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Professional Associations were late to emerge in Kerala because of the fact that qualified librarians were few and far between till the establishment of the Department of Library Science, University of Kerala in 1961. With the increase in number a strong feeling developed among professional librarians that an Association should be formed which should largely confine to professional and academic matters. As a result, Kerala Library Association (KLA) with membership restricted to professionally qualified persons was formed on 13.12.1972. Prof. K.A. Isaac and Sri. P.V. Varghese were elected President and General Secretary respectively. The Association secured registration as a society under Charitable Societies Act on 8.12.1972 and became the first lawful body of professional librarians in Kerala. [Read full text](#)

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Prof. A. Khyrunnisa A., writer and columnist, releasing the Librarian logo by handing over it to Smt. P. Suprabha, the State Librarian at the Women Librarians' Meet held on 8 March 2014 (International Women's Day), in Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, Dr. H. Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA and KLA EC Members are also seen. [Read more](#)

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Prof. (Dr.) K. Poulse Jacob, Pro.Vice-Chancellor of CUSAT, inaugurated the International Seminar on "Research Impact, Publishing and Profiling", held at CUSAT and jointly organized by Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region and the School of Marine Science, Cochin University, on 3rd January 2014. Prof. (Dr.) K. Sajan, Registrar in-charge and Dean, faculty of Marine Sciences, Prof. (Dr.) P. Pichappan, Visiting Professor, Zhejiang University of Technology, China and University of Zululand, South Africa, Dr. C. A. Babu, Coordinator and Director, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT and Mr. P.J. Manuel, Convener and President, KLA Ernakulam Region are also seen. [Read the Report](#)

Prof. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Executive Vice President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment inaugurating the two day KLA National Seminar on 12 July 2013 at the Science and Technology Museum Hall, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. G. Balamohan

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014

Presented at the 43rd Annual General Body Meeting held on 3rd August 2014 at KLA HQ., Kairalie Plaza Annexe, Karamana P. O., Trivandrum- 695 002

Dear Professional Partners,

As General Secretary, Kerala Library Association, I have great pleasure in presenting before you the Annual Report of the Association for the year 2013–14.

The reported period, the first half of the tenure of the present Committee, was fruitful with many notable events, apart from the routine activities. The detailed report of the activities is given below.

1 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

The present committee was elected for the period 2013-15 at the 42nd Annual General Body Meeting held on 25 August 2013. The new committee is headed by the team comprising Dr A Gopikuttan as President, Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair as Vice President, Dr M Lalitha as General Secretary and Sri V Sriram as the Treasurer. (See the Box for more details).

1.1 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

The EC met 8 times during this period. There was a State Executive Meeting on 16 March 2014 in which all the four regions participated. The meeting saw the regional presidents / representatives presenting a brief profile of their respective regions. Dr Mohammed Haneefa, President, RC Kozhikode, Sri P J Manuel, President, RC Ernakulam, Sunny Joseph, EC Member, RC Thrissur and Sri Vimal Kumar, Secretary, RC Kottayam gave a comprehensive picture of their membership base, its composition, general nature of their regions and also the kind of activities being carried out by their teams.

The regional secretaries also gave a detailed report of their activities during the previous year. For the Central Committee, Dr P K Suresh Kumar presented KLA's profile and briefly touched upon the KLA Byelaws. Sri S L Faisal gave an account of KLA's activities from August 2013 till date.

KLA Executive Committee 2013-15

Dr A Gopikuttan, *President*
Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair, *Vice President*
Dr M Lalitha, *General Secretary*
Sri Binu K John, *Organizing Secretary*
Sri E Hashim, *Public Relations Secretary*
G S Harikumar, *Office Secretary*
Sriram V., *Treasurer*

Members

Sri A Abdunnasar
Dr T Ajikumari
Sri Arun V.R.
Sri S.L.Faisal
Sri N. Parameswaran
Dr K.G. Sudhier
Sri N. Sukumaran Nair
Dr P.K.Sureshkumar

Special Invitees

Dr. K.P.Vijayakumar, *HOD, DLIS, Univ of Kerala*
Smt P. Suprabha, *State Librarian*
Smt. L.Saraswathy, *University Librarian I/c*
M Mohammed Shanavaz Khan, *Librarian, Legislature Library*

