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From the President's Desk

One more year has gone in our professional life and we are at the doorway to a new year of professional exercise and dedication. We are very much familiar with the role of library in our society and the role of the librarian. Traditional libraries have changed significantly over the years. Libraries have started adopting refined technologies using different software and online services which in fact allow the users to find out information pin pointedly without much time delay. Many librarians are able to work in an IT-enabled environment and able to create new products and services. Web technologies especially social networks have created more opportunities to the professionals to disseminate information much easier than before. Since our profession is always changing we cannot be static in an adaptive field. Therefore an annual career check up is highly recommended to every professional so that we can assess our strength and weakness in carrying out our job.

At the beginning of the new year it is essential to ask a set of questions to ourselves, in order to verify our professional dedication. What have I done to strengthen my professional skill during the previous year? What have I done to add any capability to my knowledge base? What challenges and problems could I resolve in the previous year? What innovations could I conceive and implement in the last year? Being a professional, a set of professional development plan is needed at the beginning itself.

With the aim of equipping the library professionals, Kerala Library Association has launched a Centre, KLA-CPD (Kerala Library Association-Centre for Professional Development) in April 2014. The centre has officially started regular training programmes in different areas of library operations such as library automation, digital library, content management, reference management etc. to the budding professionals. More thrust is given to hands on training in open access softwares for library applications. So far we have organized such kind of seven workshops and the next programme is scheduled on 10th and 11th January 2015 on KOHA. It is happy to learn that the regional committees of the KLA are not lagging behind in organizing academic programmes during the previous year. We expect kind co-operation and support from all librarians for the smooth conduct of the professional development programmes.

Wishing all members of the KLA a bright and hopeful New Year !

Dr. A. Gopikuttan
President, KLA

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

New Year Greetings

The KLA wishes all the Members a Happy, Prosperous and Professionally Fruitful New Year 2015 !

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For Members only

GENERAL SECRETARY SPEAKS

Dear Professionals,

Season's greetings to all of you.

What to write for the newsletter was a million-dollar question staring at me. Finally I zoomed on to 'How libraries touch lives' and when I googled, I hadn't expected this any way - to my surprise, I found that there is actually an 'I Love My Librarian' award, instituted by Carnegie Corporation of New York / New York Times! Unbelievable!



And there is more to it - it is an initiative of the American Library Association (I can virtually hear some of you asking, if ALA can do it, why can't KLA? Yes, why not?). The nominations are sent by library supporters / users. Recipients are selected for their "dedicated public service and the valuable role they play in the nation's communities in transforming lives through education." Every year the accomplishments of 10 exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians are recognized by their library users and they receive cash award, two plaques (one for the winner and one for the winner's library) and a travel stipend to attend the awards ceremony at New York. Great!

Equally interesting was **Living Stories, Living Libraries** - a digital storytelling initiative launched in collaboration with the American Library Association, part documentary, part art-project, and part advocacy and awareness tool. The blog shows, through photo stories, how libraries impact people's lives in a meaningful way.

And finally, a warm letter by a teacher to the American Library Association in 2014, showing how libraries and librarians make a difference. For Veteran's Day, James Whittaker's **We Thought We Heard the Angels Sing** (a book about soldiers

during WWII who survived a plane crash over the Pacific and were stranded on a life raft for weeks) had taken Suzanne Kelly and her students on a pursuit of knowledge that connected them with the WWII veterans from the book. These veterans became a part of the students' lives for years to come. *With the help of librarians, historians, and archivists who shared the students' curiosity and provided the catalysts for learning*, subsequent classes of sixth graders could succeed in reuniting the survivors and some of their rescuers! Kelly wanted to thank the librarians: "Some of the seeds that I talked about librarians planting, I have seen come to

"Some of the seeds that I talked about librarians planting, I have seen come to harvest...let them know that they made a difference in our lives and in the lives of many other people..."

harvest....I am contacting as many reference librarians as I can who helped us in 1985 to let them know they made a difference in our lives and in the lives of many other people..." All these finally boil down to one simple truth: libraries do change lives. And there are any no. of people out there who will vouchsafe for that. As the Declaration for the Right to Libraries puts it, library users do benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of librarians and library staff to help expand their mind and open new worlds.

Of course, there are times when we librarians feel despondent at not getting our due recognition. Everyone seems to know what librarians can and also what they do; yet, they are slow in recognizing it. Can we then say: let's adopt the principle of the Gita, *karmanyavadhikarasthe ma phaleshu kadachana*? Let us focus on empowering ourselves, no matter what people say or don't say; let us promote the value of libraries and librarians.

