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Quote of the Month

"A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives every citizen equal access to it."

- Neil Gaiman,
British writer

Appeal to Readers

News from different regions / states are solicited from IASLIC members for inclusion in the newsletter. Send such news to the Editor.

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IASLIC ACTIVITIES

28th National Seminar - 2018 : Call for Papers

The 28th National Seminar of IASLIC is schedule to be held at the Conference Hall, Central Library, Visva-Bharati, India, during November 18 - 20, 2018. Papers are invited on the following areas of the main theme of the Seminar and the themes of SIG Meetings for deliberation during the Seminar.

Main Theme: LIS Education in India: Current Scenario and Future Strategies

More than a century has passed since LIS education started in this country. John Macfarlane, the first Librarian of the Imperial Library, introduced in-house training programme for in-service professionals of the library in 1901. In subsequent years, the training programme was opened to the staff of other libraries and even to non-librarians, who were dealing with books and other documents. India has been slow in recognizing the importance of training for library and information workers. However, with the recent growth of library consciousness among the people, the importance of professional training is being recognized for providing quality library/information services. Fortunately, India has made a unique and substantial contribution towards the emergence of library and information science as a full-fledged discipline. The function of a librarian is no more limited to issuing and receiving of books only, he needs to act beyond that; he has much more important role to play. He needs to arouse a real interest and curiosity in the minds of the users for acquiring knowledge; he needs to cultivate the reading habit among them. He should have the capability of fulfilling all types of requirements of the user community. Obviously, unless a person gathers sufficient knowledge and possesses the necessary professional skills, he will not be in a position to serve users effectively. As the LIS education in the country is fast expanding, ensuring quality of such education has become essential. Though a large number of LIS schools has come up in recent decades, hardly any attention has been paid in many such schools towards developing infrastructure and manpower needed to impart quality education. Hence IASLIC has decided to provide a platform to library and information professionals for discussing future strategies in this regard. The sub-themes of the main theme are:

1. Background: History and development of LIS education

- Genesis and progress of LIS education
- LIS education and Ranganathan
- Current national and state scenario
- I-School movement
- Role of UGC and professional associations in LIS education
- Trends and challenges of current LIS education system

2. General considerations

- a) Nomenclature and levels of courses
- b) Duration of courses and class hours
- c) Intake and teacher-student ratio
- d) Admission requirements: selection criteria
- e) Modes of LIS education and their efficacy
- f) Current education policy vis-a-vis LIS education

3 Infrastructure requirements

- a) Space requirements
- b) Financial requirements
- c) Manpower requirements (including core competencies of teachers)
- d) Requirements of teaching tools and equipments
- e) Requirements for practical training
- f) E-resources including Open Access resources in LIS

4 Curriculum design, development and evaluation

- a) Factors to be considered for curriculum design
- b) Course structure and contents: contents for core and optional subjects
- c) Theoretical and practical components, including apprenticeship
- d) Specializations in LIS programmes
- e) Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
- f) Evaluation of current syllabi of LIS schools - competencies expected vs. subjects taught

5 Teachers and teaching methods

- a) Required qualifications and experience of teachers (including professional experience)
- b) Updating of knowledge and skills of teachers
- c) Teaching methods - traditional and modern - and their efficacy
- d) Method of practical training of students
- e) Out-of-class assistance and consultation
- f) Evaluation methodology

6 Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in LIS

- a) Enrolment and eligibility
- b) Teaching Methodology: Teachers and Counsellors, Interactive Teleconferencing, Broadcasting and Computer-Aided Learning, Personal contact programmes, online programmes including MOOCs.
- c) Development of Course Materials: Self-Learning Materials (SLM) and Multimedia Materials
- d) Evaluation System
- e) Quality Issues in ODL
- f) Role of apex bodies like DEC and UGC

7 Library and Information Research

- a) Current Trend of LIS research
- b) Research on practical and emerging LIS Issues
- c) Multidisciplinary approaches in LIS research
- d) Applicability of research results
- e) Plagiarism and research ethics
- f) Challenges of LIS research

