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A Dialogue session held on the occasion of National Library Day

Ahasan | Dhaka | May 20, 2018



A dialogue session was held to celebrate the National Library Day on 13 May 2018 at Shawkat Osman Memorial Auditorium, Directorate of Public Libraries, Shahbag, Dhaka. The event was organised by the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB). Begum Akhtar Jahan, Member of Parliament, was present at the event as the Chief Guest while Mr Syed Ali Akbar, President, (LAB) chaired the session.

Dr Md. Anwarul Islam, Secretary-General, LAB discussed the contemporary issues especially School and Madrasa Librarianship and its incumbent grading problem. Mr Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Additional Secretary,

Ministry of Education spoke and provided various instructions and shared his views on library and professional issues.

Prof. Dr S.M. Zabed Ahmed, Librarian in Charge, University of Dhaka, told that, in a public University, the librarian is a member of academic council; library professionals are getting corresponding respect in all aspects of university activities. Dr Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID), Mr A.D.M. Ali Ahmed, Vice-President, LAB, Mr Hamidur Rahman Tushar, Treasurer,

LAB also delivered their speeches on various prospects of the profession.

A good number of library professionals working in the different type of libraries attended the event.

At the end of the dialogue session, a cultural show was performed. Ms Anjuman Ara Shimul and other professional performers performed in the cultural event.

To commemorate this event, the organiser published a souvenir entitled “Anupranon”.

The programme was ended by following a gala dinner.

Seminar on 'Research Findings under On- campus MAS in LIS Program' held at National University Bangladesh

Rajesh | Dhaka | May 20, 2018



A two-day long seminar with the participation of researchers of On-Campus MAS (Master of Advanced Studies) students (session-2015-2016) in Library and Information Science was held on 14-15 May 2018 at National University Bangladesh. Professor Dr. Harun-Or-Rashid, Vice-Chancellor, National University was present as the Chief Guest while Dr. Awlad Hossain, Chairman, Academic committee, faculty of Arts, National University presided over the programme. The Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Harun-or-Rashid in his speech mentioned, *"Actual researchers speak less think much."*

"Actual researchers speak less think much." Professor Dr. Harun-Or-Rashid, Vice-chancellor, National University Bangladesh in his speech in a research seminar

There are 9 researchers at MAS level who are working under Professor Nasir's supervision presented their research papers over two-days.



Dr Md Moshir Rahman, Pro-Vice-chancellor, National University; Professor Dr Md. Nasiruddin Munshi, University of Dhaka; Dr Dilara Begum, Associate Professor, East West University participated the event as the open speakers and specialists.

Dr Md. Anwar Hossain, Professor in Sociology, Dr Mohammad Bin Kashem and the Registrar Molla Mahfuz Al-Hossain also discussed in the seminar.

It's really praiseworthy that your research findings will show the new path to the nextgen." He pointed out that we are a nation of Bangabandhu-1 Satellite era. This satellite will work at the communications and broadcasting. So, LIS professionals can work many things on these issues.

Professor Dr Md. Nasiruddin Mitul, Dean, National University Bangladesh delivered a speech with an overall research findings and focused on the importance of the seminar which aspects of researchers findings are the most interesting and important.

Other distinguished guests, Students-teachers-officials of National University were present at the programme.

BALID outgoing committee handed over all the document to the new committee

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Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (BALID) the new executive committee for the year 2018-2019 received the charges in an occasion of handover and takeover event held at BALID Office, Dhanmondi, Dhaka on 15 May 2018.

Dr Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam, Chairman Dr Mostafizur Rahman, Mr Humayun Kabir, Secretary-General, Mr Sasanka Kumar Singha, Mr Md. Ahasan Habib, Finance

Secretary, Mr AKM Nurul Alam Apu were the signatories while Mr Minhaj Uddin Ahmed, Mr AKM Mofizur Rahman and Ms Shamsun Nahar Shapna were the witnesses of the event.

