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From the President's Desk

According to J H Shera "library is a product of our cultural maturation". Library was considered the crowning glory of education. It is believed that a public library is the nucleus of the community's intellectual attainments; an academic library is the beating heart of the educational institutions; and a special library is the life-blood of that category of organizations. University libraries are considered as the heart of the University, from where the intellectual input emanated. According to Hamlin, there are three functions of the University library: conservation of knowledge, extension of knowledge and transmission of knowledge. In Kerala we have fifteen Universities including one deemed University and one central University. But there is no University librarian in these Universities. Even after our repeated efforts to fill up the post, still it is vacant. We proved that a University can function without a University librarian. Kerala University has completed more than two decades without the presence of a University librarian. During this period NAAC team of UGC visited twice but did not notice the non existence of University of librarian. Now surprisingly Kerala University has advertised the post of University librarian! We support the authorities to continue the process to fill up the post of librarians in the Universities in Kerala.

A profession differs from other vocations and employments in certain fundamentals. Its members should acquire intellectual based techniques, assume responsibility to their clients and belong to professional associations which lay down standards and norms for their education, conduct, institutions and fellow practitioners. According to Pierce Butler, the essence of any profession is a special scholarship and that the validity of this scholarship is a matter of grave public concern. A professional is a person who, by means of his special intellectual equipment, does something that is important to other people. If so, KLA is doing the proper way to the fellow professionals as a professional body to enhance their knowledge base through professional training. The continuing Professional Development Programme (CPD Centre) mooted in 2014 is a success and could organize ten sessions of training programmes and trained more than hundred professionals from all over India. The programmes organized by KLA are well acclaimed by many senior professionals even from outside the state. I hope that the CPD programme will continue with variety of programmes in future also.

The librarian's meet and award function of KLA Gold Medal is scheduled on August 2nd is another opening to the library professionals as a get together and mark of our unity. I wish all success to the programme.

With regards
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KLA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The 44th Annual General Body Meeting of the Kerala Library Association will be held at 2.00 PM on Sunday, the 2nd August 2015 at Dr. Eapen Hall, YMCA Building, North Gate of Govt. Secretariat, Trivandrum -01.

AGENDA

- Presentation and adoption of annual report and statement of Accounts for 2014-15 and Budget estimate for 2015-16. ● Introduction of Resolution for adoption ● Other matters admitted by the chair ● Election of new Office bearers for the year 2015-17

Members please make it convenient to attend the Meeting

General Secretary, KLA

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For Members only

General Secretary Speaks

Dear Friends,

How does an association grow within a professional group?

No one knows. And none will be able to give one single answer either. Because, like any meaningful relationship, this is also a two-way affair: the so-called 'organizers' on the one side and the members, on the other.

As we librarians are fond of saying, it is the connecting at the right moment in the right way with like-minded people for the right purpose that gets the job done. And that is exactly where we sometimes flounder. Because, though ourselves librarians, we are not sure about what other librarians want, need or require!

This leads to experimentation, trials and errors. Programmes and services are provided on the assumption that they will be useful. But there are always differences in perception and the venture may not be a perfect success. Still it gives us a satisfaction that we at least ventured out and have taken the first step.

Many of KLA's efforts have been such attempts to improve the quality of librarianship and professionalism. But, as I said earlier, it requires an extended hand and encouraging mind from the side of our members as well. If there is more active participation from your side, the association will grow.

For this to happen, what should be done? Do let us know. Communication is an essential factor in building up our feeling of oneness and I hope you will reach out to us with constructive suggestions.

Now, let me come to the immediate present: our Annual General Body Meeting is fast approaching. It's the election year for us and it is time for the present team to go and another to step in. The other day, we were talking of retirement and an elderly gentleman remarked to me, "Two things come in pairs and are inevitable too – birth and death, and job and retirement." I think the same can be said of committees as well: swearing-in and stepping down are just two sides of the same coin. The former is done with great aspiration and the latter, with retrospection!

This committee of Kerala Library Association has also successfully completed its term and the Annual General body Meeting scheduled for 2 August 2015 would be electing another team to carry on the noble work. We were standing on giants' shoulders, the giants being our illustrious predecessors. As the General Secretary, when I look back, I feel happy that we did not let them down and have kept our flag flying high.

At the outset itself, we had decided to focus more on professional matters and all our activities were geared towards that goal. Our 'progress card' will show that we could establish a Continuous Professional Development programme and could conduct hands-on workshops. The impact that these events have had on our individual and collective reputation is evident from the fact that even people from outside our state are attending them. Kudos to our CPD team!