8 Quality assurance and accreditation of LIS schools and courses

- a) Need and importance
- b) Internal quality assurance
- c) Benchmarking and best practices
- d) Criteria for assessment
- e) Employability of present LIS trainees
- f) Quality indicators and accreditation standards

9 Comparative LIS Education and Research

- a) Comparative study of different aspects of LIS education in India and other countries
- b) Integration of international issues in LIS education
- c) Equivalence of LIS degrees
- d) Internationally recognized professional qualifications
- e) International collaboration in LIS education and research, Bologna Process
- f) Role of international organizations like IFLA, EUCLID, ALA, ALISE in LIS education

10 Future strategies

- a) Formulation of LIS education policy
- b) Restructuring/ Re-engineering LIS Education in Indian perspective
- c) Designing of need based curriculum
- d) Setting up of accrediting machinery
- e) Marketing of LIS education
- f) Use of Web 2.0 Technology in LIS education.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) MEETINGS**SIG 01: Social Science Information****Theme: Rabindranath Tagore's Vision on Libraries and its relevance in New Era**

- A. Rabindranath's philosophy of library
- B. Tagore's concept of knowledge and its dissemination
- C. Relevance of Tagore's vision of library in the present era
- D. Rural library services in Tagore's Model
- E. Tagore and Sriniketan: Experiment of rural reconstruction
- F. Ranganathan's Five Laws and Tagore's vision on libraries.

SIG 02: Computer Applications in LIS**Theme: Data Management in Libraries****I. Role of Librarians in Data Repositories**

- a) R and R modules for LIS
- b) Research Data Management (RDM)
- c) Data Repository Software - Dataverse, CKAN, DKAN, Dryad etc.
- d) Copyright and Licenses Related to Data

II. Kinds of Data

- a) Sources of Data and 5V's data

- b) Open vs. Closed Data
- c) Open Standards for Publishing Data
- d) Linked Open Data

III. Data Publishing

- a) Workflow in Publishing Data
- b) Data Curation
- c) De-duplication and Validation of Data
- d) Metadata for Data - DCAT etc.

IV. Government Data Management

- a) Privacy and security issues
- b) Social and ethical issues in sharing data
- c) Challenges in making Data FAIR
- d) Challenges in creating 5 Star Data

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Date of Seminar: November 18-20, 2018

**Venue: Conference Hall, Central Library,
Visva-Bharati, Bolpur, Santiniketan**

Submission of Full Paper: August 31, 2018

Acceptance: September 30, 2018

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General Instructions

1. Contributed papers will have to be of qualitative value for publication.
2. A generalised presentation should be avoided.
3. Full paper within 2500 words (not more than 10 pages of A4 size paper), along with an informative abstract (between 300 and 400 words), typed in double space on single side, in Times New Roman 12pt size font, with margin of 1.5" on all sides, should be submitted in triplicate by August 31, 2018, along with Author's/ Authors' declaration duly signed by the author(s) in prescribed format in triplicate.
4. In addition, a softcopy of the full paper composed in MS Word should be submitted on CD/DVD or as an attachment through e-mail to iaslic.sem@gmail.com
5. Author(s) should indicate the facet and topic of the paper distinctly.

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8. Pre-Seminar volume will have only abstracts of accepted papers.
9. Accepted papers which are presented in the Seminar, will only be published in the Post-Seminar volume.
10. Pre-declaration by the author(s) should be made separately that the paper has not been sent elsewhere for publication/presentation. This has to be sent in hard copy.
11. All accepted papers will be invited for presentation either in the main thematic sessions of the Seminar or in the SIG Meetings. Presenter will be allowed maximum fifteen minutes for presentation including interaction.
12. There will be provision for Poster presentation. All papers accepted for poster presentation will be allocated time for display of full papers. Abstracts of all papers accepted for poster presentation will be included in the pre-Seminar volume. There will be a provision for the Best Poster Presentation Award. Poster papers will not be published in the post-Seminar volume
14. All registered participants will receive Post-Seminar volume free of cost from IASLIC office. Additional Rs.150/- will be charged for postage and handling from those who wish to receive the volume through post.
15. The decision of the Editorial Committee will be final and no negotiation regarding the acceptance of papers for presentation in the Seminar or otherwise will be entertained.
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CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

