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About Universal Briefing

Universal Briefing (UB) is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental organization with a primary focus on advancing Library and Information Services. Its goal is to cultivate professional expertise among young professionals by providing opportunities to develop essential skills and knowledge. UB aims to create tools and methods that help accelerate the growth of future generations in the field, while also supporting research activities to disseminate new knowledge and innovative ideas. Additionally, the platform strives to enhance information-handling skills among students, empowering them to navigate and use information effectively. UB is committed to building an inclusive and collaborative environment that fosters unity, fraternity, and mutual support within society.

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Editorial Desk



From Editorial Desk.....

As we turn the page on another month, we take a moment to reflect on the shared purpose that brings us together—the pursuit of knowledge, the preservation of our professional values, and the celebration of community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this journey—readers, contributors, and supporters alike. Your continued engagement strengthens our collective mission to advance the LIS profession, and we remain committed to delivering a publication that informs, connects, and uplifts the community it serves.

Beginning with last issue, we are pleased to introduce a new section dedicated to highlighting noteworthy **Scholarly Publications** from leading journals in our field. Each month, we will carefully curate a selection of recent articles that showcase cutting-edge research, theoretical advancements, and emerging trends. This section is designed to keep our readers well-informed about significant contributions, offering detailed bibliographic information for easy access and reference. Through these updates, we seek to deepen engagement with the latest academic discourse and inspire continued scholarly inquiry. This initiative is part of our continued effort to broaden the scope of our coverage, ensuring that our platform remains both informative and representative of the dynamic developments shaping the field.

Our editorial team works diligently to bring you timely updates, insightful features, and contents that matter. We hope this month's issue continues to inform, inspire, and connect. As always, we welcome your feedback, contributions, and ideas for future editions.



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Latest Vacancies

- Recruitment for the Post of Guest Faculty in the Department of Library and Information Science at Tripura University, Suryamaninagar, Agartala, Tripura - 799022 : Last Date - 10/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Graduate Apprentice – Library Science at National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Balanagar, Hyderabad- 500 037 : Last Date - 11/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Chief Librarian at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur , NH-6, GE Road, Tatibandh, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492010 : Last Date - 14/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Head Librarian & Assistant Librarian at Government of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (D.S.S.S.B) ,Fc-18, Institutional Area, Karkardooma, Delhi-110092 : Last Date - 16/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Saurashtra University Rajkot, Rajkot [University Road](#), Gujarat - 360 005: Last Date - 22/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library & Information Assistant at Dr B R Ambedkar National Institute Of Technology Jalandhar, Grand Trunk Road, Barnala - Amritsar Bypass Rd, Jalandhar, Punjab 144011: Last Date - 27/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Library & Information Assistant at National Institute Of Technology Kurukshetra (Under The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) Kurukshetra – 136 119 (Haryana) : Last Date - 30/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Junior Librarian at Government of Arunachal Pradesh Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh 791111 : Last Date - 30/09/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian (Granthagarika) at Visva-Bharati (Central University), Santiniketan, West Bengal, India-731235 : Last Date -30/09/2025 - [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Assistant Director (Library) at Indian Institute of Packaging, Plot E-2, Road No. 8, MIDC Area, Andheri (East), Mumbai – 400093 : Last Date - 01/10/2025- [Click here for more](#)
- Recruitment for the Post of Librarian at Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar, District Nalanda – 803 116 : Last Date - No last date - [Click here for more](#)

UB Endeavour

Study Circle Reporting.....

45th Study Circle: The 45th study circle of universal briefing took place on 30th August, 2025 at 7.30 pm. The speaker for the session was Dr Snigdha Naskar, Assistant Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University and the President of the session was Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian, Visva Bharati, West Bengal. The topic of the study circle was "Human Library: journey to a new paradigm".

