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Preamble

We are organizing the International Seminar on **“Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next”** with a vision, important for professional as well as academia. We are making a step forward in achieving and becoming the best. The enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of the organizing team will spare no efforts in meeting your expectations and making this international seminar a successful event.

It also gives us immense pleasure to welcome the academic illuminaries, thoughtful research scholars, doyens of the library professionals and other dignitaries to the International Seminar on **“Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next”** at TEQUIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India during February 4 – 5, 2023 which is organized by Universal Briefing, Kolkata, India and Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah, West Bengal, India in collaboration with Librarians’ Voice, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Global Centre for Innovation and Learning, USA and financial assistance from Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Kolkata, India.

The theme of the Seminar draws the inspiration from the fact that public libraries are facing hard challenges in every aspect of their daily activities. The changes in services and activities are happening at a global speed and to keep up each library must have to take innovative strategy to maintain the pace in the race.

There are more than 3,20,000 public libraries worldwide, 73 percent of them in developing and transitioning countries and more about 70,000 public libraries in India. Another estimation puts the figure at 1 lakh plus libraries in India which are at all levels - beginning at the state level, district level, block level, village level. Presently there are 2480 public libraries in West Bengal out of which, there are 13 Govt. Public Libraries, 2460 Govt. Sponsored Public Libraries and 7 Govt. Aided Public Libraries. It is very sad that many public libraries in West Bengal are closed for lack of library staff. But despite being situated probably in one of the best architectural set ups in our country remain in a dire state of deprivation.

It has started very interesting initiatives for resurrection and transformation of public libraries. There is a nodal agency squarely to work for public libraries which is called RAJA RAMMOHUN ROY LIBRARY FOUNDATION set up by Ministry of Culture. Then there is National Mission on Libraries. Their initiatives are going on in the area of digitalization of knowledge resources and setting up of virtual libraries. But the point here is that, all these efforts despite sincerity in their approach and vision are yet to yield results.

So, how should a public library look like in present scenario? We are at a stage and an era where digitization of most of the knowledge resources is happening. If we pick up our mobile, we will find all kinds of knowledge resources which are available around the globe in a digital format. That is a matter of concern as what would be the role of public library. We need to probably rethink about the new role of a public library. We need to create it as a kind of place where we can undertake new services and activities for the user communities. Public Library can



also be used for career counseling or for a lot of knowledge dissemination services about Govt. Programs. But for this we require a lot of fund, resources and kindness of Authority. The librarian and the public library are to be capacitated, to be able to receive or acquire the funds and put those funds in use in a manner in which communities are able to make use of services which are offered using those funds.

This Two day International Seminar will witness the flurry of six thematic sessions comprising “high powered invited lectures”. The paper presentation tracks will provide opportunities to the presenters to showcase their ‘academic & practical mettle’ under technical session chairs of eminent academicians in the field of Library and Information Science.

The Seminar has become more exhilarating with the responses that it has received from India and abroad, covering the central and state universities, international organisations, which further adds to the grandeur of International Seminar on Library beyond Campus. The various research papers will throw light on the different dimensions of public libraries as viewed through lens of future possibilities. The occasion will provide a conversant environment for the researchers, academicians and professionals to freely exchange their views and ideas with others.

We express gratitude to the President of the seminar Dr. Soma Bandyopadhyay; Seminar Director Professor Udayan Bhattacharya for their wholehearted support. Both of them have not only mentored us but also provided with all possible help and guidance from time to time. We express our thanks and appreciation to the members of the Universal Briefing, members of the seminar organizing committee, our fraternal colleagues, students and research scholars for working their best level of capabilities to organize this event. The volunteers deserve special appreciation for delivering the required tasks with full responsibility. We congratulate to all the paper presenters for their hard work and valuable research inputs in the seminar.

The success of this seminar is solely on the dedication and efforts of the members of organizing committee, our dignitaries, guests and delegates coming from different academic ranks and backgrounds across the country & abroad.

We would like to thank the authority of Jadavpur University as well as the Department of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University for their cooperation. We would like to thanks each and every organisation and person for their financial assistance and logistic support to this International Seminar.

We are very thankful to our Platinum, Gold & Silver sponsors who have contributed to this seminar a lot. We are also thankful to other sponsors, media persons and library professionals across the globe for their involvement with us.

Our special thanks to: **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation**, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Kolkata, India for financial assistance.

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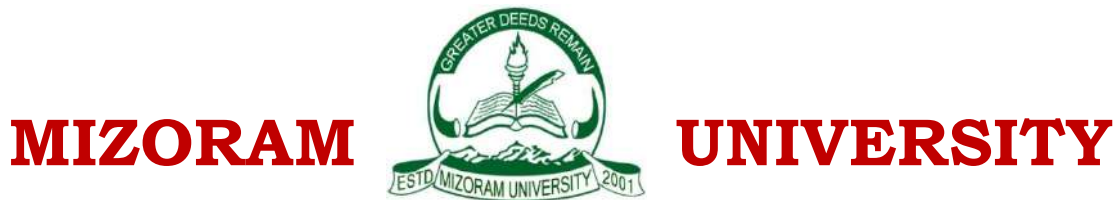


I am happy to know that Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah, West Bengal in collaboration with Universal Briefing and others, is organizing an international seminar on "Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next" in February, 2023.

It is laudable indeed that several useful themes and subthemes of the seminar have been set for discussion in respect of providing quality Public Library Services. What is heartening to note is that the organizers have considered the importance of the Public Libraries in the present scenario.