National**Workshop on Research Impact Evaluation**

INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, is organizing a National Workshop on 'Research Impact Evaluation and Altmetrics' during July 18 - 20, 2018. For details visit: https://www.inflibnet.ac.in/hrd/docs/Altmetrics_2018.pdf

Workshop on Data Analytics

A National Workshop on 'Data Analytics for Research Paper Writing' will be held during July 20 - 21, 2018 at Bharatesh Education Trust's Global Business School, Belagavi Karnataka. For details email to: bharat@betgbs.in or bharatalasandi@gmail.com

SALIS Conference

Department of Library and Information Science, Alagappa University, Karikudi, Tamil Nadu, and Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Chennai, are jointly organizing SALIS 2018 National Conference on 'Role of Libraries in Creating a

Knowledge Society' during September 7 - 8, 2018. For details visit: www.salis2018.wordpress.com/ or www.alagappauniversity.ac.in/

Workshop on Writing Skills for Research

A National Workshop on 'Enhancing Writing Skills for Research' is being organized by Department of Library and Information Science and University Library, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, during September 7 - 8, 2018. For details visit: http://api.ning.com/files/ZRQhr4OZ0X20miafbS2g3OmzIt2FcH2V7bAwI9DQpP*b3KthF95iUiI2Jrd8GQCuKd*SrqQUNMK8RYZBX022LoQ5hffrVVCX/MSU2018LibraryBroucher.pdf

Conference on Libraries in Sharing Economy

Institute of Scientometrics, Tumkur, in association with KLE University, Belagavi, Karnataka, librarians of Belagavi City and DLIS, Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, is organizing its 7th National Conference during September 22 - 23, 2018 at KLE University. The theme of the conference is 'Libraries in the Sharing Economy'. For details visit: http://www.instmetrics.org/uploads/1/7/4/1/17415289/ios-7th-2018-_nationalconf.pdf

International**RDA Conference**

'Save the Data: RDA' conference, organized by RDA Board and hosted by National Library of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, will be held on August 23, 2018. For details visit: <http://rda-rsc.org/node/557>

Conference on Scholarly Communication

An International Conference on 'Scholarly Communication, Open-access Publishing and Ethics' (SCOPE-2018), is being organized by the Central Library of School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada, during October 25 - 26, 2018. For details visit: <https://www.spav.ac.in/scope.html>

Conference on Beyond Libraries

KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, is going to organize an International Conference on 'Marching Beyond the Libraries: Managerial Skills and Technological Competencies' during November 16 - 17, 2018. There will also be a half day workshop on the theme 'Critical Thinking and Innovation'. For details visit: <http://event.kiit.ac.in/icmb12018/>

Conference on Academic Libraries

The 2018 International Conference on 'Knowledge Organization in Academic Libraries' (I-KOAL 2018) is being jointly organized by Library Professionals Association (LPA) and University of Hyderabad during November 26 - 27, 2018. The theme of the conference is 'Participation of Academic Libraries in Knowledge Economy'. For details visit: <https://www.uohyd.ac.in/> or <http://www.lpaindia.in/>

Semantic Web Conference

The 10th Semantic Web in Libraries Annual Conference, organized by the North Rhine-Westphalian Library Service Centre (hbz) and the ZBW - Leibniz Information Centre for Economics, will be held in Bonn, Germany, during November 26 - 28, 2018. For details visit: <http://swib.org/swib18>

Conference on Librarianship in Digital Plus Era

The 6th International Conference of Asian Special Libraries (ICoASL 2019) on 'Libraries and Librarianship in Digital Plus Era' is being organized by Special Libraries Association, Asian Chapter, in collaboration with Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, Ambedkar University, Delhi, and Society for Library Professionals, during February 14 - 16, 2018. For details visit: <http://asia.sla.org/icoasl2019> or <http://www.slp.org.in/icoasl2019>

Conference on Digital EcoSystems

The 10th International ACM Conference on 'Management of Digital EcoSystems' (MEDES'18) will be held in Tokyo, Japan, during September 25-28, 2018. The sub-themes include data and knowledge management and big data. For details visit: <http://sigappfr.acm.org/MEDES/18/>

