

UNIVERSAL BRIEFING NEWSLETTER

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Universal Briefing

Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary non-profit making non-governmental platform with principle focus on "Library & Information Services"; it will try to inculcate professional expertise among young professionals, develop tools and techniques to expedite the professional skills among budding generations, disseminate new knowledge through research activities, try to foster information handling skill among students, to build an atmosphere of togetherness and fraternity within society and finally advocates its belief in open education, open science and openness of knowledge.

Latest Vacancies

Recruitment for Post of Documentation Officer at Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR): Last Date - 12/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Deputy Director (Documentation) at Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR): Last Date - 12/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Librarian at High Court of Sikkim : Last Date - 12/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Library Trainee at Indian Institute of Technology Ropar Last Date - 13/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Librarian Grade – I at All India Institute Of Medical Sciences Vijaypur, Jammu-184120: Last Date - 15/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Library & Information Associate Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) Kozhikode, Kerala : Last Date - 15/08/2024 [Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Assistant Librarian at Central University of Jharkhand : Last Date - 15/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Assistant Librarian at Government College of Engineering & Technology Safapora, Ganderbal, Kashmir-193504: Last Date - 21/08/2024 [Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Digital Library Analyst at Institute For Social And Economics Change Management, Bangalore: Last Date - 23/08/2024 - [Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Combined Technical Services Examination-Non-Interview Posts for Assistant Librarian, Library Assistant Grade-I (Archives and Historical Research) and Librarian Grade-I (Labour Department) at Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC), Tamil Nadu : Last Date 25/08/24 - [Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Library Professional Trainee (Fixed Period Internship) at NIT, Agartala: Last Date 25/08/24 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Faculty Librarian Grade-II (Education) at Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed To Be University) Dayalbagh, Agra-282005 : Last Date - 31/08/2024 -[Click here for more](#)

Recruitment for Post of Professional Assistant at Dayalbagh Educational Institute, Agra : Last Date - 31/08/2024 - [Click here for more](#)

Announcement

UB-Study Circle (32nd Session)

The 32nd study circle of universal briefing took place on 27th July at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Dr. Kaustuv Chakrabarti, Librarian, Sister Nibedita Government General Degree College for Girls, Kolkata and the President of the session was Dr. Gayatri Paul, Documentation Superintendent, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata. The topic of the study circle was "User's need in the libraries of central government institutes working for the empowerment of differently abled persons: a study".

The speaker gave a presentation on the topic mentioned above, which was also the topic of his doctoral research. He elaborated the objectives of his study and discussed the hypotheses. He also explained the significance of the study and how it is socially relevant. Dr. Chakrabarti elucidated the scope and coverage of the study and described the methodology used which mainly consisted of surveys. He collected data from the respondents about their purpose of seeking information, utilisation of information resources, satisfaction with the resources and services etc. Thereafter the speaker discussed the key findings of his study. Through the study, he has observed that the institutional libraries provide reading materials and updated information for diagnosis and treatment purposes, acting as nerve centres for hospital or treatment centre services and empowering users.

UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification)

The 33rd study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 31st August at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr. Nikita Lama, Assistant Professor, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Calcutta.

JUDLIS (Forthcoming Seminar Notification)

Last date of submission abstract:

15.09.2024

Acceptance / rejection within:

21.09.2024

Last date of registration :

04.10.2024

Date of Seminar:

13-14 November, 2024

Last date of submission full text:

05.10.2024

Instructions to Author

- Authors are requested to submit manuscripts of their papers to info.judlis@gmail.com
- All manuscripts of full paper (12pt Times New Roman font size) must be submitted in MS-Word format within 3000 words only Reference must be maintained by following APA Style (6th edition) format.
- The selected papers will be presented in the seminar.



Libraries on Metamorphosis: From Clay Tablets to Tabs

Objectives

The topic of "Libraries on Metamorphosis" has been chosen to delve into the essence of human intellectual evolution. Libraries represent more than mere collections of books; they embody the spirit of human curiosity, innovation, and resilience. Understanding the metamorphosis of libraries is crucial for comprehending the broader narrative of human history and societal development.