I am sure that the international seminar would be successful and it also gives opportunity for introspection with a view to have well-conceived plans for ensuring world class Public Library Services to the nook and corner of the country.

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Message

I am happy to know that Universal Briefing is organizing a Two - Day International Seminar on “Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next” during 4-5 February, 2023 in collaboration with Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah, West Bengal, India, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Kolkata, Global Centre for Innovation and Learning, USA, and Librarian’ Voice, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Libraries around the world are discussing and practicing various innovative solutions to libraries naming ‘Next Generation Libraries’, ‘Libraries beyond the walls’, and ‘Future of Libraries’. This has a great impact on providing appropriate web resources and qualitative services for the benefit of the users. Public Libraries being ‘Peoples’ University’ are also practicing and providing various innovative library and information services through networking and digitization, web-based services through social media tools and its application in libraries. I am sure the discussions and deliberations during these two days international seminar shall focus on more issues and challenges on catering the information needs of users of public libraries at large.

I wish this international seminar a grand success.

Dated 18th January, 2023


(Prof. Pravakar Rath)



Message from
Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta

Former Director, Central Secretariat Library, Govt. of India

Futuristic Library and Information Service (LIS) will have to be inclusive and community oriented. Library Professionals need effective communication and interactive skills to deal with the present unequal social and educational system. This effort on our part will help in bringing about necessary changes for building a knowledge-based society in India.



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To
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President, Universal Briefing &
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Dear Professor Bhattacharya,

I am delighted to know that Universal Briefing in collaboration with **Narasinha Dutt College**, Howrah, West Bengal, India, **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation**, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Kolkata, India, **Global Centre for Innovation and Learning**, USA, and **Librarian Voice**, Dhaka, Bangladesh is going to organize a Two-day International Seminar on “**Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next**” during 4-5 February, 2023. We are looking forward to a lively exchange of new ideas in the various business sessions and round tables of this international seminar to be held at Jadavpur University.

I commend the endeavour and wish the International Seminar on “**Library beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Service for the Generation Next**” a grand success.

With best regards,

Sincerely

(Prof. Ranjan Chakrabarti)

Vice-Chancellor,

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MESSAGE FROM PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR, JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY:

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Universal Briefing is organizing a two-day international seminar on "**Library Beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Services for the Generation Next**" on 4th and 5th February, 2023 at TEQUIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.



I believe the seminar will give a platform for library professionals, researchers and experts in this field to interact and exchange ideas. It will offer a premise to discuss the major issues concerning the future of public library services. I hope the deliberations of the seminar will provide practical recommendations for the betterment of the public library system in the country.

I wish great success for this seminar and appreciate the organizers for their efforts in conducting this factual event.



Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharjee
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Message from the Director of the Seminar

I am pleased to share that Universal Briefing is organizing a two-day international seminar on “Library Beyond Campus: Resurrecting Public Library Services for the Generation Next” on 4th and 5th February, 2023 at TEQUIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.



Established in 2020 Universal Briefing is a non-governmental voluntary organization. Since inception it aims to provide a unique platform for exchange of information, innovative ideas, technical expertise; inspire young professionals to acquire professional skills and promote research activities for advancement of the field of Library and Information Science. Universal Briefing had organized Webinars under different themes during the pandemic period and conducts regular study circles on various relevant areas. This year Universal Briefing is organizing its first international seminar in physical mode.

With the theme on resurrecting public library services the seminar is indeed significant. In the backdrop of rapid technological development and changing scenario of information need it is necessary to have constant efforts to update public library services to keep in pace with time and make a dynamic and sustainable public library system. The seminar will include enriching addresses from academicians and field experts; presentations from participants; and provide opportunities of healthy interaction and sharing.

I am sure the deliberations will be highly productive and give fresh visions towards the rejuvenation of the public library services.

I thereby heartily welcome you all to join us.

Udayan Bhattacharya

(Professor Udayan Bhattacharya)

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আগামী ৪ ও ৫ ফেব্রুয়ারী চার দেওয়ালের বাইরে গ্রন্থাগারের ব্যাপ্তি বিষয়ে আলোকপাত করার জন্য অত্যন্ত মনোগ্রাহী, আন্তর্জাতিক আলোচনা চক্র অনুষ্ঠিত হতে চলেছে। এই আলোচনা চক্রের বিষয় নিঃসন্দেহে সময়োপযোগী এবং প্রাসঙ্গিক। মুঠোফোন বন্দি হাজার জোড়া চোখকে বইমুখী করা বোধহয় এই মুহূর্তের সবথেকে বড় চ্যালেঞ্জ। নরসিংহ দত্ত কলেজের গ্রন্থাগার পাঠকের দর্শন, মনন, চিন্তন এবং পঠনপাঠনের শতাব্দী প্রাচীন ঐতিহ্য বয়ে নিয়ে চলেছে। কালের নিয়মে গ্রন্থাগারের পরিসর বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে, কিন্তু বিস্ময়কর রকম কমেছে পাঠকের সংখ্যা। চার দেওয়ালের ঘেরাটোপে প্রজ্ঞা ও জ্ঞানের অতলান্ত ভান্ডার প্রযুক্তিদক্ষ পাঠকের উদাসীনতার আড়ালেই থেকে যায়। অথচ অক্ষরমালা ঋদ্ধ গ্রন্থের মধ্যে যে কি অপরিসীম মননশীলতা লুকিয়ে আছে তা নতুন করে আবিষ্কার করে বর্তমান প্রজন্মের কাছে পৌঁছে দেওয়া একটি অত্যন্ত গুরুত্বপূর্ণ সামাজিক কাজ। আর এই আলোচনা চক্র সেই বার্তাই প্রেরণ করে।