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS**IFLA Short Film Award 2018**

Books in the Cloud, a short film on Shaar Zion Library (Tel Aviv, Israel), produced by Beit Ariela, has been selected for IFLA Metropolitan Libraries Short Film Award 2018. The

award ceremony will take place on August 27, during the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Kuala Lumpur. The film may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/CcVQYMo3smg>

Rising Demand for Cyber Security Experts

A week doesn't go by without a major company announcing a data breach. From Sears to Kmart to Delta to Panera, firms are struggling to keep their servers secure from hackers. Mounting pressure for better security has pushed up demand for cyber security experts that is far outstripping the supply of such people. And the problem will only get worse in the coming years, reports *The Wall Street Journal*. By 2022, there will be 265,000 more data-security jobs than skilled workers, says the report, citing data from consulting firm Frost & Sullivan. This skill mismatch means that compensation in the field has surged, with the median data-security analyst salary around \$121,000. The report was quoted by the The Jackson Press on its website <http://thejacksonpress.org/?p=83819>.

Library in Mysuru Park

Bibliophiles in Niveditha Layout in Mysuru have lauded the efforts of Mysuru City Corporation for setting up a library at the S R Subbarao Park of the city, says a report in *The Times of India*. The park which covers an area of about one acre is a prominent lung space for the residents of the locality. Though the building for the library was constructed a year ago, it has opened its doors for reading activities only recently. Shridhar Murthy, a resident of the locality, said Subbarao Park is a serene and calm place to take a stroll every morning. "With the library facility coming up here, we can sit back and relax while reading books. The library would surely be my favourite place in the park," he said. Local corporator J S Jagadeesh told TOI that the localities of Sharadadevi Nagar, Niveditha Nagar and surrounding areas were in need of a library. "Since there was dearth of space to construct a library, we chose to set it up at the S R Subbarao Park which falls under MCC and was feasible for us. Built at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh, the library now has newspapers, magazines and basic books for readers. "In the coming days, we have plans to extend the facility further," he said. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mysuru/bibliophiles-laud-mcc-for-setting-up-library/articleshow/63672141.cms>

Smart Libraries for Kerala Rehab Centres

A pilot project called 'Punarjani' with smart library, laptops and television has been launched at two Nirbhaya shelter homes, the rehabilitation centres for survivors of sexual abuse and human trafficking, in Thiruvantapuram, says a *The Times of India* report. Nirbhaya Cell of state social justice department joined hands with telecom operator Idea Cellular Ltd. and NGO Design & People to launch the scheme. The scheme is entirely funded by Idea Cellular Ltd., which has chosen 'Education of the Girl Child' as its corporate social responsibility theme this year and it is being operationalized with the support of NGO Design & People. Aply termed 'Punarjani', these smart libraries are meant to encourage the girls in the Nirbhaya centres to develop their creative and intellectual skills. The libraries are designed in a modular fashion wherein the furniture can be reassembled to host multiple activities like reading, video learning, conducting seminars, playing indoor games and painting. The libraries

are equipped with, besides TVs and laptops, hundreds of books that can be accessed by the children at these centres. "These libraries will definitely rejuvenate the spirits of the children at the Nirbhaya centres and will assist them to acquire new skills and discover their innate talents," higher education department principal secretary Usha Titus said after the launch of Punarjani. For details visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/smart-libraries-for-nirbhaya-home-inmates/articleshow/63737894.cms>

OCLC Community Engagement System

OCLC has introduced Wise, the first community engagement system for U S public libraries, according to a post by Gary Price on www.infodocket.com. A proven solution used by more than 75 per cent of public libraries in the Netherlands, Wise is engineered to elevate library experiences, the experiences of the people who use the library and the dedicated staff who engage with the community. Uniquely holistic in its design, Wise integrates tools for increasing community engagement with the functions of library management. A marketing component simplifies the creation and distribution of more personalized and targeted communications - helping improve current customer relationships and build new connections with the wider community. For more details visit: <https://www.infodocket.com/2018/03/19/oclc-introduces-wise-community-engagement-system-for-public-libraries-in-the-united-states/>

