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International Mother Language Day observed by the Bangladeshi LIS professionals

LIS professionals of Bangladesh celebrated the historic 21st February known as International Mother Language Day throughout the country. Directorate of Public Libraries under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs also observed Shohid Dibosh and International Mother Language Day on 21st February 2018. In remembrance of the day, public library organized Easy writing competition of different age group, art competition, and discussion sessions to remark the among the citizen.

International Mother Language Day, celebrated every year on 21 February, UNESCO reiterates its commitment to linguistic diversity and invites its member states to celebrate the day in as many languages as possible as a reminder that linguistic diversity and multilingualism are essential for sustainable development. In 1999, UNESCO declared 21 February as International Mother Language Day and since then it's celebrating International Mother Language Day for nearly 20 years with the aim of preserving linguistic diversity and promoting mother tongue-based multilingual education.

The United Nations' (UN) International Mother Language Day annually celebrates language diversity and variety worldwide on February 21 and there was no exception this year too. It also remembers events such as the killing of four students on February 21, 1952, because they campaigned to officially use their mother language, Bengali, in Bangladesh.

Research shows that linguistic diversity is increasingly threatened as more and more languages disappear. One language disappears on average every two weeks, taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage. Therefore, UNESCO and the UN take the opportunity to encourage people to work towards preserving their own languages.

Source: <https://en.unesco.org/>

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Public Libraries celebrated Shohid Dibosh and International Mother Language Day

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The photographs are from Bogra District Public Library and Sylhet Public Library

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Book Reading Competition kicked off at Daffodil Int'l University

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Professor Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Ph.D. Honorable Vice-Chancellor of DIU, Dr. Milan Khan, Librarian of DIU, Faculty and Staff Members and students/ participants are seen in the photographs

Daffodil International University (DIU) inaugurated its very own Book Reading Competition, on February 18, 2018, at the University Banquet Hall, Dhaka. To promote the reading habits among the DIU students, the university recently introduced a program "Farida Zoha Reading Scholarship" to its

community. Prof. Yousuf Mahbubul Islam, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of DIU, Dr. Milan Khan, University Librarian, faculty, staff members and students/parents were present in the opening ceremony.

Prize Giving Ceremony of Book Reading Competition held in Sylhet

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Reading is fun – and it is also one of the useful ways of learning a new language. With this thought in mind, the British Council had been running book reading competition since 2010 in partnership with different educational institutions to provide the students with the opportunity to read literature from around the world in simplified English. Around 32000 members from over 90 institutions from Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet are participating in the book reading programme. The competition involves the activities like reading books and taking part in an assessment. The participants are encouraged to read more books through a prize giving ceremony.

The British Council hosted the prize giving ceremony among the participants of Book Reading Competition in Sylhet on 1 February 2017. Dr. Md. Aminul Haque Bhuyan, Vice Chancellor, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology joined the event as chief guest. Jim Scarth, Deputy Director, British Council, Bangladesh, Md. Asaduzzaman Sayem, Executive Director, UK-Bangladesh Education Trust (UKBET) and Md. Kafil Hussain Chowdhury, Head of Sylhet Exams, Examination Services were present at the ceremony.

The event started with the speech from the chief guest, followed by the prize giving ceremony for the participants of

the book reading programme. The winners were awarded with books, certificates, British Council library memberships, mobile handsets and laptops. An interactive feedback session was also arranged for the coordinators after the prize giving ceremony. Coordinators shared their experiences and challenges while working in the book reading programme. The coordinators fantastically shared their success stories that helped the other coordinators to learn new and approved techniques. The participants of the book reading competition expressed their interests to read more books and win exciting prizes in the future.

Source: British Council Website

Celebration of 21 February and prizes distribution ceremony held at East West University

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On the occasion of International Mother Language Day and Shohid Diboshh, East West University (EWU) Information Club organized a prize distribution ceremony at the University premise. The ceremony was held on 21st February where Dr. Dilara Begum, Associate Prof. and Head of Department of Information Studies and Library Management chaired and Treasurer of EWU, AZM Shafiquel Alam was present as the chief guest.