Kerala Library Association is committed to improving the quality of libraries and librarians. Our Continuous Professional Development Centre is one such attempt of ours to bring about qualitative change and improvement among the library professionals. We are also organizing workshops / seminars / conferences to bring people together, to make interaction easier and transfer of knowledge simpler and speedy. We hope you will all make use of the opportunity and also give valuable suggestions to us about how to move forward.

Wish you all a very productive and fulfilling 2015.

Dr, Lalitha, M
General Secretary

Editor's Note...

Dear Professional friends,

Welcome once again to another issue of KLA Newsletter; the official organ of the Kerala Library Association.

At the outset, I would like to wish all the Members & their families a very fruitful and memorable New Year!

This issue contains reports of the eventful activities of the KLA since the last issue. It carries a gist of KLA activities during the period. I hope you will enjoy going through the content of this issue.

I would like to extend our apologies to the members for delay in the publication of the Newsletter. We are aware of the need to develop a clearer publication schedule to enable professionals who wish to contribute to the Newsletter.

In relation to this issue, I am indebted to all the office bearers of the KLA and the Regional Committees who immensely helped me to bring out the combined issue.

So, here it is, this wonderful Issue; a proud New Year Gift to our esteemed professionals!

Expecting your constructive feed back.

Happy reading!

Dr. K. G. Sudhier
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(<http://klaweblog.wordpress.com>)
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(<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>)

KLA NATIONAL SEMINAR 2013 (NITLIC)



The seminar on New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres was organized by Kerala Library Association, supported by Raja Rammohun Roy Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata and co-sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), Government of Kerala., held from 12 to 13 July 2013 at Seminar Hall of Kerala State Science & Technology Museum, Thiruvananthapuram.

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Executive Vice-President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Engineering. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by Dr. G. Balamohanam Thampi, Former Vice-Chancellor University of Kerala & President, Kerala State Library Council.

132 professionals working in academic libraries, R & D libraries, corporate libraries, public libraries as well as academicians across the country participated in the two-day national seminar. In addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions there were six technical sessions in all, spread over two days. Each session was chaired by an eminent personality in the library & information science field and had a lead paper presented by an expert. A total of 27 papers were presented on various topics.

The souvenir brought out in connection with the seminar was released by Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai and the first copy was received by Smt. Lalitha Lenin, former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala and Dr. K.P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor & Head, DLIS University of Kerala offered their facilitations. The inaugural session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by Shri S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA.

This was followed by the keynote address by Dr A. Neelamegham, Former Head, Documentation Research and Training Centre, Bangalore on the topic "Knowledge Management 2.0 in the Inclusive Knowledge Society Environment".

The valedictory session was inaugurated by Dr. Pulapre Balakrishnan, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram. He also gave away the Best Paper Award to Ms. Resmi Sara Thomas and Dr. Beena S. Shri. N. Parameswaran, former Deputy Librarian-in-charge, Kerala University Library welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, Kerala Library association. Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair, Syndicate Member, University of Kerala offered felicitation. The valedictory session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by Shri N. Sukumaran Nair, Former State Librarian, Kerala. Shri. V. Sriram, Rapporteur General presented the seminar report. (Full report is available in the KLA Seminar Blog)

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Activities and Events

Library Week Celebrations 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.

Women Librarians Meet 2014

Kerala Library Association (KLA) released a professional logo for Librarians at the Women Librarians' Meet, held in Thiruvananthapuram on 8 March 2014. The programme was organized in connection with the International Women's Day. The Meet was inaugurated by noted writer and columnist, Prof. Khyrunnisa A., who released the logo by handing over it to P. Suprabha, the State Librarian, Kerala. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA, presided over the function.

Three technical sessions were held on the topics, 'Empowering Women Librarians: Approaches & Attitudes' (by Dr. Mini Devi B., DLIS, University of Kerala), 'Women Librarians' Network: Some Random Thoughts' (by Smt. Lovely Susan Varghese, PSLV Library, Valiamala) and



'Librarianship as a Woman's Profession' (by Dr. Aswathy S., LPSC Library, Valiamala).

Senior Women Library Professionals were honoured at the function. From among the participants, the senior most woman Librarian, Smt Accamma Cherian and Junior most woman Librarian, Ms. Aswathy were felicitated. More than sixty women librarians working in academic, public and special libraries attended the Meet. Dr. M. Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the participants and Dr. S. Beena, offered vote of thanks.