Themes

- Historical Perspectives
 - Architectural Evolution of Libraries
 - Digital Revolution
 - Information Access and Equity
 - Preservation and Access
 - Libraries as Community Hubs
 - Future Horizons
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Libraries on Metamorphosis

13-14
November 2024



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Research Spotlight

DLIS, Swami Vivekananda School of Library Sciences, Assam University, Silchar (Awarded Works 2024)

1. **Thesis Title:** Assessment on Implementation of MOOCs in the Central Universities in India: Problems and Prospects
Scholar's Name: Nilanjana Purkayastha
Supervisor: Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha

School of Social Sciences, IFTM University, Moradabad (Awarded Works 2024)

2. **Thesis Title:** An Assessment of the Services of University Libraries in the Context of Changing Information Scenario with special reference to Meerut Moradabad and Rampur.
Scholar's Name: Ashok Kumar
Supervisor: Dr. Bijendra Kumar Rajput

DLIS, Gauhati University, Guwahati (Awarded Works 2024)

3. **Thesis Title:** Public Library System of Assam and Meghalaya A Comparative Study
Scholar's Name: Krishna Das
Supervisor: Prof. Rajani Kanta Barman

DLIS, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Vallabh Vidyanagar (Awarded Works 2024)

4. **Thesis Title:** Content Analysis of Open Access Journals in Political Science Listed Under Directory of Open Access Journals Doaj 2008 2017
Scholar's Name: Nanda Balbhimrao Karanjkar
Supervisor: Dr. Govind Kishanrao Hambarde

DLIS, University of Kashmir, (Awarded Works 2024)

5. **Thesis Title:** Quantitative Techniques as Applied to Library and Information Centres A Critical Analysis
Scholar's Name: Uzma Qadri
Supervisor: Prpf. S. M. Shafi & Dr. Zahid Ashraf Wani

DLIS, Shri Govind Guru University, Godhra (Awarded Works 2024)

6. **Thesis Title:** Use of Information Communication Technology for Seeking Information by the User of Science College Libraries of Gujarat A Study.
Scholar's Name: Maitry B. Brahmhatt
Supervisor: Dr. Vanita A. Kalani

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Research Recap

RESEARCH RECAP OF DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES (THIS EDITION FOCUS IS ON JAMMU UNIVERSITY AWARDED WORKS)

Awarded Works in 1994

1. **Thesis Title:** Human Resources Development Needs as Depicted by the Survey of Automation of Scientific and Technical Libraries in India
Scholar's Name: Sangita Rani
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Awarded Works in 1995

2. **Thesis Title:** Analysis of Attitudes for Learning Library and Information Science at Graduate Level in India with Special Reference to Northern Region
Scholar's Name: Ghulam Ali
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan & Prof. A.N. Sadhu

Awarded Works in 1998

3. **Thesis Title:** Resources Sharing in Scientific and Technical Libraries in India- A Study
Scholar's Name: Gurdev Singh
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Awarded Works in 1999

4. **Thesis Title:** A Study of Library Resources and Services with Reference to Users of Colleges and Universities of J&K State
Scholar's Name: Urmil Gupta
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan
5. **Thesis Title:** Scientometric Study of Chemical Literature cited in the Doctoral Theses of Chemistry submitted to the University of Jammu
Scholar's Name: Anita Sachar
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Awarded Works in 2005

6. **Thesis Title:** Management of Library Personnel in the University Libraries of J&K, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh
Scholar's Name: Meghna Dhar
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Research Recap**Awarded Works in 2007**

7. **Thesis Title:** Impact of Information Technology on the functions of Medical Libraries of Northern India
Scholar's Name: Malvinder Kaur
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Awarded Works in 2008

8. **Thesis Title:** Role of Libraries in Knowledge Transfer from Lab to Land: A Study of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) Ludhiana and Shere-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu
Scholar's Name: Shivarama Rao K.
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan

Awarded Works in 2010

9. **Thesis Title:** Information Seeking Behaviour of Faculty Members using Internet at various Universities of Jammu and Kashmir
Scholar's Name: Bindu Sharma
Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2012

