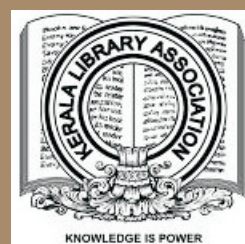


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## Prof .K.A.Isaac Commemoration Lecture 2015



Kerala Library Association organized the 10th Prof. K. A. Isaac Commemoration Lecture on 9th October 2015 at 3.30 pm at the DLIS Hall, Kerala University Library Buildings, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad delivered the lecture on the topic "Ten Technologies Librarians Should Know to Contribute and Strengthen Their Institutions". Shri. P. Jayarajan, Library Advisor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala & Former Head, British Council Libraries, India presided over the function. Dr. T. K. Subramoni, Former Manager, British Library, Thiruvananthapuram had many a vivid memory of Prof Isaac to share with the audience. Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, President, KLA, welcomed the gathering and Dr M. Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, proposed vote of thanks. Mrs. Chechamma Isaac and son, Prof. Kurien Isaac were present on the occasion.

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For Members only

*From the President*

### Silent Initiatives in the Indian Public Library Sector

As Library and Information Science professionals, we have heard a lot about library development in the country in the post-independent era. We also know that remarkable achievements have been made in the university library and special library sectors. When it comes to public libraries, the situation still remains gloomy. It is true that Dr. Ranganathan right from 1930s worked untiringly for the cause of the public libraries. His book entitled Library Development Plan: Thirty Years Programme for India with a Draft Library Bill for the Union and the Constituent States (University of Delhi, 1950) bears testimony to this fact. He prepared public library legislation for Madras, Central Provinces, Cochin, Travancore, Bombay and United Province and also succeeded in getting the Public Library Legislation passed in some states during his life time.

An examination of the landmarks in the sector henceforth will reveal only a few. The major ones are:

1. Establishment of Delhi Public Library in 1951 as the first Unesco Public Library Pilot Project.
2. Sinha Committee Report, 1958.
3. Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, 1972
4. National Policy on Library and Information System (NAPLIS) Recommendations, 1986
5. National Knowledge Commission (NKC) Recommendations on Libraries, 2007
6. Formation of a National Mission on Libraries (NML), 2012

Though I have used the term landmarks, a critical examination of the impact of them in the public library sector will reveal the real achievements (or lack of them). It is not my intention here to attempt any impact assessment. Of course, Delhi Public Library has grown tremendously over the years. But its services are confined to Delhi. Ministry of Culture, RRRLF claims that it has provided assistance to more than 32 000 libraries so far. Government of India has increased spending on public libraries over the years. For example, the amount spent by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has risen from Rs. 57.5 crores in 2010-11 to Rs 199 crores in 2014-15. But considering the vastness of the country, this is peanuts. It can be argued that since states and union territories are primarily concerned with libraries, it is their responsibility to ensure adequate funding. But the situation is that out of the 29 states, 1 national capital

territory and 6 union territories, only 20 could pass public library legislation in the last 69 years. In some states, legislation is there but not implemented. Nobody knows exactly the amount spent by states for public libraries. Our lackadaisical approach will become clearer once we understand that we don't even have reliable statistics about the number of public libraries in the country. It is in this backdrop that we have to examine the initiatives outside the government sector.

These initiatives mainly come from non-governmental organizations, trusts and individuals. Their primary focus is not on providing traditional library services like issue and return of books but on community empowerment. Many of them have realized that their social development programmes can be centred round libraries developed by them for which literacy, both conventional and digital, is a must. Due to lack of space, I am not elaborating. Those who want to know more can refer to the live examples of Read India (<http://www.readglobal.org/>; <http://www.pratham.org/> programmes/read-india) and Bookworm Trust, Goa (<http://www.bookwormgoa.in/bookworm-trust/>). Examples galore.

Another initiative is the development of innovators in the public library sector. The programme is called International Network of Emerging Library Innovators (INELI), India, the Indian component of the global library leadership capacity building programme across seven regions in the world. It is primarily funded by the Global Libraries Initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). INELI India programme is being implemented by M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai with the idea of building leadership capacity of 50 Public Librarians (preferably young) as "Library Innovators" across India. Details can be obtained from <http://www.mssrf.org/ineli-india/>. The programme involves an online course, occasional convenings and library visits. Another development is NASSCOM Foundation's Indian Public Library Movement (IPLM) with the grandiose plan of reaching to a million library users by installing computers, training staff, and supporting classes and programs at 300 district-level libraries throughout India. As professionals, let us do some introspection as to what each us can do for the revitalization of public libraries.

**Vijayakumar K. P.**

## General Secretary Speaks

Dear Friends,

As you all know, Kerala Library Association is the premier professional body in the Library & Information Science domain in the state. It has always been in the forefront, playing a facilitator's role, to enhance the quality and standard of education and research by enhancing the quality and standard of libraries and library professionals.

As a professional body, we have always taken up issues and grievances of a general nature - in other words, those that affect all of us as a whole. You all know that there are any number of associations created to address specific issues, pertaining to a category of professionals. It has never been KLA's mission to champion the cause of one. This is due to the realization that addressing one may harm another – such is the diversity and contradictions in demands and problems.

However, a critical examination of the present status of librarians has prompted us to take up certain important issues related to the posts and qualifications of librarians, especially in the Common Pool category. We have been receiving letters / representations from candidates in the PSC rank list shortlisted for Grade IV in the Municipal Common Service in Ernakulam District. They had enclosed replies received for RTI queries and all of them explain the plight of our young professionals yet to get a permanent anchoring in life.

Based on this very legitimate grievance, as a professional body, KLA feels it is right within its purview to raise the following issues, some of them related to the library profession in general:

- Why is there this neglect on the part of the authorities to ignore the library profession? Though everyone is eloquent on libraries, their role, their infrastructure etc, the policies and rules are surprisingly silent on the qualified, competent library professionals who have to carry out all these functions to make the institution / organization academically excellent.
- Why are appointments not effected as and when vacancies are reported? For that matter, why is there a lag in reporting the vacancies?
- Why is there no mention regarding the appointment, pay scale or even status of Librarian / Assistant Librarian in technical institutions?

- Why is there no uniformity in the designations given to library professionals of the same level, grade and scale, even in govt. undertakings?
- Why are there anomalies even for the same post with the same qualification / educational requirements?
- Why is there a delay in appointing librarians in the higher secondary schools?

Our association has always voiced these concerns at every forum possible and has in fact given many representations to the higher authorities, with a request to find solutions to these problems in a positive manner. Sadly no concrete action seems to have been taken in this regard but we would like to assure you all that we will pursue the matter relentlessly.

KLA has also been repeatedly requesting the government to recognize Library & Information System and the Librarians as an exclusive component in all the sectors and accordingly provide the status and role due to the Librarians as an identifiable entity, rather than a 'taken for granted' concept, so as to accomplish their deliverables in the pursuit of education, learning and research.