Communication plays a crucial role in any organization and lends transparency to its functioning. It's also one of the major reasons we have prioritized our Newsletter during this term. We hope that the next team will be able to take our achievements to even greater heights.

In Chess, the board is cleared after each game. The players keep changing but the board belongs to none. While bidding adieu as the out-going General Secretary, I wish the next team all success and hope that KLA will gain more strength in the years to come.

Thank you, one and all, and I wish you all a bright future ahead.

Dr. M. Lalitha
General Secretary, KLA

Editor's Note...

Dear Members and friends of KLA,

"Our youth has surprised the world with its IT skills. Our ancestors used to play with snakes, we play with mouse"-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

In order to transform the entire ecosystem of public services through the use of information technology, the Government of India has launched the Digital India Programme with the vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Digital empowerment of citizens will pay emphasis on universal digital literacy and availability of digital resources/services in Indian languages. This new opportunity will surely open new vistas to the LIS domain in the country for the Librarians as well as for the user community. As a part of the new initiatives of the Government of India, digital connectivity in the country will be changed drastically. This opportunity can be made use of, at the Library & Information Centres for data and information transfer through the high speed data/ information resource sharing networks. It is needles to emphasize that it will create ample avenues to our profession and professionals in the present knowledge society era. It is high time that we accept and implement the technologies and opportunities.

Welcome to the new issue of the *KLA Newsletter*! This is the second and the last *Newsletter* brought to you after we have been raised to the helm of affairs. In the current issue, apart from the KLA activities, the *Newsletter* highlights events and activities of the regional centres. There are also reports on seminars and conferences held during this year.

As the editor of this *Newsletter* I would like to thank all the EC members especially the President and General Secretary. The newsletter will continue to be a vehicle for promoting fluent communication among all members of the Association and the professional friends. Consistent with the revised format and content, contributions and news items on the professional activities, new initiatives, new thoughts and challenges are most welcome.

I would like to appeal my colleagues to contribute to the *Newsletter* by sending information and news items about the activities and resources in your library to share the same with the library community and the professionals in the field. The *KLA Newsletter* values your contribution and I look forward to your unending support for the coming issue.

Please feel free to offer suggestions for the improvement of the *Newsletter* and the KLA activities.

Dr. K. G. Sudhier
Editor

Activities and Events

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.

The programmes held so far:

Workshop on Koha

KLA-CPD organized a two -day workshop on Koha, the most popular open source integrated library management software during 10th - 11th January 2015. This was the eighth event under the aegis KLA - CPD. Twelve library professionals and IT Professionals 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 of Koha. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained from all participants in writing, which revealed that all of them felt the event was useful and were confident about Implementing Koha. Shri Arun V. R, KSCSTE Library, and Shri Ashkar K., Mathrubhumi News Library were the resource persons for the event.

Workshop on WordPress

KLA-CPD organized a two -day workshop on WordPress, the world's most popular open source blogging tool and content management system during 14th - 15th February 2015. This was the 9th 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 from all participants in writing, where they commented 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.

Workshop on Koha

KLA-CPD organized a two -day workshop on Koha, the most popular open source integrated library management software during 9th - 10th May 2015. This was the 10th event under the aegis KLA - CPD. Eleven librarians and IT Professionals 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 of Koha. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained from all participants in writing, which revealed that all of them felt that event was useful and were confident about implementing Koha at their institutions. Shri Arun V. R, KSCSTE Library, and Shri Ashkar K., Mathrubhumi News Library were the resource persons for the event

KLA-CPD TEAM

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	Sri Arun V R

KU-DLIS ALUMNI MEET- 2015

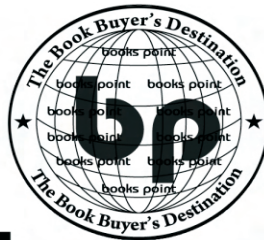
The meeting of the Alumni Association of the Dept. of Library & Information Science (AADLIS) was held at the Senate Chamber, University of Kerala on 30th March 2015. Dr. B. Ashok, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University inaugurated the meet. The function was presided over by Prof. Achutsankar S. Nair, Head, Dept. of Bioinformatics, University of Kerala and the felicitations were done by Dr. R. Gireesh Kumar and Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Members of the Syndicate, University of Kerala. Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS welcomed the gathering and Dr. T. Ajikumari, Secretary, AADLIS proposed vote of thanks. Alumni of 1976-77 and 1977-78 batches of BLISc, retired LIS professionals, Ph D holders and MLISc rank holders were honored.