Professor Dr. Md. Roknujjaman, Dept. of Information Science and library management, Dhaka University was present as the special guest. The Department of Information Studies and Library Management achieved the first position among participants in the quiz contest.

Source: translated from the dailymanabjagat

RU library professionals participated in the Library Technology Conclave (LTC2018) in India



Mr. Md. Rafiqur Rahman, Assistant Librarian, Mr. Nonigopel Roy, Assistant Librarian & Mr. M. A. M. Mominur Rahman, Operation Manager from the Central Library, University of Rajshahi attended as the foreign invited delegates from Bangladesh.

Library Technology Conclave (LTC2018) is a continuation of Koha Conclave instituted by Informatics in 2016 as an annual event. It is the First Library Technology Conclave - "LTC 2018" in India co-organised by Goa University Library and Informatics Group, Bangalore. Mr. Md. Rafiqur Rahman, Assistant Librarian, Mr. Nonigopel Roy, Assistant Librarian and Mr. M. A. M. Mominur Rahman, Operation Manager from the Rajshahi University (RU) Central Library attended as the foreign invited delegates. The team exchanged views with the Indian and other international attendees on different issues of library technologies in Bangladesh. The delegates had the opportunity to discuss the advantage, the limitation as well as challenges of current usage library technologies in Bangladesh and beyond with the conclave speaker Mr. Marshall Breeding, Ms. Katrin Fischer, Mr. Christopher Cormack and Ms. Sandra Flisijn.



THE UNEXPECTED ROLE LIBRARIANS ARE PLAYING IN THE HOMELESS CRISIS

By jfalcon on February 22, 2018

For many of Sacramento's (CA) homeless men and women, the public library is a haven from harsh weather, a primary source for bathroom facilities, a place to rest from the stress of the streets.

Details: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/unexpected-role-librarians-are-playing-homeless-crisis>



IMAGE: BOMBING HAS SEVERELY DAMAGED THE TEMPLE OF AIN DARA. (VERITY CRIDLAND/FLICKR.COM/CC BY 2.0)

How do we protect artworks and historical sites in conflict zones?

Syria's long-running civil War has had a catastrophic impact on many of the country's ancient monuments.

Details: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/protect-artworks-and-historical-sites-in-conflict-zones/9387116>

Abstracts

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Descriptive Metadata for Web Archiving

Recommendations of the OCLC
Research Library Partnership Web
Archiving Metadata Working Group

Jackie Dooley and Kate Bowers

New publication offers recommendations for improving metadata practices for archived websites

OCLC Research established the Web Archiving Metadata Working Group (WAM) to develop recommendations for descriptive metadata.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/research/publications/2018/oclcresearch-descriptive-metadata.html>



ISSN AND DOAJ: A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

DOAJ is delighted to announce the renewal of its partnership with ISSN. DOAJ is heavily reliant on issn.org (the ISSN database) as having [a fully registered and confirmed ISSN](#) is one of the first checks that the Editorial Team undertakes when considering applications. For DOAJ, [obtaining an ISSN](#) for a journal is the first of many steps that a publisher can take to show that a journal intends to adhere to Best Practice.

Details: <https://blog.doaj.org/2018/02/22/issn-and-doaj-a-renewed-partnership/>



Join in Jacksonville for this premier resource sharing event.

In the spirit of "Bridging Communities," OCLC invites all ILL professionals to Jacksonville, Florida, to share the latest in resource sharing, including innovative approaches to patron service and interlibrary loan workflows.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/en/events/conferences/resource-sharing-conference/2018.html>



OCLC Research and ALISE name recipients of 2018 Library and Information Science Research Grants

DUBLIN, Ohio, 8 February 2018—[OCLC Research](#) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education ([ALISE](#)) have awarded research grants for three projects to be conducted by five researchers. The awards were presented February 8 at the ALISE 2018 Annual Conference Awards Luncheon in Denver, Colorado.

Details: <https://www.oclc.org/en/news/releases/2018/201805dublin.html>



Visit Singapore libraries pre- and post- IFLA WLIC 2018

Details: <http://librarylearningspace.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/IFLA-WLIC-2018-REVISED.pdf>



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Reading culture of the young generation

Lodz, 24-25 September, 2018

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