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## New Executive Council Formed for BALID

Ahasan | Dhaka | May 06, 2018



Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) in its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at Gyantapash Abdur Razzak Foundation, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on 01 May 2018. Active members of BALID and their presence, Election Commission has chosen 17 potential and proven persons to conduct BALID for next two years (2018-2019). Elected members are:

Chairman, Dr. Mirza Mohd Rezaul Islam, Librarian, Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Vice-Chairman (03 positions), Ms. Hazera Rahman, Librarian, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Ms. Razina Akhtar, Librarian, Bangladesh Shishu Academy, and Mr. Sasanka Kumar Singha, Joint Director, Bangladesh Bank Library, Secretary-General, Mr Md. Humayun

Kabir, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB), Joint Secretary General, Mr AKM Nurul Alam (Apu), Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank Library, Finance Secretary, Md. Ahasan Habib, Assistant Librarian, Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Establishment Secretary, Mr. Kazi Farhad Noman, Deputy Librarian, BGMEA University of Fashion and Technology, Research and Development Secretary, Dr. Susmita Das, Senior Documentation Officer, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), Publications and Public Relations Secretary, Mr. M. Monirul Islam Kanok, Librarian, Prime Minister's Office, Member (07 positions), Dr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Head, Department of Library management and Information Science, Royal University of Dhaka, Mr Muhammad Hossam Haider Chowdhury, Librarian,

an, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB), Ms Rekha Yeasmeen, Assistant Librarian, Ministry of Water Resources, Mr Md. Fazlul Karim, Assistant Librarian, Bangladesh Open University, Muhammad Abdul Karim, Acting Deputy Librarian, Stamford University Bangladesh, Mr ABM Mahfuzul Haque, Chairman and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Comilla, Mr Atiqur Rahman, Proprietor, Ideal Enterprise.

There was an Election Commission lead by Prof. Dr Abdus Sattar, Comptroller of Examination, People's University of Bangladesh, Mr Syed Zohirul Amin Kayum, Registrar, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Agriculture University, Ms Shamsun Nahar Khan Shapna, Librarian, Ministry of Public Administration.

# A celebration of the 119th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam

Ratan K Das | Dhaka | May 6, 2018



## *A series of programmes at Divisional Public Library, Khulna*

Kazi Nazrul Islam is the national poet of Bangladesh, widely known as the Bidrohi Kobi (Rebel Poet). He was born on 25th May in 1899 at village Churulia in Burdwan district of West Bengal in India. His multi-faceted talent's poems and songs inspired to the mass to fight against injustice and the oppression of the ruler. He encouraged people to fight for independence.

Each year the government, as well as the various socio-cultural organisations celebrate his birth anniversary. In this year the whole nation will celebrate his 119th birth anniversary. Like other government organisations, the Divisional Public Library, Khulna is going to organise a series of programmes including book exhibitions along with a book reading and essay competition to mark the day.

### Here's a glimpse at the events.

#### Essay competition

The theme of the essay is '**Sammer Kobi Nazrul**'. This essay competition is open to all and should be written in Bengali. The total words should be within 1500 words.

Submission last date is 16th May, 2018.

#### Book reading contest

The interested participants should collect books from the library. The form can be collected from the library during the office hour. At the end of the reading, there will be an assessment test.

#### Book exhibition

A three-day long book exhibition will be held from 12th to 14th May at library's reading room. The event is open to all, from 10 am to 6 pm.

For more information, participants may contact the librarian, Dr Md Ahsan Ullah.

#### Further information:

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# New leaders of the publishing industry

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**A**cademic and Creative Publishers' Association of Bangladesh (Bangladesh Gyan O Srijonshil Prokashok Samity) is the most significant organisation of publishers in the country. The association works for the development of book industry of Bangladesh. Recently, the association elected its new committee.

Farid Ahmed, the owner of Somoy Prakashan, has taken charge as the

chairman of the new committee. He is one of the key figures in the country's publishing industry. He started his work in this industry in 1988, by bringing out the Liberation War books for the children.

The executive director's post has gone to Monirul Haque, owner of the Ananya Prokashoni. He grew up in a family who owned publishing houses like Tajmahal Book Depot and Comilla Book Depot.