KLA e- Newsletter

We are planning to change the KLA Newsletter to E- version. The KLA e- Newsletter will be available at www.keralalibraryassociation.org. KLA inviting all the members to send news related to LIS to enrich the Newsletter and comments and suggestions to make it more content rich and interactive. Mail the details to: kla.org@gmail.com

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Representation to AICTE, PRC &KTU

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 draft regulations on technical and professional education in AICTE & Kerala Technological University. I am happy to inform you all that KLA's submission has been acknowledged by AICTE and KLA finds a mention in their final guidelines.

Similarly KLA could bring out the conspicuously missing links related to the posts and qualifications of librarians in all the sectors in the state and give a representation to the Pay Revision Commission (Kerala) 2015. Later KLA's representatives could meet the higher authorities concerned and hold a discussion in this regard.

Kerala Index online Launched

The Kerala Index Online, a web portal of the Kerala University Library, launched by Dr. Thomas Isaac, former Finance Minister a function to be held at the Kerala University Library in the presence of Malayalam University Vice-Chancellor K Jayakumar. The Index is a depository of articles by researchers, journalists and writers published in the past 30 years. Also it contain articles published about the writers and journalists. The first issue of Kerala Index was published in 1986 which was a retrospective index, covering articles appeared in journals of 1984 and 1985. Since 1987, the 'Kerala Index' has been a one-stop-shop for those searching for references to Kerala in newspapers and magazines. With more than a dozen magazines and newspapers as its database the Kerala Index enables a user to know at a glance the abstract of the article in which there is a



KLA's New Publication

Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres



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Sri. P. Ravindran, Retd. Technical Officer (Library) and Information Officer, CIFT, Kochi passed away on 8th April 2015. He is known among his friends as Ravi, is a rare and good person, a man of vision and wisdom, a person having great concern for the poor and

their problems in the society. He had a very wide circle of friends drawn from various walks of life and extended hospitality to them. Hence Sri. Ravindran was a unique and admirable personality in the library profession.



Smt. Anadavally Amma, (71 yrs.) Assistant Librarian (Retd.), Kerala University Library (7-Santhinagar, Sreekariyam) died on June 2015. She was closely associated with the activities of the Association throughout her career. She was actively participated in the Women Librarians Meet organized by the KLA last year.

KLA deeply mourns the demise of these members.

PERSONALIA

**BEST LIBRARIAN AWARD**

The first Dr. G. Devarajan Endowment Best Librarian Award was given to Dr. M.G. Sreekumar, Adjunct Professor, Humanities & Liberal Arts in Management & Chief Information Officer, IIMK, Kozhikode for his outstanding contributions in the LIS domain and in his service in the IIM-K library. The award was distributed in the AADLIS Meet-2015 held at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on March 2015.

PhD Awardees in LIS

Smt. Archana, S N, Junior Librarian, CUSAT has been awarded PhD in Library and Information Science by CUSAT for her thesis entitled "Resource Sharing Among Engineering College Libraries affiliated To Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala: A Proposed Model" under the supervision of Dr. Humayoon Kabir S, Head, DLIS,

University of Kerala.



Sri. Saji S.Nair (Assistant Librarian, Library & Information Services Division, Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum) has been awarded PhD in Library & Information Science by the University of Kerala for his topic "An Evaluative Study of Library & Information Centres in the field of Allopathic Medicine

in Kerala" under the supervision of Dr. G. Devarajan, Former Prof. & Head, DLIS, University of Kerala.



Sri. Majeed, H (Assistant Librarian Gr.II, Kerala University Library, Trivandrum) has been awarded PhD in Library & Information Science by the University of Kerala for his topic "An investigation into information needs and information behaviour of tourists and design of a tourist information system for Kerala" under the supervision of Dr. S. Humayoon Kabir, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala



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RETIREMENTS

Dr. K P Vijayakumar, Associate Professor and Head, DLIS, retired from the service of University of Kerala on 31st March 2015. He has a renowned career spanning over three and half decades, two third of which is in the Department in various capacities. He is also serving as the Hon. Director of the Centre for Information Literacy Studies. He is the former President of KLA



Dr.M.Lalitha, Librarian, SCERT, Poojapura, Thiruvananthapuram retired from service on 30 April 2015 is one of the senior library professionals in the state. Earlier she was at the British Council Library, Trivandrum. She is the General Secretary of KLA.