At the same time KLA would like to reiterate that we have to grow as a strong professional group as well. Service matters are only a part of our career. Imbibing the essence of our profession, striving for perfection – these are also an integral part of a librarian as a professional. And professional associations such as ours will be only too happy to give a helping hand in that direction.

For this to bear fruits, active involvement in the association's activities is also essential. Everything cannot be judged in a tangible manner; even networking effectively will go a long way in bringing about a feeling of oneness.

Rome was not built in a day, after all.

Wish you all better days ahead.

Yours professionally  
**Dr. M.Lalitha**





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## EDITORIAL

## Ranganathan- Revisited



This issue of the *KLA Newsletter* reaches you on the eve of 'National Librarian's Day' (August 12). As you all know, this day celebrates Dr S R Ranganathan's birthday and 12 August 2016 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan whose seminal contributions in almost every aspect of the library and information science field can never be undermined.

It has been almost five decades since we lost S. R. R., the *Father of Library Science in India*. Yet, the significance of Ranganathan's contribution to library science and service has not yet been assessed in full. *Annals of Library and Information Studies* (CSIR-NISCAIR) recently released a special issue on 'Philosophy and Teachings of S R Ranganathan'. The editor had hoped that the thoughts and ideas shared by the various authors in the issue will be discussed, debated and if required, refined to undertake further research and projects on 'Ranganathan Studies' in the present ICT era.

A study of the Google Scholar profile of Ranganathan has recorded 216 publications written by him between 1931 and 1992. His scholarly works have received 3553 citations. The study also indicates his citation-related scores such as h-index and i10-index, which are respectively 20 and 36. It is also interesting to note that his scholarly works are continually cited in contemporary time (2007-2015) with an h-index 12 since 2010, the top three being *Prolegomena to Library Classification*, *The Five Laws of Library Science* and *Colon Classification*.

A new OCLC research report by Connaway and Faniel, 'Reordering Ranganathan: Shifting User Behaviors, Shifting Priorities' suggests that Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science' can

be reordered and reinterpreted to reflect today's library resources and services, as well as the behaviors that people demonstrate when engaging with them. The objective of this publication is to provide a timely and relevant context for Ranganathan's laws that today's librarians, library researchers and information scientists can refer to as they think about making changes in practice and developing agendas for future research.

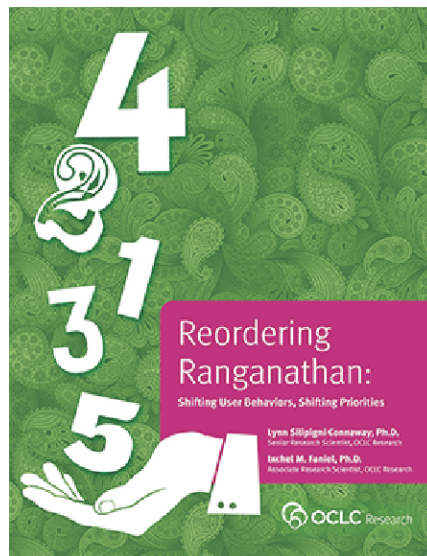
The lack of a complete revised edition of the Colon Classification (CC) scheme has been a major issue which is to be addressed. There is no national committee or a substantive institutional

backing responsible for the revision of the scheme. The responsibility for revising the scheme remained essentially in the hands of S. R. Ranganathan for nearly four decades since the scheme was first published in 1933. After his passing away the revision of all of his works has been the responsibility of SRELS. There is an urgent need for a substantial revision of the scheme.

Similarly, in the light of the of the revised AACR II-the Resource Description and Access (RDA) and FRBR, there is an urgent need of revision of the Classified Catalogue Code (CCC). It will be a befitting tribute to S.R.R on his 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary.

However, as is evident from published literature of recent years, there has been a general decline in the volume of research on Ranganathan's theories and philosophy. There is a need to research his theories and philosophy in the context of the changing scenario of digital information, spectrum of information providers, movement towards open access, digital repositories, knowledge society, and changing role of LIS professionals.

**Dr. K. G. Sudhier**  
Editor



## Representation to Government of Kerala

*KLA, as a professional organization, took up the cause of librarians with the government and submitted a representation regarding the non-reporting of municipal common service vacancies in Ernakulam district.*

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31 May 2016

Sub: Appointment of Librarian Gr. IV in Municipal Common Service of Ernakulam District Reporting of vacancies to PSC –

Ref: Representation Received from the Rank holders of the list of Librarian Gr. IV in Municipal Common Service and the replies received to the queries based on Right to Information

Sir,  
Kerala Library Association is the premier professional body in the Library & Information Science domain in the state. We have always been in the forefront, playing a facilitator's role, to enhance the quality and standard of education and research by enhancing the quality and standard of libraries and library professionals. However, a critical examination of the present status of librarians has prompted us to bring to your kind attention an important issue related to the appointment of librarians in the Municipal Common Service of Ernakulam District. Based on the representations received from the members of our Association who have found a place in the PSC Rank List of Librarian Gr. IV in the Ernakulam district and the replies to the queries based on Right to Information received from State Public Information Officer, Department of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram, Public Information Officer,

Muvattupuzha Municipality, Public Information Officer, Kothamangalam Municipality and Information Officer, Maradu Municipality respectively, we understand that there are 8 vacancies of Librarians in Ernakulam District as detailed below:

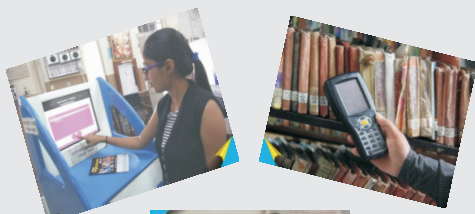
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1	Kochi	2
2	Perumbavoor	1
3	Thrikkakara	1
4	Aluva	1
5	Kothamanagalam	1
6	Marad	1
7	Muvattupuzha	1
	Total	8

But we see that out of these 8 vacancies, only 4 (four) vacancies have been reported to PSC. The rank holders of the list as well as Kerala Library Association representing them view this with grave concern. Therefore, we request you to take urgent steps to report all the existing vacancies to the PSC immediately.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,  
Dr. M. Lalitha  
General Secretary

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## Academic Libraries: A Prognostication

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### Introduction

Academic libraries have long been perennial sources of information for students, researchers and teachers due to its pre-eminent role in providing easy, rapid, reliable, authentic and documented access to the scholarly information. However, in due course there arose a number of facilities which are capable of accomplishing the same tasks hitherto carried out by libraries. However, the fact remains that there is no single agency which can carry out all the tasks carried out by libraries. It implies that the future of academic library depends on its effectiveness to provide materials and expertise requisite for excellent academic and research work eclipsing the alternatives.