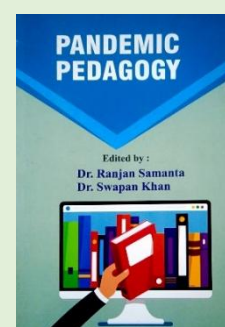
The speaker presented a thought-provoking analysis of a global trend that has gained momentum over the past two decades and is now emerging in our country. She began her discourse with a compelling excerpt from 'Hamlet', followed by a quote from 'Hind Swaraj' by Mahatma Gandhi, setting the stage to explore the more concerning aspects of the Human Library movement. While acknowledging the well-intentioned origins of the initiative, which was introduced to address violence and social exclusion by encouraging open dialogue, Dr. Naskar raised critical concerns about the unintended consequences of this format. She pointed out the alarming tendency to commodify individuals as "human book", reducing their human experiences to consumable narratives. Furthermore, she addressed significant issues related to intellectual property rights, privacy, and data protection, all of which become especially vulnerable within the context of these events. The speaker also shed light on the growing presence of the Human Libraries in Kolkata. She stressed the importance of ethical implementation, raising concerns about privacy, rights, and the commercialization of personal stories. While hopeful that the initiative could promote empathy and social awareness, especially for marginalized groups, she emphasized that this must not come at the cost of participants' dignity and rights. Concluding her address, the speaker stressed that the Human Library, however well-intentioned, should not be misconstrued as an extension of traditional libraries, as it does not align with its fundamental principles.

Announcement.....

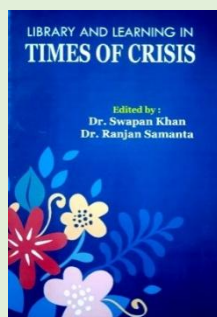
UB-Study Circle (Forthcoming Notification) The 46th study circle of the Universal Briefing will take place on 20th September, 2025 at 7.30 pm and the speaker for the session will be Dr Nivedita Bhattacharyya Sahu, Associate Professor, Department of Library and Information Science, Vidyasagar University.

Our 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.

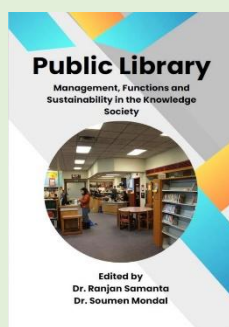
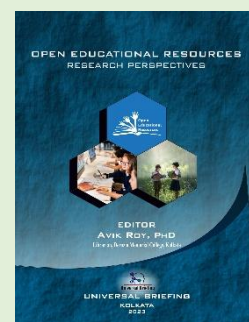


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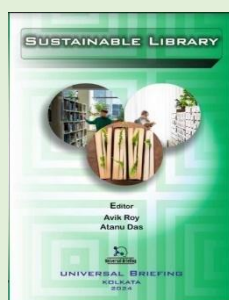
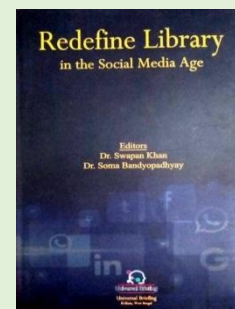
The book "Library and Learning in Times of Crisis" was published by Prova Prakashani in collaboration with Universal Briefing in the year 2021, edited by Dr. Ranjan Samanta and Dr. Swapan Khan. It contained seventeenth valuable research papers highlighted the role of libraries especially academic libraries 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.



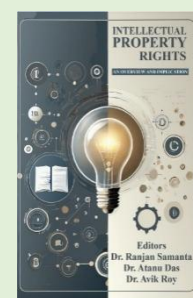
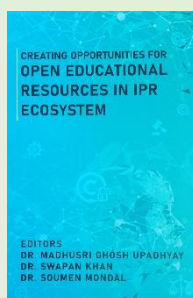
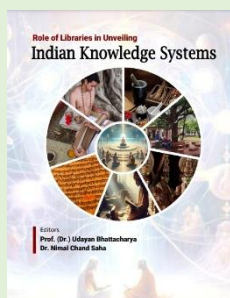
This book celebrates the profound impact of public libraries as vibrant spaces of learning, connection, and empowerment. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and evolving societal needs, public libraries remain steadfast in their mission to provide equitable access to information and 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.

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.

Our Latest Publication.....



Distinguished Insights

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Very informative and perfectly prepared. Congratulations to you and your team for this endeavour. Thanks, sir, for sharing... Regards

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Dr. Amit kumar, CUG

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Dear sir, thank you very much for the newsletter. Really it is a great job and your team also contributes & collecting different kinds of news and job opportunities. I believe that this is the only newsletter in our IIS domain in the national level and also you are timely publishing. Once again thank you for your great contributions to professional development.

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Dr. Dhanabandhan, Librarian, CUTN

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Sir, good newsletter. It was really great you all are compiling and disseminating. Very useful, informative, and interesting.