The 21-member committee was elected at the elections held at the association's office at Paltan. They have been elected without any contest. The committee will serve for a two-year term, until 2020.

## First Meherpur book fair ended

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Many book stalls were set up in the fair. Some publishing houses from Dhaka also attended the fair. The fair was inaugurated on 22 April.

Lawmaker of Meherpur-1 constituency Farhad Hossain MP inaugurated the fair as the chief guest while Meherpur Deputy Commissioner Parimal Singh chaired the ceremony.

Book lovers crowded at the Shaheed Samsuzzoha Nagar Udyan of the district to buy books or to see what was new at the fair.

The fair was open to all from 3 pm to 9 pm, and cultural programmes were also held every day.

**A** seven-day long Meherpur book fair ended on 28th April. The fair was the first collaborative effort of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Meherpur district administration.

## BALID 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM held at Dhanmondi, Dhaka

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**B**angladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) of its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at Gyantapash Abdur Razzak Foundation, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

After registration, the programme was underway by giving a written statement of last two years BALID activities, and it was nicely presented by Mr Sasanka Kumar Singha, Secretary-General, BALID.

In the morning session, attended BALID members discussed different issues including BALID success story, BALID Institute, and different drawbacks. Ms Razia Sultana, Librarian, Gyantapash Abdur Razzak Foundation delivered a presentation on their library and its activities. Director General of the Gyantapash Abdur Razzak Foundation Dr Ahrah Ahmad also spoke on the said session.

Mr AKM Nurul Alam Apu, Finance Secretary, shared the financial statement and proposed budget.

After a lunch break, the discussion was continued, and Divisional Chapter of BALID approved the proposal followed by a lively argument.

Since BALID is growing after its inception on 23 January 1986, members have given consent for doing so. Indeed, that particular committee of Divisional Chapter should have ten valid BALID members, in it 05 members committee will be formed to co-operate the central committee.

In the end, New Executive Council was formed for the year 2018-2019 to run the BALID. Eighty-six, regular members of BALID, were present during this AGM.



## ULAB Observed World Book Day on 23 April 2018

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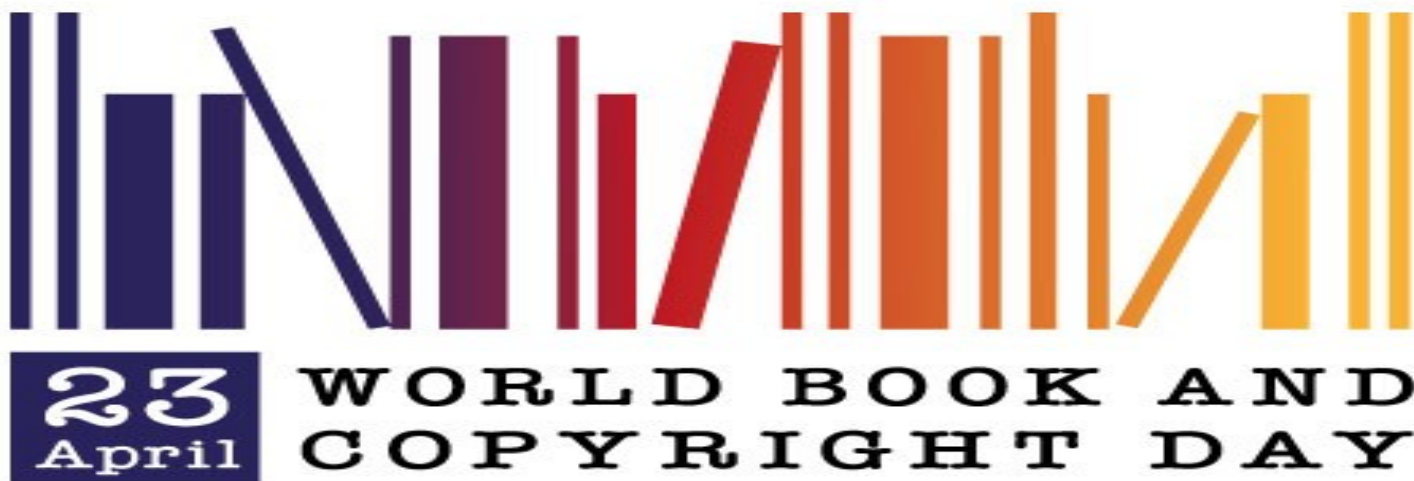
University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) observed the World Book Day on 23 April 2018 at its Campus, Dhaka.