হাওড়া জেলার প্রাচীনতম শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের পক্ষ থেকে সমস্ত সহযোগী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে আন্তরিক ধন্যবাদ জানাই। আপনাদের ঐকান্তিক প্রচেষ্টা এবং সহযোগিতায় নরসিংহ দত্ত কলেজ এমন এক বার্তাবহ মঞ্চের আয়োজন করতে পেরেছে। এই মঞ্চ গ্রন্থাগারের বিস্তৃতি, তার আধুনিকীকরণ এবং বইয়ের অন্তর্নিহিত শক্তি সম্পর্কে বয়স, পেশা এবং সামাজিক অবস্থান নির্বিশেষে সমস্ত পাঠককে সমৃদ্ধ করবে এই আশা রাখি।

আজ থেকে প্রায় একশো বছর আগে রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর সমাজের প্রকৃত শিক্ষায় বই পড়ার তাৎপর্য নিয়ে দীর্ঘ প্রবন্ধ রচনা করেছেন, যা আজও একই রকম, বোধহয় একটু বেশিই প্রাসঙ্গিক। বইয়ের শক্তি সম্পর্কে পাঠককে সচেতন করতে গিয়ে কবি লিখেছেন -

‘বিদ্যুৎকে মানুষ লোহার তার দিয়া বাঁধিয়াছে, কিন্তু কে জানিত মানুষ শব্দকে নিঃশব্দের মধ্যে বাঁধিতে পারিবে! কে জানিত সঙ্গীতকে, হৃদয়ের আশাকে, জাগ্রত আত্মার আনন্দধ্বনিকে, আকাশের দৈববাণীকে সে কাগজে মুড়িয়া রাখিবে? কে জানিত মানুষ অতীতকে বর্তমানে বন্দী করিবে, অতলস্পর্শ কাল-সমুদ্রের উপর কেবল এক একখানি বই দিয়া সাঁকো বাঁধিয়া দিবে!’ (‘লাইব্রেরী’ বিচিত্র প্রবন্ধ। ১৯৩৮, পৃষ্ঠা - ৩৫ - ৩৮)

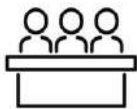
গ্রন্থাগারের চৌহদ্দি পার করে এই আলোচনার মঞ্চ হয়ে উঠুক অতল-স্পর্শ সমুদ্রের উপর সুনির্মিত সেই সেতু, যা আকাশে বাতাসে ছড়িয়ে দেবে শব্দকে নিঃশব্দে বেঁধে রাখা বইয়ের উদাত্ত আহবান। লক্ষ্যহীন পথভোলা পাঠককে আঁকাবাঁকা অচেনা পথ থেকে সরিয়ে, পৌঁছে দেবে সেই সঠিক ঠিকানায় যার নাম গ্রন্থাগার। কবির ভাষায় এ এক অদ্ভুত জগৎ -

‘এখানে জীবিত ও মৃত ব্যক্তির হৃদয় পাশাপাশি একপাড়ায় বাস করিতেছে। বাদ ও প্রতিবাদ এখানে দুই ভাইয়ের মতো এক সঙ্গে থাকে। সংশয় ও বিশ্বাস, সন্ধান ও আবিষ্কার এখানে দেহে দেহে লগ্ন হইয়া বাস করে। এখানে দীর্ঘ-প্রাণ স্বল্প-প্রাণ পরম ধৈর্য্য ও শান্তির সহিত জীবনযাত্রা নির্বাহ করিতেছে, কেহ কাহাকেও উপেক্ষা করিতেছে না।’ (‘লাইব্রেরী’ বিচিত্র প্রবন্ধ। ১৯৩৮, পৃষ্ঠা - ৩৫ - ৩৮)।

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February 4, 2023

Venue: TEQUIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Registration & Breakfast

Time: 9.00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (IST)

Inaugural Programme

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (IST)

Welcome Address	Dr. Ranjan Samanta , Librarian, Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata, Secretary, Universal Briefing	Organising General Secretary of the Seminar
Speech of the Seminar President	Dr. Soma Bandyopadhyay , Principal, Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah, West Bengal	President of the Seminar
Inaugural Speech	Prof. Pravakar Rath , Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University, Mizoram	Inaugurator of the Seminar and Grace the Occasion
Speech of the Chief Guest	Prof. Ajay Pratap Singh , Director General, National Library & RRRLF, Govt. of India	Chief Guest of the Seminar
Presidential Speech	Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharjee , Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University	President of the Inaugural Programme
Speech of the Guest of Honour	Golam Mustafa , Managing Director, Hakkani Publisher, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Guest of Honour
Speech of the Organising Jt. Secretary	Sakil Malik , CEO and Co-Founder, Global Center for Innovation and Learning(GCFIL), USA	Organising Jt. Secretary of the Seminar
Speech of the Seminar Director	Prof. Udayan Bhattacharya , DLIS, Jadavpur University, President, Universal Briefing	Seminar Director
Keynote Address	Smt. Kalpana Dasgupta , Former Director, Central Secretariat Library, Govt. of India	Keynote Speaker of the Programme
Vote of Thanks	Dr. Swapan Khan , Librarian, Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah, West Bengal, Joint Secretary, Universal Briefing	Organising General Secretary of the Seminar



Technical Session - I

Time: 12:30 p.m. -1:00 p.m.

