

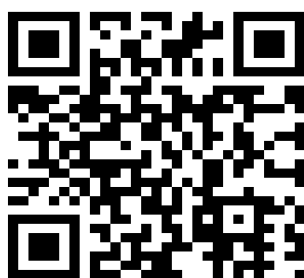
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National  
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## February 5 is a National Library Day of Bangladesh

Ahasan Habib | Dhaka | Nov 02, 2017



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Cabinet Secretary M Shafiul Alam briefed reporters after the meeting.

The library professionals of Bangladesh are grateful to the Government, particularly to the honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Department of Public Libraries for official declaration of a National Library Day of Bangladesh.

# Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2017: Celebrated at EWU

Prodip | Nov 05, 2017



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East West University Information Club (EWUIC) and Dept. of Information Studies and Library Management celebrated the Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week from 31 October to 04 November 2017 with diversified set of programs including inauguration and rally, awareness building program on MIL, extempore competition, prize giving ceremony and international seminar. This year the theme of Global MIL Week was *“Media and Information Literacy in Critical Times: Re-imagining Ways of Learning and Information Environments.”*

The event was also celebrated internationally from 25 October to 1 November 2017 led by UNESCO in cooperation with GAPMIL, UNAOC and the Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue (MILID) University Network. It unites diverse actors committed to promoting media and information literacy (MIL) as a way to foster social inclusion and intercultural dialogue. The Global MIL Week 2017 highlights include local and regional activities around the world as well as its feature event, namely the Seventh Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue (MILID) Conference. The feature conference was hosted by the University of the West Indies, and took place from 24 to 27 October, 2017 in Kingston, Jamaica.

To celebrate the program East West University Information Club (EWUIC) organized an international seminar on “Media and Information Literacy in Critical Times: Re-imagining Ways of Learning and Information Environments” on Saturday, 4th November, 2017 for faculty members, students and information professionals at SM Nousher Ali Lecture Gallery of East West University (EWU).

Professor Jagtar Singh, Dept. of Library and Information Science and in charge - Bhai Kahn Singh Nabha Library, Punjabi University, Patiala was the Keynote Speaker of this seminar. A.Z.M Shafiqul Alam, treasurer, EWU and Professor Mohammad Mezbah-ul-Islam were present as the chief and special guest at the event.

Professor Mohammad Shahriar Haque Dept. of English, EWU also spoke at the event while Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Dept. of Information Studies and Library Management presided over the program. The event was free of registration fees for all.



## NSU Welcomes New University Librarian

### Zahid Hossain Shoeb

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Dr. Md. Zahid Hossain Shoeb has been appointed as the University Librarian at North South University. Prior joining to this position he served as the Deputy Librarian (System), at Independent University Bangladesh. He holds a PhD degree from the Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka. Earlier Dr. Zahid earned MPhil degree from the same department. He also earned MSc degree in Computer Science from the School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), IUB. Dr. Zahid is a Graduate of the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT), India, in Software Engineering and Systems Management. He has a number of research articles in his credit, which have been published in various international peer-reviewed scholarly journals from USA, UK, Canada, Germany, China and India. He is also a reviewer of a number of reputed international refereed journals. Besides his subject area, he is expertise in the area of performance measurement, service quality analysis, information literacy, tools for quantitative and qualitative data analysis, free and open source software, digital libraries, text and data mining, library emerging trends, resource

management, knowledge management, bibliometric, and stress in the working place. He is a leading resource individual in the country for training of various programmes on a variety of aspects involving current and emerging library trends. His joins at the NSU Library with substantial leadership, professional experience and a forward-thinking and attainable view will guide the future directions of libraries.

He is a life member of the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) and the Bangladesh Association of Librarian, Information Scientist and Documentalists (BALID).

On behalf of The Librarian Times, we congratulate Dr. Zahid on his new library leadership role.



## Library Outreach Services: Bridging the Gap

ABOS conference meets in Pittsburgh

By [Tina Williams](#) | November 3, 2017

Nearly 230 library staffers—along with 14 bookmobiles and mobile vehicles—gathered in Pittsburgh for the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) conference October 25–27. The mood was upbeat and positive as attendees met once again to discuss common bonds and meeting community needs despite shoestring budgets.

