We are less than five days away from TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018

Warm wishes

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Weekly news

Policy dialogue titled Libraries Unlimited: Transform libraries, transform lives; held at British Council, Dhaka on 23-24 January, 2018

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The British Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, with the support of the Department of Public libraries, is implementing a nationwide project titled 'Libraries Unlimited' to develop the library sector in Bangladesh. A two-day long policy dialogue started at the British Council premises at Fuller Road from January 23, 2018.

Ashish Kumar Sarker, Director General of Department of Public Libraries inaugurated the opening session along with Barbara Wickham, Country Director, British Council. Kirsty Crawford, Project Director- Libraries Unlimited, British Council and Sarwat Reza, Head of Cultural Centre, British Council, were also present at the session.

Institute of Informatics and Development (IID) is a policy partner for this project. Based on the nationwide study, Library Landscape Assessment in Bangladesh, Libraries Unlimited seeks to improve public access to information and knowledge in Bangladesh.

As part of the project's policy and advocacy strand, British Council with IID as its policy partner will support relevant ministries to develop a shared vision of 21st century libraries across Bangladesh that embeds the country's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and provide communities with access to information, knowledge and skills development.

In order to create a shared vision of 21st century libraries, the purpose of this policy dialogue, titled, 'Libraries Unlimited: Transform libraries, transform lives', brought together top level policy makers and thinkers to have a dialogue around prioritising services for public libraries and how to transform these libraries to make them more equipped to meet today's demand for information and knowledge.

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This is the final phase of the series of consultation with various stakeholders to develop a Vision Document for the Government of Bangladesh that will include recommended service suite along, with necessary policy recommendation for more modern public libraries in context of Bangladesh. The British Council conducted a study, which found that most public libraries in Bangladesh are in a terrible condition as they lack both printed and digital resources. The "Library Landscape Assessment of Bangladesh" released a report on Wednesday that reveals over half (52%) of all librarians think they are lacking printed materials; while almost four out of every five (78%) are dissatisfied with the lack of digital resources. The report was based on an assessment of 136 public libraries at the district and upazila levels and found that 43% of all librarians believe insufficient ICT facilities would be a "major challenge". The key findings were presented on the final day of a two-day policy dialogue in Dhaka Wednesday by Syeed Ahmed, CEO of the Institute of Informatics and Development (IID).

"When the country is advancing towards achieving the vision of 'Digital Bangladesh', the libraries – the heart of the informative society – have somehow been excluded from the development plan," he noted.

British Council with IID as its policy partner will support relevant ministries to develop a shared vision of 21st century libraries across Bangladesh that embeds the country's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provide communities with access to information, knowledge and skills development.

The policy dialogue was initiated to bring together top level policy makers and thinkers around the need to prioritise services for public libraries, and ways to transform these libraries to make them more equipped to meet today's demand for information and knowledge.

Speakers and participants at the policy dialogue discussed a wide array of issues including, library activities, information marketing and best possible practices for the libraries in the country, along with the focal points for formulating the country's first ever library policy.

Sarwat Masuda Reza, library manager of British Council, Bangladesh, said the recommendations from the policy dialogue would be presented to the ministries concerned before National Library Day on February 5.

New joining at ISLM dept. at EWU

Mr. Abdur Rahman Sumon has started his career as Lecturer at Department of Information Studies and Library Management at East West University, Dhaka. He completed a B.A (Hons) in Information Science and Library Management in 2015 and MA degree in the same discipline in 2016 at the University of Dhaka. His research interest areas are: Knowledge Management, Information Seeking Behaviour, Service Innovation and Value Co-creation, Digital Library and E-resource Management.

On behalf of TLT congratulations to Mr. Abdur Rahman Sumon

Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB) Election 2017: An analysis

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Part Three

LAB election 2017 was completed successfully on 30 December 2017. The Librarian Times (TLT) broadcasted updated election news till the completion of the final result. The Librarian Times has decided to analyse the overall statistics, comparison, and other different dimensions of the LAB Election 2017. The main focus of this analysis is to keep this record for the future reference.