Theme: Public Library Management and Related Issues

Jt. Chairperson: Professor (Dr.) Subarna Kumar Das, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Jt. Chairperson: Professor (Dr.) Sabuj Kumar Chaudhuri, Professor & Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Paper Presentation 12:30 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Launch Break 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Technical Session - II

Time: 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Theme: Public Library System and Services

Jt. Chairperson: Professor (Dr.) Krishnapada Majumder, Former Prabir Roychaudhury Chair Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Jt. Chairperson: Professor (Dr.) Biplab Chakraborty, Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta, Kolkata

Invited Lecture 2:00 p.m.- 2:20 p.m.

Dr. Nema Chand Saha, Librarian,Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal

Paper Presentation 2:20 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.
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Tea break 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
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Technical Session - III

Time: 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Theme: Collection Development and related issues in the Public Library

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Binod Bihari Das, Former Chief Librarian, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Sudip Ranjan Hatua, Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Invited Lecture 3:45 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.
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Professor (Dr.) Arun Kumar Chakraborty, Professor & Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Netaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata

Paper Presentation 4.05 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.



DAY -II

February 5, 2023

Venue: TEQUIP Building Auditorium, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Technical Session - IV

Time: 9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Theme: National Education Policy/ SDGs/ Effects of Covid-19

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Asitava Das, Former Librarian, University of Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Shrabana Ghosh, Chief Librarian (Acting), Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Invited Lecture 9:30a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Professor (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar Singh, Professor and Head, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India.
Paper Presentation 9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tea Break 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Technical Session - V

Time: 11:15a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Theme: IT and Social Media in the Public Library

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Sibsankar Jana, Associate Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani, Nadia, WB

Jt. Chairperson: Md Monirul Islam, Senior Librarian, Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Invited Lecture 11:15a.m. - 11:35a.m.
Dr. Samir Kumar Jalal, Deputy Librarian, IIT, Kharagpur, West Bengal
Paper Presentation 11:35 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Launch Break 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.



Technical Sessions - VI

Time: 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Theme: Green Public Library/User perceptions in the Public Library

Jt. Chairperson: Mr. Satyabrata Ghoshal, Former Chief Librarian, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

Jt. Chairperson: Dr. Sushanta Banerjee, University Librarian, West Bengal State University, Barasat, West Bengal

Invited Lecture 1:45 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.
Professor (Dr.) Saptarshi Ghosh, Professor & Head University of North Bengal, Darjeeling
Paper Presentation 2:05 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Tea break 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Valedictory Session

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

President of the Seminar & Session Dr. Soma Bandyopadhyay Principal, Narasinha Dutt College Howrah, West Bengal
Valedictory Speech Professor Ranjan Chakrabarti Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata
Vote of Thanks Dr. Madhusri Ghosh Upadhyay Organising Jt. Secretary of the Seminar
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The past few years have witnessed a drastic change in the provision of electronic resources in both academic and public libraries. The E-books are the most used electronic resources in present time. There is a need for libraries to raise awareness about the e-books that they offer. These e-books can also provide opportunities to increase library usages. Based on this assumption this study aims to analyse the 30 e-book websites that offers huge collection of free e-books in terms of accessibility and visibility. A web analytics tool 'Similar Web' was used for mining the web traffic and performance data of websites to evaluate the accessibility and visibility. The results show that the archive.org are the most visited e-book website having 308 million views with more than 50 million unique visitors. However, 'Wikibooks' get the highest bounce rate of 77% for the period from September 2022 to November 2022. Most of the traffics are generated from the United States and the China. Where, Reddit.com is the most prominent social networking site for generating social traffic.

Keywords: Accessibility, e-book, data mining, web analytics, e-resources

Anna Centenary Library vs. Austin Central Library: a Comparison between two Green Libraries

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Traditionally, a library is a collection of materials (books or media) that are not simply for show but also available for the user. But, the idea of a library nowadays is quite different. The idea of a Green Library is currently a very fascinating research topic among LIS specialists all around the world. This approach was initially accepted by first-world nations like the USA, UK, and others, but it is now spreading to countries like India. The study highlights the status of the green library, its characteristics, and several international and Indian performance standards. For the comparison, two libraries are used: the Anna Centenary Library and the Austin Central Library, both of them fulfill the requirements to be Green Library. The information was gathered from their official website and a few reputable journal articles. Finally, the study focuses on a few issues that highlight the responsibility of a librarian in creating a library that considers social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

Keywords: Green library, public library, central library, Anna Centenary Library



Application of Social Media in Marketing of Public Library Resources and Services in Bangladesh: a study

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Public library is the most common library for the people but some time it is difficult to know the services which they have given to the user because of inadequate marketing strategy. Social Media is very common platform for the mass people of Bangladesh to know about something. Public libraries personnel have easy chances to introduce their services through Social Media. This study aims to investigate how public libraries use social media applications to promote their resources and information services globally. The study analyzes the most popular Social Media platforms in public libraries and reviews empirical studies on the use of Social Media for marketing. The study concludes by presenting a framework for the effective development and implementation of social media applications in the promotion of public libraries of Bangladesh. This article is based on a thorough desk-top assessment of the literature as well as the author's personal opinions.

Keywords: Social media, public library, library service, library resource, Bangladesh

Application of Social Media in Public Library

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In the current digital world, social networking is the only viable option for instant communication. Social media makes the most use of virtual elements on this social networking platform to make it user-friendly. A public library has a great opportunity to reach different types of users and it will be faster if they can use social media platforms. At this point, this article will address how public libraries can expand beyond traditional walls through social media. Therefore, it is a reality that the resurrection of public libraries strongly necessitates the development of digital literacy among library professionals. In this article, many social media platforms will be described as communication bridges between users and library professionals. These include platforms such as Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, Blog, Twitter, Wiki etc. Despite the drawbacks of social media, it has tremendous benefits for widely sharing information and facilitating remote communication, which indicates the development of public library services for the next generation.