Full news visit: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/library-outreach-services-bridging-the-gap/>



## Leading the Green Revolution

Libraries inspire their communities through green initiatives

By Liz Granger | November 1, 2017

Many librarians don't frequently worry about insects and rodents on the job. But when Michigan State University (MSU) librarian Eric Tans was approached by another department about starting a composting program, he fought to convince his administration that composting wouldn't attract pests that would threaten library materials.

Full news visit: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/11/01/leading-green-revolution-library-sustainability/>

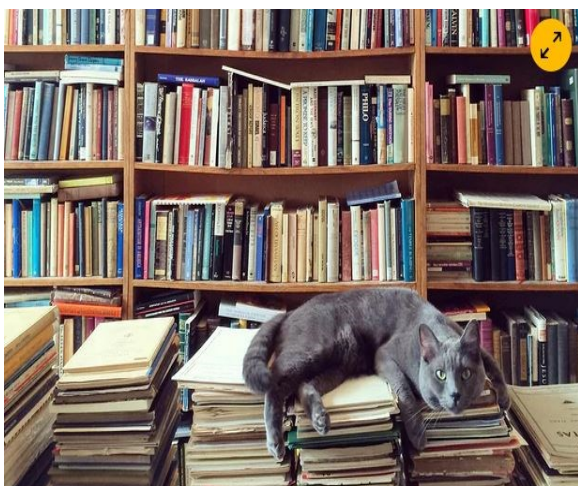


## LIBRARIES INVOLVE YOUNG ADULTS IN READINGS THAT ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF RACISM

By jfalcon on November 2, 2017

Libraries will engage more than 5,000 underserved young adults in readings and discussion that aim to dig deep into and ultimately discard the deeply held, and often unconscious, beliefs created by racism.

Full report visit: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/libraries-involve-young-adults-readings-address-effects-racism>



## Blood, bookworms, bosoms and bottoms: the secret life of libraries

Stuart Kells

I recently had the privilege of circling the world to write a book about libraries. My timing was excellent: after a short-lived e-books scare, physical books are back in fashion, and libraries are the place to be.

Full history visit: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/aug/27/blood-bookworms-bosoms-and-bottoms-the-secret-life-of-libraries>



# No one needs libraries any more? What rubbish

## Rhiannon Lucy Cosslett



What does the library mean to you? It's a question I have been mulling over for the past couple of days, since I bought a second hand book online and found guiltily that it was, in actual fact, a library book. I assumed that someone had stolen it, or taken it out and then died, but then it struck me that perhaps the library had closed. So I've been trying to find out.

Meanwhile, the journalist and former Conservative aide Andre Walker took to Twitter. "Nobody goes to libraries anymore," he wrote. "Close the public ones and put the books in schools".

Full history visit: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/oct/26/no-one-use-libraries-any-more-rubbish-sanctuaries--enrich-communities>



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Details: <http://computersinlibraries.infotoday.com/2018/>

## Building Smarter OTT Services 27 February 2018 | ExCel London

Over-the-top is no longer under the radar. Major broadcasters and niche publishers alike are betting big on OTT, and with good reason - today's consumer expects the content they want to be available on any screen at any time. The OTT service of tomorrow must be nimble, adaptive, and responsive to viewers' needs, and Streaming Forum 2018 is designed to help you stay on the cutting edge.

Details: <http://www.streaming-forum.com/2018/>

## February 5 now National Library Day

### Editorial

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The declaration of national library day is timely as it would be a great opportunity for the professionals to show their talent and creativity through the different activities when the day will be celebrated nationally. Professionals now should start thinking about how to celebrate the day. They have prospect to involve the greater community including political leaders and administrative decision makers to recognise the vital role of libraries and librarians in this era for better nation. We believe

this declaration is also the great hook for the library professionals in Bangladesh to negotiate with the government authority about their existing problems and find out the elucidation gradually.

We are excited to perceive the announcement of approval in observing National Library Day in every year on 5<sup>th</sup> February. We are grateful and wish to express our gratitude to the government, particularly to the honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Department of Public Libraries for this official declaration. We would also like to thank you all and sundry who were involved behind the scene to make this declaration successful.

Let us step on the gas and celebrate the announcement!

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