In the last issue at part two, we discussed and analysed individual vote received, unused votes, won by vote differences etc. Today we will be focusing on other statistics on election result and rules (which was circulated by the office of Chief Election Officer).

Received highest votes:

- ADM Ali Ahmed-Vice President Candidate-1219 votes
- Syeda Farida Parvin-Councilor(Central) Candidate-1219 votes
- Md. Emdadul Haque-Research and Publication Secretary Candidate-1218 votes

Received lowest votes [except Divisional Councillor]:

- S.M. Mohammad Ali – Vice-President Candidate-158 votes
- Zebun Nessa- Vice-President Candidate-714 votes
- Dr. Azizul Islam Manik- Vice-President Candidate-804 Votes

Lost by highest no. of votes [except Divisional Councillor]:

- S.M. Mohammad Ali- Vice-President Candidate- Need 817 more votes to win
- Dr. Susmita Das-Research and Publication Secretary Candidate-Need 407 more votes to win
- Md. Ahiduzzaman Liton-Secretary General Candidate-Need 264 more votes to win

Lost by minimum no. of votes [except Divisional Councillor]:

- SM Shamsuzzaman- Councilor(Central) Candidate-27 no. of votes
- Shamim Ara-Vice-President Candidate-36 no. of votes
- Anjuman Ara Shimul- Women's Affairs Secretary Candidate-61 no. of votes

Divisional Councillor:

- Abu Md. Hannan Mia won by highest no. of votes (241), and highest votes (340) as well
- Received Minimum 40 votes but won as councilor, Md. Ferdous Zaman
- Lost by minimum no. of votes (06) Md. Golam Kader Tanu and Alam Badsha

Chief Election Officer:

To conduct the LAB election 2017, Professor Dr. Md. Moshiur Rahman, Department of Sociology, University of Dhaka and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Deputation), National University, Gazipur was the Chief Election Officer.
Election Head Office: Nilkhet High School Building (2nd Floor), Dhaka-1000

Election code of conducts {As per LAB Constitution, Section 18(GA)}:

01. LAB Election 2017 will be held both Central and Divisional level at the same date under Chief Election Officer.

02. Price of Nomination Form of LAB Election 2017 are as follow:

LAB Council			Divisional Executive Council		
Section	Name of Position	Price(BDT) of Nomination Form	Section	Name of Position	Price (BDT)of Nomination Form
14.1	President	5000	9. Ka	Prrsident(by position) Divisional Councilor	----
14.2	Vice-President	5000	9.Kha	Vice-President	2000
14.3	Secretary General	5000	9.Ga	Secretary General	2000
14.4	Treasurer	5000	9.Gha	Treasurer	2000
14.5	Joint Secretary General	3000	9.Uoa	Joint Secretary General	1000
14.6	Organizing Secretary	3000	9.Cha	Organizing Secretary	1000
14.7	Research and Publication Secretary	3000	9.Choa	Publicity and Cultural Secretary	1000
14.8	Women's Affairs Secretary	3000	9.Ga	Women's Affairs Secretary	1000
14.9	Councilor(Central) 05 Persons	3000	9.Jho	Executive Council 06 persons	1000
14.10	Councilor(Divisional) 07 Persons	3000	9.Yuo	Particular District Association President and Secretary General(By Position)	---

03. Voters will be identified by their photo and mobile numbers from the voters list. If there is no photograph and mobile number, then NID should show of a particular voter during vote.

04. Voters who is listed of a particular division would eligible to vote in that particular division only. One divisional voter is not eligible to cast vote to another division. As per LAB constitution, sub section 13, to form divisional Executive council; voter should be the that particular division only.

05. LAB election 2017 may be done with a panel or individual. If divisional councilor included central position, they may not participate others position at division level

06. Candidates should not discuss with others of any negative information against the opponent.

07. In LAB election, no one is allowed to focus on their personal political identity and use photograph of a political leader, political slogan, and religious matter.