Keywords: Public library, social media, library service, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook



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The rapid rise of online social media entirely changed the world of information by bridging the gap between users and information. It becomes the primary platform for news, opinions and human interactions. Millions of people are consuming social media content on a daily basis and spending a great amount of time browsing these social media tools for social exchange. Social media tools e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Wikis, WeChat etc. can also be a potent information dissemination tool for libraries to promote their activities, resources and services. Libraries are increasingly using social media to share events and pictures, inform and educate people about various services and resources, showcase their collections and support other libraries. Social media also offers a ground-breaking and effective way of connecting with patrons. This article examines how social media tools are being used and capitalized by some major public libraries across the world. This article also illustrates some constraints and concerning issues with using social media in libraries.

Keywords: Social Media, Public Library, Information Dissemination, Library services, Social Media Policy, Social Media Tools, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter

Applications of Tools & Techniques of House Keeping Operation of University Library System in Public Libraries

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The present study discusses the application process of tools and techniques of housekeeping operation of university library system in public libraries. The process is considered the huge effect of technology in modern times. The application of tools and techniques such as use of ICT has got the result of globalization and knowledge of resources. The absorption of ICT to public libraries can no longer be ignored. ICTs are vast applied in public libraries which squeeze items of equipment such as computers, scanner, internet, multimedia software programmes, that allows accessing, retrieving, storing, organizing and manipulating. The growth and development of ICT is playing vital role in the field of library and information science. So housekeeping operation system refers to the implementation of information and communications technologies in the public libraries for replacing manual library operation.

Keywords: Tools, Techniques, ICT Policy, Public Libraries, Information, Communication, Technology



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Public library, as “people’s university” should provide information literacy support and cradles of culture to the citizens. Public library must provide variety of services to the communities. The purpose of this study is to analyse the perceptions of the communities, irrespective of users and non-users, towards public libraries. To achieve the objective, the study surveyed different public libraries of Coochbehar district of West Bengal as well as a convenience sample of 273 population was surveyed. 3 types of questionnaire were framed for collecting data. Interview and observation method was also used in collecting data. The study investigated the categories of services provided to the users and satisfaction from the community’s end. The study reveals that communities have more expectations towards public libraries like access to computers, internet connectivity, job training etc. The study explores a gap between community’s perception and quality of services provided. It is important from the end of the higher authority to pay more attention to provide adequate resources to libraries.

Keywords: Public library, Library users, Library non-users, Users perception, Coochbehar

Awareness and Expectations of Public Library Users in Kandi Subdivision, Murshidabad: A Study

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The main purpose of this study is to expose the perceptions and expectations of users towards public libraries and how the public libraries of it uplifting themselves to cope up with the present digital era to become a local gateways of knowledge for improvement of quality as well as a true information hub. To achieve the objectives of the study a survey has been conducted in selected public libraries of Kandi subdivision, Murshidabad. A structured questionnaire is designed for data collection. It is found that the condition of public libraries are not well and internet facilities also not available adequately. In this modern age everyone has limited time to access information physically, so without the internet connection it’s very difficult to deal this situation. This article suggested various ways where convergence technologies can be used to improve and promote the existing library services. The study also reflects the use pattern and awareness about public libraries of rural and suburban people of West Bengal.

Keywords: Public libraries, Library users, User perceptions, User expectations, ICT, Library Extension Program



Big data technologies: A game changing method for public libraries

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Studies about Big data have attracted considerable attraction in every other field like health, soil weather forecasting etc. But however Big data analytics in public libraries in India have less attention. Public libraries have potential to generate large volume of data which mostly no-SQL data. But currently existing technologies in public libraries don't have that capacity to capture and analysis the data. But Big data technologies have that capacity to capture and generate huge volume of data. It not only help to analysis data and giving insightful meaning of it but also complement the existing technology. It not only gives personalized information services to its users alsoreaches more future users of the library. In this paper we are going to discuss about characteristics of Big data, Big data model and what will be the role of librarians to create a suitable environment for the big data analysis in library.

Keywords: Big data, Big data technology, Big data management, Data analysis, Library Management, Big data opportunity, Public Library

Classification of Bengali Literature in “Bangla PustakBargikaran”: Special Reference to Public Libraries

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Purpose: The main purpose of this article is to highlight the issue related to Public Libraries in West Bengal regarding the lacking of use in the freedom given by the classification of vernacular literature (like Bengali literature) in the widely used Dewey Decimal Classification system and also shows the preference given to a limited field in the context of Indo-Aryan literature. That is why no book of American literature should be kept in the library, but the scope of American literature for classification remains arbitrary. Methodology: The article based on the book classification of ‘Bangla Pustak Bargikaran’ prepared by Ramakrishana Saha based on Dewey Decimal Classification Scheme. Findings: ‘891.44’ use of this classification number from DDC in Bengali literature leaves no way of widening the scope of the form divisions of Bengali literature. But if we use the classification numbers of American literature in Bengali literature according to the freedom of DDC, then we can increase the range of classification numbers. Value: There will also be many benefits in the classification of literature, the spread of classification numbers will also be much less, there will also be many benefits in the case of call numbers. Finally, it will support the fourth law of the ‘Five laws of library science’ and satisfy the Law of Parsimony.

