free of Judgement presents work with young readers in local libraries, and one worldwide broadcast, to encourage the next generation of borrowers.
Read more at

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/feb/13/hi-tech-library-project-spawns-book-promoting-new-ways-to-work-with-readers?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

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Introducing QR Code: Creating opportunities for seamless library access in Bangladesh

Imagine if students could simply scan a barcode at the bottom of your handout with their cell phone and be taken to a website or tutorial you'd created. This sort of seamless access is now possible with QR codes. Also known as Quick Response codes, QR codes are 2D barcodes that any camera-enabled mobile phone can read. There are many free websites where you can generate QR codes. You can program the barcode to take users to a website; dial a phone number or send a text; or pull up text, image, or video content. To scan a QR code, mobile users need to download one of the many free QR code readers available.

There are many potential applications for QR codes in libraries. In addition to linking students to additional instructional content, librarians could use QR codes in instruction to link students to a quick survey, to a page with their reference service's contact info, or even to a page where a student can text or IM a librarian. If your library owns a device that patrons frequently have trouble with—like a microfilm reader—you could put a QR code on the device, which will link patrons to a video demonstrating its use. Libraries could also orient new patrons to the library by having a QR code scavenger hunt. Each barcode would contain a clue that would lead patrons to the next location.

QR codes could also be helpful for guiding patrons to useful books and articles. QR codes on books could also take patrons to an online book-review page or to a list of other books cataloged under the same subject headings. The University Library can post QR codes next to print periodicals that can link the patron to the electronic version of the journal.

QR codes are heavily used in Japan, where they're on buildings, products, advertisements, and more. Most people are still unfamiliar with QR codes in the United States, but this will change as more high-profile companies promote their use. Google encourages retail establishments to place a sticker on their storefronts advertising that they're a Favorite Place on Google. This sticker contains a QR code that will direct a mobile device to the company's entry in Google Places. While QR codes hold great potential for linking patrons to content and services, only a small portion of our population will probably take advantage of them until they become more mainstream. What about Bangladesh?

International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Discovery and Networking (KGDAN-2017)

Dr. Md. Nasiruddin, Professor, National University, Bangladesh has attended an International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Discovery and Networking (KGDAN-2017) organized by Department of Library and Information Science, Aligarh Muslim University on 15-16 February, 2017. He was a Key Note Speaker, Session Co-Chair and as one of the Panellist in panel discussion session in that conference.

IFLA Seminar

IFLA Corresponding Member Ms Dil Ruksana Basunia for Asian and Oceania Regional Mid Term Meeting

Ms Dil Ruksana Basunia, Librarian, Asian University for Women will attend the IFLA, Asian and Oceania Regional Mid Term Meeting as a Corresponding Member of the Division (Asia and Oceania) of the Standing Committee to be held on 20-22 February 2017 at Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. She will also attend the International Seminar as Discussant in Technical Sessions organized by Jawaharlal Nehru University.

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Reference service model in academic libraries:

Why Reference service model is so important? From the beginning of librarianship, the role of the reference librarian has been defined by the patrons' essential for human intercession. Reference librarian applies critical-thinking skills, emotional intelligence, teaching ability, and question analysis to connect the user with appropriate resources. The role of reference librarian is vast includes but not limited to promoting the library services, advance searching technique, interacting with the faculty and conducting library literacy classes. A reference librarian is also aware of current trends of reference interview techniques and has a wide range of academic knowledge. Furthermore, Reference librarian evaluates the sources of information, collaborate with others to improve library service and assist in implementing new services effectively.

So what?

Library professionals need to understand about the importance of reference librarian and separate reference service space. Unfortunately a very few university libraries in Bangladesh may has this facility or reluctant to think about implementing this service.
In terms of implementing reference service at the University Libraries in Bangladesh forming a service model is essential. Library decision makers need to think about experimented with new types of information service models that addressed the need for more technical help. At one level, a general-information desk might be run by junior staff. Another desk, staffed by specially trained librarians who are actually reference librarian and might provide more technical assistance such as, reference management tools, copyright, creative commons, open access, scholarly publishing, impact factors of journals, database, access to e-books, research repository and other software assistance. Reference librarian might provide in-depth research assistance as well, often by appointment. The reference librarian will continue to play a vital role in the synthesis of information into knowledge and knowledge into wisdom, which supports the goal of the overall mission of higher education.
It will be interesting to see how this concept of the blended service model affects the whole library service. Lets do!

Special Feature on IUT Library

IUT DIGITAL LIBRARY
Islamic University of Technology

IUT Library is housed on the first floor of the Library/Cafeteria Building over-looking beautiful water pool on the eastern and southern sides. The Library has a present floor area of 1300 sq. meter with shelf space of 52000 books. Considering the changing behaiour of the information seekers, IUT Library has been transforming its activities and resources towards automated services and digital resources. IUT has established its own Digital library which is running by Koha. It is also using My Athens, an Access Management System for providing remote access to the set of resources they are entitled to (has subscribed to) access to the user. The Library is planning to introduce RFID System this year. IUT library subscribes e-resources under the two consortium namely- Bangladesh INASP-PERI Consortium (BIPC) and UGC Digital Library (UDL) Consortium to provide access to a wide range of electronic resources. IUT Library ICT Centre was established in 2014 to facilitate internet services for accessing online journals and e-books subscribed by IUT and other different databases of the world. This Centre is especially designed for information literacy training programme. At present the library has been providing a number od services including; bibliographic service, current awareness service (CAS), indexing, document delivery, CD-ROM searching, book reservation, photocopy service etc. The Library is managed by a group of expert personnel for facilitating the faculties and students in their study and research. IUT library is the Member of International Association of University Libraries (IATUL) and International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

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