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Prof. Shalini Lihitkar, R.T.M. Nagpur University

Research Spotlight

DLIS, Panjab University, Chandigarh (Awarded Works 2025)

1. **Thesis Title:** Assessment of Legal Information Literacy: A Study of NLUs of Northern India.
Scholar: Rajnish Kumar
Supervisor: Dr. Khushpreet Singh Brar

DLIS, University of Calcutta, Kolkata (Awarded Works 2025)

2. **Thesis Title:** Information Needs of the Baluchari Saree Weaver Community of Bishnupur
Scholar: Anwesha Chatterjee
Supervisor: Dr. Biplab Chakrabarti

DLIS, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women University, Vijayapura (Awarded Works 2025)

3. **Thesis Title:** Reading Culture in Internet Era: An Analytical Study of Undergraduate Students of Vijayapura City
Scholar: Shambhavi
Supervisor: Prof. Shantadevi T

DLIS, Mangalyatan University, Aligarh (Awarded Works 2025)

4. **Thesis Title:** Comparative Study of Electronic Resource Management in Selected University Libraries of Haryana.
Scholar: Namita
Supervisor: Dr. Dhiraj Sharma

School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, Nirwan University, Jaipur (Awarded Works 2025)

5. **Thesis Title:** Impact of Online Resources among the students of Central Universities of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh: A Study
Scholar: Shivpal Meena
Supervisor: Dr. Reena Anand

DLIS, Mizoram University, Aizawal (Awarded Works 2025)

6. **Thesis Title:** N-LIST Resources for Academic Development in Provincialized Colleges Affiliated to Gauhati University Assam.
Scholar: Bhabananda Das
Supervisor: Dr. Mahendra Kumar Singh

DLIS, University of Jammu, Jammu (Awarded Works 2025)

7. **Thesis Title:** Usage and Impact of Grey Literature in Institutional Repository in India
Scholar: Diksha Sharma
Supervisor: Prof. Sangita Gupta

"Are you a research scholar who just submitted their Ph.D thesis in LIS? Want to be featured in our next edition? [Click here](#) to add your details and get a chance to feature in our upcoming spotlight section!"

Monthly Scholarly Highlights

1. Awasthi, R., & Gulati, A. (2025). Information Literacy Initiatives in Libraries of Select Indian Institutions of National Importance: An Exclusive Viewpoint of Librarians. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 174-185.
2. Barman, D., Dutta, A., & Mukhopadhyay, P. (2025). Full-Text eBook Retrieval System in an Integrated Library Management System: Designing an Open-Source Technical Framework. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 223-234.
3. Chaudhari, P., & Gadhvi, G. (2025). Open Access Publications from University Grants Commission Funded Research: A Bibliometric Study. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 109-119.
4. Dasgupta, T. (2025). Exploring the Research Impact of Works on Vedic Mathematics using Data Carpentry: A Multi-Metric Analysis. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 269-274.
5. Das, S., & Bhattacharya, U. (2025). Enhancing Web Accessibility for Specially Abled Users: An Evaluation of Top-Ranked Open Universities in India according to WCAG Standards. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 257-262.
6. Dessa, H. K., & Dani, E. (2025). Research Trends and Collaboration at the University of Debrecen's Faculty of Informatics: A Bibliometric Analysis. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 210-222.
7. Gujjarappa, N. L., & Chandrashekar, M. (2025). Awareness, Usage, and Challenges of Online Learning Platforms: A Case Study of LIS Teachers and Students. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 283-293.
8. Jose, S., & Franklin, J. (2025). A Study of Indian Theses on Applied Bibliometrics, Informetrics, Scientometrics and Citation analysis. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 186-200.
9. Mallik, S. (2025). Document Landscape and Generative AI: A Synthetic Term DHISCREMENT Postulated for Nomenclature of Scholarly Library Resources. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 120-124.
10. Meena, B. S., Choudhury, S., & Rathore, N. C. (2025). A Hybrid Representation Model for Multi-Technique Citation Analysis Using a Unified Dataset. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 235-243.
11. Paul, S., & Dutta, B. (2025). Revisiting the APUPA Pattern: Analysing the Publication Fall Index in DNA Fingerprints Research. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 201-209.
12. Paul, S., & Dutta, B. (2025). Study of Diffusion of the Subject 'Anthropocene' over Different Disciplines: Quantitative Analysis by a New Indicator. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 245-256.
13. Pushpam, P., Jayaprakash, M., & Adamu, A. (2025). Exploring the Information Requirements of Poultry Farmers in Namakkal: A Comprehensive Study. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 275-282.
14. Rao, R. R. (2025). Balancing Digital and Physical Reading: An Empirical Study on Student Preferences, Challenges, and Adaptive Strategies. *Journal of Information and Knowledge*, 263-268.
15. Shukla, P., & Jaiswal, B. (2025). The Landscape of LIS Education in India: Insights and Recommendations for the Future. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 125-137.
16. Sudhier, K., & Balaraman, A. (2025). Ontological Framework for SR Ranganathan's Theory of the Origin of Knowledge: Unveiling the Structural Essence of the "Brain Chamber" Concept. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*.
17. Thakkar, H., Datta, S., Bhadra, P., Barot, H., & Jadav, J. (2025). Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Fraud Detection: A Comprehensive Bibliometric Mapping of Research Trends and Directions. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 138-150.
18. Zameer, M., & Shimray, S. R. (2025). Patent Analysis in India: A Bibliometric Study. *Annals of Library and Information Studies*, 72(2), 162-173.