Regional Committees

Kottayam

Fr Jose Viruppel, *President*
Sri Vimal Kumar. V., *Secretary*

Ernakulam

Sri V.S. Kunjumuhammad, *President*
Sri Joe Joseph, *Secretary*

Thrissur

Dr A T Francis, *President*
Sri K Rajendran, *Secretary*

Kozhikode

Dr Mohd Haneefa, *President*
Sri P K Sasi, *Secretary*

Auditor

Dr G Hemachandran Nair

An open discussion followed in which various organizational matters were raised. Speaking on the occasion, Sri N Sukumaran Nair stressed the need for regional members to work in unison with the Central Committee and suggested that at least one member from each RC should attend the EC meetings.

Sri N Parameswaran focused on the role of Central Committee and said that KLA would go all out for those issues which are for the general professional development of librarians in Kerala. He said that the committees should become more transparent and that RCs have to get the formal approval from the Central Committee before organizing any event / activity in their regions.

The meeting agreed on the following pointers:

- There should be better co-ordination between the Central Committee and the Regional Committees
- AGMs at the regional levels should be conducted within the stipulated time frame; the Central Committee should also extend support to this and maximum participation from the Central Committee should be ensured
- Financial discipline is very essential; accounts should be presented at the AGMs and the Central Committee should be provided copies of annual reports and accounts without fail
- RCs should give prior intimation about intended activities to the HQ
- Sponsorships from outside agencies can be solicited for programmes
- Bye-laws can be amended, if required, regarding the share of membership fee
- Minutes of meetings can be circulated to all the committees to make it more transparent and every committee member will thus come to know about what is happening in other regions
- Organizing some common programmes on the same day under the KLA umbrella at different regions can be thought of (eg. Librarian's Day)
- Meetings with full quorum to be held twice a year, one at HQ and the other at regions, with good participation from the Central Committee members. This would help in building a good rapport and instill a feeling of oneness among the leaders.

In addition to the normal Executive Committee meetings, several informal meetings of Sub-Committees were held to discuss various current issues such as CPD programmes, web site updation etc.

1.2 Resignation of Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair

Owing to health problems, Sri M Chandrakumaran Nair, Vice President, KLA, had expressed his desire to step down from the post and though painful, KLA EC had to accept the same. KLA gratefully remembers his yeoman services to the association and hopes he will continue to guide the professionals.

1.3 Representation to UGC, December 2013

KLA, as a professional organization, took up the cause of librarians with UGC and submitted suggestions regarding the status and post of librarian for incorporating in the UGC draft regulations on technical and professional education. KLA could bring out the conspicuously missing links related to the posts and qualifications of librarians in the UGC perspective process handbook and requested the UGC to include library professionals in the academic staff structure in tandem with the already existing UGC pattern in the Arts & Science colleges.

1.4 Membership

As of date KLA has a membership of 1410. In 2013-14, 37 professionals became members of the Association. This includes 34 Life Members and 3 Ordinary Members. It is notable that the Association is receiving good support from its Regional Committees by way of membership enrolment.

2 ACTIVITIES

2.1 Library Week Celebration, 20 November 2013

KLA celebrated the Library Week by organizing a talk on 'Reading in the Digital Context' by Dr J Prabhash, former Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala & Director, School of Social Science, University of Kerala, on 20 November 2013 at DLIS Hall. The meeting was chaired by Dr A Gopikuttan and was attended by more than 30 professionals. In his enlightening speech interspersed with historical anecdotes, Dr Prabhash traced the evolution of reading and reiterated that neither reading nor books will ever die.

2.2 Women Librarians' Meet, 8 March 2014

Kerala Library Association celebrated International Women's Day in a befitting manner.

In the Women Librarians' Meet organized on 8 March 2014 at Prof. N Krishna Pillai Foundation, more than 60 women librarians- the majority of them from Trivandrum- participated. 14 senior librarians were felicitated on the occasion. Librarian couples were also honoured as also the oldest

and the youngest. Smt Accamma Daniel , 73, was the senior most woman librarian present whereas Smt Aiswarya, working in IIST, turned out to be the youngest.