After taking responsibilities, the first meeting of the new executive committee was held at the same day. Dr Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam chaired the meeting and discussed on the next working plans. The committee members also had given their feedbacks regarding the said agendas.

Professor Dr Partha Biplob Roy has been appointed as a Provost



Professor Dr Partha Biplob Roy has been appointed as the provost at Sher-e-Bangla Hall, University of Rajshahi. He will work for the next three years of the apportioned position. Earlier Prof. Roy worked as a Chairman of Department of Information Science and Library Management (ISLM), and Academic Council Member of the said university. He is the first ever provost of any public University of Bangladesh from the Department of Information Science and Library Management. It seems, library professionals are proving themselves and availing new opportunities and creating the landmark.

Ambassador of Chad and other envoys visits IUT Library

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A delegation composed of H.E Matar Breme, Ambassador of The Republic of Chad in Riyadh, KSA; Prof. Dr. Abdul K. Mpaata, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU); Ms. Fadima-tou Dia, Sub-Director in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cameroon, paid a courtesy visit to the Islamic University of Technology on 7 May 2018.

After a very warm welcome from the Hon'ble VC of IUT and the students, the esteemed guests visited some facilities of the university including the female dormitory, machine workshops, cafeteria and Library.

Dr Mirza Mohd. Rezaul Islam, Librarian, Islamic University of Technology delivered a presentation on the library facilities and services and discussed several issues regarding IUT Library.

Prize giving ceremony of Reading Challenge held at British Council

Ratan K Das | Dhaka | May 20, 2018

The prize giving ceremony of 'Reading Challenge 2018' was held at the office of British Council located on Fuller Road on May 12 2018. 'The Reading Challenge' is a programme co-ordinated by the Reading Agency UK that aims to encourage children to read more books.

It is run in UK libraries in the summer holidays. British Council runs modified version of the Challenge in their libraries and teaching centres and in local schools.



Every year the Reading Challenge has a different theme – this year it was 'Animal Agents'. Participating centres receive collections of books on the theme along with high quality graphic materials like posters, certificates, stickers, bookmarks, etc. The challenge is supported by an interactive website with a range of children's activities. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment and the programme is very popular with children and parents.

This year around 100 children from different institutions participated in the challenge. Throughout the time, they took part in various interactive events hosted in the premises of British Council. The events included Halloween Party, Christmas Party and International Children Film Festival.

All the participants along with their parents attended the event. The event started with the welcome speech by Sarwat Masuda Reza, Head of Cultural Centre. After that, there was an interactive story-telling session facilitated by a teacher from 'British Council Bangladesh Teaching Centre'. The children were excited to participate in it and enjoyed the session thoroughly.

Source: Daily Sun

<https://daily-sun.com/printversion/details/309263/2018/05/17/PrizeGiving-Ceremony-Of-%E2%80%98The-Reading-Challenge-2018%E2%80%99-Hosted-By-British-Council>

A four-day long theatre festival held at LWM

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A four-day long theatre festival addressing diverse issues was held at Liberation War Museum auditorium.

The event was jointly organised by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and the Liberation War Museum. Aly Zaker, Liberation War Museum trustee and actor, inaugurated the festival as the chief guest on 11th May while Sara Zaker, Liberation War Museum trustee was also present the event.

The festival was ended on 14 May 2018. A total of four dramas were staged on every day at 7 pm. The festival inspired theatre activists for staging shows at the venue regularly. The venue would help reach the broader range of audiences, organising committee opines. For this reason, the museum plans to hold the festival in every year.



International Day of Light observed at the National Museum

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The Bangladesh National Museum, in collaboration with the Society for the Popularization of Science, Bangladesh (SPSB) organised a day-long programme in celebration of International Day of Light on 16th May. Biggan Chinta, Kishora Alo along with MASLab co-hosted the programme.