10. **Thesis Title:** Management of Technological Change in Library: A Study of Select Agricultural Institutions
Scholar's Name: Seema Lalotra
Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2014

11. **Thesis Title:** Sources of Traditional Plants in the Western Himalayan Region
Scholar's Name: Samitha Wadhera
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan & Prof. Sangita Gupta
12. **Thesis Title:** Knowledge Management in Indian Corporate Sector: Role of Library and Information Professionals
Scholar's Name: Syed Mohd Shahid
Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan & Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2015

Research Recap

13. **Thesis Title:** Integrated Role of Public Libraries and Community Information Centres in Dissemination of Community Information Services: A Plan for Jammu Division
Scholar's Name: Kulwinder Kaur

Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

14. **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of Model Library and Information Science Curricula to meet the Manpower Needs of Emerging Digital Era

Scholar's Name: Joginder Singh

Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan & Prof. Sangita Gupta

15. **Thesis Title:** Use of Social Networking Tools by Faculty Members of Degree Colleges for Sharing Information: A Study of Jammu Division

Scholar's Name: Anuradha Seth

Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2016

16. **Thesis Title:** Design and Development of Collaborative Model Health Information Literacy in Jammu Division

Scholar's Name: Reenu Arti Thakur

Supervisor: Prof. I.V. Malhan & Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2019

17. **Thesis Title:** Library Management Software Packages: A Study of the University Libraries in Jammu and Kashmir

Scholar's Name: Sudesh Kumar

Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

18. **Thesis Title:** Electronic Collection Management: A Study of some University Libraries of J&K, Punjab and Haryana

Scholar's Name: Tarseem Singh

Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2020

19. **Thesis Title:** Challenges in Transition from Traditional to Web Based Information Services: A Study of the University Libraries in Jammu and Kashmir

Scholar's Name: Vikram Singh Sahi

Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Research Recap

20. **Thesis Title:** India's Contribution to Open Access Journals in Libraries and Information Science: A Bibliometric Study of Directory of Open Access Journals (2004-13)
Scholar's Name: Pramod Kumar Singh
Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

Awarded Works in 2023

21. **Thesis Title:** Application of Information Communication Technologies in the Field of Life Sciences in the Universities of Jammu and Kashmir State: A User Study. (thesis submitted on 28/06/2023)
Scholar's Name: Amit Sharma
Supervisor: Dr. Meghna Dhar

Awarded Works in 2024

22. **Thesis Title:** A Study of Information Seeking Behaviour of Teacher Trainees at Colleges of Education in Jammu Division
Scholar's Name: Suneel Kumar Bhat
Supervisor: Dr. Sangita Gupta

"Hey faculties, Are you ready to encapsulate the entire lifecycle of your department through the impactful Ph.D. works it has delivered to the world of knowledge? 🌐 🎓 Let's shine a spotlight on the journey of your scholars' research achievements in our Research Recap section of the upcoming newsletter edition! [Click here](#) to share the details and immortalize your department's legacy in the annals of LIS history. Send us the essence of your scholarly endeavors, and let's celebrate the boundless contributions together! 🚀"

Professional Development

➤ Conferences, Seminars & Summits

International Conference on Opportunities and Challenges for Libraries in the Changing Education and Social Construction (OCLCESC-2024) at Vikram University, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh on 22nd and 23rd AUGUST 2024. For more info: [Click here](#)

National Seminar on Academic Integrity in Higher Education: A Quest. Organised By: Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education in Collaboration with Indian Institute of Science Education And Research (IISER) Kolkata. Date: 24th & 25th August 2024. Venue: Shimurali Sachinandan College of Education, Shimurali, Nadia, W.B. For more info: [Click here](#)

Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in the North-Eastern Region (PLANNER) 2024. Time: September 19, 2024 to September 21, 2024 Location: Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. For more info: [Click here](#)

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Metaverse in Library and Education 5.0 (AIMLE-2024) 27th September, 2024 - 28th September, 2024 @ Uttaraanchal University, Dehradun. For more info: [Click here](#)

National Conference on "Connecting Users to Library Resources through Innovative Technologies (SALIS 2024). Date: 4th & 5th October, 2024. Organized by Department of Library, Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore Jointly with Society for the Advancement of Library and Information Science (SALIS), Chennai. For more info: [Click here](#)