The meet, first ever to be held under the KLA banner, was inaugurated by Prof. Khyrunnisa. A, a well- known writer and columnist. With her trademark humour, the chief guest traced the evolution of woman, explaining how in the early ages women were the torchbearers of civilizations, how there was a gradual degradation of their social status and how they are once again emerging from the shadows of men. Prof Khyrunnisa also stressed how women are naturally suited for professions like teaching and librarianship.

The three speakers who followed her introduced 3 topics relevant to today's woman librarian. **Dr.Mini Devi.B**, Asst Prof, DLIS, University of Kerala introduced the topic, “**Empowering women librarians: approaches and attitudes**”. **Mrs. Lovely Susan Varghese** from the VSSC Library, had lot of thoughts to share with the audience on **Women Librarian Networks**. Her crisp and clear opening remarks outlined the importance of such networks among women librarians.

Dr Aswathy. S, LPSC Library, dealt with an equally interesting subject: **Librarianship as a Woman's Profession**. Drawing from her own experiences and also with a mix of practical sense and humour, she reiterated that women librarians are definitely an asset to any library because of their approachability and user friendly nature.

The first woman to participate in the discussion was **Smt.Anandavally Amma**, a retired librarian who paid a rich tribute to Prof. K. A. Isaac, the Father of Library Science in Kerala. She remembered with gratitude his advice as to how one should have a smiling face while attending to the users.

Smt Savithry from Kottayam supported this view. She also suggested that such programs should be organized at regional levels as well. She, belonging to the younger generation, was for establishing forums for sharing ideas and for making women librarians more ICT friendly. **Dr. Preetha** of the Legislature Library was all for networking but believed that motivation should come from within. She lauded the KLA for organizing such a meet and felt that it had charged her positively.

Smt Chithra from St.Joseph's college, Alappuzha was of the opinion that everything depends on how we perform and also on our attitudes. She felt that women have to cultivate more professionalism to deal with the present day world offers on a platter.

Smt. L. Saraswathy, University Librarian, was a surprise speaker . Her voice of experience was very compelling and she wanted women librarians to be more techno-savvy.

The event was also marked by the release of the librarian logo. Prof. Khyrunnisa released the logo which was received by Smt.P.Suprabha, the State Librarian, State Central Library. The logo is an attempt by KLA to promote professional pride among librarians and also to give an identity to the profession by creating awareness among the public.

The three-hour celebration was rounded off with a photo session, capturing in colour the image of a symbolic blending of the old and the new.

2.3 KLA-CPD

In a brainstorming conducted on 2 October 2013 on **KLA 2013-14: A Roadmap**, it was unanimously decided to organize training programmes for working librarians as part of continuous professional development. As a first step towards this a networked computer lab was set up at KLA HQ with Internet facilities, with a capacity to train 10-12 persons at a time. After much discussion a separate team was set up to implement the same. This intensive training centre with all IT facilities was named as KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD). KLA's CPD programmes are envisaged as monthly programmes/workshops of short duration, aimed at providing hands-on experience and making the librarians more techno savvy. On 12th April 2014, Dr J. Rajan, Prof. & Head, Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK), University of Kerala, inaugurated the Centre. Till date 4 programmes have been successfully conducted:

- **Two – day Workshop on Koha: An open source integrated library management software, 12 – 13 April 2014**

KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) organized a two – day workshop on Koha, the most popular open source integrated library management software. This was the first event under the aegis KLA – CPD. Ten library professionals and students from different parts of the country attended the workshop. All the participants were given hands-on training to install and use all the modules of latest version on Koha. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained for all participants in writing, which revealed that all of them felt the event was useful and were confident about implementing Koha at their institutions. Shri. Vimal Kumar, Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University was the resource person for the event.

- **Two – day Workshop on WordPress: A free & open source blogging tool and content management system, 10 – 11 May 2014**

KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) organized a two – day workshop on WordPress, the world's most popular open source blogging tool and content management system. This was the second event under the aegis KLA – CPD. Eight library professionals from different parts of the country attended the workshop. All the participants were given hands-on training to login, create id, populate posts and design different types of websites / blogs in WordPress. The participants successfully created blogs and web-sites at the end on two day workshop. Participants were given workshop kit (including user manual), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained for all participants in writing, which revealed that all of them felt the event surpassed their expectations and they were confident about starting new services using WordPress in their institutions. Shri S. L. Faisal, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram, Shri V. Sriram, Chief Librarian, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, and Shri Binu K. John, Assistant Librarian, Mar Baselios College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram were the resource persons for the event.