Keywords: Book classification; DDC; Five Laws of Library Science; Knowledge Classification; Knowledge Organisation; Law of Parsimony; Public Library



Classifying Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Domains in Library: A Conceptual Study

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Disciplinary boundaries have been crossed long back leading to development of new interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas. While some of these subjects have now become separate well-established disciplines, numerous new areas are emerging. Documents relating to such interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas pose problems in classification especially for large public libraries. This paper discusses the main problems faced while classifying the interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary areas; it tries to analyze the problem by studying the scattering of selected subjects in classification schemes and also suggests solutions to overcome these problems.

Keywords: Interdisciplinary subjects, Multidisciplinary subjects, Classification scheme, Public library

Collection Development and Services of Non-Book Materials (NBM) in Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library

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Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library. Hooghly, West Bengal is considered among one of the oldest, first free and heritage Public Library in India. There are a large number of rare non-book materials. This paper examines the status of Non Book Materials (NBM) in the Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library. Non-Book materials also play a vital roles in any Public Library. There are many Non Book Materials like periodicals, newspaper, manuscripts, maps, photos, cassettes, microfilm, microfiche, CD, VCD, DVD etc. This paper explained about total collection of NBM, its usage policy, its borrowing facility, interlibrary loan or lending facilities available or not, the maintenance and arrangement, accessibility policy, preservation policy etc in the Uttarpara Jaikrishna Public Library, Hooghly, West Bengal.

Keywords: Non-Book Material, Public Library, Collection development, Manuscripts, Heritage Public Library Service



Community Information Service and Public Library: Dream of the People of Rural West Bengal

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Community Information Services(CIS) is not a modern phenomena. It was in our ancient society but in true sense it has really been emerging as a fact of Public Library System in the developing countries. Form and mode of providing CIS with utmost effectiveness is obviously a study of modern era. Public Library (PL) is working for the betterment of the community people from its inception, but it has been facing many bottlenecks. Modern Public Library with internet connectivity is stretching out its services overcoming the barriers. Library and Information Professionals are also studying the pros and cons of CIS through PL. Community people are expecting value added information services from PL. A sample survey has been conducted among the people of rural West Bengal in this regard. People' association with PL makes the best way to provide CIS. The role of librarians is also to be given emphasis in the use and creation of database of CIS and obviously it suggests some measures for enabling users towards the use of community information in their own way. This article would like to explore the corners for providing CIS from Public Library.

Keywords: Community Information System, Public Library, Community Library and Information Centre (CLIC), Community Radio, Social Welfare, Community Development, Information Rich and Information Poor Society, Digital Divide, Sustainable Development, Woman Empowerment

Construction and Development of Green Library: A Conceptual Study

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Every age group are drawn to the library because it is a repository of knowledge and information. The term green library refers to a library that both benefits its patron and protects the environment from pollution and greenhouse gases. This paper discusses how to establish a green library, how to convert an existing library to a green library, the environmental benefits, the contribution of library employees and patrons, awards and donations for green library initiatives and the green library initiatives in India. It suggested that librarians educate users and staff members about the green library through seminars, webinars, and other programmes. To keep the library hygienic and environmentally friendly, the librarian can set some guidelines for the staff and patron behaviour.

Keyword: green Library environment, pollution, greenhouse gases, green library initiatives in India.



Content Variations in Websites of Public Libraries in Developed Countries around the World: A Comparative Study

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The study reveals the differences in the content offered by public libraries in several developed nations throughout the world. For this study, a total of 35 libraries with rich English-language web resources have been chosen. The accessibility of various material formats to both registered users and the general public has been examined. The gathered information has been examined in terms of content management for users to create a comparative study that will describe the state of the public libraries in various nations at the moment.

Keywords: Public Libraries, Developed Nation, Content Management, Rich Web Content, Public Library Survey.

Copyright and book piracy on Telegram: A study

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Social media Telegram is one of the most popular free, cross-platform, encrypted, cloud-based, and centralised instant messaging mobile application. This paper aims to show how the different channels and bots on Telegram help the illegal distribution of books and influence its users. Also, the study focuses on the relationship between piracy and copyright. Data has been gathered by surveying five selected channels of Telegram for the analysis of the level of piracy. The study offers a comprehensive and impartial examination of how the digital black market offers pirated books to its users, the main causes of book piracy and how Telegram deals with copyright infringement. Suggestions are given to minimise book piracy and protect intellectual property rights in this digital age.

Keywords: Copyright, Telegram, book piracy, library service, book piracy



Creation of Local History Archive for Public Library Network

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Public library has the social responsibility to meet the local community requirements for knowledge, information, education, culture, recreation, and responsibility for preserving local history materials of a particular locality. Local history is the study of past incidents in a local geographical area and it embodies social aspects of history and cultural context on the local community. Local History Records (Collections) mean unpublished, rare or original items with historical value and its also exist in a variety of formats including original documents, photographs, films, tapes, and maps. Some examples of documents are letters, diaries, and meeting minutes. This study gives an outline of local history collections, different type of local history materials. This paper also discusses an overall guideline of the collection development policy for building a local history archive, acquiring and procedures of processing the local history materials which are accessible for Public library users. It also describes the matter of legal transfer of materials, description, accessing policy, preservation policy of the materials and security matter. The purpose of the local history collection in public library is to preserve materials and to make these materials available to researchers and the general public. The public library holds these materials in trust for generations next.