### Changing role

In fact, libraries are not alone in facing the onslaught of changes taking place in the social, economic, cultural and technological fronts. Take for example the smartphone which has replaced, rather disrupted, a whole range of products like land phones, digital cameras, pagers, printed books, watches, calculators, radios, tape recorders, alarm clocks, personal digital assistants, media players, video games, wallets, GPS navigation units etc. The list is endless.

There are a number of studies carried out in different parts of the world which have underlined the importance and relevance of libraries in the modern world. One is a study carried out by Roger Winter, Workplace Consultant of the company. Steelcase. Here, the college students were asked why the library was important to them. The students gave ten reasons to show that the library was still relevant. The reasons listed by them in the order of importance are:

(a) convenient hub (b) socialization (c) motivation (d) collaboration (e) resource rich (f) safe (g) relevant collections (h) distraction free (i) service and (j) ambiance. CollegeOnline, which serves as an online roadmap to higher education provides 16 reasons why libraries and librarians are still extremely important.

### How to overcome the threat

A few solutions suggested by experts to invigorate the academic libraries are

1. Shift in focus to develop services suitable in the new information scenario.
2. Exploring the possibilities of social media for market penetration
3. Solving the problems of the information seekers in the information deluge
4. Value addition in the new information environment

Lukanic, for instance, has put forward a four point formula for rejuvenating academic libraries. They are:

- a. Libraries must respond to strategic campus and business needs.
- b. Libraries need to have technology infused in every aspect of service.
- c. Libraries must embrace flexibility, and
- d. Libraries must have places to engage.

### Strategies adopted by academic libraries

Despite all the predictions of doom about the future of academic libraries in the digital age that the digitalization of print and other emerging technologies would make them irrelevant, universities, colleges and schools around the world are evolving their libraries and knowledge resource centers into catalysts for discovery, learning, collaboration, and scholarly breakthroughs. The strategies adopted by innovative libraries can be summarized as follows:

#### 1. Change in the mindset of the staff

What the computers and the internet have done is not just making things faster and easier. They have also shifted the balance of power in the marketplace from the seller to the buyer. The customer is the king now. In such an environment, success depends on understanding the wants and needs of fickle customers and finding ways to delight them.

#### 2. User involvement in the redesign process

Many libraries make use of the user feedback for developing the learning commons – from use of



space and selection of furniture. Sometimes the selected artwork are being used as part of the internal design.

### 3. Deskillling and re-skilling of the staff

Libraries have to make a critical look about the structure and roles of the staff and make some major changes to ensure that they are focused on the right priorities, and are developed with the right skills. To achieve this, LIS professionals have to adopt a flexible attitude to forget or shed some of the deep-rooted notions imbibed earlier (deskilling) and learn new skills suitable for the new information environment (reskilling)

### 4. Thrust on information literacy

Libraries have to increasingly offer information literacy programmes. This has become all the more important in the digital environment. For this purpose, they have to assume the role of teachers in the use of information resources, both print and digital.

### 5. The right approach to changes

The right approach to change involves a shift to the management practices that involves:

- the shift in the role of managers from controllers to enablers,
- the shift in coordinating work from bureaucracy to coordination and assessing outcomes,
- the shift in values from efficiency to continuous improvement, and
- the shift in communications from top-down command-and-control to horizontal conversations.

### 6. Increasing the accessibility of research content

This trend has been growing gradually largely due to open content movement and more libraries facilitate open access models for research output. Academic and research libraries are adapting to this trend by developing new resources and funding opportunities.

### 7. Rethinking Library spaces to foster more hands-on activities

This is as a result of the ways in which the move away from print materials are freeing up physical areas of libraries that can be used for facilitating workshops, media production and training. A significant movement in this direction is the development of makerspaces. Many academic and research libraries have renovated or repurposed space to accommodate makerspaces (also referred to as hackerspaces, hack labs or fabrication labs) equipped with 3 D Printers, Laser cutters, Vacuum formers and so on.

## Conclusion

In spite of the doom and gloom predicted for the future of libraries, there are a wide band of libraries serving as beacons or role models proclaiming or manifesting the roles academic libraries can play even in the context of widespread adversities. A few glaring examples are:

- a. The University of Guelph, a public research university in Canada, which has adopted rigorous analysis with the revitalization of its McLaughlin Library.
- b. Wilfrid Laurier University, another public research university of Canada, which made technology a central focus for the planning of its new library which is fully equipped to support the multimedia, study and instructional needs for its 16 000 students.
- c. The University of Manchester library is one of the largest research libraries in the UK, and the largest academic library after Oxford and Cambridge. Now the library spends 85 percent of the budget on digital content and for many of the users the service provided by the library is entirely virtual. This transformation has ensured that the visit to library sites has increased manifold.

With increased focus on sharing of collections, consortial delivery programs, and collaboration amongst libraries the academic library is changing dramatically. Books will still be very much a part of the library of the future, but increasingly, libraries are taking a central role on campuses as cultural and creative centers. The future library will be the central destination on campus -- a vibrant, active space where knowledge creation and research go hand in hand. The academic library of the future will offer one stop "shopping" for students and faculty with the establishment of faculty development centers, as well as student writing and media creation centers.

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## Librarians Meet 2015

A Librarians' Meet was organized by Kerala Library Association on 2 August 2015 at 10 am at K C Eapen Hall, YMCA Buildings, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr D Babu Paul, Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Kerala, inaugurated the function and Dr Jancy James, Former Vice Chancellor of MG University and Central University of Kerala, gave away the awards to meritorious students (See the box for details).

Dr A Gopikuttan, President, KLA, presided and Dr M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, welcomed the gathering. Dr Babu Paul, in his inaugural address, reminisced about his childhood in the company of books and had many an anecdote to tell about the influence books had on his life. Describing himself as a lover of books, Dr Paul emphasized the importance of libraries on human lives and stated categorically that Internet or Kindle cannot kill libraries or books.

Dr Jancy James had praise as well as words of caution

for librarians. While not denying a pride of place for libraries in centres of higher learning, Dr Jancy James also raised doubts about the decline in the standard of

libraries and librarians. She felt that a successful librarian should be able to combine the theory and the practice, the tradition and the technology.

Felicitations were offered by Dr Siddeek (Asst Prof, Dept of Malayalam, University of Kerala) and Dr A Pasilithil

(Campus Director, SS University of Sanskrit).

All the KLA Gold Medal winners and Prof C A Augustine – Holy Cross Endowment Award winners were present to receive their awards. Senior most librarians were also honoured on this occasion. Sri G Harikumar, Vice President, KLA, proposed vote of thanks.