Professor Dr H. M. Jahirul Haque, Vice Chancellor, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), Emeritus Professor Dr Rafiqul Islam, and Dr Syed Man-

zoorul Islam, Professor of English and Humanities of ULAB spoke about the significance of the World Book Day.

Among others from ULAB, Professor Dr Milan Kumar Bhattacharjee, Treasurer, Professor Akhtar Ahmed, Registrar, Professor Dr Shamsad Mortuza,

Head, Department of English and Humanities (DEH), Dr Shahnaj Husne Jahan, Professor and Director, Center for Archeological Studies (CAS), Mr K.M. Hasan Emam, Joint Librarian, Mr Kamal Hossain, Sr. Assistant Librarian, other officers and students attended the discussion session.



## ***New Appointment***



### **Mr ABM Mahfuzul Hoque has been appointed as the Chairman of Dept. of Library & information Science at University of Comilla**

**Mr** ABM Mahfuzul Hoque, Chairman, MH group has started his new career as the Chairman (Associate Professor) at the Department of Library and Information Science of the University of Comilla (UNIC).

Mr Mahfuzul is an alumni member (Hons session 1996-97) of Department of Information Science and Library Management, University of Dhaka.

Earlier he worked at North South University Library, Manager, Reference & Information Service Unit, Blue Grass Services LLC, Dubai, UAE, Prime University, Dhaka and Creative Media Limited.

He received several merit scholarships during his academic career.

He has been actively involved with library development and library movement activities since starting his LIS study at Dhaka University.

During his Vice Chairmanship of Bangladesh Association of Librarians Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID), he met with the library professionals of Nepal in Kathmandu and worked for a mutual professional development between Bangladeshi library professionals and Nepalese LIS professionals.

Recently he has been elected as one of the Executive Council Members of Bangladesh Association of Librarians Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID).

Department of Library and Information Science, University of Comilla is initially offering Post Graduate Diploma course. Others programme will be announced soon.

UNIC is located at House # 15, Road # 31, Sector # 7, Uttara, Dhaka.

On behalf of TLT congratulations to Mr ABM Mahfuzul Hoque on his new role!

# *Congratulations*

## ***Achievement***

# **Mohammad Shakaought Hossain Bhuiyan is the Winner of “WLIC 2018 Participation Grant” from Bangladesh**

M J Abdin

Dhaka | May 05, 2018



**M**ohammad Shakaought Hossain Bhuiyan, Deputy Librarian, Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh has been selected as a winner of the ‘WLIC 2018 Participation Grant’. As a winner of the WLIC 2018, he has been invited to join the World Library and Information Congress: 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The programme including, plenary sessions, poster sessions and pre-and post-congress meetings in which several sub-themes will be highlighted and discussed.

IFLA WLIC 2018 is jointly organised by IFLA, Librarian Association of Malaysia

and National Library of Malaysia and Supported by Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia and MyCEB.

As a winner of the WLIC, 2018 Participation Grant Mr Shakaought will receive a complimentary registration for the entire duration of the Congress, and an additional allowance.

The National Committee Secretariat for the Congress includes the Librarians Association of Malaysia and the National Library of Malaysia.

Approximately 3,500 participants are expected, and over 200 papers will be presented.

Shakaought’s participation in the Congress will undoubtedly contribute to library profession of Bangladesh.

On behalf of TLT editorial team, we heartily congratulate Mohammad Shakaought Hossain Bhuiyan on winning the WLIC 2018 Participation Grant 2018!