This was the 1st edition of the International Day of Light observance all over the world. The organising committee chooses Bangladesh National Museum to observe the day. They organised a series of programmes including a photography exhibition titled 'Tales of Light', poster exhibition, drawing, and quiz competition to mark the day.

The event was held at Nalini Kanta Bhattasali Gallery of the National Museum. The programme was open to all, from 10 am to 5 pm. Mr Munir Hasan, National Coordinator, International Day of Light inaugurated the event while Mr Faizul Latif Chowdhury, Director General, Bangladesh National Museum was present at the event as the special guest.

At the end of the programme, author and educationist Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal was present there to hand over certificates to the participants.

The 41st edition of Koishor Tarunnye Boi book fair kicked off

Ratan K Das | Dhaka | May 20, 2018



A three-day long book fair kicked off at the premises of Bangladesh Navy School & College in Dhaka from 13th to 15th May for the 41st time. The event was organised by Koishor Tarunnye Boi.

Children's literature writer Ali Imam inaugurated the fair on 13 May 2018 at 9 am as the chief guest while president of the Koishor Tarunnye Boi Tushar Abdullah chaired the programme. Novelist Selina Hossain was present on the closing day as the chief guest on 15 May 2018.

A total of 11 publishing houses participated in the fair. They are Anupam Prokashoni, Somoy Prokashon, Adorn Publication, Ikrimikri, Jagriti Prokashani, Anonnya, Kakoli Prokashoni, Prothoma Prokashon, Kotha Prokash, Babui, and Dyu.

*Footnote***

**Koishor Tarunnye Boi is a platform of some of the leading publishing houses of Bangladesh.

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Foundation stone laid for ILIM

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A eight storied foundation stone laid of Institute for Library and Information Management (ILIM) on 14 May 2018 at Future Housing, Katashore, Dhaka. Prof. Dr. Ahiduzzaman, Vice Chancellor, Noakhali Science and Technology University and Chairman, Governing Board, ILIM attended the event as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the foundation stone.

Prof. Dr. Ahiduzzaman informed to the audiences that, ILIM is the first affiliated organization of the National University Bangladesh. It was given permission on 1996. *"We do feel happy that this organ is establishing its permanent campus"* he added.

ILIM is shifting to its own campus since its inception in 1996. ILIM has been operating its academic activities with 300 regular PGD students in Yousuf Hossain High School at Sankar, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. The evening shift is experiencing difficulties with unhealthy and congested space due to its high enrolment pressure.

Since 22 years many professional bodies worked with ILIM as the Chairman and as the member of the governing bodies. However, no one had this courage to take initiative to purchase a land with a view to have its own campus.

Prof. Dr. Ahiduzzaman, Vice Chancellor, Noakhali Science and Technology University and Chairman, Governing Board, ILIM has done this noble job. As long as he becomes the Chairman, he has been trying a lot to progress ILIM with his close team member Professor Dr. Md. Nasiruddin Mitul.

Science fiction festival held at Public Library, Dhaka

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A two-day long science fiction festival titled 'Bangladesh Science Fiction Festival 2018' was held on 11 and 12 May at Central Public Library.



The event was organised by the Bangladesh Science Fiction Society (BSFS). Dr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, an eminent author and educationist, inaugurated the programme as the chief guest. Among others, Mr. Moshtaque Ahmed, President of BSFS and Dr. Mohit Kamal were also present at the ceremony.

The festival has featured interaction with humanoid robot Ribo 2018, simulations games, remote control car racing, quiz competitions, 3D movie exhibitions, book fair, and remote control car racing. For due reasons, the festival had been attracted many children along with their parents. 25% discount on science-related books was also offered in the event.

Mustafa Kamal, Executive Editor of the Daily Kaler Kantho and Saif Emon, Feature Writer of The Daily Bangladesh Pratidin, awarded with crests and certificates for their contribution to science fiction writing. They also received twenty-five thousand and ten thousand taka respectively.

The festival was open to all, from 11 am to 7 pm.