Smt. L. Saraswathy, Deputy Librarian-in-Charge, Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram retired on April 2015.



Smt. A. Syamalakumari, retired as Librarian, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Palode, Thiruvananthapuram.



Dr. T. Mohana Kumar retired as Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library, Thiruvananthapuram on April 2015.



Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel, President, KLA Kottayam Region retired as Librarian, S.B. College (Autonomous), Changanacherry on April 2015.



Sri. Mohammed Shanavaz Khan, retired as Librarian, Kerala Legislature Secretariat Library, Thiruvananthapuram. He was the former office secretary of KLA.

Sri. Bahuleya Kumar K. retired as Reference Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam on April 2015.

Smt. Geetha Bhai G retired as Assistant Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam on May 2015.

KU extends Part- time Research to all Library Professionals

University of Kerala issued final order to extend Part-time Ph.D Registration in Library and Information Science to all library professionals. A notable victory of constant efforts carried out by the Kerala Library Association.

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA (Abstract)

Ph.D registration in Library & Information Science- Extension of part time facility to library professionals-Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC ELB SECTION

No. Ac.El.B3/2460/2010

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11.02.2014.

Read: Item No. VII of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Library and Information Science held on 07.12.2013.

ORDER

The Vice Chancellor has approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, the recommendation of the Board of Studies in Library and Information Science as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts to extend the provision of granting part-time Ph.D registration to the regular library staff in Kerala University Library having 3 years experience to all regular full time library professionals working in all University libraries, affiliated colleges, government departments, R and D establishments, public sector undertakings and corporate libraries in Kerala, provided all other eligibility conditions are satisfied.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
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Deputy Registrar (Acad.III)
For Registrar

To

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(<http://www.scoop.it/t/library-cloud-what-s-up-in-lis/>)
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- **Seminar Blogs**
(<http://klanationalseminar2013.wordpress.com>)

Regional Committees

KOTTAYAM REGION

A number of programmes were conducted by the regional committee during the period in association with the Mahatma Gandhi University and renowned colleges in and around Kottayam.

Reading by e-reading' talk

A talk organised in Association with Mahatma Gandhi University Library at Mahatma Gandhi University Seminar Hall on 6 February 2015. Sri. V.K. Adarsh is a popular technology writer, author, columnist and social media evangelist. He explained various opportunities and challenges offered by new publishing outlets like e-books, blogs and social media to conventional publishers, authors and readers

Workshop on Wordpress

Organised a two day workshop on Wordpress Content Management System in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi University Library on 20-21 April 2015. The workshop had both theoretical and hands on training sessions. Sri. S.L. Faisal, Librarian, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom and Sri. Prajeesh Bhaskaran, Technical Assistant, MG University were acted as resource person of the workshop.

Seminar on Scholarly Communication and Best Practices in Research

Kerala Library Association Kottayam Region has organised one day seminar on Scholarly communication and best practices in research at St. Berchmans College (Autonomous), Changanassery on 9 April 2015. Dr. Tomy Joseph Padinjareveetil, Principal, St. Berchmans College inaugurated the seminar. Sessions were handled by Dr. Job Joseph, Head, Dept. of Commerce, St. Berchmans College (Principles of effective theses writing), Smt. Savithry T.K., Mahatma Gandhi University Library (Research evaluation indicators), Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephens College, Uzhavoor (How to avoid plagiarism), Sri. K.K. Murali, Assistant Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library (Plagiarism checking software) and Sri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam (Reference management software)

Workshop on Mendeley

KLA Kottayam Region have organised a workshop on Mendeley reference management as immense requests were from research scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. The workshop held at St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry on 5 May 2015. Forty two participants including research scholars and faculty members have attended the training. The sessions including hands on training were handled by Smt. Savithry T.K., Technical Assistant, Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Kottayam, and Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor.

Book release

KLA Kottayam region has released a book to honour Fr. Jose Viruppal, President, KLA Kottayam Region . Dr Tomy Joseph Padinjareveetil, Principal, St. Berchmans College released the Festschrift volume. Title of the book is "PARADIGM SHIFT IN LIBRARIES". Smt. Annu George, Deputy Librarian, Mahatma Gandhi University Library, Smt. Savithry T.K., Technical Assistant, Sri. Vimal Kumar V., Technical Assistant, Mahatma Gandhi University Library and Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephens College, Uzhavoor are the editors of the book. The book is licensed under Creative Commons.