- **Two – day Workshop on KOHA: An open source integrated library management software, 14 – 15 June 2014**

KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) organized a two – day workshop on KOHA, the most popular open source integrated library management software. This was the third event and second on KOHA under the aegis KLA – CPD. Nine library professionals and research scholars from different parts of the state attended the workshop. All the participants were given hands-on training to install and use all the modules of latest version on Koha. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop written feedback was obtained from all participants, which revealed that to all of them the event was highly beneficial and they were confident on implementing Koha in production environment. Shri. Vimal Kumar, Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University was the resource person for the event.

2.4 Library Modernization Projects: KSIDC Project

The Association successfully completed the Library Modernization Project work at the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) Library in Thiruvananthapuram in July 2014. A total of 8772 books were technically processed and the database was created. KSIDC's collection included books and reports as well and at any given point of time, a team of 3 professionals were at work.

2.5 KLA Membership cards & Librarian Logo

It was decided to start issuing membership cards to KLA life members. The cards with the Membership No., Name, DOB, Blood group, address with phone no., and a photo will be ready for distribution soon.

KLA also has Librarian logo as stickers and the same was released during the Women Librarians' Meet on 8 March 2014. The stickers, priced at Rs.5, are available at the KLA HQ.

2.6 KLA Newsletter

The Editorial team has been revamped with Dr K G Sudhier leading the team. The next issue will be released soon.

2.7 KLA on Social Media

The Kerala Library Association has a notable presence on all social media platforms through which many members are now communicating and following the Association activities.



KLA on Social Media

- KLA Weblog
(<http://klaweblog.wordpress.com>)
- Facebook
(<http://www.facebook.com/Kerala-Library-Association>)
- Twitter
(<https://twitter.com/klaconnect>),
- Curation: Scoop.it
(<http://www.scoop.it/t/library-cloud-what-s-up-in-lis/>)
- Flickr
(<http://www.flickr.com/photos/73623627@N07/sets/>)
- Seminar Blogs
(<http://klanationalseminar2013.wordpress.com>)



The social media interfaces increased the visibility and reach of the Association enormously, thus making it more web-friendly, accessible and modern.

3 REGIONAL COMMITTEES

The four Regional Committees functioning under able leaderships reported a surge in the activities in the respective geographical areas. A brief report is given below.

3.1 Kottayam Regional Committee

The Annual General Body meeting of KLA, Kottayam Region was held on 03 January, 2014 and new office bearers for 2013-2015 were elected. Fr. Jose Viruppel was elected as President and Sri. Vimal Kumar V. as Secretary.

The meeting was presided by Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel. Smt. Laila T. Abraham, Deputy Librarian (In charge) delivered the welcome speech. Dr. A. Gopikuttan acted as Returning Officer for the election process to select new office bearers for 2013-2015 period.

Farewell to Sri. Johny John Nidhiri

Sri. Johny John Nidhiri, Librarian, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad who retired from service this year is one of the senior library professionals from Kottayam region and has decorated various roles for KLA Kottayam Region office. KLA Kottayam Region in association with Dept. of Library and Information Science organised a farewell function for Sri. Johny John Nidheeri at SB College, Changanacherry. Rev. Dr. Tomy Padinjareveetil, Principal, SB College inaugurated the meeting. In his reply to the toast Sri. Johny John Nidhiri shared his rich experience in librarianship with LIS students and professionals.

KLA Open Source pavilion in FOTIOS 2014

KLA Kottayam Region had arranged an Open Source pavilion in FOTIOS 2014, the technical and cultural festival of Carmel Engineering College organized at Perunad in Pathanamthitta, from 24 to 26, 2014. The thematic pavilion showcased various aspects of Open Source and Open Access movement. Various Linux distribution DVDs were available for the public. As many as 60 exhibition stalls of various organisations, such as ISRO, KSEB, ANERT and BSNL, had been set up as part of the three-day fest. KLA's pavilion generated great interest among teachers, students and public.