Central Government Library Association in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is organizing 5th International Conference of Central Government Library Association on Taking Pride in Legacy-Libraries and Archives for Viksit Bharat from 17-18 October 2024 at Samvet Auditorium, IGNC, Hotel Janpath, New Delhi. For more info: [Click here](#)

NILIS Annual Research Symposium 2024: "Envisioning Tomorrow's Libraries: Integrating Emerging Trends Through Impactful Research", held on 24th October 2024 at National Institute of Library & Information Sciences (NILIS), Colombo, Sri Lanka. For more info: [Click here](#)

The 14th International Conference of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA-2024) on the theme 'Artificial Intelligence Revolutionizing Library Services: Challenges and Opportunities. Time: October 29, 2024. Time: 6pm to 7pm. Type: International, conference. Organized By: University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka. For more info: [Click here](#)

Professional Development

Two-Day International Seminar on Libraries on Metamorphosis: From Clay Tablets to Tabs - Journey Beyond Imagination. Organized by: Department of Library & Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata-700032. Date of Seminar: 13.11.2024 to 14.11.2024. Time: 10:30 AM. Venue: TEQIP Building, Jadavpur University. Last date of submission abstract: 15.09.2024. Last date of registration 04.10.2024. Last date of submission full text: 05.10.2024. For registration [Click here.](#)

12th International Library Information Professional Summit (I-LIPS) on "Innovative Technologies in Librarianship: Challenges and Opportunities," organized by Galgotias University Library at Galgotias University, Greater Noida, from November 29 to December 1, 2024. For more info: [Click here](#)

International Conference on Marching Beyond the Libraries: Leadership, Creativity and Innovation. Organized by Department of Library and Information Science & Central Library, KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, India. Date: December 20-21. Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more info: [Click here](#)

➤ Workshops, Conventions, Webinars & Events

Webinar on "DELNET Resources and Services" jointly organised with Nirwan University, Jaipur on August 6, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more info [Click here.](#)

AI & KM 2024-International Conference on AI and Knowledge Management: An Academia Industry Summit. The Sarada Ranganathan Endowment in association with the India International Centre, New Delhi is organizing an international summit on AI & Knowledge Management from 12th to 14th August 2024 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. For more info [Click here.](#)

12th Convention PLANNER 2024. Promotion of Library Automation and Networking in North-Eastern Region (PLANNER) is a bi-annual convention with a special focus to uplift academic libraries in the North-Eastern region, India in the aspect of library automation and networking. Organized by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat in collaboration with Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh. September 19-20, 2024. For more info [Click here.](#)

Developing Library Network (DELNET)-27th National Convention on Knowledge, Library and Information Networking (NACLIN 2024) on the theme "Smart Libraries: Inspiring, Engaging, Enabling and Connecting Users, Communities for Building Knowledge Societies" will be held from September 25-27, 2024 at Hotel Sayaji, Indore. For more info [Click here.](#)

➤ Programmes & Courses

Summer School on Building Next-Gen Digital Repositories (DSpace) at the Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, New Delhi. This event is in collaboration with DataCite and LYRASIS, supported by ORCID from August 5-9, 2024. For more info: [click here](#)

Professional Development

Bharat Digital Academy (BDA), a unit of Bharat Learning Solutions (P) Ltd, is organizing a "One Month Certificate course on "Book Publishing for the Academic Community" (Online). Dates: 15 July to 13 August 2024. Time: 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. For more info: [Click here](#)

One Week Advanced Training Programme (ATP) on Open-Source Software for Research and Teaching (to be held in Virtual mode from 21st to 26th August 2023). Organized by Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC), Berhampur University in Collaboration with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and Department of Library and Information Science, BU. For more info [Click here.](#)

Three Days National Workshop on Information & Cyber Security for Educational Institutions in offline mode is being organized by INFLIBNET Centre during 12th - 14th August, 2024. For more info [Click here.](#)

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Koha-Integrated Library Management System: Online Training. Organized by: LibAuto. Date: 24 August – 25 August 2024. Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. For registration [Click here.](#)