08. No one can set up election campaign/office within 50 yards of the vote centre.

09. Chief Election Officer will discuss Central and Divisional candidate if required. He may include anything which are not contradictory with LAB Constitution

10. To participate in the election, everyone has to abide by the Constitution of the Association

11. If anyone violate of the above etiquette, Divisional Election Officer will cancel candidature of particular candidate by consulting with the Chief Election Officer.

Stay tuned for part four

Daylong training held at BANSDOC

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Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Center(BANSDOC) organised a daylong training on Application of Digital System for Information Management and E-books preparation on 22nd January, 2018 at seminar room of BANSDOC, Agargaon, Dhaka. Ms. Jesmin Akhter, Director General of BANSDOC presided over the program. Library professionals from different organizations in the country participated in the event.

BALID celebrated 32nd Founding Anniversary

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Photo: BALID 32nd founding Anniversary

Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists(BALID) celebrated its 32nd founding anniversary of its office at Dhanmondi, Dhaka on 23rd January, 2018. Different designated of executive council members lsof BALID, Principal of BIIM and invited members were present at the occasion to celebrate this remarkable day. Prior to the celebration, an executive council meeting was held to discuss on the celebration of National Library Day, affiliation of BIIM under national University, Bangladesh, BALID annual picnic 2018 and its update.

Professor Dr. David Taylor visited NSU Library

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Professor Dr. David Taylor of Aga Khan University of London, United Kingdom (UK) visited North South University (NSU) Library on 23rd January, 2018. Dr. Zahid Hossain Shoeb, University Librarian of NSU, welcomed him to the library. Prof. Taylor roamed the library and was provided information of different services and facilities of NSU Library. Mr. M. M. Shoeb, Sr. Assistant Librarian, NSU and other staff members were present during this time. Here it is mentioned that Professor Taylor is an eminent political scientist and a social historian visited upon the invitation from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, North South University. He delivered a Public Lecture on Pluralistic Democracy in U.K and South Asia in the said date.

First formal meeting of TLT   Editorial team at TSC, DU

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The first ever formal meeting of The Librarian Times Editor and Editorial Board Members was held on 23rd January, 2018 at Teacher and Student Centre (TSC), University of Dhaka. The main focus agenda was TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018, which is going to be held on Friday 2nd February, 2018 at Business Faculty Conference Room, University of Dhaka.

How TLT will run the upcoming days with its quality publication, legal and copyright issues, collaboration with professionals and academics and were also discussed.

Mr. Shahajada Masud Anwarul Haque, Sr. Assistant Librarian of BRAC University, Mr. Pankaj, Principal Officer of Sonali Bank were also present the meeting.

Library Technology Conclave (LTC) 2018 and participation from Bangladeshi Library professionals

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Three Bangladeshi Library professionals including Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Information Studies and Library management (ISLM), East West University and Librarian in Charge of EWU, Mr. Rafiqur Rahman, Assistant Librarian, University of Rajshahi, and Mr. Nonigopal Roy, Assistant Librarian, University of Rajshahi attended the event among different participants throughout the world.

Library Technology Conclave (LTC 2018) was held on 23-25 January, 2018 at Goa as jointly organised event by Goa University Library, Panaji, Goa and Informatics Group, Bangalore.

Objective of LTC
LTC will act as an annual meeting and collaboration platform, for the professionals and researchers in academia and the industry, from Library & Information Science ,and related technology domains to learn, discuss and understand the impact of technology on information and knowledge management functions in libraries and institutions.

Program Highlights

- Conclave Keynote on Library Service Platforms by Mr. Marshall Breeding, USA
- Keynotes by leading technology and library management experts
- Round table on Technology Challenges in LIS Domain
- Case Studies on Technology Implementation Challenges by Libraries
- Informatics Annual Lecture.

Awards

- Best Koha Implementation Award.
- Best Library for the Technology Implementation and Usage

Technology Topics in Focus

- Advances in Search Technologies
- Library Management - Challenges of Integrating Print and e-Resources
- RFID Technology
- Usage Analytics for e-Resources
- Remote Access
- Link Resolvers and Knowledge Base
- Plagiarism - Products & Technologies
- MOOCs and e-Learning

TEN REASONS LIBRARIES ARE STILL BETTER THAN THE INTERNET

By jfalcon on January 25, 2018

10 reasons why libraries are still better than the internet.