Forthcoming Events

Conferences, Seminars, Webinars & Summits

- Three-Day International Conference on Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage. Organized by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Dates: 11–13 September 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Department of Information Studies, East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, is pleased to announce the 4th International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (i-IKM), "From Access to Action: Rethinking Information Practices in an AI-driven Society" which is scheduled to be held from 16-18 September 2025 at East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. For more info: [click here](#)
- IASLIC 34th All India Conference will take place at the University of Kashmir, India Dates: September, 16-18. For more info: [click here](#)
- IEEE International Conference on Next-Gen Technologies of Artificial Intelligence and Geoscience Remote Sensing. Date: 17 - 18 September 2025. Place: Hyderabad, India. For more info: [click here](#)
- COLLNET 2025: 19th International Conference on Advancing Research in Webometrics, Informetrics & Scientometrics (WIS) and the 24th COLLNET Meeting, scheduled for September 19-21, 2025, at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi Enclave, New Delhi, India, in Hybrid Mode (In-Person & Virtual). For more info: [click here](#)
- International Conference on Library and Information Science. Organized by Inter Globe Research Network. Dates: 22nd September 2025. This event will be at the city of Abuja, Nigeria. For more info: [click here](#)
- International Conference on Libraries (ICOL) 2025 in Penang, Malaysia on "Towards Sustainable Future Libraries". Venue: Hotel Ascott Gurney, Penang. Dates: 23-24 September 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- The Scientific Information Networking Division, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam, in association with the Madras Library Association (Kalpakkam Chapter), is organizing the 14th National Conference on Recent Advances in Information Technology (READIT): 'Envisaging the Libraries in the Coming Decades'. Dates: September 24–25, 2025, Venue: Sarabhai Auditorium, IGCAR, Kalpakkam. For more info: [click here](#)
- TPDL 2025 - The 29th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Digital Libraries on Tampere, Finland. Dates: 23-26 September 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- 2025 International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS-2025) will be held in Kyoto, Japan during 25th-26th September 2025. Organized by IGRNet. For more info: [click here](#)

Forthcoming Events

- IIT Gandhinagar announces the 3rd International Conference on "Changing Landscape of Science & Technology Libraries (CLSTL-2025): Enhancing Library Experiences with Artificial Intelligence (AI)", scheduled to be held at IIT Gandhinagar, India, from September 25 to 27, 2025. For more info: [click here](#)
- Library Technology Conclave 2025 on Emerging Trends & Tools in Academic Libraries: Empowering Knowledge Ecosystems through Innovation. Organized by Nehru Institute of Technology. Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025. Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Venue: Visweswaraya Hall, NIT. For more info: [click here](#)
- International Seminar 2025 on Human Touch in the Digital Age: Re-Humanizing Library and Information Services. Organized By Department Of Library And Information Science, Jadavpur University. Dates: 21-22, November 2025. Venue: TEQIP Building, Jadavpur University. For Registration: [Click here.](#)