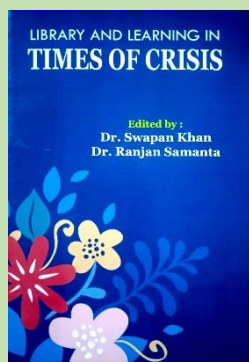
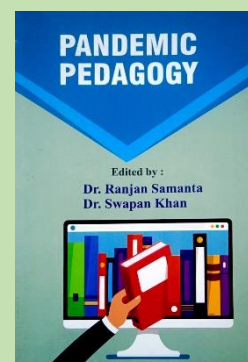
Three Days Advanced Training Programme (in Offline Mode) on Shodhganga and Plagiarism Issues is being organised at INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat during August 28-30, 2024. For more info [Click here.](#)

DSpace-Institutional Repository: Online Training. Organized by: LibAuto. Date: 31st August – 1st September 2024 (Saturday & Sunday). Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. For registration [Click here.](#)

SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrollment are free to enroll in and learn from. For more info [Click here.](#)

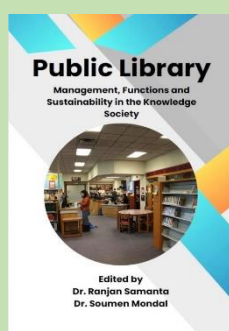
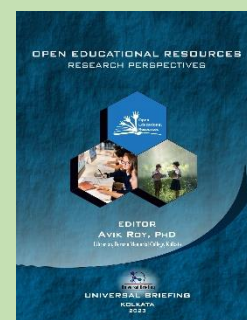
UB - Latest Publication

The book “Pandemic Pedagogy” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2020. It was jointly edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. The book had informative eighteenth chapters. The outstanding contribution of authors presented an exceptional dimension on pandemic pedagogy in relation to academic library and pandemic pedagogy mainly in higher education. Thought content, practical experience and knowledge of authors would help the students, scholars, library professional and others to understand the situation of education during Pandemic and the challenge taken to overcome; teaching learning process of that situation; advancement of new technology; extension of online education and open educational resources; opportunities and threats of online education.



The book “Library and Learning in Times of Crisis” was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries and online teaching learning during the period of Global Pandemic of Covid-19. Some papers focused on Government initiatives for learners during Covid-19, effectiveness of social media for education; strength, weakness, opportunity, and threat of e-learning; importance of e-resources etc. The papers helped librarian to take various steps in every aspect of library services. Overall, all papers were very informative and insightful for learners, teachers, administrators, policy makers and government.

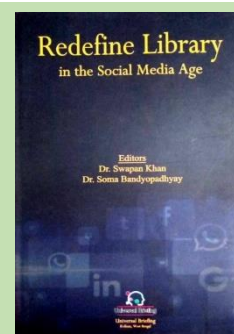
A book was published in February 2023 by Universal briefing with the title “Open Educational Resources: Research Perspectives”, comprising selected articles from the two-day International Webinar of the same title, which was organised by Universal Briefing on 20th and 21st November, 2021 at Kolkata, India. The book contains 13 selected articles on different aspects of OER including SWOT analysis, NEP, copyright and license, sustainability of OER etc., written by LIS professionals from various fields. This conference proceedings volume is edited by Dr. Avik Roy, Librarian, Derozio Memorial College; and illustrated by Avijit Naskar.



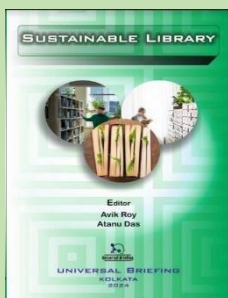
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and foster inclusive communities. Each chapter of this book is meticulously crafted to explore a different facet of the library experience. From the essential role of libraries in promoting literacy and lifelong learning to their innovative approaches to technology integration and community outreach, we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted nature of libraries in the 21st Century.