WhatsApp: Instant Reference Service at East West University Library!

Md. Sagar Shahanawaz and Md. Abdul Latif
Library Circulation Officer
East West University

Libraries should always have a perspective of being where users are. Today, libraries are not dealing with the conventional services. Libraries are acting as a social hub for a community. We are living in social media milieu, and young people prefer to choose interactive communication media. We all know that libraries all around the world are using interactive web 2.0 tools so that patrons are engaging with libraries at any time whenever they need. In this regards, "WhatsApp" is indeed an interactive web 2.0 tool.

East-West University (EWU) is the forerunner library in terms of using interactive social media

tools subsuming Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, Google+ to engage with patrons.

To engage with users, EWU library first introduced instant messaging service using Meebo software in 2010. However, Meebo was acquired by Google in 2012, and it was discontinued. For that reason, EWU library started to use Zoho software to continue the engagement with patrons named **Virtual Reference Service** but this service hour is limited. That's why, to enlarge service hours, EWU library has initiated **Instant Reference Service using WhatsApp** in September 2017 for the first time in Bangladesh on trial basis to provide reference queries to its users. This service will be developed gradually with more valuable features in future. The service hour is 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, from Sunday to Thursday.

This service has unveiled as a new horizon for Library and Information Science (LIS) sector in Bangladesh. It is a direct and user-friendly service for library users to contact library personnel. Users may ask about services and resources provided by EWU Library and request information immediately via WhatsApp messages.



By using WhatsApp library can easily send real-time messages, video, image, audio, and other information with patrons. In addition, WhatsApp is acting as the best tool for information gathering and information dissemination in a timely and cost-effective manner. Now the total population of Bangladesh is 166 million and 147 million people use mobile phones while around 80 million people access the internet (BTRC, 2018). Therefore, it will be quite easy for libraries in Bangladesh to introduce virtual reference services by using WhatsApp so that patrons can contact library personnel with any question through WhatsApp, directly from their mobile phone. It should be mentioned that some renowned libraries in Bangladesh have taken initiatives to use the mobile phone for providing different types of services. Research has shown

that many libraries are using WhatsApp to provide alert services about library product and services, create a new group to provide Current Awareness Service (CAS), Selective Dissemination Information (SDI) service, Reference Services, Research Consultation and Instruction and so on. Besides, the following points are imperative

for libraries if they use WhatsApp:

WhatsApp will ease collaborations and promote effective communication between library staff and their patrons.

It is easier to use in the library. It helps to gather feedback to enhance user services. It provides latest and updates information.

The user can able to ask for their required document from any places in real time environment.

In the end, LIS professionals need to commence innovative ideas for their patrons for the survival in this contemporary environment. We have different types of users, and we have the power to transform our services from traditional to virtual according to user's need. Therefore, using WhatsApp to provide reference services can be a useful tool for technophile library patrons.



Directorate of Public Libraries organises different events

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Directorate of Public libraries organised several events throughout the year from different parts of the country. Public libraries trends and scenarios are changing rapidly. They are indeed working as Peoples University.

Following news are collected from the different district and divisional public libraries of Bangladesh.

Romeo and Juliet drama by the British Council was displayed on the mini screen in the seminar room of Divisional Public Library, Sylhet on 05 May 2018.

The show was performed by disabled people on the play Romeo Juliet, written by Best Playwright William Shakespeare.

Book exhibition of three days long from May 15 to May 17, 2018, on the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Woodburn Public Library, Bogra

A Film Festival "Romeo and Joliet" was held on 28 April 2018 in Cox's Bazar public library for the disabled people organised by the British Council

National poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Woodburn Public Library, Bogra



International News

Australia adds cloud to safe harbour copyright regime

By Corinne Reichert | May 10, 2018



The government has agreed to make an addendum to the explanatory memorandum of its safe harbours extension to note the use of cloud service providers by the education, cultural, and disability sectors.