Workshops, Programmes, Training & Courses

- The Classical Tamil Digital Library, Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai, is organizing a three-day workshop on "Integrating Classical Tamil with Libraries using Artificial Intelligence". Dates & Time: 02.09.2025 to 04.09.2025, from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM. Venue: CICT Campus, Chemmozhi Salai, Perumbakkam, Chennai-600100. For more info: [click here](#)
- Bibliometric Analysis - Using Biblioshiny and VOS viewer Tools: Online Workshop. Organized by LibAuto. Dates: 6-7 September, 2025. Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SOUL 3.0: 5-day Online Workshop. Organized by LibAuto. Dates: 8-12 September. Time: 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- Koha - Integrated Library Management System: Professional Online Certificate Course. Organized by LibAuto. Course Date: 15 September to 30 October, 2025. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- One-Day state level workshop on Career Advancement Scheme (CAS): Eligibility, Process & Benefits (Special focus on College Librarians). Organised by Central Library in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) on 20th September 2025 (Saturday). Venue: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Auditorium, Sarat Centenary College, Dhaniakhali, Hooghly, PIN-712302, West Bengal. For Registration: [Click here.](#)
- DDC Made Easy - Using AI Tools for Automatic Classification: Online Workshop. Organized by LibAuto. September 20, 2025. Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM IST. For more info: [Click here.](#)
- SWAYAM Library and Information Science (LIS) courses currently open for enrolment are free to enroll in and learn from. For more info: [Click here.](#)

Forthcoming Events

Two Day National Workshop
On
**Transdisciplinary Research
and Scientific Writings**

18-19 September, 2025
Venue: College Auditorium

*Last date of
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10 September, 2025*

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The proposed Two-Day National Workshop on Transdisciplinary Research and Scientific Writings is completely dedicated to show light on how an investigator could complete the journey of becoming a researcher in the present age of Artificial Intelligence. There would be Four technical brain-storming sessions with hands-on training attended by the subject experts comprising Professors and other distinguished scholars from Delhi and different parts of West Bengal focussing on fruitful application of different research tools and techniques including AI generated ones. The theme of the workshop would cover almost all the aspects of research comprising the traditional and the novel (nascent) ones too. The esteemed resource persons would be demonstrating on different aspects of literature review, framing appropriate research questions to application of AI tools in conducting research and writing research report scientifically.

Students Corner

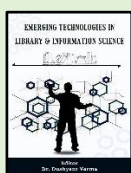
Commonwealth Scholarships

The Commonwealth Scholarship provides students from any Commonwealth country, including India, an opportunity to pursue various degree programs in the United Kingdom (UK). Granted since 1960 it is fully funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and falls within the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP). While there is no dedicated Library and Information Science scholarship, however, it is an eligible discipline and falls within the scope of the developmental themes covered under the scholarship, such as access, inclusion, and opportunities. The field of study selected must contribute to the development of India. Students who are Indian citizens may apply through the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission's Online Application System as well as on the scholarship portal of Ministry of Education, India.

Candidates must have an offer for admission from a UK university partnered with the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (UK) for intake at the time of applying and to be considered for this scholarship. There are multiple master's and PhD program scholarships available with varying eligibility and benefits. General financial benefits include approved airfare from the scholar's home country to the UK and return at the end; approved tuition fees; stipend/living allowances; study travel grant; and child, disability, and family allowances (if applicable).

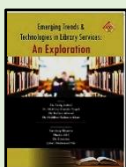
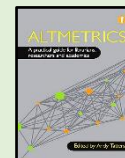
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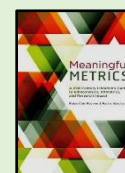
Emerging technologies in library & information science edited by Dr. Dushyant Verma. Roorkie: String Production, 2024. ASIN (pbk) BOD8RYZ4CB; ₹399.00.

Altmetrics: A practical guide for librarians, researchers and academics edited by Andy Tattersall. UK: Facet Publishing, 2021. ISBN (pbk) 978-1783300105: ₹12,117.00



Emerging Trends & Technologies in Library Services: an exploration by Tariq Ashraf. New Delhi: Synergy Books India, 2021. ISBN (pbk): 978-8194843061; ₹1,500.00

Meaningful Metrics: A 21st Century Librarian's Guide to Bibliometrics by Robin Chin Roemer and Rachel Borchardt. Kolkata: ACRL(ALA). ISBN (pbk): 978-0838987551; ₹8,637.00



Trends on Tech

Scinapse:



Scinapse is an AI-powered search engine dedicated to academic research, designed to streamline the discovery of scholarly articles, expert authors, and research trends across disciplines. It aggregates data from multiple major academic databases and open-access repositories, offering users advanced tools to analyze papers, understand their impact, and organize references efficiently. Scinapse stands out by providing features such as citation metrics, h-index analysis,

instant access to open-access PDFs, note-taking, collection organization, and integrations with reference managers like Zotero.