*Congratulations*



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## বাংলাদেশ গ্রন্থাগার সমিতি LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH (LAB)

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০৩:০৫	:	অতিথিবৃন্দকে ফুল দিয়ে বরণ
০৩:১০	:	পবিত্র ধর্মগ্রন্থসমূহ থেকে পাঠ
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০৩:২০	:	আহ্বায়কের শুভেচ্ছা বক্তব্য
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# The library is not a selling centre: An opinion

Ratan K Das



**S**ince my boyhood, I have compared the library to a Mandir (Hindu Temple). I used to think that these two (Temple and library) are the kinds of places wherein we should keep quiet and avoid gossiping. We should visit these places after having a bath and wearing clean clothes. Still, I compare a library with a Mandir from core of my heart. But I do feel ashamed when I see a lot of libraries here and there in the city, selling stationeries and books as well. And even an educated people to treat these shops as the library.

Commonly, these libraries sell educational materials like books, notebooks, pens, pencils, sharpeners, toys etc. They even sell cigarettes! This is a typical scenario in Bangladesh. One can easily find these so-called libraries around the educational institutions, from kindergartens to universities. Every city of Bangladesh has more than one such kind of libraries. There are also newspaper hawkers' stand namely 'Newspaper Selling Center or Library'. These libraries open every morning and typically close at midnight. Sometimes the librarian (!) tries to motivate a customer for buying products. In this library, most of the time librarian is very busy in gossiping or reading newspaper. The person has several obedient personnels who strictly follow his directions. Sometimes they ask the librarian, 'Sir, he/she (the cus-

tomers) wants to buy it (product) at ten takas'. The librarian (!) whimsically replies, 'give it'.

*These are merely bookshops, nothing else. Unfortunately, these business shops are named as the library.*

Who started this idea, God knows! Here, I would like to mention a conversation between me and one of my colleagues who is a prominent journalist of one of the best daily newspapers in the country. One day he said, I bought some books from Sabuj Library at Shantibag. I added do you buy cigarettes from there? He amusingly replied that library sells educational materials. I tried a lot to make him understand that, this is not a library and we can simply say bookshop. But my words just amused him. He was kidding with me - I remembered those days of bullying 'ALMIRAH SCIENCE' that day.

The conversation was happened in 2011. But the situation and attitude are still remaining the same. No changes at all. They are doing business, its ok. But the name of their shop must be changed.

When a journalist treated a library to a bookshop, we should feel pity. What about the school going children? What are they thinking about these bookstores? They are growing up with some wrong conceptions. As a result, a vast number of people have no clear idea about the library.

What about the cyber world of Bangladesh? I have found several well managed fan pages on Facebook namely '... Library', such as Dynamic Library' etc. At the website they mention, 'book & magazine distributor in Kakrail, Dhaka, Bangladesh'. These are mainly E-commerce sites which selling books, computers, smartphones, smartwatches and other accessories. But they put the word 'library'. And some library professionals who graduated in Information Science and Library Management also follow these types of pages. I

guess there are many sites which named under the library.

A couple of years ago, I wanted to capture these shops' photos and would like to share these to the library community. That is another story.

Now I would like to talk regarding this issue. How can we cope with this social national problem? Is it our failure? Have we failed to educate even the educated class like the journo? We should raise our voice to aware the mass people. We should also try to change their conceptions about the library. Otherwise, I will fail to compare the library to a Mandir.

## List of some so-called libraries (!)

Tofazzal Library (Dhaka)  
 UCC Library (Dhaka)  
 Asia Library (Dhaka)  
 Popi Library (Dhaka, Sylhet)  
 Al-noor Library (Dhaka)  
 Rahmania Library (Gazipur)  
 Adarsha Library (Bagerhat, Tangail)  
 Moslem Library (Faridpur)  
 Mohona Library (Shariatpur)  
 Kabir Library (Shariatpur)  
 College Library (Mymensingh)  
 Akanda Library (Mymensingh)  
 Pak Library (Jamalpur)  
 Ittadi Library (Jamalpur)  
 Madina Library (Brahmanbaria)  
 Ekra Library (Cumilla)  
 Master Library (Chandpur)  
 Rahmania Library (Feni)  
 Razzakia Library (Noakhali)  
 Promise Library (Noakhali)  
 Oxford Library (Noakhali)  
 Student Library (almost every town in Bangladesh has at least one Student Library)  
 Friends Library (nearly every town of Bangladesh has at least one Friends Library)  
 Siddikia Library (Chottogram)  
 Shikhhok Library (Chottogram)  
 Bayezid Library (Chottogram)  
 Rahmania Library (Cox's Bazar)  
 Goni Library (Khagrachhari)  
 Janata Library (Naogaon)

# International News

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES ARE CHANGING THEIR WAYS

By jfalcon on May 3, 2018



The way libraries operate is a common place for jokes. Television shows and commercials still portray a dark library with a 70-something-year-old librarian hushing patrons who are being too loud.