KLA-Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) Inaugurated

The KLA has opened an intensive training centre with all IT facilities, the KLA Centre for Professional Development, in Thiruvananthapuram on the premises of KLA Head Quarters, on 12 April 2014. Dr J. Rajan, Prof. & Head, Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK), University of Kerala, inaugurated the Centre. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA presided over. Shri Binu K. John, Organizing Secretary, KLA, welcomed the participants and Shri S. L. Faisal, Member, EC, KLA, offered vote of thanks.

The first training programme held was on KOHA, an open source integrated library management software, from 12 to 13 April 2014. Ten LIS professionals attended the 2 Day training programme. Shri Vimal Kumar V., was the resource person.

KLA-CPD Programmes

1. KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) organised its 6th training programme, a Two Day Workshop on KOHA, the Open Source Library Management Software, on December 13 and 14, 2014.
2. KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), conducted workshop on Koha on October 11 & 12, 2014
3. KLA-CPD Workshop on Managing Literature for Scholarly Writing, 13 July 2014 June 2014 Jun 17
4. KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), offers 2 Day Workshop on KOHA during 14 & 15 June 2014
5. KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), offers 2 Day Training on WordPress on May 10 & 11, 2014
6. KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), offers 2 Day Training on KOHA on April 12 & 13, 2014

KLA-CPD Announces 7th Training Programme

KLA-CPD announces its 7th training programme, a Two Day Workshop on KOHA, on January 10 and 11, 2015. The programme will be held at the KLA Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD), on the premises of KLA Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram.

Who can participate: Working Library Professionals, LIS Students and Researchers in LIS.

Resource Persons: Shri Arun V R (KSCSTE, Tvpm) and Shri Ashkar K (Mathrubhumi, Tvpm)

Course Fee: Rs 1000/- (includes study kit+software CD/DVD, working lunch, tea and snacks) Number of seats: 10 (Ten) only

Registration fee must be paid through bank transfer mode or as a Demand Draft: Demand Draft should be drawn in favour of Kerala Library Association, payable at Thiruvananthapuram. The DD must be sent to Mr. V. Sriram, (Treasurer, KLA), DBRA-80, Cliff House Road, Kowdiar P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695003

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KLA's New Publication



KLA's new publication, "New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries & Information Centres" was also released by Prof (Dr) Ramesha of Bangalore University during the function. The book was received by Dr T.M.Vasudevan, Head, DLIS, University of Calicut.

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KLA Gold Medal to BLISc & MLISc Rank Holders



Mr. C.P.Nair, Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala presented the KLA Gold Medals and Prof C. A. Augustine-Holy Cross Endowment Awards for the years 2009-2011 and 2010-2012 at a function held on 29 April 2013 at 3.00pm at the DLIS Lecture Hall, University of Kerala. Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA preside over where Mr E. Hashim, Treasurer, KLA delivered the welcome address.

The award winners were:

University of Kerala

2009-2011 (MLISc) Ms Suni S. Nair DLIS, Univ. of Kerala,
2010-2012 (MLISc) Ms Aswathi G.S. DLIS, Univ. of Kerala

Mahatma Gandhi University

2009-2010 (BLISc) Ms Supriya Susan Kurian S.B. College, Changanassery

2010-2011 (BLISc) Mr Biju Joseph K.E. College, Mannanam

University of Calicut

2009-2011 (MLISc) Ms Manchu O. DLIS, Univ. of Calicut

2010-2012 (MLISc) Ms Reshma S. R. DLIS, Univ. of Calicut

Shri C. P. Nair also distributed the Cash Awards and Mementos instituted by CA Augustine - Holy Cross Endowment for Information Science. The awards were given away to the students who scored the highest marks in the Paper 'Information and Communication', of the MLISc Examination of the University of Kerala. The Award winners were:

2009-2011 (MLISc) Ms Suni S. Nair

2010-2012 (MLISc) Ms Renuka S.

Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, HoD, DLIS, University of Kerala, Smt. Suprabha, State Librarian, State Central Library and Smt L. Saraswathy, Deputy Librarian (I/C), Kerala University Library felicitated the winners and wished them all success in their future endeavours.