Key Features

AI-powered search: Uses intelligent algorithms to deliver relevant academic articles, author information, and citation data, enhancing literature reviews and research efficiency.

Expert identification: Facilitates the discovery of subject specialists across different domains using dynamic profiling and impact evaluation.

Paper and trend analysis: Offers tools for trend detection, journal analysis, and researcher achievement comparison with multidimensional metrics.

Benefits for Researchers

Faster discovery: Reduces the time spent searching for and analyzing relevant literature during reviews and project planning.

Comprehensive integration: Collates references, author details, and journal information, with the ability to organize and export collections easily.

Collaboration tools: Helps researchers connect with peers, organize resources, and generate bibliographies in multiple citation styles.

Data Coverage

Scinapse covers over 174 million academic papers from more than 50,000 journals, ensuring thorough access across scientific fields. The platform is available as a free service with premium plans for advanced analytics and institutional features.

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Trends on Tech

Scholarcy:



Scholarcy is an online AI powered tool that summarizes long research articles, reports, and documents into easy-to-digest summaries using AI technology. It allows researchers, students, journalists, and other professionals to quickly understand the key information in academic

literature and make informed decisions about which papers are most relevant to their work.

How Does Scholarcy Work?

Scholarcy uses natural language processing and machine learning algorithms to analyze uploaded PDFs and Word documents. It identifies the key sections, extracts important facts, figures, and references, and summarizes them on an easy-to-read "summary card". Users can highlight text and make notes directly on the card.

Artificial intelligence features

Effortless Summarisation: Provides seamless summarisation of extensive texts.

Key Point Extraction: Identifies and extracts essential points for quick comprehension.

Interactive Learning: Creates interactive summary flashcards to enhance understanding.

Smart Highlighting: Highlights important sections of text to guide interpretation.

Cross-Paper Insights: Automatically finds related papers and highlights comparisons.

Research Quality Indicators: Gauges the quality of research with various indicators.

Annotated Bibliographies: Simplifies reference management with annotated bibliographies.

Multi-Format Export: Allows exporting summaries and bibliographies to various formats.

Benefits and Use Cases

Scholarcy provides many benefits for researchers, students, journalists, and other professionals:

For Researchers

Quickly determine relevance of papers

Speed up literature reviews

Accelerate knowledge discovery

Follow citations easily

For Students

Digest academic literature faster

Understand key concepts quickly

Complete assignments more efficiently

Study more effectively

For Journalists

Rapidly comprehend scientific papers

Easily explain complex research

Quickly write accurate science stories

For Librarians

Help researchers find relevant papers

Assist students in understanding literature

Support learning and comprehension

For more information Click [HERE](#)

Social Media News

The Asiatic Society, in collaboration with IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi, and CDAC, has launched a pioneering initiative to digitize, transcribe, and translate Bengal's ancient manuscripts using AI and machine learning. Hyperspectral imaging will aid in recovering faded texts, while advanced algorithms will decode codified scripts. At a recent stakeholders' meeting, institutions like Calcutta University, Visva-Bharati, WB State Archives, Kolkata Port Trust and Victoria Memorial Hall pledged support. With over 50,000 manuscripts at stake, the project aims to preserve and democratize India's intellectual heritage, making it accessible to scholars, students, and the public. For details [click here](#)



Banaras Hindu University VC Prof Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi visited the Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Central Library, urging greater use of technology to modernize and enhance student access. He reviewed services for visually impaired students, including audio books via Kibo scanners and Braille editions, benefiting over 200 students. The VC also examined rare manuscripts and proposed creating an online catalogue to showcase BHU's literary heritage globally. With over 12,500 manuscripts, 7,281 are preserved in the library. His visit marked launch of RFID technology, streamlining book issuance and returns for the hundreds of students who use the library daily.