3.2 Ernakulam Regional Committee

The Librarians Meet 2014 along with the general body meeting of the KLA Ernakulam region was held on 10 May 2014 at St.Teresa's College Auditorium, Ernakulam. The programme started at 10.30 AM. Sr. Ashritha Secretary KLA Ernakulam region, welcomed the gathering. Shri. P J Manuel, President, KLA Ernakulam Region, presided over the Librarians Meet which was inaugurated by Dr.Sr.Vinitha, Principal, St.Teresa's College, Ernakulam. In his presidential address, Shri.Manuel explained that the unity of librarians under one umbrella is the aim of the Librarians

Meet. Dr. M.D Baby, Professor and Head, presented the talk on “Re-engineering of Library and Information Sciences”. More than 70 members of KLA participated in this first session.

Dr.A Gopikuttan, President, KLA and Dr.Sr.Vinitha felicitated the Association and the following students who secured highest marks in BLISc:

1. **Neethu S. Nath** (I Rank from MG University 2012-13)
2. **Dona Lissy Chacko** (III Rank from MG University 2012-13)
3. **Archana Unnikrishnan** (III Rank from MG University 2012-13)

Dr. A Gopikuttan also felicitated Shri. Mathew Varghese, former librarian, Kothamangalam M A College and honoured him with a *ponnada*. Dr. Shibu Ray, in his speech, remembered the contributions made by eminent library stalwarts like Prof. K A. Issac, Sri Jayakumar and Sri.K M Govi to the growth and development of library profession in Kerala.

The General body was inaugurated by the hon. MLA Shri. Hibi Eden, MLA, Ernakulam Constituency. He opined that starting libraries in schools is the only solution for the removal of drug addiction from the student communities.

Sr.Ashritha, Regional Secretary of the KLA Ernakulam Region presented the report of the activities of the regional committee and the statement of accounts for discussion and approval of the general body meeting.

The following recommendations were submitted by the president P J Manuel :

- The problems faced by the school libraries
- The need to appoint University Librarians in all universities of Kerala

There was a lively discussion about these two issues with Dr.Gopikuttan as the Moderator. Finally a resolution was passed unanimously to appoint qualified librarians in Plus Two schools. The committee also passed a resolution regarding the appointment of University Librarians.

This was followed by election of the new office bearers for the period 2014 – 2016 and the following persons were elected unanimously by the general body:

Regional President :

V.S. Kunjumammad , Asst. Librarian, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, Kochi

Regional Secretary :

Joe Joseph, Junior Librarian, Dept. of Computer Science, Cusat

Executive Committe Members

P.J. Manuel, Asst.Librarian, School of Marine Science, CUSAT

Mr. Sivankutty V S, Prof. Asst. CUSAT
Shibu Ray S, Asst. Librarian, school of Management Studies, CUSAT
K. Balachandran, Asst. Librarian, Dept. Applied Economics, CUSAT
Sr. Mariya D'Silva (Sr. Ashritha)Librarian, St.Teresa's College, Ernakulam

Special Invitees

Mr. Ramachandran, Librarian, Ernakulam Public Library, Kochi
Mr. Radhakrishnan K
Ms. Silaja T, ., Librarian, CIFT, Kochi
Mr. Cherian George

3.3 Thrissur Regional Committee

A brief report of the activities conducted by the KLA Thrissur Region during the period January to July 2014 is given below.

New Office Bearers:- The Annual General Body meeting of the Kerala Library Association Thrissur Region held on 21st December 2013 at the IASE, Thrissur elected the following professionals as new office bearers of the region for the period 2014-2015:

1. President:- Dr. A.T. Francis, Head, Library, College of Horticulture, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur
2. Secretary:- Sri. K. Rajendran, Librarian, Kerala Sahitya Academy, Thrissur
3. Committee Members:- 5 Nos.
 - a. Sri. P. Humayoon Kabir, Librarian, Govt. Medical College, Thrissur
 - b. Smt. V.S. Swapna, Reference Officer, Kerala Agricultural University
 - c. E.K. Mohanlal, Head, Library, Veterinary College, KVASU, Mannuthy
 - d. K.N. Vijayalakshmi, Librarian, Govt. Nursing College, Thrissur
 - e. Sri. Sunny Joseph, Librarian, IASE, Thrissur
4. Special Invitees:- 6 Nos.
 - a. Sri. Abdul Razak, University Librarian (Rtd.), KAU, Thrissur
 - b. Sri. V.C. John, Librarian, Thejus Engineering College, Vellarakad, Thrissur
 - c. Sri. P.A. Pradeep, Head, Library, Dairy Science College, KVSU, Mannuthy
 - d. Sri. K.R. Nagarajan, Librarian, Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur
 - e. Smt. Josephine J. Chungath, Librarian, Don Bosco School, Mannuthy
 - f. Sri. K.P. Sathian, University Librarian, KAU, Thrissur

- **Membership Campaign:** The Regional Committee and members put in strenuous efforts to enroll more library professionals as members of the association. During this period of January to December 2014, **seven** professionals took KLA Life Membership from Thrissur region.

During the period January to July 2014 the KLA Thrissur Region conducted the following programmes:

1. **Free Coaching for NET in Thrissur**

The KLA Thrissur Region conducted a 4-month free NET Coaching in Library and Information Science during March – June 2014 in collaboration with the Academic Library Association (ALA) and St. Thomas' College, Thrissur. The classes were conducted in St. Thomas' College, Thrissur during Sundays and public holidays. Twenty selected students from different parts of Kerala attended the classes. Support and guidance for NET was also provided by e-mail and also over telephone for more than 40 students all over the country. Dr. A.T. Francis, Head, Library, College of Horticulture & President KLA Thrissur Region was the master trainer who lead all the classes of the coaching supported by other experts like Sri. Abdul Razak, Smt. V.S. Swapna, Sri. P.A. Pradeep, Prof. M.I. Saju and Smt. K.V. Alphonsa.

2. **Reading Week Celebrations 2014**

The Reading Week Celebrations 2014 was conducted in the Kerala Agricultural University's College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara in collaboration with the KLA and ALA on 19 July 2014. Sri. C.N. Jayadevan, Member of Parliament Thrissur inaugurated the Reading Week Celebrations. Dr. P. Rajendran, Vice Chancellor, KAU presided. Sri. K.P. Sathian, University Librarian, KAU, and Sri. P.A. Pradeep, General Secretary, ALA felicitated on the occasion.

3. **Book Release: "Library and Web Tools for E-Learning and Teaching"**

A book, "Library and Web Tools for E-Learning and Teaching" edited by Dr. A.T. Francis (KAU) and Dr. Susan Mathew (CUSAT) published by Authors Press, New Delhi, containing selected papers presented in the National Seminar conducted by KAU during 2012 in collaboration with the Kerala Library Association was released by Sri. Kamal, the famous film director. Sri. K. Rajendran, Secretary, KLA Thrissur Region introduced the book and Sri. C. Abdul Razak, Former University Librarian, KAU received the book.

4. **Seminar on Reading and Use of Library for Personal and Professional Excellence**

A Seminar on *Reading and Use of Library for Personal and Professional Excellence* was conducted at the Kerala Agricultural University's College of Horticulture, in collaboration with KLA and ALA on 19 July 2014. Dr. Rosy Thampy, eminent writer, poet and HoD, Dept. of Malayalam, Sacred Heart College, Chalakkudy presented the theme paper. About 250 participants including library professionals, research students and university teachers participated in the seminar.

5. **Radio Talk on School Libraries and Reading Culture**

A Radio Talk on *School Libraries and Reading Culture* by Dr. A.T. Francis, Head, Library, College of Horticulture & President KLA Thrissur Region was telecasted by all stations of the All India Radio (AIR) on 24 June 2014 9.16 to 9.30pm. Listeners' letters on this programme, telecasted by AIR on 6 July 2014 from 8.15 to 8.30pm, revealed an overwhelming response to this issue. Persons from various walks of life have shown interest in this area and they have urged to establish libraries in schools.