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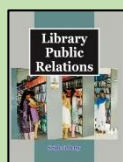
Purpose of this book titled "Redefine library in the social media age", is to visualize a dramatic transformation of concept of libraries due to rapid development of technological innovations especially in post pandemic period. The human need for information is changing day by day. They seek information from varieties of sources and formats. For this purpose, the library staff and library professionals need to adopt themselves into this dynamic environment. Social media is becoming increasingly popular among all the stakeholders of the library. There is no doubt that the present library must be defined in the context of social media to satisfy the users in this social media age.



Any kind of scholarly work provides a serendipity of reading so many novel academic contents including books, book chapters, research articles, magazines, popular articles etc. Sustainability is the buzz of the day where almost every activity in the societal periphery culminates to the sustainable future. How can the library lag behind being one of the most important pillars of society? The present volume, "Sustainable Library" is an endeavour to add even an iota to the knowledge base of the global discourses on sustainable libraries. We remain grateful to Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya, Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata to continuously inspire us to work on this compilation of the literature on sustainable libraries and publish them in one volume.

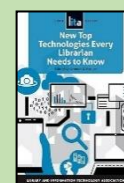


Latest Publication



Library public relations by Sridevi Jetty. Diamond Creation, Delhi, 2019. ISBN-9789384863081 : INR 1,350.00

Library public relations by Sridevi Jetty. Diamond Creation, Delhi, 2019. ISBN-9789384863081 : INR 1,350.00



New Top Technologies Every Librarian Needs to Know: A LITA Guide (LITA Guides) 1st ed., by Kenneth J. Varnum (Ed.). ALA Neal-Schuman Publishers, Chicago, c2019 . ISBN (pbk) 9780838917824 : \$37.75 - \$64.99

Classification System in Library Collections by Anand Murugan, Arcler Press., 2017. ISBN (hbk) 978-1680947069 : \$155.00



Library Public Relations, Promotions and Communications: A How-to-do-it Manual, 2nd ed., by Lisa A. Wolfe. Neal-Schuman Publishers Inc. ISBN (pbk) 978-1555704711 : ₹3,464.26

Trends on Tech

Custom GPTs:

A Custom GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is a specialised version of the original GPT model developed by OpenAI, tailored to address specific needs or tasks within various fields or applications.

These models are fine-tuned from the base GPT model to enhance performance on datasets or to fulfil unique requirements set by businesses, organizations, or individual developers.

Custom GPTs, unlike more generic models, are specifically designed to meet the needs of industries or tasks. To know more, click [Here](#)

LibGPT- It is a custom GPT specifically tailored for providing expert knowledge and support in the fields of library science, information management, and resource optimization. It has been customized to assist users with a broad range of topics related to libraries, archival science, information technology, and library and information studies. The customization process involves fine-tuning the AI to ensure it can offer accurate, detailed, and relevant information in these specialized areas.

LibGPT, like other GPTs, is based on the GPT-4 architecture developed by OpenAI. However, the specific customizations and instructions that define LibGPT have been provided by a user or organization with specific needs in the library and information studies domain. These custom instructions help LibGPT focus on the topics and tasks most relevant to its intended audience, ensuring that its responses are particularly useful for library professionals, students, and researchers in the field. For more information click [here](#).