### KLA GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

University of Kerala  
2011-2013 (MLISc)  
**Ms Annu L.Punnose**  
2012-2014(MLISc):  
**Ms Kavitha J R**

University of Calicut  
2011-2013 (MLISc):  
**Ms Suchithra K M**  
2012-2014(MLISc):  
**Ms Lakshmi K**

Mahatma Gandhi University  
2011-2012 (BLISc):  
**Fr Aneesh CA**  
2012-2013 (BLISc):  
**Ms Neethu S Nath**  
2013-2014 (BLISc):  
**Ms Leena Antony EA**

**Prof C A Augustine – Holy Cross  
Endowment Award winners**  
2011-2013 (MLISc):  
**Ms Annu L.Punnose**  
2012-2014( MLISc):  
**Ms Kavitha J R**

### Felicitation to Prof. A Gopikuttan and Release of Festschrift Volume



The alumni, staff and students of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala has organized a function to felicitate Prof.A Gopikuttan, Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, on 2nd April, 2016 at senate chamber in connection with his superannuation on 31st March 2016. The function was inaugurated by Dr.N.Veeramanikandan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, university of Kerala. Prof. Lelitha Lenin (Former Head,DLIS) received the festschrift released by the Pro-vice chancellor. Prof. P.M.Radhamany(Syndicate member) Prof.M.N.Ramakrishnan Nair(Former Head,DLIS, University of Kerala) Prof. C V Rajan Pillai(Former Head,DLIS, MG University), Prof G. Devarajan (Former Head, DLIS University of Kerala), Prof M Varghese (Former Head, DLIS University of Kerala), Dr.Reghunathapillai (Principal,

UIT,Kuravankonam) Dr. T M Vasudevan (Head,DLIS,Calicut University), Sri A.Hamsa( Deputy Librarian, Kerala University Library), Dr.A K Ampotti (General Secretary KUTA), Dr.M Lalitha (General Secretary KLA) & Dr.R Raghunathan Nair( President,KELPRO), spoke on the occasion.Dr.S.Humayoon Kabir (Head,DLIS, University of Kerala) presided over the function.Dr.P.K Sureshkumar, welcomed the gathering and Dr. B.Minidevi, extended vote of thanks. Dr.A.Gopikuttan made a reply speech.

## KLA CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Programmes of KLA's Centre for Professional Development (KLA-CPD) are envisaged as monthly programmes/workshops of short duration, aimed at providing hands-on experience and making the librarians more techno savvy.

In total, there were 6 workshops of 2-day duration each. All the participants were given hands-on training to install and use all the modules of latest version of Koha. Three were on DSpace. Participants were given workshop kit (including software DVD), and a certificate. At the end of workshop feedback was obtained from all the participants in writing.

A total of 71 professionals benefitted from the programmes. Details of the programmes during 2015-16 are given in the table

**KLA-CPD TEAM**  
**Sri N Parameswaran**  
**Sri N Sukumaran Nair**  
**Sri Sriram V**  
**Sri S L Faisal**  
**Sri A Abdunnasir**  
**Sri Binu K John**  
**Sri Arun V R**

Topic of the Workshop	Date	Participants	Resource Persons
KOHA Dspace	12 -13 September 2015	11	Arun V R & Ashkar K
	10 – 11 October 2015	12	Arun V R , Ashkar K & Midhun L.S.
Dspace	14 – 15 November 2015	11	Arun V R , Ashkar K & Midhun L. S.
DSpace	13 - 14 February 2016	12	Arun V R , Ashkar K & Midhun L. S.
KOHA	9 – 10 April 2016	13	Arun V R & Ashkar K.
KOHA	11 – 12 June 2016	12	Arun V R & Ashkar K.

### KLA NEW MEMBERS

1. **Dr. Naushad Ali P. M. : 1482(LM)**  
Professor, DLIS, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202001
2. **Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu 1464 (LM)**  
Asst. General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), 15, Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001,
3. **B. Vijayalakshmi: 1463 (LM)**  
Librarian, Sri Sarda College for Women, Tirunelveli-627 001
4. **Dhanyasree A. R. 1 465 (LM)**  
Librarian, Iqbal College Peringammala, Palode,
5. **Asha P. Kriakose: 1466 (LM)**  
Librarian (Gr IV) MA College of Engineering Kothamangalam-686 666
6. **Archana R. P.: 1467 (LM)**  
Digital Library Asst Trainee CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
7. **Shami J. B.: 1468(LM)**  
Trainee Library Asst CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
8. **Binil Chandran B. S.: 1469(LM)**  
Trainee Library Asst CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
9. **Sindhu S.: 1470(LM)**  
Trainee Library Asst CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
10. **Anu B.:1471(LM)**  
Trainee Library Asst CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
11. **Salma M. S.:1472(LM)**  
Trainee Library Asst CDS, Ulloor, Trivandrm-11
12. **Akshaya Kumar K. S.: 1473(LM)** Lib & Inf Asst Trainee, IISER, Trivandrum 16
13. **Aswathy S. R.:1474(LM)**  
Aswathy Bhavan Mannoor Konam P.O. Nedmangad-695541
14. **Praveen N. G. :1475(LM)**  
MIG-SI, Gandhi Nagar Kadavanthra PO, Ernakulam 682030
15. **Joseph Justin K. J.: 1476(LM)**  
Librarian, Sahridaya College of Engg & Technology, PB No. 17, Kodakara-680684 Thrissur
16. **Jayalekshmi L.: 1477(LM)**  
Asst Librarian, MSNIMT, Chavara, Kollam-691 585
17. **Jinimol K. S.: 1478(LM)**  
Librarian, KRGCEW Valamangalam, Thuravoor, Cherthala, Alappuzha
18. **Kavitha J. R.: 1479(LM)**  
Palavila Veedu, Thokkad PO, Vadasserikkonam, TVM-695143
19. **Gana G. S.:1480(LM)**  
G.S. Bhavan, TC 3/746(1), Thripadapuram North Kulathoor PO, TVM-695583
20. **Midhun L. S.:1481(LM)**  
Junior Research Asst ITC LSTC Bangalore, Karnataka-560058
21. **Aparna C. V.: 1483(LM)**  
Librarian, Govt Model School, Thycaud
22. **Jayalekshmi L.: 1477 (LM)**  
Asst Librarian, MSNIMT Chavara, Kollam-691585
23. **Leena N. K.: 1484(LM)**  
(Sr Rose Prabha) Library Asst, SH College, R.S. Road, Chalakkudy- 680307
24. **Lija P. G.: 1485 (LM)**  
(Sr Fiona CHF), Librarian, St Joseph's College Iringalakuada PO-680121
25. **Sherinas V.: 1486(LM)**  
Library Project Work Asst TE Malayalam University Vakkad (PO), Tirur-676502
26. **Soja Mohan: 1487 (LM)**  
Palamkunnathu (H), Poovachira (PO), Chuvannamannu, , Thrissur
27. **Rajendran L. (Dr): 1488 (LM)**  
Asst Librarian, DLIS, Madias Veterinary College Vepery, Chennai-600 007
28. **Biju, P.R.: 1489(LM)**  
Librarian, Sree Ayyappa College Eranellikkara, Chengannoor
29. **Tomy Joseph: 1489 (LM)**  
Librarian (UGC), St Thomas College Pala-686574
30. **Valsala Kumari Amma C. R.: 1491 (LM)**  
Manager, Technology & Management Resource Centre, CMD Biding, Thycaud, TVM-695 014



## Awards and Recognitions

## PERSONALIA

**Best Librarian Award**

**Dr. Gopakumar V.**, University Librarian, Goa University has been conferred with Dr. G. Devarajan Endowment Best Librarian Award 2016, instituted by the Alumni Association of the Department of Library and Information Science (AADLIS), University of Kerala. The Award was presented at the AADLIS Meet 2016, held at the Senate Chamber, Kerala University Buildings, Thiruvananthapuram on 2 April 2016 by Sri. M. Nandakumar IAS, Director, Collegiate Education.

