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## Jakaria Rahman's new assignment at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

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Jakaria Rahman

**Jakaria Rahman** has joined at the Department of communication and learning in science in the Chalmers University of Technology (founded in 1829), Gothenburg, Sweden on 1 September 2017. He is designated as a Bibliometric Analyst. His works consist of analysing Chalmers publications, impact and research collaborations to suggest development strategies with university management and departments. He also contributes to the university ranking analytics.

Jakaria has obtained bachelor, master, and MPhil degree in information science and library management from the University of Dhaka. He is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. He achieved all through first class in his academic career. He is a VLIR-UOS (Flemish inter university council - university development cooperation) scholar 2008. Further, he received European Union's Erasmus Mundus scholarship (2010-2012) to pursue a 'joint international master in digital library in collaboration of three universities in Norway, Estonia, and Italy. Later, he also worked for Opera browser in Norway.

Earlier, he was engaged in International jute study group (IJSJ), Bangladesh national scientific and technical documentation center (BANSDOC), East West University, and International centre for diarrhoeal disease research Bangladesh (ICDDR,B). During the last four years, he worked as a researcher at the Flemish centre for research and development monitoring (ECOOM) at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. The ECOOM-Antwerp is responsible for building the Flemish academic bibliographic database for social sciences and humanities (VABB-SHW). The publications included in the VABB-SHW contribute to the Flemish performance-based university research funding system and is a rich source for the study of the publication patterns in the social sciences and humanities. Jakaria has published a good number of articles in Web of Science and Scopus indexed journals. He is a life member of ASIS&T, BALID and LAB. He is married to Momena Khatun and has a daughter together.

**On behalf of The Librarian Times, we congratulate Jakaria to his new journey.**

*Congratulations!*

## Noakhali Science and Technology University launches Bachelor of Information Science and Library Management

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Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU) launches Bachelor of Information Science and Library Management from the academic session 2017-2018. This program consists of a credit system distributed across 8 semesters. It is worthwhile to mention that this is the 3rd public university in Bangladesh to open full-fledged “Department of Information Science and Library Management” with a four year honours degree. There was an immense lack of Library and Information Science discipline in public university in Bangladesh after Rajshahi University started to offer four-year Bachelor degree in 1993. Through the launching of Bachelor of Information Science and Library Management department at NSTU, it has compensated the long gap. Besides, it is the first time a science and technology university in Bangladesh established a department for providing library education. It is a good sign in the field of Library and Information Science in Bangladesh indeed.

With the visionary leadership of Professor Dr. Md. Wahiduzzaman, The Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Noakhali Science and Technology University (NSTU), this institute has been growing too fast. At present about 160 students have been studying in this institute. Along with the overall development of Noakhali Science and Technology University, Honorable Vice-chancellor has been giving his utmost concentration towards the development of Information Science and Library Management department at Noakhali Science and Technology University.

However, the first credit goes to Professor Dr. Nasiruddin Mitul, Dean, National University of Bangladesh who dreamt of opening the Information Science and Library Management department at Noakhali Science and Technology University. Through his tireless effort and passion for the development of the LIS profession in Bangladesh, an institute called Institute of Information Sciences (IIS) launched at NSTU through the approval of Academic Council of NSTU on 10 July, 2015.

As a visionary and founder of Information Science and Library Management discipline at Noakhali Science and Technology University, he has been contributing positively a lot towards the embellishment of this discipline.

As Director of Institute of Information Sciences (IIS), Dr. Abdullah-Al Mamun, Associate Professor, Noakhali Science and Technology University has been directing towards the utmost advancement of this institute. He has been trying by all means to ensure the quality education in Library and Information Science and building the best institute in providing the Library and Information Science education in Bangladesh as well as worldwide.



*This photo was taken on 23 April, 2017 at Haji Edris Auditorium, NSTU on the occasion of reception of Post-Graduation Diploma students in Library and Science under the Institute of Information Science*

**On behalf of The Librarian Times, we wishes the successful journey of this department.**





## RANKINGS HIGHLIGHT RISK OF UNI FUNDING CUTS

(6 September 2017) Australia's strong global university rankings face growing competition from a rising Chinese university system powered by Government investment, highlighting the dangers of a proposed \$2.8 billion cut to university funding.

The rankings influence where international students choose to study – and our strong rankings in recent years have helped to generate a record \$23 billion a year in export income for Australia.

For more <https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/Media-and-Events/media-releases/Rankings-highlight-risk-of-uni-funding-cuts#.WbTzNLIjGpp>



## 4 important spaces every modern library should have

There is a promising potential in making use of the library's services in new ways. This is why libraries are more valued now for their spaces and the opportunities that they create for the community, such as support for education, access to recent technologies and help for local businesses and much more.

As Kathryn Zickuhr from the Pew Research Center points out there's no one thing people want their libraries to be. They want their libraries to be lots of things, a place where they can study and meet with friends and attend meetings — and more.

Details at <https://princh.com/4-critical-spaces-every-modern-library-must-have/#.WbT8RrIjGpp>

## US Government Grants \$100k for Blockchain Research to Public Library Systems



The U.S. government has awarded a \$100,000 grant to a group of researchers looking to apply blockchain to public library systems. "The proposed National Forum would bring together 20-30 technical experts in libraries, blockchain technology, and urban planning to discuss ways that blockchain technology can advance library services to support city or community goals. The resulting commentary from a project blog, national forum, and conference and the survey data will be evaluated and included in the project's final report, which will be available online."