UK local authority scraps overdue fines

Fines for returning overdue library books are due to be scrapped by one local authority in UK, according to a report by Press Association (UK) in *The Daily Mail*. Trafford Council in Greater Manchester said that it would be the first public library authority in the country to abolish all library fines effective from last April. The council said that the move "sends a welcome message to our residents that they will have access to a completely free library service". "This change also aligns with the Vision 2031 ambition of 'no one held back, no one left behind' as there would be no barriers, either actual or perceived, of people accessing libraries and all they had to offer," a report said. Currently fines are doled out at the rate of 15p a day per book up to a maximum of £10 for people over 16, while fines for children are 6p a day up to £5 per book. For details visit: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-5375015/Council-axes-fines-overdue-library-books.html>

Online Library aspires Guinness Record

A year ago T S Govarathanan of Madurai chucked his job as director of a pharmaceutical company to start a library, according to a story by Soma Basu published in *The Hindu*. His teen-aged son was the reason, he says. "We earlier lived in Vellore and my son grew up as an avid reader as there were no kids of his age to play around within our locality. But four years ago when we came to Madurai, he changed, sucked in by peer pressure and technology," he says. To distract his son from gadgets, Govarathanan purchased books worth Rs.35,000 in one year for the boy. "He returned to books, but I realised not every parent can buy books worth so much money and not every home has enough space to keep so many books," he adds. And so after 12 months of research, study and surveys, he conceptualised 'Readabit.in' as an online library that would deliver books to readers at their

doorstep anywhere across the country free of cost. He has tied up with courier companies and is also in talks with India Post for reaching the books to his valued members as they grow by the day in every nook and corner. *Readabit.in* was launched on April 18 and by World Book Day (April 23), more than 50 members had registered. "I only shared my idea with a few friends and people from Dindigul, Sivakasi, Chennai, enrolled. The immediate positive response has made me realise that libraries can still give a competition to i-pads and mobiles," he adds. It has also propelled him to attempt Guinness record for enrolling maximum number of members in a single day. "The big day is on June 10 and Guinness officials have set a benchmark of 1,200 members but I am targeting 5,000," he informs. For original story visit: <http://www.thehindu.com/society/afraid-that-libraries-are-losing-their-appeal-to-the-new-generation-madurai-man-gifts-one-with-some-special-features-to-the-city/article23696106.ece>

School library made accessible to public

As it goes about setting up a library, C S I Higher Secondary School for the Deaf on Santhome High Road at Mylapore in Chennai, is factoring in the unique strength of millennials - digital learning. The library is going to be as adequately stocked up on e-books as it will be on physical books. Students at the institution, aged between 6 and 24, come from an underprivileged background, and, but for such an initiative, they won't be able to cultivate a culture of reading. Interestingly, the library is being made accessible to members of the public too, according to a story by Shiba Kurian published in *The Hindu*. Though a small room has been earmarked for the library, the reading will take place al-fresco. "We have a park on our campus. We have put up a shade sail to let children take their books and tablets outside to read," says James Albert, the school principal. The arrangement also applies to readers from outside the school. "The playground on the campus is accessed by students from neighbouring schools to play tennis, cricket and football and practise *kung fu*. These children are accompanied by their parents and grandparents, who often sit idle and bored. While their wards play, they can take a book or a newspaper from the library, sit in our park, and read," says Albert. At present, the school is on a book collection drive. "Around 400 books have been collected so far. Besides books, we are also looking for used laptops and tablets so that e-books could be made available," says Albert. Oli, an initiative to help the hearing-and-speech-impaired by providing them with vocational training, is helping the school collect books. For full report visit: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/csi-higher-secondary-school-for-the-deaf-sets-up-a-library-for-students-and-general-public/article23698239.ece>