Keywords: Local History Collection, Historical Records, Local History Materials, Local History Archive, Collection Development Policy, Public Library

A Descriptive Study on Awareness about New National Education Policy (NEP) 2020: Its Aims, Principles, Vision, Challenges and Solution

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India is set to become a "Global Knowledge Superpower," as per NEP 2020". The Indian government adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in 2015, and since then, there has been a focus toward inclusive and equitable education. This investigation used secondary data. It is both descriptive and exploratory in style. Outcomes are based on a thorough analysis of current literature and a draught of a policy. The benefits of the services that libraries provide enable one to play a significant part in learning and research. The development of the Indian language, technology use, high-level research, online and digital learning, vocational education, and the implementation of a new National Education Policy are the main topics of this study. It also examines inclusive, high-quality education at the school and higher education levels. After 34 years of preceding education policy, it is generally acknowledged that the government has made a noteworthy and highly beneficial move forward in the twenty-first century.

Keywords: NEP 2020, SDG, inclusive education, school & higher education, online and digital learning, research, vocational education, library features, implementation of NEP 2020



Development and Management of Institutional Repositories in Academic and Research Libraries in Bangladesh

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The paper focuses on the continuous development and management of institutional repositories in academic and research libraries in Bangladesh. It also discusses their initiative steps, current infrastructure, content management, and challenges affecting the development and management of their repositories. The study used a cross-sectional and descriptive survey research design. The investigation was conducted in 20 academic and research libraries in Bangladesh that already have institutional repositories. The study's target response consisted of information professionals who were in charge of their universities' institutional repositories. The study reveals that libraries use a variety of tactics to ensure the ongoing growth and management of their IRs. The majority of the chosen libraries use DSpace software to manage their repository activities, accounting for 73.50 percent of them. The study concluded that there were no adequate resources and strategies for the development and management of IRs in academic and research libraries and they faced several challenges. Libraries were encouraged to allocate enough funds for their IRs and to ensure sufficient resources for meeting users' needs. In addition, they should explore all available strategies for the development and management of IRs. They should also come together to form consortia in the areas of software and collection development.

Digital information sources and services in the web based learning environment

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In this digital era, technology has become a very important, useful and inseparable part of our lives. While procuring appropriate resources are vital, so is the effective and appropriate usage of technology to retrieve and disseminate authentic information resources. Online information resources are diverse and their reliability and accessibility need to be investigated and assessed. Library and library science professionals play an important role in this regard by ensuring that the right information resources are acquired. Technological development in the world has brought many changes to libraries and their service deliveries. The use of online information resources is aimed at adding value to the content by making them accessible through digital means so that students, teachers, researchers and patrons can access them anytime and anywhere. The use of online content in the educational environment has enabled easy and remote access to many resources. Information sharing has also increased significantly. This shift has thereby extended the scope of reference service to the users across the world.

Keywords: Digital information sources, digital information services, online information resources, web environment, library professionals



Digital Literacy- A Key to Revive the Public Libraries in India

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Apparently no other change in the Indian society has brought more challenges than the rapid growth of digital environment. The present stagnant state of public libraries in India needs no further elaboration as a large set of scholars as well as general readers are already suffering from decaying library services and with this emergence of digital age, when the world is enjoying superior services, the Indian scenario is excruciatingly sluggish. This paper has tried to discuss the various ways public libraries can help the masses to gain digital literacy and at the same time how digitally literate and technically skilled personnel can help the public libraries to keep up with this advanced society and provide satisfactory library services. Various innovative initiatives taken by the public libraries in different parts of the world are explored through a vigorous study of literature concerning the area of our study and some recommendations have been prescribed which might be applicable in Indian context and might help resurrect the public library services here. The study finds Indian public library services to be lagging behind; although the Government of India is trying hard to spread digital literacy to the masses which should ultimately lead to the betterment of public library services.

Keywords: Public library services, digital literacy, community library services

Digital Reference Services in Public Libraries Using Chatbot: A Step towards Automated Reference Assistance

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Digital reference service allows users to ask reference questions and receive answers from library personnel through digital media. As users' communities of the public libraries are not confined within the specific subject, automated question-answering system is one of the best choices regarding virtual reference service. Objectives: This paper aims to examine the emerging field of digital reference service in the age of artificial intelligence and machine learning, and attempts to show the future possibilities of digital reference service in the public libraries using digital reference robots. Design/methodology: This paper describes the application potentiality of chatbots or robots in providing automated virtual reference service. It shows how the robots can help to automate digital reference service of public libraries and reply with the users' query in real time to satisfy the needs of the users. Findings: Chatbots or intelligent digital reference robots can be a very good alternative of traditional reference service for distant learners or remote users. It can help to increase the library usage by providing real-time authentic answers.

Keywords: Digital reference service; Virtual reference service; Public library; Chatbot; Real time virtual reference service



Digital Reference Services in Public Libraries: A Probable Study

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Digital Reference Service (DRS) is an emerging trend of traditional reference services. Digital reference service is the transition of the reference service to digital environment exporting the potentials of web technologies with technological advancements of public library also faces the need of the hour through digital or virtual environment. This paper highlights the basic concepts of digital reference service in the Public library. The elements are definition, features, types of DRS, needs, advantages and disadvantages, evaluation, implementation and maintenance of DRS in public library have been discussed in this article.

Keywords: Digital reference services, Virtual reference services, electronic reference service etc.

Drawing a bridge between readers and Public Library: A user perspective on library reading habit

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Readings habit is an important aspect of a literate society. Inculcating reading habit although begins at home but can be to a large extent promoted by libraries. Public library being people's library can play a major role. In West Bengal, there are 2209 Govt. sponsored rural libraries among which 136 belong to South 24 Parganas. This study is restricted to the rural people of South 24 PGS who are users of public library. The objective of the study is to know the satisfaction level of the readers in reading in public library. If any dissatisfaction found, then, the appropriate remedies for promoting reading habit in public library or through public library is given here this will help the library authority and govt. to take active and effective steps.