For more: <https://www.coindesk.com/librarychain-us-government-grants-100k-new-blockchain-research/>

## Young Palestinians get training in media and information literacy



Two hundred young Palestinians have taken part in the UNESCO program, Media and Information Literacy (MIL), summer camps organized during August in the West Bank and Gaza by the European Union-funded NET-MED Youth project in partnership with the Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA), a member organization of NET-MED Youth.

For more: <http://english.wafa.ps/>



### ACM SIGIR International Conference ICTIR 2017

October 1-4, Amsterdam

The ACM SIGIR International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR) provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of research related to the foundational aspects of Information Retrieval (IR), including, for example, human search processes, search and recommendation, learning and optimization, language and representations, sensory information, artificial intelligence, ethics and responsibility.

For more: <http://sigir.org/ictir2017/>



### 43rd Annual IAMS LIC Conference October 22-26, 2017

Honolulu, Hawaii

The planning committee of the 43rd Annual Conference of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMS LIC) invites you to join us in Honolulu, Hawaii from October 22-26, 2017. The conference will be hosted by the University of Hawaii and the NOAA Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center.

For more details: <http://www.iamslc.org/conf2017/>



### International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) 2017, December 10-13,

Seoul, South Korea

The International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS) is the most prestigious gathering of information systems academics and research-oriented practitioners in the world. Every year its 270 or so papers and panel presentations are selected from over 800 submissions. The conference activities are primarily delivered by and for academics, though many of the papers and panels have a strong professional orientation. The theme of ICIS 2017 is "Transforming Society with Digital Innovation".

For more: <http://icis2017.aisnet.org/>



### 6th International INFFuture Conference 2017, Zagreb, 8-10 November

6th International Conference on The Future of Information Sciences (INFFuture) will be organised by Department of Information and Communication Sciences, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Zagreb, Croatia. It is a series of biennial international conferences aimed at researchers and professionals from the broad field of information and communication sciences and related professions. It will focus on governmental and business sector informatics, cloud solutions, IoT and big data, security and integrity of data, e-Health developments, HCI and language technologies solutions, innovations in the process of digitization, personal digital information management, digital preservation and archiving, advancements in community informatics, applications of new technologies to heritage as well as integration of ICT in education.

For more and registration: <http://infoz.ffzg.hr/INFuture/>

## Wonderful time with library cat

Contributed by Ratan Kumer Das



Photo courtesy: Kazi Jahidul Haque, Acting Librarian, Bangla Academy

In 2010 I worked for the daily Prothom Alo. I had the opportunity to attend The IFLA International Newspaper Conference in that year. On the last day of conference, I visited Hindustan Times (HT) Library along with my colleague. One of the HT library personnel accompanied us. The HT Library is located at 10th floor of its Delhi branch. It was housed in a modern building, in a large and well decorated room. The library was huge and clean. We were very excited to visit the HT offices and its library. I have never been to any foreign library before. We entered the library in the late afternoon. Editors, journalists, reporters along with other staffs were very busy that time. They were on tighter deadlines. For that reason we crossed them and moved to library@ our main destination.

We saw there were some staffs in the library for reference. Some library staffs were busy to receive phone calls and some were searching articles through their HDTS Content Services. We saw a lot of dailies, magazines, periodicals, comics, bound papers etc in the library. Collections were classified by subject. Bound volumes were shelved by size. During those hectic time library personnel were answering our queries and doing their duties too. We have shown their archival method. There were millions of images and text content archived in the HT library. A patron can easily find the imprints of times gone by.

All on a sudden, I heard a sound of cats. I was surprised. The library personnel told us that they have two library cats.

One of their library personnel said, 'These cats are staying here for a long time'. Cats were staring us. We came to know that they were domesticated. We found some cups in front of them. One of the HT Library staff told us that they feed them milk time to time and another healthy food too. They called the cats to come out but they felt uneasy to see us. During that period I felt that two beautiful creatures were looking at us, monitored our activities curiously and I enjoyed it very much. It was really an amazing and wonderful moment for us. To me the library visit improved my minds. Prior that time I had no experience about library cats. I heard about library cats but that was the first time I saw them physically. In the HT Library one can find the history and development of India and the world. Not only news, but also art, culture, lifestyle and the very essence of life is stored in its library. Important and not so important events spanning different fields, the HT Library is a wonderful repository of past and present content needs. These two cats also proved this worthiness. As a result, newspaper conference and library cats' experience enriched my knowledge. I came to know different culture through the tour.

Through the tour I realize that a library can operate without cat. But a library with cat is very special. Firstly, they can calm the library staff. In addition with this, they are helpful to keep away mice from the library. Some also work to promote library use and pet adoption. So they can draw new patrons to the library. They can easily make people smile as I smiled at the first time to see them in the HT Library. Really their presence can create a relaxed environment. They can ease stress of patrons and staffs. Curling up with cat and a book is a pleasant way to spend time at the library. That half an hour at the HT Library stick in my mind even in today and will last long many days ahead.

Note: The IFLA International Newspaper Conference was held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi, India from 25 to 28 February, 2010. The theme of the conference was Digital Preservation and Access to news and views. The Conference was co-organised by IGNCA and IFLA News Paper Section. Aims of the conference was not only sharing of collective knowledge about how newspaper and media libraries can tackle these challenges but also to open up opportunities for such libraries, librarians and associated publishing industry players.



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