ERNAKULAM REGION

National Workshop on Ensuring Quality in Scientific Research

KLA Ernakulam region in association with Centre for Information Literacy Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, and School of Marine Sciences, Cochin University of Science and Technology, organized two-day national workshop on Ensuring Quality in Scientific Research on 7 - 8 January 2015 at Cochin University of Science and Technology Lakeside Campus. Prof.(Dr.) K. Sajan ,Dean Faculty of Marine Science Cochin University of Science and Technology, welcomed the gathering, which was followed by the presidential address by Dr Mohankumar, Director, School of Marine Sciences & Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology. Dr. Gangan Prathap Outstanding Scientist, CSIR- NIIST & Former Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology inaugurated the workshop. Prof. N. Unnikrishnan Nair, Former Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology. Prof. K. T. Thomson, Director, School of Industrial Fisheries, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Dr. K P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala & Hon. Director, Centre for Information Literacy Studies, Mr. V. S. Kunjumuhamed, President KLA, Ernakulam region felicitated. Mr Manuel P J, Librarian, School of Marine Campus and executive member of KLA Ernakulam region proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was attended by 120 participants.

Consultancy Service

The region helped 3 libraries in their automation and also the development of digital libraries in MA college of Engineering, Kothamangalam, Illahia College of Arts and Sciences Muvattupuzha and Chinmaya Vidyapeedam, Ernakulam.

THRISSUR REGION

Free Coaching for NET

4th Batch of Free NET Coaching in Library and Information Science was jointly organised by KLA Thrissur Region, Academic Library Association (ALA) and St. Thomas' College, Thrissur during January – June 2015. Dr. A.T. Francis, University Librarian i/c., Kerala Agricultural University & President KLA Thrissur Region was the master trainer who lead most of the classes of the coaching supported by other experts Sri. Abdul Razak, Smt. K.V. Alphonsa and Sri. P.L. Tomy. In the previous batch, out of the 20 students, 11 had cleared the UGC NET.

National Workshop in Digital Library Management using DSpace

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, has organized a Two Day National Workshop in Digital Library Management using DSpace during 27-28 March 2015.

Advanced National Training in Digital Library Management using DSpace

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a Two Day Advanced National Training in Digital Library Management using DSpace during 24-25 April 2015.

National Workshop on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a two- day National Workshop on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA during 29-30 May 2015.

Reading Week Celebrations 2015

The Reading Week 2015 was celebrated in the Kerala Agricultural University's Central Library and College of Horticulture, Vellanikkara in collaboration with the KLA and ALA from 19-25 June 2015. Reading Week Celebrations 2015 were inaugurated by Sri. Sippy Pallipuram, famous Malayalam writer on 19 June 2015 at the Kerala Agricultural University Central Library.

- **Seminar on Reading, Farming and Health**

As part of the Reading Week Celebrations, KAU, in collaboration with the ALA and KLA Thrissur Region, organized a Seminar on Reading, Farming and Health on 19 June 2015 for students, teachers, farmers and public. 260 persons attended. The seminar was led by Dr. T.E. George, eminent scientist and Director (Academic & PG Studies), KAU.

Former University Librarians of the Kerala Agricultural University, Dr. R. Raman Nair, Sri. Abdul Razak and Smt. M. C. Lalitha were also honoured on this occasion.

- **Seminar on Knowledge and Safe Food:** The College

of Horticulture, KAU has organised the Reading Week Celebrations 2015, in collaboration with the ALA and KLA Thrissur Region. A Seminar on Knowledge and Safe Food was also organised on 25 June 2015 as part of it. 250 students, teachers, farmers and public were attended. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. Madampu Kunjukuttan, eminent Malayalam Writer. The seminar was led by Dr. Jim Thomas, eminent scientist and Associate Director of Research, KAU.

- **Sri. P.N. Panicker Remembered:** The remembrance talk was delivered by Dr. A.T. Francis, University Librarian i/c, Sri. Panicker was a great revolutionist who led the people 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 itself.

NET Guidance Workshop 2015

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a one-day UGC NET Guidance Workshop in all subjects on 11 July 2015 for students preparing for NET Examination of UGC, CSIR, and ICAR. 110 students from eight districts of Kerala attended the workshop.