**AIMS International Outstanding Management Librarian Award 2015**

**Dr. Sada Bihari Sahu**, Assistant General Manager, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Head Office, Lucknow have been selected for "AIMS International Outstanding Management Librarian Award 2015" by AIMS International, USA. Award will be given on 13th AIMS International Conference on Management and Award Ceremony at IBA, Bangalore on 19th December 2015.

He has also been awarded with First Prize in RBI All India Essay competition among all Banks and FIs for the year 2015-16 on the topic "Financial Inclusion drive and Prime Minister Jan-Dhan Yojana". Dr. Sahu got the trophy, certificate and prize money of Rs.11000/- from Dr. Raghuram G Rajan, Governor, RBI in the Golden Jubilee Function at Mumbai on 24/05/2016. This is 2nd consecutive time and 3rd time [2015-16, 2014-15 & 2009-10] in total Dr. Sahu is getting this prize from RBI.

**A G Motiwale National Award 2015**

**Shri. T.K. Gireesh Kumar**, Assistant Librarian of Central University of Kerala received the ILA A.G Motiwale National Award 2015 during 61st ILA International Conference on "Sustaining the Excellence : Technology Innovation and Value Added Services in Google Era" organized at Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat during March 12-15, 2016. The award is for the best paper written and presented during the ILA International conference. He is also the recipient of LIS Links Scholar Award in 2010.

**IASLIC-Ranganthan Award**

**Dr. P. K. Suresh Kumar**, Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library, has been awarded "IASLIC-Ranganthan Award" by the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres for the Best article entitled "Mobile Technology for Library and Information Services" published in *IASLIC Bulletin*., Vol 59, No.1, March 2014. He has received the award at the inaugural session of IASLIC 30th All India Conference 2015 at Gujarat University Ahmedabad on 31st December 2015.

**Best Paper Award for the Calicut University DLIS Researchers**

**Mrs. Aswathy P., Mrs. Divya P. and Mr. Ashraf K.**, Research Scholars, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calicut have bagged the Best Paper Award in the Two-Day National Conference on Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (KOAL 2016) organized by the Library Professionals Association (LPA) New Delhi and P.K. Das Institute of Medical Sciences, Palakkad held on 09-10 March 2016.

## OBITUARY



**Smt. Madhumathi, M.S**  
Assistant Librarian (UGC),  
Kerala University Library, Palayam  
passed away on 2016

**Shri V Ramakrishnan**, former Chief Librarian of CDS, Trivandrum passed away on 28 April 2016. He joined CDS in 1972, became the Chief Librarian in 1990 and served until his retirement in 2003. He had immensely contributed to the building up of CDS library and very active in the KLA activities

## RETIREMENTS



**Dr. A. Gopikuttan**, Professor and former Head, DLIS, retired from the service of University of Kerala on 31st March 2016. He has more than 34 years of service as Teacher as well as professional Librarian. He is the former president of KLA and (KUTA



**Sri. Manuel P. J.**, retired as Assistant Librarian, CUSAT, Kochi on January 2016



**Smt. Sreereha S Pillai** retired as Assistant Librarian, CUSAT, Kochi on February 2016



**Dr. Beena, S.**, retired as Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library, Palayam on March 2016.



**Sri. Muraleedharan Pillai, T. V.** Retired as Librarian Gr. I from Govt. Law College, Ernakulam.



**Mangalakumari M. N.** retired as Assistant Librarian from Dept. of Sociology, University of Kerala, Kariavattom



**Sri. K. Balachandran** retired as Assistant librarian, CUSAT, Kochi

**Smt. Pushpalilly, G** retired as Assistant Librarian Gr. I Kerala University Library

**Dr. Mini S.** retired as Scientist EII from the Knowledge Resource Centre, NIIST, CSIR, Pappanamcodu, Thiruvananthapuram

**Sri. K. H. Hussain** retired as Scientist, KFRI Library, Peechi, Thrissur

**Sri. Sisupalan K.** retired as Assistant Librarian, Gr. I, M G University Library, Kottayam

**Sri. Chandran T. L.** Retired as Reference Assistant, M G University Library, Kottayam

**Sri. Mohanan** retired as Librarian from Govt. Women's College, Trivandrum

**Smt. Radha V. Nair** retired as Librarian Gr. I from Govt. Law College, Trivandrum.

**Smt. Baby Valsala, C.P.** retired as University Librarian (in charge), CUSAT on July 2015

**Varghese K.** Retired as Reference Assistant from the Dept. of Education, University of Kerala.

**Smt. P. Sasikalakumari** retired as Deputy Librarian from the Campus Library, Kariavattom, University of Kerala.

## Futurologist Gguru - Alvin Toffler

IN MEMORIAM

***"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn"*** - Alvin Toffler



Alvin Toffler, a guru of the post-industrial age whose books, including *Future Shock*, anticipated the transformation brought about by the rise of digital technology, has died. The esteemed author, most remembered for his books *Future Shock* and *Third Wave*, died at the age of 87 at his home in Los Angeles. He forecast the spread of email and the rise of the internet, and popularised the term 'information overload'.

*Future Shock* - which sold millions of copies, was translated into dozens of languages and still remains in print - posited that rapid social and technological progress would sweep society into a new, unrelenting era of change. Toffler's work captured the attention of global figures including Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, China Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang and Mexican business guru Carlos Slim, all of whom sought advice from the futurologist guru.

He is a native of New York City, was born on 4 October 1928 to Jewish Polish immigrants. He graduated from New York University, was a Marxist and union activist in his youth, and continued to question the fundamentals of the market economy long after his politics moderated. He knew the industrial life firsthand through his years as a factory worker in Ohio. Toffler is survived by Heidi, and his sister, Caroline Sitter. Toffler's daughter, Karen, died in 2000. Courtesy: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-3667057>, <https://www.theguardian.com>

### PhD Awardees in LIS



**Sri. V. Sasikumar** (Librarian, SCT College of Engineering, Pappanamcode & Former Assistant Librarian, Kerala University Library) has been awarded Ph. D in LIS by the University of Kerala for his thesis entitled 'Restructuring the services of Public Libraries in Kerala on Scientific and Technological basis' under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) C. V. Rajan Pillai, Former Head, DLIS, M G

University, Kottayam & University Librarian (Rtd.), CUSAT, Kochi.