Public library devoted to newspapers

This place may not match any preconceived ideas about public libraries. But that's exactly what it is. No shelves, no books. Just tonnes of newspapers, all piled up in one corner. A public library devoted exclusively to newspapers, according to a story by Mayank Austen Soofi published in *The Hindustan Times*. At least 17 newspapers in Hindi, Urdu and English are available for patrons at Hardayal Library Branch No. 1, located next to the post office in Daryaganj in Delhi. "All are welcome, no membership needed," says librarian Pankaj Kumar. The outlet is hugely

popular, the librarian adds. It draws readers from the neighbourhood as well as passersby. Some 20 such libraries supported by taxpayers are scattered around Delhi. At the Daryaganj branch, all the benches are occupied by newspaper readers. The only sounds are of ceiling fans and the crisp crinkling of newspapers as pages are turned. Almost all the readers appear to be elderly men – at least at the time of our visit. One of them appears to be sleeping, his face resting on a desk, while another gentleman smiles and shakes his head, totally engrossed in the piece he is reading. And surprisingly, nobody is clutching a cellphone, suggesting that print editions of newspapers are not yet destined for the junk heap of history. For full story visit: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/delhi-news/delhiwale-a-public-library-just-for-newspapers/story-FU5dzJEitXDx8X5FuIp6OL.html>

Metamorphosis of a Store Room

Earlier used as a store room, the library of the Hindi Department at Punjab University in Chandigarh now has books stacked and catalogued under various categories. The credit for the metamorphosis of a store room into a library goes to the students of the department, who now wholly and solely run the facility. From issuing books to keeping a record of the takers, the students have prepared a duty roster and work in the library from 9 am to 5 pm, successfully creating a model for part-time jobs at the university, says a report by Vishskha Chaman in *The Times of India*. These students are doing this without any incentive or stipend. While these aficionados were busy transforming the library, Ram Singh Yadav, a research scholar of the Hindi Department, realized that they needed a wall-clock in the reading space. He got a wall-clock from his home and fixed it on the library wall. Another research scholar at the department, who completed her master's here, was so elated with the idea of a library that when she saw there were not enough Hindi literature books, she purchased seven of them and stacked them on one of the racks. But why did students have to do what the university authorities must have taken care of? Reason: There was no manpower available with the department to run a library. So, instead of waiting to get the support from the authorities, the students took up the task themselves. When asked whether their studies get affected, Kewal Kumar, a research scholar, said, "we have a duty roster, so only one student does not have to do all the work. We distribute the work and do it voluntarily for the department. We had no place to sit and study, now we do that in a library we can call our own. And all of this has been a collective effort." For full report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/students-make-full-fledged-library-out-of-store-room/articleshow/64295682.cms>

Library steeped in history turns 100

There is no mistaking the three-storey yellow building off Sashi Bhushan De Street in Bowbazar area of Kolkata. It houses the famed Santi Institute, a library set up with an aim to help the youth hang out meaningfully together - by reading and deliberating. That was 100 years ago, after the world had seen its first war. Santi Institute, as the name suggests, was christened so by its famed fathers as a quest to find peace while reading together, says a report by Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey in *The Times of India*. As the public

library celebrated its centenary recently, the members turned the pages of history to remember luminary figures like Ashwini Kumar Dutta and Krishtodas Mullick, the first president and secretary of the library respectively, who decided to start the library with just 21 young members and 27 books. The present building came up much later, in 1938. Initially, the library ran from an address on Baburam Seal Lane. People took interest and started flocking the place in search of stimulating discussions. Soon, the library became the meeting point of revolutionaries and freedom fighters. After facing space crunch, the members sought help from social worker Dharmadas Adhikary, who leased out for 999 years a cottah of land at the present address for a rupee. Among the regulars, who would visit the library during those days, were Surendranath Banerjee, Subhas Chandra Bose, Bipin Bihari Ganguly, lawyer Radha Binod Pal, educationist Triguna Sen and historian Ramesh Chandra Majumdar. "Today, the library has over 41000 books," said Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi, who was present at the function along with former governor and ex-chief justice Shyamal Sen. Stacked with books from floor to ceiling, the lending room will help you travel back in time. "Reading is on the wane but fortunately, we have more than 800 members. Along with the free reading services, we have also started charitable work like healthcare clinic and supporting the needy girl children," said Mahadeb Mukherjee, a young member, whose family has been associated with the library for generations. For original report visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kolkata/library-steeped-in-history-turns-100/articleshow/63874071.cms>