5th Batch of Free Coaching for NET in LIS

The 5th Batch of Free NET Coaching in LIS for the December 2015 examination, jointly organised by the Kerala Agricultural University, KLA Thrissur Region and Academic Library Association (ALA), during holidays has started on 11 July at KAU Central Library. Students from eight districts are attending the coaching.

Advanced National Training on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA and Technology Exhibition

The Kerala Agricultural University, in collaboration with ALA and KLA, organized a two-day Advanced National Training on Open Source Library Management Software, KOHA and Technology Exhibition from 24-25 July 2015.

KOZHIKODE REGION

National Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Management (NCKDM 2015)

The Department of Library and Information Science, CHMK Library, University of Calicut & Kerala Library Association (KLA) Kozikode Region jointly organized a two-day National Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Management (NCKDM 2015) on 30-31 January 2015 at E.M.S Seminar Complex, University of Calicut. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. (Colonel) M. Abdul Salam, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut. Dr. Abdul Azeez T.A., University Librarian welcomed the gathering and Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Head, DLISc, University of Calicut presided the function. Prof. K.R. Srivathsan, former Pro Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, delivered keynote address on the theme

entitled “A Knowledge Management Approach to Enhancing Quality of Education”. It was followed by release of the Conference Proceedings containing 44 conference papers by Dr. M. Bavakutty handing over to Prof. M. Parameswaran both are former Professors and Heads, DLISc, University of Calicut. Dr. Vijayakumar K.P., Dr. Jalaja V., Dr. M.C.K. Veeran were felicitated the function. The inaugural function ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Abdul Latheef P.K., Assistant Librarian, CHMK Library, University of Calicut.

There were three technical sessions in the first day. The themes of technical sessions were ‘Knowledge Management’, ‘E-resource Management’ and ‘Knowledge Management’

Harinarayana N.S., Associate Professor, DLISc., Mysore University and Dr. I.R.N. Goudar, Visiting Professor & Library Advisor, Bangalore University were chaired each sessions respectively.

Mr. Nikesh Narayan, Discovery Service Engineer, EBSCO Discovery Services presented the theme paper entitled ‘Evaluation of Knowledge Discovery Services’ in the 4th session. Dr. I.R.N. Goudar, Visiting Professor & Library Advisor, Bangalore University presented the theme paper entitled ‘Technology Challenges for Librarianship in Knowledge Society’ in the 5th technical session. Dr. Harinarayana N.S., Associate Professor, DLISc., Mysore

University, Mysore, Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, Librarian, IIM Kozhikode, presented theme papers entitled ‘Approaches to Knowledge Management’ and ‘Knowledge Enterprises’ respectively in the post lunch



respectively. Dr. A Gopikuttan, Associate Professor, DLISc, University of Kerala, Dr. Muhammadali N., Associate Professor & Head Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Calicut, Dr. Nasirudheen T.P.O, Associate Professor & Head DLISc, Farook College, Calicut were acted as chairman of the three sessions consecutively. Dr. Vijayakumar K.P., Workshop Director, presented the theme paper entitled ‘Library and Information Professionals as Knowledge Workers in the Emerging Society’ in the first technical session. Dr. Vinod Kumar K.P., Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, MES College Mampad, presented the theme paper entitled ‘Recent Trends in Knowledge Marketing’ in the second technical session. Dr. Dinesan Koovakazhi, Assistant Librarian, University of Calicut presented the theme paper entitled ‘Knowledge Management in the Cloud Environment’ and Dr. Lajish V.L. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Calicut presented the theme paper entitled ‘Big Data Analytics: Current Perspective’ in the third technical session. There were 23 presentations from three sessions out of which 20 papers were presented.

On the second day, there were three technical sessions namely ‘Web Based Knowledge Management’, ‘Knowledge Discovery and Information Security’ and ‘Innovative Approaches To Knowledge Management’. Dr. Humayoon Kabir S., Associate Professor, DLIS, University of Kerala, Dr.

session. There were 22 papers in the three sessions on the second day, out of which 19 papers were presented.

A panel discussion on the central theme of ‘Knowledge Discovery and Management’ was chaired by Dr. Vijayakumar K.P. The panelists were Dr. Harinarayana N.S., Dr. I.R.N. Goudar, Dr. M.G. Sreekumar and Dr. Mahabalashwara Rao. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Singh for his paper ‘Knowledge Acquisition and Management by Indian Corporate: A Case study of Infosys’ and Ms. Syamili C for her paper ‘Ontology for the Novel Pathummayude Aadu’ bagged the best paper award. At the end of the concluding session Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K, Coordinator, NCKDM 2015, expressed vote of thanks to all the participants, delegates and invited speakers.