Details: http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/ten-reasons-libraries-are-still-better-internet

Great exaggerations! Death of Libraries

Libraries these days are built digital brick by digital brick – brick being the metaphor for digital books, journals, articles, objects, media, digital infrastructure, networks, apps, data, and analytics.

Details: http://blogs.ifla.org/arl/2018/01/25/great-exaggerations-death-of-libraries/

How the Little Free Library Became an International Phenomenon

The first Little Free Library began with a simple concept: Take a book, return a book. It's a creative, community-building practice that's blossomed into an international nonprofit with over 60,000 locations in the U.S. and 80 other countries around the globe.

Details: https://parade.com/640098/beckyhughes/how-the-little-free-library-became-an-international-phenomenon/

Fifteen Somserset libraries under threat of closure

Almost half of Somerset's 34 libraries could be under threat of closure if volunteers are not found to run them.

Details: https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/jan/22/somerset-says-only-volunteers-can-keep-libraries-open

What's the future of resource sharing? Does it *have* a future?

Details: https://www.alia.org.au/share-it-resource-sharing-futures

"**Next Generation Libraries: Collaborate and Connect**

Congress of Southeast Asia Librarians (CONSAL) is the sole regional organization of the libraries, library schools, Library Associations, and related institutions of the ASEAN countries. It was founded in Singapore in 1970 and has ten members which include the library associations and librarians of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Details: http://consalxvii.org/

ISS 2018 Nagoya, Japan

Details: http://iainst.org/iss/

PROGRAM >> 26th CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA

Details: http://www.consalxvii.org/conference_of_directors

Editorial

Are you registered in The Librarian Times Awards and Fun Night 2018?

We are less than five days away from TLT Awards and Fun Night 2018, where we will be announcing TLT excellence awards winners, talking about current issues facing library and information professionals, having multiple social networking fun games, winning gift hampers, having dinner and much more. We really want to see you all at our TLT event on the 2ⁿᵈ February, 2018. We are about to complete the registration process. Thank you to everyone who has registered. Missed your registration? Don't worry, you can still complete your online registration until to-night at 11:00 pm. However, registration can be closed anytime today depends on the availability of number of vacancy.

We are pleased to announce that a number of new decisions have been made on various issues of the forthcoming program.

Awards:

TLT Excellence Student Award: Two students will be chosen and nominated by Dept. of Information Science and Library Management, Dhaka and Rajshahi University.

TLT Young Excellence Innovation Award: A maximum of one award. Awardee will be chosen and nominated by Executive Committee members of Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID)

TLT Excellence Library Professional Award: A maximum of four awards. Awardees will be chosen and nominated by Executive Committee members of Library Association Bangladesh (LAB)

TLT Excellence Entrepreneurship Award: (Library of The Year Award): A maximum of one award for one library. Nominations will be considered by TLT editorial board.

Guests:

Chief Guest: Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, The Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

Special Guest : Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Director General, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education (DSHE)

Special Guest: To be announced soon

Raffle Draw and Dinner:

The Board is pleased to announce that we will organise a raffle draw with the coupon you will get during the registration at the conference hall gate. So, please keep this coupon with you to win TLT gift hampers from the gift table. The first three people will be the lucky recipients of this generous offer. Another note to add, this coupon is also for collecting your dinner box.

Remember this is a professional development opportunity for all of us to listen, learn and enjoy.

We look forward to having you there.

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On behalf of IFLA I congratulate The Librarian Times for this wonderful initiative to celebrate libraries and librarians in Bangladesh. Happy, enthusiastic and passionate library professionals who are well networked can drive the agenda and make such a positive impact on people's lives by providing excellent library services. It is gratifying that such a distinguished person as Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, will be at the inauguration. I wish you all a most successful and enjoyable evening and send my very warm wishes to you all.

Christine

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