KLA honoured Prof. M. Parameswaran

Kerala Library Association, in association with DLIS University of Kerala organised a function at the DLIS Hall, Kerala University Library building on September 30, 2014 at 2.30 PM to honour Prof. M. Parameswaran, former Head, Dept. of Library & information science, University of Calicut on being awarded the Kendra Sahithya Academy Award for the best Tamil Malayalam Translation in 2013. Dr. N. Veeramanikandan, Pro- Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala inaugurated the function and honoured the chief guest Prof. M. Parameswaran. Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering. In his presidential speech, Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, briefly touched upon the literary contributions of Prof. M. Parameswaran. Dr K. P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala and Sri N Sukumanan Nair, former State Librarian offered felicitations and Sri G.S. Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed vote of thanks.

Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2014

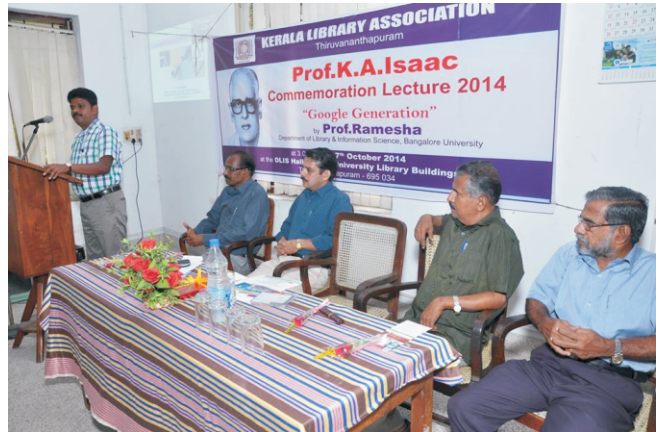
Kerala Library Association held the 9th Prof K A Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2014, at DLIS Hall, Thiruvananthapuram, on 17 October 2014, in a befitting manner. Mrs Chechamma Isaac & son, Prof Kurien Isaac were present on the occasion. KLA's new publication, "New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries & Information Centres" was also released by Prof (Dr) Ramesha of Bangalore University during the function. The book was received by Dr T.M.Vasudevan, Head, DLIS, University of Calicut. Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering. In his presidential speech, Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, briefly touched upon the significance of the function.

Prof Ramesha started the lecture entitled "Google Generation" by paying as glowing tribute to Prof Isaac., explaining the latter's relevance in the google generation and his contributions to the library field by way of textbook literature. In the course of his talk, Prof Ramesha traced the history of Google. He showed how much it has started influencing the new generation and how the Google generation is different from other generations and also its impact on library & information science.

Sri N Sukumaran Nair, former State Librarian, Kerala, had many a vivid memory of Prof Isaac to share with the audience. The various facets of Prof Isaac as a professional, teacher and administrator were brought to life by his vivid portrayal and narration of many anecdotes. It was a fitting tribute paid to a great soul by his former colleague and associate.

This was followed by the release of the book, "New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries & Information Centres" by Prof (Dr) Ramesha. The first copy was received by Dr T.M.Vasudevan, who also introduced the book, which is a seminar volume, to the audience.

Dr K. P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, offered felicitations and Sri G.S. Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed vote of thanks.



8th Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2012



Dr M. D. Baby, HoD, School of Library and Information Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, delivered the 8th Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture, on "New Generation Knowledge Management: A Challenge to Library Professionals" at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, on 20 Dec. 2012. The function was presided over by Dr K. P. Vijayakumar, HoD, DLIS, while Dr A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA welcomed the gathering. N. Parameswaran, former Deputy Librarian-in-charge,

University Library, reminisced about his association with Prof. K.A. Isaac, the first Kerala University Librarian. S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, KLA, offered vote of thanks. The lecture was jointly organized by Kerala Library Association and the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala.

Paper on KLA Activities in the IASLIC 29th All India Conference, Pune

A Paper titled "Activities and Achievements of Kerala Library Association: Current Prospects and Challenges" authored by Dr. K. G. Sudhier (Librarian, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala) has been accepted for presentation at the IASLIC 29th All India Conference 2013 held at National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune during December 26-29, 2013. The theme of the Conference was - *Role of Library Associations in India in Modern Age.*

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Representations and Discussions

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE KLA TO THE Xth PAY REVISION COMMISSION 2014

RECOMMENDATIONS IN A NUTSHELL

State Central Library

- The existing anomaly crept up over a period of time, should be rectified. Having the status of the Head of the Department, the Post of State Librarian should be equated at par with the Additional Secretary, Govt. of Kerala