Vayanadinam (Day of Reading)

The KLA Kozhikode Region in association with the Federation of Library and Information Science Students, Calicut University observed the Reading Day on 23th June, 2015. Dr. Anil Chelmbra was the keynote speaker. More than Eighty library professionals and students were participated in the programme. Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Associate Professor and Head, DLIS welcomed the gathering. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Assistant Professor, DLISc., Mr. Simjith V., Mr. Sajith Chandran, and Ms. Anusha V chaired different programs including Book Exchange, Quiz and Debate on Online Reading.

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gateways drawn from the public domain of Internet may also be accessed by the users. The Library has developed its Institutional Repository containing 9,000 plus Ph.D. Theses & Dissertations and plans to upload more of its rare and invaluable holdings in digital format. Recently, the Library has been declared as the best amongst all Indian university libraries by a visiting team of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. It has also contributed to the University in achieving the status of the second best university of India as ranked by the Times Higher Education.

The foundation of the Library was laid in 1877 at the time of establishment of the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College by Lord Lytton, the then Viceroy of India and it was named after him as Lytton Library. The present grand seven-storied building was inaugurated by Late Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India in 1960 and the Library was named as Maulana Azad Library, after a great scholar, educationist, statesman, freedom fighter and the first Education Minister of the independent India.

Maulana Azad Library is the Central Library of the University with over 100 sister libraries (college/seminar libraries). It is a World famous repository of rare manuscripts and books in Urdu, Persian and Arabic languages. One of the most priced part of the Library is its Manuscripts Division which possess about 16000 rare and invaluable manuscripts. Maulana Azad Library has introduced state of the art information technology and it is fully automated with LibSys 7.0 software which connects almost all 9,500 computers within the University as well as the centers in distant states. The 3M security system and three dozen CCTV cameras ensure safety of the Library material. Over 5000 students, teachers and other members visit the Library almost every day.



The Library collections comprise of about 18,00,000 documents including books, periodicals, newspapers, theses, dissertations, reports, pamphlets, manuscripts, paintings, photographs, CDs, microfilms, databases, e-books, talking books etc. There are about 15,000 theses and dissertations forming perhaps the largest collection

of such documents in the Country. Besides hard copy collections of about 13,00,000 books, about 1,20,000 e-books and 3,00,000 full text theses are available online. .

The Anna Centenary Library

The Anna Centenary Library (ACL) is an established state library of the Government of Tamil Nadu. It is located at Kotturpuram, Chennai. Built at a cost of 172 crores (1,720 million), it is one of the largest libraries in Tamil Nadu. It is named after a former chief minister of Tamil Nadu, C. N. Annadurai. Built on 8 acres of land, the 9-floor library houses a total area of 333,140 sq. ft and has a capacity to accommodate 1.2 million books. The library is designed to accommodate a total of 1,250 persons. An auditorium of 50,000 sq. ft. with a seating capacity of 1,280, and an amphitheatre on the terrace that can accommodate more than 800 persons and two conference halls with capacities of 151 and 30 persons respectively, are some of the facilities available. A dedicated children's section, spread over 15,000 sq. ft. has a fun-filled theme-based reading area with multimedia kits and storybooks. The library also boasts a high-tech section for the visually-impaired, with talking books and Braille displays.



The entrance to the building showcases a 5 ft bronze statue of C.N. Annadurai. The library employs 200 staff, including 96 permanent and 40 contract employees, and has a collection of 550,000 books. It is visited by about 2700 persons every day.

Felicitations to Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar and Release of Festschrift Volume



A function was organised at the Senate Chamber, University of Kerala to felicitate Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor & Head, University of Kerala on 30th March 2015. The function was inaugurated by Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Pro- Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala. The session was presided over by Dr. A. Gopikuttan, Director, School of Communication and Library Science, University of Kerala and Dr. Humayoon Kabir, Associate Professor, University of Kerala welcomed the gathering. Dr. N. Veeramanikandan gave away the memento to Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar. A festschrift volume was released in honour of Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar on his superannuation by the Pro- Vice Chancellor and the first copy was received by Smt. Lalitha Lenin, former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala. The festschrift volume titled 'Blended Libraries and Information

Centres: A blue Print for the development of Information profession in India' edited by Dr.G.Devarajan, Dr.K.C Abdul Majeed, Dr.Dineshan Koovakkai, Dr.P.K Suresh Kumar and Dr.S.Beena