**Smt. S. Suma** has been awarded PhD in LIS by Manonmaiam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, for her thesis entitled "Doctoral Dissertations at the National Institute for interdisciplinary Science & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram: A Scientometric study" under the supervision of Dr. K. G. Sudhier, Librarian, School of Distance Education, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.



**Sri. Nikhil Eyeroor** (Library & Information Science Professional, IIST, Valiamala) has been awarded PhD in LIS by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for his thesis entitled "Impact of Internet on Information Behavior" under the supervision of Prof. Uma Kanjilal, Head, DLIS, IGNOU, New Delhi.



**Sri. Surendran Cherukodan** (Asst. Librarian, School of Engineering and Tech CUSAT), has been awarded PhD in LIS by CUSAT, Kochi, for his thesis entitled "Measuring the Maturity of Open Source Software for Digital Libraries: a Case Study of DSpace" under the supervision of Dr. S. Humayoon Kabir, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala.



**Smt. S. Shaini Gopinath** (Technical Assistant, MG University) has been awarded PhD in LIS by University of Kerala, for her thesis entitled "Impact of Internet on Information Behavior under the supervision of Prof. A. Gopikuttan, former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.



**Sri. M. Jayapradeep** has been awarded PhD in LIS by Karpagam University, for his thesis on "Fisheries Informatics" under the supervision of Dr. S. Humayoon Kabir, Head, DLIS, University of Kerala.



**Smt. Jinu Sudhakaran** (junior librarian, CUSAT Library) has been awarded PhD in LIS by the University of Kerala for her thesis entitled "An Investigation into the Utilization of Information Technology in the Engineering College Libraries of Kerala" under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) A. Gopikuttan, former Head, DLIS, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.



**Sri. Sudhi S. Vijayan**, Technical Assistant, Kerala University Library has been awarded PhD in DLIS by the M. S. University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu for his thesis entitled 'Information technology enabled services of specialized university libraries in Kerala: An evaluative study' under the supervision of Dr. A. Vijayakumar, Deputy Librarian, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.



**Sri. Sasi P.K.** Professional Assistant, CHMK Library, University of Calicut has been awarded PhD in LIS by the University of Calicut for his research on the Role of Public Library on Women Empowerment in Kerala under the supervision of Dr. Jalaja V., former Associate Professor, DLIS, University of Calicut



**Mrs. Mahjabeen Aydeed** an alumnus of the DLIS, University of Calicut has been awarded PhD in LIS by the University of Calicut for her research on the 'Availability and Use of Information for Managerial Decision Making of Information Technology Industry in Kerala' under the supervision of Dr. Jalaja V., former Associate Professor, DLIS, University of Calicut.



## REGIONAL COMMITTEES

### Ernakulam Region

#### New Office bearers

President

**Mr. P. J. Manuel**, Assistant Librarian, CUSAT

Secretary

**Dr. Shibu Ray S.** Assistant Librarian, CUSAT

#### Executive Committee Members

**1. Mr. Kunjumuhamed**, Asst. Librarian, KUFOS

**2. Mr. Joe Joseph**, Junior Librarian, CUSAT

**3. Mr. Sivankutty V. S.**, Junior Librarian, CUSAT

**4. Sr. Ashritha**, Librarian, St. Theresa's College

**5. Dr. Joshi George**, Librarian St. Albert's College

#### Special invitees

**1. Ms. Silaja T. CIFT**

**2. Mr. Cherian K. George**, Librarian,  
U. C. College, Aluva

**3. Mr. Rajesh** EMS Library, Kakaknad  
Sectoral Committee

**Sri. Vinod K. J.** Librarian, Mathrubhumi Daily

#### Honoured PhD awardee and IAS Topper

The Ernakulam Region of the KLA organized a send-off meeting to honour the services of Smt. Baby Valsala, former University Librarian (In Charge) and Assistant Librarian of Cochin University of Science and Technology on 27th July 2015 (Monday) at Department of Hindi Auditorium, CUSAT at 1.00 PM. On this occasion KLA honoured Dr. Archana, Junior Librarian, CUSAT for achieving PhD and Kum. Sarau, (Daughter of former Assistant Librarian and Syndicate Member, CUSAT), for securing higher rank in civil services examination.

The meeting started with a prayer by Mrs. Aparna Varma, Professional Assistant, University Library CUSAT followed by welcome speech by Mr. Joe Joseph, KLA Ernakulam regional secretary. Kerala Library Association President delivered the presidential address and handed over the mementos to the invitees. Mr. Manuel P. J., Mr. K. Balachandran and Mr. K Paulose delivered the felicitations on this occasion. Smt. Sarau, Dr. Archana S. N., and Smt. Baby Valsala also spoke on the occasion. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Shibu Ray S., Assistant Librarian CUSAT. Several KLA members and retired library professionals in the region attended the meeting.



#### National Seminar on Research Reporting and Managing Citing Reference Resources with Zotero

The KLA associated with the Cochin College to conduct a UGC sponsored national workshop on 'Research Reporting and Managing Citing Reference Resources with Zotero' on October 16 and 17, 2015. Dr. J. Latha, Vice Chancellor, CUSAT inaugurated the workshop. Nearly 87 participants from different institution attended the workshop. Dr. Jose P. Abraham, Principal, Cochin College, welcomed the gathering. The Manager, Cochin Education Society, Mr. T. Vidyasagar presided over the inaugural function. Mr. V. S. Kunjumohammed, President, KLA Ernakulam region, felicitated the function, and Mrs. Jeena Jayan, Librarian, Cochin College extended the Vote of thanks.

#### Book Release & Librarian's Meet

The meeting started at 10.15 a.m. with a silent prayer. Mr. Joe Joseph, the secretary of the region welcomed the gathering. The function was presided over by Shri V.S Kunjumuhammed the regional president of KLA. Librarian's meet was inaugurated by the worshipful Mayor of Cochin Smt. Soumini Jain. She recollected her library experiences in her academic days, and stressed the relevance of libraries in this IT Era. Dr. K.P Vijayakumar President of the KLA delivered the key note address. He brushed upon the need for change in attitude of librarians, and appealed them to reach out to the users.

After the tea break, book titled 'Managing innovation in new generation libraries' published by KLA was released by Sri. Adv. B A Abdul Muthalib, Vice president Ernakulam District panchayath by handing over a copy to Dr.M Lalitha, Secretary, Kerala Library Association.



Dr. Lalitha Secretary KLA, Dr. Joshi George, Librarian, St. Albert's College, Sri. Adv Mohanachandran, Rtd Asst. Librarian and former Syndicate member, CUSAT, Sri. Mathew Varghese, one of our senior most member of the region & Rtd. Librarian, M.A. College, Kothamangalam felicitated the occasion.

In his reply speech Sri Manuel P.J highlighted KLA's role in the library development of the region. PhD awardees and rank holders also spoke on the occasion. The meet was attended by 45. Dr. Shibu Ray delivered the vote of thanks.