Legislature Secretariat Library

- Gap between various scales to be reduced
- Parity with Common Pool & State Central Library professionals
- 1:1:1 Ratio promotion for Catalogue Assistants & Assistant Librarian Grade 2 & Assistant Librarian Grade 1
- Higher Grade promotion for Deputy Librarians
- Upgrading the pay scales of Librarians & Chief Librarian
- Chief Librarian's post to be treated at par with the State Librarian

Common Pool Libraries

- Ratio promotion @5:2:1:1 among Gr IV, Gr III, Gr II and Gr I librarians

Medical College Libraries

- Sr Grade Librarians in all the major medical colleges
- Medical college librarians to be treated at par with the State Librarian

Engineering College Libraries

- The Scientific Information Officer's scale may be upgraded to 32110-44640.
- Chief Technical Librarian to be at par with State Librarian
- The Post of Scientific Information Officer to be created in all Govt. Engineering Colleges
- Postings to be done accordingly.

Secretariat Library

- Sr Librarian to be upgraded to Sr Grade Librarian
- Sr Grade Librarian to be treated at par with State Librarian

University Libraries Recommendations

Existing nomenclature of posts shall be suitably amended as given below:

- Asst Librarian Grade II & Asst Librarian Gr I shall be merged and they may be treated as Asst Librarian (Non-UGC).
 - In order to overcome stagnation, a level above Asst Librarian (Non-UGC) shall be created as Assistant Librarian Higher Grade (Non-UGC).
 - Merge all the slightly varying scales in the existing scales of 18740-33680 & 20740-36140 into a single cadre called Junior Librarian. The new scale for this level has to be arrived at based on the amalgamated base scale at 21240-37040 and they may be treated at par with Librarian Grade I of SCL / Common Pool Libraries.
 - Normalized designations based on the existing pattern covering all the seven universities shall be adopted as:
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| 1. Professional Assistant Grade II | 2. Professional Assistant Gr I |
| 3. Junior Librarian | 4. Assistant Librarian (UGC) |
| 5. Assistant Librarian (Non-UGC) | 6. Assistant Librarian Higher Grade (Non-UGC) |
| 7. Deputy Librarian (UGC) | 8. Deputy Librarian (Non-UGC) |
| 9. University Librarian (UGC) | |

- The following scales are proposed:

- Professional Assistant Grade II : 16180-29180
- Professional Assistant Grade I : 18740-33680
- Junior Librarian : 21240-37040
- Assistant Librarian (UGC) : UGC scale
- Assistant Librarian (Non-UGC) : 24040-38840
- Assistant Librarian Higher Grade : 32110-44640
(upon satisfactory completion of 6 years of service as Assistant Librarian (Non-UGC))
- Deputy Librarian (UGC) : UGC Scale
- Deputy Librarian (non-UGC scale for existing incumbents) : 36140-49740
- University Librarian (UGC) : UGC Scale

- The ratio between Professional Assistant Grade II, Professional Assistant Grade I & Junior Librarian shall be 1:1:1
- Protection to be given to all the existing staff
- All eligible incumbents to be promoted to UGC scale.
- The fixation of pay of existing staff in the UGC scale shall be on the basis of respective posts and total years of service as per the recommendations of Kerala State Higher Education Council to the Government (Reveendran Committee Report : Universities 7(b))

Municipal / Panchayat Libraries

- This conventionally run marginalized sector of Libraries need to be revamped scientifically and systematically.
- Fully qualified library professionals (with at least a Degree in Library & Information Science) with an adequate blend of semi-professionals (with a Certificate in LIS)
- A committee consisting of senior library professionals may be constituted to study the situation in Municipal & Panchayat libraries and to make appropriate recommendations

School Libraries

- Librarian posts to be created
- Librarians with Degree & MLISc in all Higher Secondary Schools. Equivalent to HSST
- Qualified librarians in all high schools. Equivalent to HSA

Other Major Libraries

- Follow uniform nomenclature & scales of pay, without any compromise on quality (The full text can be viewed from the KLA website)

Representation to UGC

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.