The Family Court Bar Association, Nagpur inaugurated a Library and E-Library to support advocates with modern legal resources. Justice Abhay Mantri emphasized reading's role in legal excellence. The initiative, launched after 27 years, includes digital tools and rare manuscripts, aiming to empower young lawyers and improve access to legal knowledge.



Bihar's Information Technology Department is now a part of the Mukhyamantri Digital Library Yojana, a government initiative aimed at expanding digital access to educational resources across the state. The department is asking district magistrates and education officers to identify and allocate 300–400 square feet of space at Block Resource Centres (BRCs). These spaces will serve as digital libraries, providing students and citizens with access to e-learning tools, books, and internet-based educational services. This move reflects Bihar's push to modernize education infrastructure and bridge the digital divide, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

Sci-Hub was a lifeline for researchers, especially in underfunded institutions lacking subscriptions to expensive journals. The Delhi High Court has ordered the blocking of Sci-Hub, Libgen, and related shadow libraries in India, following a copyright infringement case filed by major academic publishers like Elsevier, Wiley, and the American Chemical Society. These platforms were accused of distributing copyrighted research papers without authorization, violating previous court undertakings.

Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General of RRRLF welcomed all participants of 53rd Capacity Building Program of National Mission on Libraries which was organised at Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. They have learned integrated library management software (ILMS) for automated library operations. As part of this Capacity Building Programme for Public Library Personnel, participants visited the National Library. They explored different sections, discovered preservation techniques, and experienced the library's vast treasures.

The Directorate of Library Services, Government of West Bengal celebrated Public Library Day on 31 August 2025 with a state-level program at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, Alipore, Kolkata. The event featured beautifully designed tableaux, venue branding, and cultural presentations highlighting the role of libraries as vibrant community hubs. The celebration underscored the state's commitment to promoting public libraries as centres of knowledge, inclusion, and lifelong learning, while encouraging greater public awareness and participation in library services across West Bengal.

GLAM Special Report

Library on Wheels: A Sensory First for the UK



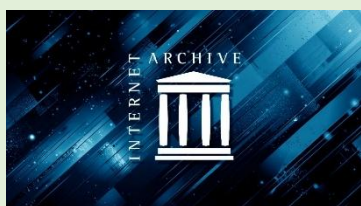
Exciting news is on the horizon for library services in the UK! Warwickshire is set to launch the Discovery Den, the very first mobile sensory public library in the country. This innovative initiative aims to create an inclusive and engaging environment specifically tailored for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

The Discovery Den is more than just a library on wheels. It's a fully equipped, accessible, and eco-friendly electric vehicle that will provide an interactive sensory experience. Inside, children and young people will discover an environment thoughtfully designed to enhance learning, play, and overall wellbeing through sensory interaction. By merging mobility with inclusivity, this groundbreaking project will deliver library services to those communities that need them the most. For families who encounter challenges accessing traditional library settings, the Discovery Den presents a creative and accessible alternative. As a trailblazer in the UK, the Discovery Den showcases Warwickshire's dedication to accessibility and innovation while also serving as a model for libraries nationwide. This initiative symbolizes a step forward in addressing the diverse needs of communities and adapting library services for the future. Exciting news for Warwickshire residents! Starting early 2026, a special vehicle will be making its way to various schools and community spots across the region. This mobile resource will provide a sensory space for small groups, along with a curated selection of books and sensory equipment available for loan. To ensure the space meets the needs of the community effectively, Warwickshire Libraries are reaching out for feedback from children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), their parents, and the professionals who support them. Your insights will help shape the sensory equipment featured in the vehicle, maximizing its impact for as many people as possible in the limited space available.

Source: Warwickshire County Council

Digital Democracy: Internet Archive Becomes a Federal Library

The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), managed by the US Government Publishing Office (GPO), has provided free access to official federal documents since its establishment in 1813. Today, there are 1,150 depository libraries located across all 50 states, with most operating as physical libraries. This initiative continues to play a crucial role in ensuring that the public can easily access government information.



The Internet Archive has officially become a federal depository library, which allows it to offer free access to important resources such as bills, laws, regulations, presidential documents, studies, and more. As a nonprofit organization, this new role aligns seamlessly with its mission to ensure that knowledge remains accessible to everyone. This expansion into the Federal Depository Library Program underscores the Archive's commitment to serving the public and promoting equitable access to information.