Social Media News

- BML Munjal University's new library is a beautiful space dedicated to fostering a love for knowledge and community. [Click here](#)
- Cause for concern: State libraries see reduction in reader footfall. [Click here](#) to read full article
- A positive sign for Library Movement across country. To watch the voice of Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister of culture on National Mission on Libraries in Parliament [Click here](#)
- US Visit to URI, Harvard, MIT, etc. to watch the full story of Nabi Hassan, Librarian, IIT Delhi [Click here](#)
- A big congratulations to Dr. Kshema Prakash, Deputy Librarian, IIT Jodhpur on receiving the Group A Staff Meritorious Award for 2023-24. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved recognition of Dr. Prakash's outstanding contributions.
- Congratulations to Dr. Ashis Biswas, former librarian of Victoria Institution (College), Kolkata for getting appointed as Deputy Librarian at Delhi University.
- NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY OF INDIA 3.0 has been presented with the Gems of Digital India Award 2024 (Analyst's Choice) for excellence in eGovernance.
- The CEPT Library hosted a Book Talk featuring Rashmi Sadana (Prof. George Mason University), the author of 'Metronama: Scenes from the Delhi Metro', in conversation with Rutul Joshi, Sr. Assoc. Prof., FP on 26 Jul, at the BNB Hall. For more [Click here](#)
- Preserving Urdu Heritage: A Journey Through Bengaluru's Muslim Library. [Click here](#) for more
- Learning Resource Centre, Bennett University have successfully completed 10-day Staff Development Program themed "Research Support Services". This is a unique initiative which showcases the visionary leadership of the Dr. Sanjay Kataria, University Librarian of Bennett University. Additionally, the program included a two-day workshop on OJS. To check list of resource persons [Click here](#)
- The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct UGC – NET June 2024 for (i) 'award of Junior Research Fellowship and appointment as Assistant Professor', (ii) 'appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.' and (iii) 'admission to Ph.D. only' in 83 subjects in CBT, mode between 21st August 2024 to 04th September 2024. For subject Library and Information Science it will be held on 3rd Sept, 2024 at SHIFT – I (09:00 AM to 12:00 PM). For more [Click here](#)
- Let us join to greet Professor Uma Kanjilal, outstanding academic administrator, researcher and a great human being on taking charge as acting Vice-Chancellor of IGNOU. Earlier she served as the pro-vice chancellor of the University. She began her career as a research assistant at IIT Kanpur in 1984. She has since held various positions, including cataloguer and professional assistant at IGNCA, and rose through academic ranks at IGNOU from lecturer to professor, a position she has held since 2003. Heartiest congratulations Madam.
- Applications are invited from eligible candidates for 26th State Eligibility Test in West Bengal. The State Eligibility Test (SET) will be held on 15th December, 2024 (SUNDAY) for determining the eligibility of Indian nationals for the Eligibility for Assistant Professor only in West Bengal. WBCSC will conduct SET in 33 subjects. Last date for application is 31st August, 2024. For more [Click here](#)
- ICSSR invites for Doctoral and Post-Doctoral fellowships. [Click here](#) for more.

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Directorate of State Archives: Preserving West Bengal's Historical Legacy

The Directorate of State Archives, under the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, serves as the official custodian of non-current government records. Established in 1910, it is the oldest repository of colonial and post-colonial records in the region. The archives are housed in two main locations: the Historical and Current Sections at 6, Bhawani Dutta Lane, and a facility at 43 Shakespeare Sarani. The former covers records from 1758 to post-1947, while the latter includes records from the Intelligence Branch, Public Works Department, Chancellors' Secretariat, and Electoral Rolls.

Key Divisions and Functions

Records Management: This division ensures the proper creation, control, and disposal of government records. After twenty-five years, records are appraised and classified as "Keep" (K) or "Destroy" (D), with only "K" records being archived.

Conservation Unit: The unit undertakes preventive, curative, and restorative measures to preserve valuable documents. This includes fumigation, de-acidification, tissue repair, and digitization to extend the life of records.

Reprography and Research: The Reprography Unit reproduces records for preservation and scholarly use, with digitization being a significant focus. The Research Room provides scholars with access to these records, although access is restricted due to the sensitive nature of some materials.

Reference Media and Private Collections: Reference tools like guidebooks and inventories help archivists manage and describe the archives' holdings. The archives also contain private collections, including business records, cultural documents, and personal papers, which provide a rich source of information on Bengal's history.

Certificate Section and National Register of Citizens (NRC): This section issues certificates based on archived records, crucial for legal and financial matters. The NRC initiative has led to increased demand for ancestral records, which the archives provide.



Additional Services and Initiatives

The archives also feature a comprehensive library with over ten thousand holdings, a Photo Archives section with around 42,000 visual records, and a Police Archives Wing for declassified Intelligence Branch records. The Publication Unit regularly releases archival records to the public, while exhibitions and collaborative programs further enhance public engagement and awareness.

The Directorate of State Archives is dedicated to modernization and enhancing accessibility to its collections. As a vital institution for preserving West Bengal's rich historical heritage, it continues to support researchers and the general public in exploring the region's past.

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