Personalia



IASL/Softlink International Excellence Award to S. L. Faisal

The award is Instituted by the International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) and sponsored by Softlink Inc., It recognizes significant contributions to school librarianship by school library specialists, educators, and/or researchers. The Award was presented by Dr Diljit Singh, President, IASL at the IASL International Conference on School Librarianship held during 11-16 Nov. 2012, Doha, Qatar. Mr S. L. Faisal (Librarian, KV, Pattom) is seen here with, Kenneth M. Kozel (Jordan) [Ken Haycock Leadership Developing Award] and Daniel Mangale (Kenya) [Jean Lowrie Leadership Development Award]. Recently Sri. Faisal has also awarded with the KVS Regional Incentive Award-2014. He was the former General Secretary of KLA

PhD Awardees in LIS



Smt. Aswathy, P (Sr. Scientific Assistant, Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, ISRO, Valiamala, Trivandrum) has been awarded PhD in Library & Information Science by the University of Kerala for her topic 'Publication productivity of Kerala University teachers: a Scientometric analysis' under the supervision of Dr. A. Gopikuttan, Associate Professor, DLIS, University of Kerala.



Sri. C. Sukumaran (Asst. Librarian Gr.II, University Library, University of Kerala) has been awarded PhD in Library and Information Science by the MS University, Thirunelveli on his topic "An Investigation into the budget allocation for books and periodicals and acquisition policy followed in the Universities of Kerala" under the guidance of Dr. A. Gopikuttan Associate Professor DLIS, University of Kerala.



Sri. Vishnu, V (Librarian, Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum) has been awarded PhD in Library & Information Science by the University of Kerala for his topic 'An investigation into the Information needs, Use pattern and information seeking behaviour of Oncologists and Onco Scientists in the IT environment' under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) G. Devarajan, Former Professor & Head, DLIS, University of Kerala.



Sri. Mehaboobullah, K (Technical Assistant, Kerala University Library) has been awarded PhD in LIS by the University of Calicut for his topic "Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Information Seeking and Enrichment of Researchers in Universities in Kerala" under the guidance of Dr. Jalaja.V, Former Head, DLIS, University of Calicut.

RETIREMENTS

Sri. Johny John Nidhiri

Sri. Johny John Nidhiri, Librarian, Devamatha College, Kuravilangad who retired from service in 2014 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.

Smt. T.S. Sreekumari

Smt. T.S. Sreekumari retired as Assistant Librarian, Gr I, University of Kerala on 30 April 2013

Smt. T.S. Padmajakumari

Smt. T.S. Padmajakumari retired as Assistant Librarian, Gr I, University of Kerala on 30 May 2014

Smt. Ahila Eugene

Smt. Ahila Eugene retired as Assistant Librarian, Gr I, University of Kerala on 30 November 2013

Sri. M. Ayub

Sri. M. Ayub, a staunch believer in practicing profession with an illustrious career in college librarianship for more than three decades retired as Chief Librarian, Farook College, Kozhikode on December 2013. A festschrift Volume on behalf of the Farook College Library & Information Science Alumni Association (FLISA), in honour of Mr. Ayub was released by the Hon'ble Education minister in a grand function held at the College campus.

Smt. Rugminikutty, C R

Smt. Rugminikutty, C R retired as Assistant Librarian, Dept. of Hindi, University of Calicut

Smt. Jayasree, K V

Smt. Jayasree, K V retired as Assistant Librarian, Dept. of History, University of Calicut

Sri. Ignatious Kalayanthani

Sri. Ignatious Kalayanthani, retired as Assistant Librarian, M G University, Kottayam

IN MEMORIAM

**KM Govi**

K M Govi (85), bibliographer and former Editor of the National Library in Kolkata, died at his residence at Thalassery. Considered as an authority on Library Science in the country, Govi was associated with the National Library for long before retiring as its Bibliography Editor. From 1956 to 1987 worked in Indian

National Bibliography at Central Reference Library in National Library, Calcutta. Based on his experiences he wrote 'Library Science' the first book on that subject in Malayalam language. Govi also documented Kerala's literary heritage by painstakingly compiling 10-volume "Malayala Granthasoochi", a comprehensive index of books published in the language. It was published by Sahithya Akademi in print which runs into almost ten volumes and more than 10000 pages is a monumental documentation of the books published in Malayalam up to 1995.

**Dr. Harish Chandra**

Dr. Harish Chandra (1954-2014), the Librarian of Central Library, IIT Madras was passed away on 14 June, 2014. Dr. Harish Chandra was an outstanding Librarian, always enthusiastic about his work, energetic, and extremely talented. He born on 2nd January 1954 at Etah (UP). He served as Librarian, Indian Institute of Technology Madras from January

1995 to June 2014. Prior to this, he also worked in IIT Delhi, Geological Survey of India and Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. He has received several national and international honors and awards and has contributed more than 90 papers in international and national journals, festschrift volumes and conference proceedings and also guided and handled various projects.