6. **Remembering Sri. P.N. Panicker**

The KLA Thrissur Region in collaboration with the ALA remembered Sri. P.N. Panicker, the Father of Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala in a function organized at St. Thomas' College, Thrissur on 22 June 2014. The function was inaugurated by Dr. A.T. Francis, President ALA and Regional President KLA. Sri. Panicker was a great revolutionist who led the common man to the world of knowledge and democratic values, Dr. Francis remembered. In order to sustain and strengthen the public Libraries, which are known as public universities, reading and use of library should be started from the early childhood, at least from the primary school level. Sri. K. Rajendran, Secretary, KLA Thrissur Region presided. Dr. B. Shaji, Librarian, S.N. College, Shornur, Palakkad, delivered the keynote address remembering Sri. P.N. Panicker. Fr. Ditto Thomas, K.D. Anto, K.P. Misha, M.N. Seetha, Jini Joy, Manju Shaju, T.T. Biji, K. Meera, Cris Thomas and T.V. Jency spoke. Sri P.A. Pradeep welcomed and V.S. Swapna proposed the vote of thanks.

The meeting urged the government to establish central libraries in Grama Panchayaths, Municipal and City Corporations and strengthen libraries under the Kerala State Library Council for providing free public library service to all people in Kerala.

Future Programmes

- ***National Seminar on Technology Management in Libraries, 29-30 August 2014***

The Kerala Agricultural University's College of Horticulture has notified a National Seminar on Technology Management in Libraries on 29-30 August 2014 in Thrissur in collaboration with KLA and ALA. Registration to the seminar is free. Last date for submission of full papers is 10th August 2014. Details are available in www.kau.edu; www.kauhort.in; www.keralalibraryassociation.org.

- ***Coaching for NET in LIS:*** The KLA Thrissur Region in collaboration with the Academic Library Association has planned another NET Coaching in Library and Information Science during August - December 2014 in Thrissur for the December 2014 examination.
- ***Library Extension Programmes and Participation in Reading Week Programme:*** As the Regional Committee felt the need for the strengthening all types of libraries, the office bearers of the KLA Thrissur Region done several library extension programmes in several schools, colleges and other libraries.

3.4 Kozhikode Regional Committee

General Body Meeting on 21.02.2014

The annual General Body meeting of the Kerala Library Association, Kozhikode Regional Committee was held on 21 February 2014 at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut. The meeting started at 02.30 p.m. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., the then President of the Regional Committee welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President

of the KLA, presided over the meeting. It was followed by the presidential address by Dr. A. Gopikuttan. In his address, he evaluated the programmes organized by the KLA Kozhikode Region during the last two years and presented his vision for the next two years.

Dr. Vasudevan T.M., the then Regional Secretary of the Kozhikode Regional Committee presented the annual report and the statement of accounts for discussion. It was approved by the General Body. It was followed by the election of office bearers for the next two years. Dr. Mohamed Musthafa K., Guest Lecturer, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut felicitated the new committee.

The meeting unanimously elected the new office bearers of the regional committee.

Office Bearers of KLA Kozhikode Region, 2014-16

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A brief report of the programmes conducted by the KLA Kozhikode Region in 2014 is given below:

1. Reception to Prof. Ulloor M. Parameswaran

The Kerala Library Association (KLA) Kozhikode Regional Committee in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and C.H. Mohammed Koya Library, University of Calicut organized a reception in honour of Prof. Ulloor M. Parameswaran, the winner of the Kendra Sahithya Academy Award for the best Tamil-Malayalam translation for this year. He was the former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut. He got the award for his translation 'Thiruvachanam'. The function was held at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut and presided by Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., University Librarian-in-Charge. Mr. K. Raveendranadh, Pro Vice Chancellor of the Calicut University was the chief guest of the function. Prof. Parameswaran was adorned with Ponnada and memento presented by the Pro vicechancellor. Dr. Jalaja V., Dr. Vinod V.M., Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Dr. Mohamed Musthafa K., Mr. P.L. Sreedharan and Mr. P.K. Sasi felicitated the winner.

2. National Workshop on Koha, 20 – 24 May 2014

The Kerala Library Association Kozhikode Region in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut organized two National Workshops on Koha Open Source Library Management Software during 20-24 May 2014. In the three-day first course hands-on-sessions on Koha Basic was provided. In the two-day second course hands-on-sessions on Koha Advanced was provided.