Harry Potter Fans' drive to help needy

The Harry Potter book series has brought a lot of joy to fans and now some fans are ensuring others can delight in the joy of reading too, says a *The Times of India* report. The Harry Potter Alliance, a non-profit organization, is asking Potter fans all over the world to help them raise money for their annual book drive, Accio Books, through a new donor society - The Friends of the Apparating Library. They have been holding annual book drives internationally since 2009 to help spread the joy of books to communities in need. This year, they are partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Puerto Rico to support educational programmes in four different communities across the island. Their goal was to raise \$25,000 by April 14, and to do so they had a lot of prizes to encourage donors. For more details visit: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/books/features/harry-potter-fans-to-send-books-to-kids-in-need/articleshow/63726768.cms>

Library for Coimbatore Rural Police Stations

All the police stations in Coimbatore district (rural) will have mini libraries soon with Tamil Nadu Minister for Municipal Administration and Rural Development S P Velumani, inaugurating the project recently, says a *The Hindu* report. Books purchased with the support of the 36 Rotary Clubs of Coimbatore will be despatched to all the police stations, said senior officials. The Rotary clubs have been entrusted with the work of setting up mini library in police stations coming under their limits. The

idea of rural police is to have library in 36 police stations, three women police stations and three traffic wing stations. According to Superintendent of Police (Rural) Pa. Moorthy, whose brainchild is the mini library project, the provision of library at police stations will be a way of promoting reading habit among police personnel as well as among visitors. For original report visit: <http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Coimbatore/rural-police-stations-to-set-up-mini-libraries/article24001161.ece>

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

New Malware Detected

Two new sophisticated Android Banking trojan viruses are exploiting mobile users' behaviour in India to gain access to their confidential data, global IT security firm Quick Heal has warned, says an IANS report on www.gadgetsnow.com website. Security experts at Quick Heal Security Labs have detected "Android.Marcher.C" and "Android.Asacub.T" - the two trojans that imitate notifications from popular social applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Skype, Instagram and Twitter as well as some of the leading banking apps in India. By gaining access to incoming messages through administrative privileges, these malware also allow hackers to bypass the two-factor OTP authentication typically used for securing online transactions in India, the researchers warned. "Indian users often download unverified apps from third-party app stores and links sent through SMS and email. This gives hackers a lucrative opportunity to steal confidential information from unsuspecting users," said Sanjay Katkar, Co-founder and CTO, Quick Heal Technologies Limited. "The fact that we've detected three similar malware in less than six months indicates that hackers are now targeting mobile users, who are far more vulnerable to sophisticated phishing attacks," he added. While "Android.Marcher.C" uses the Adobe Flash Player icon to look like a genuine

app, "Android.Asacub.T" mimics an Android Update icon. Whenever users access an app on the database of these malware, they are tricked into entering sensitive information such as banking credentials, card details, and login IDs/passwords before they can continue using the app. The security researchers have recommended Android users to avoid downloading apps through third-party app stores or through links provided in SMS and email. "Always keep 'Unknown Sources' disabled, and verify app permissions before installing any app from official stores," the security firm said. Users must also keep their Google Play Protect service always 'ON' and install a reliable mobile security app to detect and block fake/malicious apps, it added. For full report visit: <https://www.gadgetsnow.com/tech-news/this-new-malware-is-stealing-financial-data-from-android-users-in-india/articleshow/64566143.cms>

OBITUARY

Prof. Bhubaneswar Chakraborty, former Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, passed away on May 14, 2018. He was 76. A brilliant student all through, Prof. Chakraborty obtained master's degree in three branches of History from University of Calcutta and also passed MLISc examination in first class securing first position, from the same university. He attended the British Council course on Education for Library and Information Science held in Aberystwyth, Wales, UK, in 1981 and obtained MLS degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He also worked at the OCLC terminal for a considerable period. He served in DLIS, University of Calcutta, for 26 years and proved himself to be a successful teacher. He was a prolific writer having around 35 books in English and Bengali to his credit, besides many research papers. IASLIC deeply mourns his death.

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