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Mrs. Lathakumari I, Assistant Librarian, Vivekananda Vidya Mandir SS School, Manvila, Trivandrum, (Sreelakam, TC.54/597(7), DNNA-26, Sreeragam Road, Nemom P.O., Trivandrum) died in a road accident near Vellayani junction, Trivandrum on her way to the school.

**Prof. Malur Aji Gopinath.**

Prof. M.A. Gopinath, (1940-2013) former Professor and Head, D.R.T.C and Member-Secretary, Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, died on 10th February 2013 following a cardiac arrest.

Concurrent with the establishment of DRTC, Mr Gopinath joined Dr S. R. Ranganathan as his Research Assistant, graduated from DRTC in early 70s, served as a faculty, moved to North Carolina University as a visiting professor, and back in Bangalore spent rest of his life. Dr Gopinath will be always remembered along with Dr SR Ranganathan as the co-author of "Prolegomena to library classification".

Prof. Arashanipalai Neelameghan

Prof. A. Neelameghan, an internationally acclaimed scholar in Library and Information Science and Former Professor and Head, DRTC, Bangalore passed away on July 28, 2014. He was close associate of Dr. Ranganathan. He was also associated with the Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science and the Ranganathan Centre for Information Studies. His contribution

to the field of knowledge organization is honored in the festschrift "Knowledge Organization, Information Systems and Other Essays: Professor A. Neelameghan Festschrift" 2006 edited by K. S. Raghavan and K. N. Prasad. It is noted that Prof. A. Neelameghan, was delivered the keynote address on the topic "Knowledge Management 2.0 in an inclusive knowledge society environment" at the KLA national seminar held on July 2013 in Thiruvananthapuram

Prof. A K Das Gupta

Mr. Das Gupta (1926-2014) a great personality in LIS field in India, a contemporary of Dr. SR Ranganathan, Prof. BS Keshavan, etc. died on 27th July 2014 in Hyderabad. An Octogenarian has worked in National Library, Calcutta, ICL, INSDOC, New Delhi and then migrated to Hyderabad to head the Library of Administrative Staff College of India in 1969. After a long Career with ASCI he moved to Eenadu where he established a newspaper reference library. He was the President of IASLIC, 1999. A great inspiration to younger generation Librarians in India and particularly Hyderabad. He is well read and a scholar in true sense. It is incidental the Librarians lost another stalwart Prof. Neelameghan on the same day.

*KLA deeply mourns the demise of
these outstanding Professionals and Members.*

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Activities & Events

KLA Open Source pavilion in FOTIOS 2k14

KLA Kottayam Region had arranged an Open Source pavilion in FOTIOS 2k14, the technical and cultural festival of Carmel Engineering College organized at Perunad in Pathanamthitta, from 24 to 26, 2014. 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.

National Seminar on Academic Plagiarism and Bibliographic Reference Management Softwares

The College Library and the Department of Economics, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor in collaboration with the Kerala Library Association have organized a National Seminar on 'Academic Plagiarism and Bibliographic Reference Management Softwares' on August 13th and 14th, 2014. Number of participants were 181 and 21 scholarly papers were received for presentation. Tutorial on Mendely and EndNote have arranged for the participants.

Workshop on Managing Literature for Scholarly Writing

KLA Kottayam Region organised two workshops successively and successfully on Management of Literature in Scholarly Writing on 23rd and 30th of August 2014. St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry, School of Tourism Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University and St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor are the co-organizers of the workshop. The workshop mainly focused on hands on training in bibliographic reference management using Zotero software.

ERNAKULAM REGION

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. 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: Neethu S. Nath (I Rank from MG University 2012-13)

Dona Lissy Chacko (III Rank from MG University 2012-13)

Archana Unnikrishnan (III Rank from MG University 2012-13)

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

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Activities & Events

Orientation Programme on NLIST

An orientation programme on National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (NLIST) was conducted at CUSAT campus on 3rd September 2014. The programme was jointly organised by University Library CUSAT, Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region, and INFLIBNET. The Programme was inaugurated by Dr. Poullose Jacob, Pro Vice Chancellor, CUSAT who is in charge of Vice Chancellor. Dr. G Madhu, Syndicate Member and Principal, School of Engineering, CUSAT felicitate the gathering. 46 participants from different colleges and other research Institutions in and around Ernakulam attended the programme. Mr. Jagadesh Arora delivered the key note address. Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala and representatives from different publishers handled the

various sessions. Dr. C Beena University Librarian I/C welcome the gathering and Mr. Joe Joseph, Secretary KLA Ernakulam Region deliver the vote of thanks.