National Workshop on Koha Basic, 20-22 May 2014

The Kerala Library Association Kozhikode Region in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut organized a National Workshop on Koha Basic during 20-22 May 2014. Thirty-two library professionals from different parts of the country were participated in the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. T.A. Abdul Majeed, Registrar of the Calicut University. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., University Librarian (i/c) presided over the function. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Organizing Secretary of the Workshop welcomed the participants and Mr. Abdul Latheef, Assistant Librarian, CHMK Library proposed the vote of thanks. The hands-on-sessions were held in the INFONET Centre of the Calicut University. Mr. Jamsheer N.P., Mr. Mohanan A., and Mr. Manu C., Professional Assistants were the resource persons of the Workshop.

National Workshop on Koha Advanced, 23-24 May 2014

National Workshop on Koha Advanced from 23 to 24 May 2014 was inaugurated by Dr. T.A. Abdul Majeed, Registrar, University of Calicut. Twenty library professionals from different parts of the country participated in the workshop. The hands-on-sessions were held in the INFONET Centre of the Calicut University. Mr. Jamsheer N.P., Mr. Mohanan A., and Mr. Manu C., Professional Assistants were the resource persons of the Workshop.

3. Vayanadinam (Day for Reading), June 19 2014

The Kerala Library Association Kozhikode Region in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and C.H. Mohammed Koya Library, University of Calicut observed the Reading Day on 19 June 2014. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. M Parameswaran, former Professor

and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut. Dr. Anil Chelmbra was the keynote speaker. Eighty library professionals participated in the programme. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., University Librarian (i/c) presided over the function. Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Associate Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science welcomed the gathering and Mr. Irfan, MLISc Student proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Assistant Professor, DLISc., Mr. Sasi P.K., Professional Assistant, CHMK Library and Dr. Mohamed Musthafa K., Guest Lecturer, DLISc., chaired different sessions including Book Exchange, Quiz and Debate on Online Reading.

4 FINANCIAL MATTERS

KLA is financially on a solid ground now, thanks to the untiring efforts put in by all our previous committees. Sri V Sriram, Treasurer, KLA, will be presenting the accounts separately.

5 FUTURE PROGRAMMES

The Association has already initiated some major programmes for the future along with the regular activities such as

- **KLA-CPD:** The centre is proposed as a professional development institute run by utilizing the infrastructure facilities available with KLA to provide training to students and working professionals on LIS skills and technologies (ILMS, Content Management, Networking, Web 2.0, etc).
- **Publications: i. KLA Journal:** Publication of a journal by KLA is under discussion for the last many years and the present Committee could develop a prototype for the same. More work is required to realize the objective.**ii. Publication of Seminar Proceedings** of KLA National Seminar-2013 on “New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres (NITILIC)”
- **Quiz Competition** for Students of Library Schools – first at respective Library Schools / Departments, with the finals at Thiruvananthapuram
- **Merit Evening:** honouring members’ / their children’s achievements as a one-day programme and at present the children in classes SSLC/ICSE/CBSE/+2 to be felicitated; criteria for selection to be decided
- **Librarians’ Day celebrations (12 August) & K A Isaac Memorial Lecture (12 Sep)**
- **National Seminar - 2015**

5 CONCLUSION

At this point, I would like to express to all the Executive Committee Members and all the Four Regional Committees, my sincere thanks for their endless support, active involvement and cooperation in each and every activity carried out during the last one year. Also I extend my hearty thanks to all other people and institutions who directly or indirectly contributed for the smooth functioning of the system.

Looking back, we, the State Executive Committee of Kerala Library Association, are happy to state that the reporting period was fruitful in terms of the interaction we could have with fellow

professionals. Our efforts to reach out to fellow librarians have started showing positive results: the membership base has been increasing notably and many young professionals are now coming forward to join the Association. Social media has been a great help to extend beyond the geographical boundaries and we hope KLA will be able to spread its wings far and wide in the years to come.

We are aware that there are still many issues to be solved. At the same time we are also sure that the Association will be able to achieve its primary goals through its untiring nature and professionalism. The whole hearted support of the KLA members is the real strength behind its every decision and guiding light to all its actions. But as they say, the best is yet to be.

With these words, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I submit this Annual Report for detailed evaluation, discussion and approval.

Yours sincerely

s/d

Dr M Lalitha

General Secretary, KLA