Election to the new office bearers' was presided over by Dr. Lalitha the Secretary of KLA. Sri. Sivankutty VS Junior Librarian, CUSAT presented the panel and seconded by Sri Cherian K. George. The general body

meeting accepted the panel. Sri. Manuel P.J the new president of the region delivered the vote of thanks.

### National workshop on Design and development of Online Digital libraries in Academic Libraries using DSpace software

KLA Ernakulam region gave technical assistance to St. Albert's College Ernakulam for the conduct of UGC sponsored National workshop on Design and development of Online Digital libraries in Academic Libraries using DSpace software. The programme started at 10.00 a.m. with welcome address by Dr. Joshy George, Librarian St. Albert's College. The programme was inaugurated by Prof Harry Cletus, Principal St. Albert's College. He highlighted the relevance of digital libraries in this electronic era. Dr. K.P Vijayakumar Former HOD, DLIS University of Kerala & President of KLA delivered the keynote address. Felicitations were given by Dr. Jude Martin Mendez, Vice Principal St. Albert's College and Dr. Shibu Ray.S secretary of KLA Ernakulam region. Ms Chandini Convener, student librarian initiative of St. Albert's College proposed the vote of thanks. Dr. K.P Vijayakumar, Dr. Gopakumar University Librarian, Goa University, and Smt. Liny Varghese were the resource persons for the seminar. The programme was attended by 61 participants from different parts of the country.

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വിൽപ്പനയിൽ ചരിത്രം സൃഷ്ടിച്ച കാർഷികരംഗത്തെ അവസാന വാക്ക്: മുൻ കൃഷിവകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറും അറുപതു വർഷത്തിലേറെയായി കാർഷികരംഗത്തെ സജീവസാന്നിധ്യവുമായ ശ്രീ. ആർ. ഹേലിയുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ രൂപംനൽകിയ കൃഷിപാഠം. മലയാളത്തിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിൽവെച്ച് ഏറ്റവും സമഗ്രവും സമ്പൂർണ്ണവുമായ കാർഷികവിജ്ഞാനഗ്രന്ഥമെന്ന് സാർവ്വത്രികമായ അംഗീകാരം നേടിക്കഴിഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ ഗ്രന്ഥത്തിന്റെ ആറാം പതിപ്പ് ഇപ്പോൾ പ്രത്യേക വിലക്കിഴിവിൽ സ്വന്തമാക്കുക.



നിങ്ങൾ അവലംബിക്കുന്ന കൃഷിരീതികൾ, വളം-കീടനിയന്ത്രണ രീതികൾ എന്നിവ പ്രകൃതിക്കിണങ്ങുന്നതും ശാസ്ത്രീയവും ഏറ്റവും വിളവുനൽകാൻ പര്യാപ്തവുമാണോ? നിങ്ങളുടെ ഉത്പന്നങ്ങൾക്ക് ഏറ്റവും മെച്ചപ്പെട്ട വില ലഭിക്കുന്നതിന് ആവശ്യമായ ഉപപണി ഏത്? മുഖ്യവർദ്ധിത ഉത്പന്നങ്ങളായി അവയെ എങ്ങനെ മാറ്റിയെടുക്കാം? എന്നിങ്ങനെ ഒരു ആധുനിക കൃഷി കാരനും കൃഷിസന്നേഹിക്കും ആവശ്യമായ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളും പ്രയോഗരീതികളും അടങ്ങിയ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ കൈപ്പുസ്തകം.

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### Book Release

The book titled "Paradigm Shift in Libraries" is published by KLA Kottayam region as an E-book under Creative Common License. Anybody can access, read, share and download the book from anywhere free of cost. The Book consists of articles reflecting the modern views of libraries and librarians. The book includes ten papers dealing with various topics such as shift of the role of librarians to cybrarians, newly garbed libraries, user approach to the services of a library etc. (Citation : Annu George, Savithry T.K., Vimal Kumar V., and Jasimudeen S., eds. Paradigm Shift in Libraries: A Festschrift to Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel. Kottayam: Kerala Library Association, 2015.)



### Programmes Organised

- Workshop on Mendeley-School of Tourism Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University , 28 April 2016
- Seminar on plagiarism-School of Tourism Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, 30 May 2016
- Workshop on Mendeley-K G College, Pampady - 30 May 2016

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**National Integration Week Celebration**

National Integration Week is observed every year all across the India from 19th of November to the 25th of November. As part of this celebration, KLA Kozhikode Region and FLISS (Forum for Library and Information Science Students, University of Calicut) organized one-day programme on 25th November 2016. Mr. Jimmy Rakesh rendered the welcome speech. Mr. Ashraf K presided over the function. Dr. T.M Vasudevan (HOD, DLISc) administered National

Integration Pledge. Dr. Mohamad Haneefa K and Dr. Vasudevan T.M delivered speech on the topic of secularism, nationalism, and gender inequalities. Fathima Sufeela, Amritha Pattery, Deepa, Afsal, Sufiya and Sajna K.P delivered speeches on different issues related to national unity. Bincy offered vote of thanks to the participants of the programme.

**Quiz Programme**

KLA Kozhikode Region and FLISS (Forum for Library and Information Science Students, University of Calicut) organized two day quiz programme for UGC-NET aspirants on 9th December, 2016 and 15th December, 2015. Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K has given necessary guidelines to conduct the programme. Mrs. Aswathy P., Mrs. Divya P. and Ashraf K. acted as the Quiz Masters. Fifty students were participated in the programmes.

**Vayanadinam (Day of Reading)**

The Kerala Library Association Kozhikode Region in association with the Forum for Library and Information Science Students (FLISS), University of Calicut observed the Reading Day on 22nd June, 2016. Renowned historian Prof. K.N. Ganesh was the keynote speaker and he spoke on 'Reading of History'. Eighty library professionals and students were participated in the programme. Dr. Vasudevan T.M., Dr. Mohamed Haneefa K., Mr. Ashraf K., Mr. Simjith, Mr. Sajith, and Mr. Jimmy were chaired different programs including Book Exchange, Quiz and Debate on Online Reading.

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**KLA on Social Media**

The Kerala Library Association has a notable presence on all social media platforms through which many members are now communicating and following the Association activities. The social media interfaces increased the visibility and reach of the Association enormously, thus making it more web-friendly, accessible and modern.

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- **Facebook**  
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(<https://twitter.com/klacconnect>),
- **Curation: Scoop.it**  
(<http://www.scoop.it/t/library-cloud-what-s-up-in-lis/>)
- **Flickr**  
(<http://www.flickr.com/photos/73623627@N07/sets/>)

## International Women's Day -Health Infoscape

Kerala Library Association organized a programme on Health Information on 12 March 2016 in connection with the International Women's Day, from 10 am at the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kerala. In all, there were three sessions, dealing with three different aspects of health information. The meet was chaired by Dr. K P Vijayakumar, President, KLA and Dr. Humayoon Kabir, Head, Dept of Library & Information Science (DLIS), University of Kerala, felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Mini Devi proposed vote of thanks.