International Seminar on Research Impact, Publishing and Profiling

Prof. (Dr.) K. Poullose 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 present.

Workshop on developing a digital library using Dspace

Dr. B Madhusoodhana Kurup, Hon'ble Vice-chancellor, KUFOS inaugurated the "One day workshop on developing a digital library using Dspace, jointly organized by KLA Ernakulam Region and KUFOS Panangad, Kochi on 19 Jan. 2013. Mr. V. S. Kunjumammed Librarian KUFOS, Dr. A



Gopikuttan, Asso. Prof, DLIS, Univ. of Kerala and President, KLA and Dr. A.T. Francis, Head, Library & I.T. Nodal Officer, College of Horticulture, Kerala Agriculture University are also present.

National Seminar on Managing Innovation in New Generation Libraries

The KLA with Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organised a National level seminar on Managing Innovation in New Generation Libraries on 16-17 December 2014 at the Rajagiri Campus, Kalamassery, Kochi. Conveners of the Seminars were :Mr. Kunjumohammed V. S., and Mr. Joe Joseph. Dr. M D Baby was the coordinator.

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Activities & Events

Free Coaching for NET

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. Dr. A.T. Francis, 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.

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.

Book Release

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 KLA was released by Sri. Kamal, the famous film director. Sri. K. Rajendran introduced the book and Sri. C. Abdul Razak, Former University Librarian, KAU received the book.

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.

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.

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.

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Activities & Events

Reception to Prof. Ulloor M. Parameswaran

The 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 Sahitya Academy Award for the best Tamil-Malayalam translation for this year. The function was 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.

National Workshop on Koha Basic & Koha Advanced

The KLA in association with the Department of Library and Information Science and C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut organized a National Workshops on Koha Basic and advanced during 20-24 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.

Vayanadinam (Day for Reading)

The KLA 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, 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., welcomed the gathering and Mr. Irfan, MLISc Student proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Mr. Sasi P.K., Professional Assistant, CHMK Library and Dr. Mohamed Musthafa K., chaired different sessions including Book Exchange, Quiz and Debate on Online Reading.

Sri. Ayub Festschrift Volume Released



Education Minister Sri. Abdul Rabb released the book 'Redefining Academic Libraries in Knowledge Society: Festschrift Volume in honour of M. Ayub' edited by Dr. M. bavakutty and Dr. T. A. Abdul Azeez, in a function held at Farook College, Kozhikode. The book was received by Adv. M. Mohammed, Manager, Farook College. The book is in honour of Mr. Ayub, Chief Librarian, Farook College, on his superannuation from a long remarkable career in LIS profession.



KLA Releases new Librarian Logo

KLA releases Librarian logo as stickers on 8 March 2014. The logo is a modified version of existing logos popular in LIS domain. You may copy and distribute it freely. The logo may be used/applied anywhere to represent Library Profession/professionals. Printed stickers (for fixing on doors, vehicles, etc) are available at KLA Head Quarter, Thiruvananthapuram for a nominal cost. You may contact the President/General Secretary, KLA.

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.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

National Conference On Knowledge Discovery And Management (NCKDM), Calicut

Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut in collaboration with the C.H.M.K. Library, University of Calicut and Kerala Library Association (KLA) Kozhikode Region is organizing a Two-Day National Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Management during 30-31 January 2015. The brochure can also be accessed from the Calicut University website <<http://www.universityofcalicut.info>>.

For details visit the KLABlog

<http://klaweblog.wordpress.com/2014/10/18/national-conference-on-knowledge-discovery-and-management-30-31-january-2015-calicut/>

International CALIBER- 2015

The 10th International CAIBER- 2015 organised by the INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad will be held at Himachal Pradesh University Summer Hill, Shimla and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Rashtrapati Nivas, Shimla, HP on March 12-14, 2015. Conference Theme: Innovative Librarianship: Adapting to Digital Realities. For details visit: <http://inflibnet.ac.in/caliber2015/>

COLLNET-2015

The 11th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 16th COLLNET Meeting 2015 which will be held from 26 to 28 November 2015 in Delhi, India organizing by COLLNET in association with Society for Library Professionals and Asian Chapter, Special Libraries Association (SLA).

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