Full report at <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/school-libraries-are-changing-their-ways>

## The Future of Well-Being in a Tech-Saturated World



According to a survey by Elon University's Imagining the Internet Center and the Pew Research Center, 47% predict that individuals' well-being will be more helped than harmed by digital life over the next ten years, while 32% believe the opposite. Those who were hopeful said the benefits of digital life include links to people, knowledge, education, and entertainment in an affordable, nearly frictionless manner. Those who were concerned cited digital deficits, such as information overload and declines in trust and face-to-face skills.

Details: <http://www.pewinternet.org/2018/04/17/the-future-of-well-being-in-a-tech-saturated-world/>

## The Realities of Research Data Management

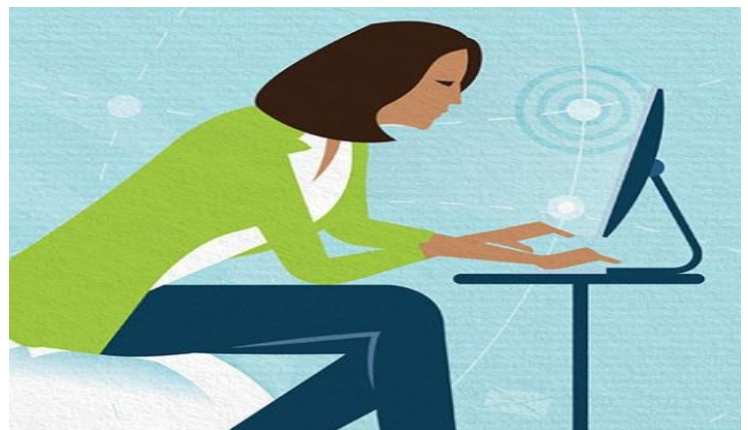


**The Realities of Research Data Management** is a four-part series that explores how research universities are addressing the challenge of managing research data throughout the research lifecycle. In this series, we examine the context, influences, and choices higher education institutions face in building or acquiring RDM capacity—in other words, the infrastructure, services, and other resources needed to support emerging data management practices.

Detail: <https://www.oclc.org/research/publications/2017/oclcresearch-research-data-management.html>

## Library Systems Report 2018

New technologies enable an expanded vision of library services By Marshall Breeding | May 1, 2018



Technologies that focus on supporting traditional library services no longer meet the needs of libraries that wish to strengthen their involvement in new service areas.

Full report: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/05/01/library-systems-report-2018/>

# Conferences

## 2nd International Conference on Information Management and Libraries (ICIML2018).



2nd International Conference on  
Information Management & Libraries  
ICIML 2018, 10-12 OCTOBER

### Venue:

University Law College, University of the Punjab, Quaid-e-Azam Campus, Lahore, Pakistan

You are invited to be part of this exciting event, connect with national and international participants, and disseminate your research, experience and opinions.

Details: <http://www.pu.edu.pk/iciml/index.html>

## Open Access in Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS



The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) is excited to announce that its 48<sup>th</sup> Conference, to be held from June 3 – 7, 2018 in beautiful Dominican Republic, will focus on the theme *Open Access in Caribbean Libraries, Archives and Museums: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions*.

Details: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar>

## Call for Proposals

## Open Education Southern Symposium



The Open Education Southern Symposium at the University of Arkansas is accepting proposals for its day and a half conference on Monday, Oct. 1 and Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018.

October 1 and 2, 2018

Donald W. Reynolds Center, University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Details: <https://openedss.uark.edu/call-for-proposals.php>

## WASON CONFERENCE 2018



Cornell University Library and Ohio University Libraries are pleased to announce that they will jointly organize the *7th International Conference of the World Confederation of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies*, from September 27 to 28, 2018, at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, USA.

Details: <https://asia.library.cornell.edu/conference2018>



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