Named "Health Infoscape: Health Information for Librarians", the programme's sessions were handled by experts in the respective fields. In her welcome address, Dr. M Lalitha, General Secretary, KLA, explained the relevance of the topic and described how it has become inevitable in a society especially when women's health is at risk. Dr. K P Vijayakumar's presidential address covered the various aspects of health information and the necessity to be knowledgeable about the various information sources available on the Net.

The three sessions followed. The first one was by Dr. T K Padmanabhan, a renowned oncologist. His session was aptly titled "Cancer – Any Questions?" Before it was thrown open to the audience, Dr. Padmanabhan briefly provided valuable information on the much-dreaded disease,

its varieties, symptoms and methods of treatment. He also tried to dispel certain beliefs and myths about cancer and said that early detection is the key to successful treatment. This was followed by a lively interaction with the audience.

The second speaker of the day, Smt. Rahelamma Augustine (Former Deputy Librarian – in- Charge, Kerala University Library), focused on health information from a healthcare worker's perspective. Her presentation was sprinkled with human interest stories, drawn from her own experience as a volunteer with Ashraya, an NGO. She ended with an appeal to the audience to free oneself and others from the fear of mortality and to be more compassionate towards the fellow beings.

The concluding session by Dr. V Vishnu (Librarian cum Information Officer & Head, Library & Information Services Division, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram) was on reliable Internet sources on cancer. His PowerPoint presentation included valuable tips on how to trust a source based on various indicators like the ownership, purpose of the site and HNO Code compliance. This was amply supported by screenshots of various sites like National Cancer Institute and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. The programme drew much appreciation from the library professionals for its usefulness and timeliness.

## KU-DLIS ALUMNI MEET - 2016



DLIS welcomed the gathering and Dr. P. K. Suresh Kumar, Secretary AADLIS proposed vote of thanks. Alumni 1978-79 batch of BLISc, retired LIS professionals, PhD holders and MLISc rank holders were honoured. Dr. G. Devarajan Endowment Best Librarian Award-2016 instituted by the AADLIS has been received by Dr. G. Gopakumar, University Librarian, Goa University from the chief guest Sri. M. Nandakumar.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the Dept. of Library & Information Science (AADLIS) was held at the Senate Chamber, University of Kerala on 2nd April 2015. Sri. M. Nandakumar IAS, Director, Collegiate Education, University of Kerala inaugurated the meet. The function was presided over by Dr. K. Anil Kumar, Member Syndicate, University of Kerala and the felicitations were done by Dr. A. G. Oleena, Member, Senate and Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar, Former Head, D L I S , University of Kerala. Dr. S. Humayoon Kabir, Head,



Noted Novelist Sri. K.K.Sudhakaran (former Asst. Librarian, MG University) honoured by the Chief Guest

## VSSC LIBRARY INTRODUCES 'HUMAN LIBRARY'

Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre introduces the 'human library' concept for its space scientists and engineers.

The first chapter of a novel concept was opened by Narayanankutty, head of the Library and Information Division at VSSC. It was called the 'human library' programme, wherein senior scientists would participate in knowledge-sharing sessions with interested participants.

"Each scientist would be treated as a source of information that was up for 'reading' by participants. They could discuss their projects or ask doubts and it would be instantly clarified. It is a dynamic process that gives participants a chance to interact with experienced scientists," says Narayanankutty.

Many users of the library were intrigued by the idea of a 'human library' when it was first presented at the VSSC in the capital city. Since only 20 users would be permitted to use this 'book' there was quite a rush to learn more about the book and the concept. Since then

eight such sessions have been held at the library and the response each time has been overwhelming. All the sessions are recorded and documented. Looking back, Narayanankutty recalls with pride how the idea has caught on in the rarefied echelons of space science and scientists. The library and information division at VSSC is the largest in the Indian Space Research Organisation. There are about 3 lakh documents and 4,500 users of the division. It is the largest library under ISRO.

"It is perhaps the first of its kind in India and we hope to expand it by creating a database of all space scientists to help the space scientific community at VSSC," says Narayanankutty. He points out that though the idea is popular in Western countries, it is yet to catch on in India. At present, the human library is open only to personnel in VSSC. But Dr. Sivan hopes that other organisations will borrow a page from their programme and begin their own human library. [Courtesy: The Hindu, Thiruvananthapuram, 28 April 2016]



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## Seminars & Conferences

### National seminar on Librametrics to Altmetrics

A two day National seminar was organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala, during 26th & 27th of February 2016. The conference was inaugurated by Dr.N.Veeramanikantan, Hon'ble pro-vice chancellor of the University of Kerala. Prof. P M Radhamony, Syndicate member, released the souvenir of the seminar and Dr.K P Vijayakumar, Former Head, DLISc, and Sri Hamsa A, Deputy Librarian –in-Charge, Kerala University library felicitated the seminar. Dr.S.Humayoon Kabir, Head, DLISc, presided over the inaugural session. Prof.A.Gopikuttan, organizing secretary of the seminar, welcomed the gathering and Dr. B. Minidevi extended vote of thanks. Dr. Gangan Prathap, Former Vice Chancellor, CUSAT had delivered the keynote address. The two day seminar on "Librametrics to Altmetrics" was a dynamic intellectual event in terms of participants, contents, quality of papers and discussions.

### ISKCOM 2016 - International Symposium on Knowledge and Communication

ISKCOM 2016 - International Symposium on Knowledge and Communication "Theme-Future Librarianship:Innovative, Embedded, Sustainable and Emerging Trends" held on June 10-11, 2016 at SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies(NMIMS) Deemed to be University, (Mumbai) at Shirpur Campus, Dist- Dhule ( Maharashtra), India. For more details visit conference website: <http://iskcom.nmims.edu/>



## Forthcoming Events

### International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 17th COLLNET Meeting

12th International Conference on Webometrics, Informetrics, and Scientometrics (WIS) and the 17th COLLNET Meeting 2016 will be held from 12 to 15 December 2016 in Nancy, France organized by COLLNET.

#### Important Dates

August 15, 2016, Extended Abstract, (3 pages)

August 20, 2016, Acceptance Notification

September 1, 2016, Abstract for Poster Presentation (1 page)

October 15, 2016, Full Paper

December 1, 2016, Registration Deadline

December 12-15, 2016, Conference

Further Details: <http://www.slp.org.in/collnet2016/>

### National Conference on Role of Libraries in Social Empowerment

The Compact Society for Social Welfare (CSSW), Delhi is planning to organise a National Conference on Role of Libraries In Social Empowerment in association with Library Professionals Association (LPA), New Delhi and Association of Media Libraries and Archives (AMLA), New Delhi from October 21-22, 2016 at Gandhi Peace Foundation, Near ITO, New Delhi – 110002.

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