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Seminars & Conferences

CALM 2015

National Conference on Academic Library Management: Challenges, Opportunities and Trends, 9-10 March, 2015 organised by Malayalam University. Conference speakers were: Dr. Jagadish Arora (Director, INFLIBNET –UGC), Dr. Shalini R. Urs (Executive Director, International School of Information Management, University of Mysore), Shri. N. V. Sathyanarayana (Chairman & Managing Director, Informatics India Ltd., Bangalore), Dr. Usha Mujoo Munshi (Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi), Dr. M. G. Sreekumar (Chief Information Officer, IIM, Kzhikode), Shri. K. K. Banerjee (Mission Director, National Library, Kolkatta), Shri. P. Jarajan (Organising Secretary, CALM), Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar (Head, DLIS, University of Kerala), Prof. Subbiah Arunachalam (Centre for Internet & Society, Bangalore), Shri. K. Jayakumar (Vice Chancellor, Malayalam University)

ICIDL 2015

2nd International Conference on Innovation Driven Librarianship : Creating Future Landscape for the New Generation Libraries and LIS Professionals” (ICIDL 2015) during 11-13th June 2015 at SRM University, Chennai . There were 250 delegates and 25 invited speakers from abroad as well as from India (from 12 Countries) participated in this international mega event and 140 Abstracts have been selected out of 200 Abstracts. The Inaugural function of this conference commenced with the welcome address by Dr. P. Rajendran, Organizing Secretary ICIDL, 2015 and lightening of Kuthuvilaku by the dignitaries followed by the presidential address by Dr T. P. Ganesan, Pro Vice Chancellor, SRM University. The Chief Guest, Dr. Kathleen Burnett, F. William Summers Professor, Director and School of Information Florida State University, USA, delivered the Inaugural speech. Followed by the Inaugural speech, Prof. Prabir K. Bagchi , Vice Chancellor of SRM University, released the Conference Proceedings and the Guest of Honor Prof. Dong-Geun oh, Keimyung University, Korea, delivered his words. Dr. Sujin Butdissuwan, Faculty of Informatics, Maharakam University, Thailand and Dr K. Mohan, Director (IT&KM), SRM University, felicitated. Prof. B. Ramesh Babu, Conference Chair, University of Madras also delivered his speech during this occasion.

Forthcoming Seminars

National Seminar Scientometrics and Internet of Things (IoT).

Institute of Scientometrics (<http://www.instmatics.org/>) in association with NCSI-Net Foundation (<http://ncsinet.org/>), will be organizing a two-day conference on Scientometrics and Internet of Things (IoT) during 25-26th September 2015 at The Solitaire Hotel, 3 Kumara Krupa Road, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001.

More details of the conference is available at conference website at <http://www.scientometrics.asia/>

18th International Symposium on Theses and Dissertation
ETD 2015 is an international symposium and gathering of current and future researchers and practitioners in the area of Electronic Theses and Dissertations. The event will be held on the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Campus, New Delhi, India during 4th - 6th November 2015. The theme for the ETD 2015 is “Evolving Genre of ETDs for Knowledge Discovery”. ETD Symposium is being organized for the first time in Indian subcontinent. It will give an opportunity to the library and information professionals from this region and neighbouring countries to attend the international symposium which is of high relevance to one and all. For More Details : <http://etd2015india.in/>

18th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2015)

18th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2015) is being organized by Gulbarga University Library, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) in collaboration with DELNET (Developing Library Network), New Delhi on the theme -Reinventing Libraries for the Future: Innovations, Trends and Technologies, from November 24-26, 2015 in the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi (Gulbarga) - 585106, Karnataka, India. For conference brochure and registration form, please visit www.guglibrary.net or www.naclin.org

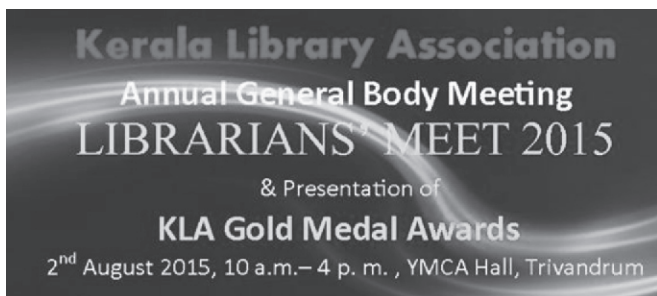
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