Details: at :

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-adds-cloud-to-safe-harbour-copyright-regime/>

Ethiopia selected as the first country to launch Global Digital Library



The Global Book Alliance, which is comprised of donor agencies from the United States, Norway, the UK, and other countries, is launching a new Global Digital Library in Ethiopia to increase the availability of high-quality reading resources for children and youth across the country.

Ethiopia was selected as the first country to launch the Global Digital Library, which is a worldwide effort to provide children with the books and learning materials they need to learn to read.

Details at:

<http://www.itnewsafrika.com/2018/04/ethiopia-selected-as-the-first-country-to-launch-global-digital-library/>

School librarians fear a 'quiet crisis' is endangering their place in the education world

By Jackie Valley



Gone are the days of libraries being silent zones, used for studying or reading only.

Enter the Bob Miller Middle School library, and you'll find students working together on projects and teachers giving instructions aloud. Reading, researching and innovating intersect in this modern environment surrounded by books and technology. The blended learning space recently served as ground zero for a sixth-grade project in which students created advocacy videos about water conservation.

Details: <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/school-librarians-fear-a-quiet-crisis-is-endangering-their-place-in-the-education-world>

Think. Check. Attend – a new initiative announced today by Knowledge E.



Choose the right journal for your research

17th May 2018, Oxford and Dubai

Think. Check. Attend, a new initiative, is announced today by Knowledge E, a Dubai based information and service provider to the academic community. Based on Think Check Submit—launched by a coalition of several organisations across the scholarly communications community in response to mutual challenges for publishers, service providers and universities alike—the new initiative follows the same structure and pattern and provides a set of easy, practical steps for academics all over the world who want to check the suitability of a conference before submitting an abstract or agreeing to attend.

Details: <http://thinkchecksubmit.org/2018/05/17/think-check-attend-a-new-initiative-announced-today-by-knowledge-e/>

Conferences

14th International Digital Curation Conference

"Collaborations and Partnerships: addressing the big digital challenges together"



4 - 7 February 2019

Arts West Building, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne, Melbourne

Overview

The 14th edition of the International Digital Curation Conference (IDCC) will be run in partnership with the University of Melbourne. The conference will be hosted at the new Faculty of Arts development at Arts West, which has award winning, state-of-the-art facilities.

Details: <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/drupal/events/idcc19>

JCLC 2018



Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 26-30, 2018

JCLC 2018 – The 3rd National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held September 26-30 in Albuquerque,

New Mexico.

CLC is a conference for everyone! JCLC brings together a diverse group of librarians, library staff, library supporters, and community participants to explore issues of diversity in libraries and how they affect the ethnic communities who use our services.

Details: <http://www.jclcinc.org/jclc-2018/>

WHAT IS BOBCATSSS



An annual library and information science symposium. It is held under the auspices of European Association for Library and Information Education and Research and is organized by students from at least two universities.

Details: <http://bobcatsss2019.ffos.hr/#>

WELCOME TO THE NEW LIBRARIAN SUMMIT (NLS) CONFERENCE!



Join in August 2-3, 2018 at San Jose State University in San Jose, California. They strongly encourage proposal submissions from MLIS graduate students, librarians who have graduated within the past 10 years, as well as those who have accepted new roles/appointments or experienced career transitions in the past 10 years. First-time presenters are welcome. This event provides a supportive opportunity of peers to share knowledge about innovations, trends, developments, challenges and experiences.

Details: <https://www.newlibrariansummit.org/>

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Now we are looking for individuals from each organisation to extend our contribution to the GLAM in Bangladesh.

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Abbreviations

When we need to use abbreviation must be in full for the first use with the abbreviation shown in brackets, after that you can use the abbreviated form. For example, open access (OA). We should especially careful with the term LIS as it can mean library and information studies, services or sciences. We need to know which one we are meaning.

What type of contents do we want?

- Sharing a successful program/project/event about your library
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- Submitting Professional upcoming issues in your workplace
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