Since 2016, the Government Publishing Office (GPO) has been a strong advocate for digital preservation, and their efforts have gained momentum in recent months. In a move to expand the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), congressional members can now designate up to two qualified libraries. Recently, California Senator Alex Padilla nominated the Internet Archive for this designation. With its commitment to removing barriers, the Internet Archive is poised to enhance access to federal government publications for communities both nationwide and globally. As technology advances, the Internet Archive stands at the forefront of online library services, making it a valuable addition to the Federal Depository Library Program.

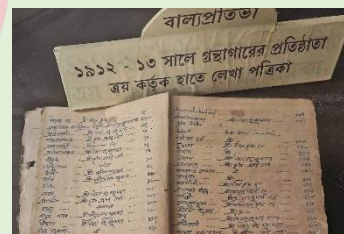
Library in Focus

The 116-year-old The Boys' Own Library in Kolkata faces an uncertain future



In Kolkata, every turn, every locality awaits with a glimpse of history. One such hidden gem is the century-old The Boys' Own Library and Young Men's Institute in north Kolkata's Goabagan. Three school-going teenagers, Krishna Prasanna Ghosh, Jiban Krishna De and Prodyut Kumar Rudra founded the Boys' Own Library on 1st May 1909, with a handful of only 20 books and a wobbly almirah. Dr. Girish Chandra Dutta, an eminent physician generously accommodated the library at free of rent in his residential house at 12, Ram Narayan Bhattacharya Lane, Kolkata- 700 006. Initially, the total number of members was eight, and the monthly subscription was two annas. There was no admission fee or deposit money, neither the library had any written constitution. By 1911, as the number of members increased, it became necessary to formally frame and write down the Library Rules. The Boys Own Library also contributed significantly to the Library Movement in Bengal. From 1915 onwards, the library underwent several shifts. In 1915 it was shifted to 7/3 Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700 006. In 1917, it again removed to a rented room at 71, Masjid Bari Street Kolkata- 700 006. In 1918, the Memorandum and the Articles of Association was registered. Being satisfied with the activities of the Library, the Calcutta Corporation sanctioned an annual grant of Rs. 75/- in 1919. In 1920, the library was again shifted to 12, Ram Narayan Bhattacharya Lane, Kolkata- 700 006. In 1936, the library moved to 76/2 Bidhan Sarani, Kolkata- 700 006. Its current location is 2, Boys' Own Library Row in Goabagan, which was shifted in 1968. Six years before the shift, in 1962, Scientist Satyendra Nath Bose laid the foundation stone of the building, and the three-storey space was inaugurated by union education minister Dr. Triguna Sen, with novelist Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay in attendance at the event.

In 1912, 'Balya Pratibha', a manuscript Bengali magazine was started by the library with the aim of giving the members an opportunity of improving their writing skill. A 'Book Committee' was formed in 1911-12 and the library activities were extended, with the formation of a Debating Section. Following the student's taboo of reading Bengali fictions and dramas in those days, the eminent dramatist D. L. Roy presented a copy of "Mewar Patan" with an endorsement on the cover, in the author's own handwriting. This complimentary copy of "Mewar Patan" was however kept in the library shelf after a marathon discussion in the Executive Committee. The Institution celebrated its Silver Jubilee in May 1934. By that time, it possessed 2123 volumes of English books, 2776 Bengali Books, 73 volumes of English and 394 volumes of Bengali Magazines. The Children Section of the Library was started in 1939-40. In 1949, a new department called the "Vishesh Bangla Sahitya Bibhag" was commenced as an aid to the research scholars and serious readers in Bengali language and literature. In May 1981, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation appreciated the activities of the library, by naming its front street as "Boys' Own Library Row. According to an 81 years old member "history and heritage alone is often not enough for survival in modern times. He worries about the uncertain future of his beloved institution due to the lack of funds. In fact, almost all those who oversee the library today have somehow kept this library alive by working free of cost, voluntarily. There is constant financial stress, but present members of the library are trying to fix a steady budget.



In course of 100 years of struggle in the field of education, culture and library movement, the Boy's Own Library & Young Men's Institute is functioning as a non-communal and non-political organization, committed towards cultural inter-action and development of the library movement in West Bengal. The library now awaits not just for readers also for revival.



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