Keywords: Public Library, Users Study, Reading Habit, Library Reading Habit, South 24 Parganas



E-book subscription in university libraries: A case study of Jadavpur University Library, West Bengal, India

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The subscription and use of e-books in universities is being popular all over the world. The reason behind the popularity is the remote accessibility to the users providing multimedia information, full-text searching, reference linking, portability and interoperability on a variety of devices, flexibility in searching and browsing etc. Another reason of growing e-culture in book reading is the promotion of various initiatives like “Digital India” by the Central Government. Jadavpur University was established under Jadavpur University Act, 1955. Jadavpur University Central Library presently subscribers a wide range of e-books from several publishers to serve various programmes across different disciplines. The present study reports the e-book subscription in Jadavpur University Library. This paper describes the methods of e-book subscription and the various challenges faced by Jadavpur University Library and how to overcome it. E-book publishers put a lot of restrictions on the use of e-books like permit limited downloading, printing and simultaneous use. The paper also discusses certain procedures Jadavpur University follow to overcome the restrictions and duplication in the subscription.

Keywords: Jadavpur University, e-book, e-resource, accessibility, university library

Effects of Covid-19 on Scholarly Publication of Asiatic Region on Commerce: Through Trend Analysis

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Present study is a trend analysis of research publications on commerce that highlights the publication of commerce in the Asiatic region. This paper contains the publishing scenario of Business, management, and accounting publications of the Asiatic Region from the period of 2013-2020 based on the SJR database. The objectives of this study is to assess the trend in scholarly publication and distribution of the output of 33 countries during 8 years on commerce mainly in the area of business, management, and accountancy. The collected data has been analyzed by qualitative and quantitative assessment. The result presents that the production of China and India is higher than others and Turkmenistan and the Northern Mariana Islands contribute less among 33 and production and citation counts of China were more in the year 2020, though in 2019 the production of India was more. No citation count is noticed for the Turkmenistan article. This study helps to find weaknesses and strengths in the particular area. The paper also represents the total contribution of the Asiatic region to a particular field. It also represented that publication of India has suddenly been fallen down after Covid-19 but Chinese production has been increased after pandemic.

Keywords: Commerce, Trend Analysis, Citation Analysis, Covid-19



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Internet resources have become a standard part of the resources offered by many Public Libraries. Despite this fact, issues surrounding the selection of these internet resources cause problems for Public libraries. So this paper gives an idea about the definition and the different types of Internet Resources. The key aspect is the evaluation criteria of Internet Resources which leads to build good collection of IR in the public library. This paper focuses on the evaluation criteria for Internet Resources (IR) in the Public Library. This paper discusses about sixteen (16) criteria for the evaluation of Internet Resources in the Public Library. It also wishes to provide a comparative study of selection guidelines, diversified collection of internet resource, their accessibility etc. followed by the Public libraries located at different part of United States of America. This paper will be helpful for common man, students, teachers, library professionals as well as researchers who want to take the right information from the right resources at the right time in the right way.

Keywords: Internet Resources, E-Resources, Web-based Resources, Public Library

Evolution of Library as Green Library: A step towards Sustainable Development

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When the crisis called 'Global Warming', 'Pollution', 'Greenhouse Gas' threatening our day to day life, immediate action has to be taken for our survival. Library as an integrated part of the society can no longer be the exception to move towards participating in environment consciousness. The concept of 'Green Library' is an approach towards sustainable development as it has become an important issue in environment consciousness. The concept of Green Library in the present paper tries to express the role of library towards sustainability. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Green Library award to execute the pivotal role of libraries and librarians with specialized professional knowledge in the advancement of sustainability is considered to be the great initiative. A Green library, also known as a sustainable library, is a library built with environmental concerns in mind. Green libraries are a part of the larger green building movement. Libraries, particularly public libraries, are life-long learning centers for people of all ages in local communities. Libraries are not only repositories of knowledge, but are also important information resources for raising awareness about environmental concerns.

Keywords: Green Library, Sustainable Library, Green Librarian



Green Library- the library for generation next

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Global carbon emissions have significantly increased in the last few decades with the rapid industrialization and increased usage of fossil fuels that is threatening the very existence of our lives. Urge in the restricted use of carbon emission and limiting the uses of pollution generating sources is the need of the hour. In this context, this paper tries to lay emphasis on the go green initiatives adopted by libraries to build sustainable and eco-friendly infrastructure with the efficient and effective utilization of the available resources. This may also help developing countries like India to combat with its carbon emissions and to ensure the factors that will lead to a well equipped library within the walls and also without walls-encompassing nature keeping with the standards of LEED, IGBC, TERI and 17 SDGs . This study considers green library to be the future depending upon 3 parameters-Economy, Ecology and Equity. It also highlights different initiatives across India and in global scenario providing suggestions for libraries to undertake green movement and contribute towards future generation.

Keywords: Sustainability, Green Library, Green Building Council, Resource Institute, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Green Library: An Initiative of Next Generation Library for Sustainable Future

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Future Library is the Green Library which is going to play a most important role to save our Earth from coming threat towards our planet through human activities. Green Library can be a one of the role model or inspiration for our users for a sustainable world. The construct of 'Green library' is of new beginning and is beneath the method of advancement. Being associate developing construct its gaining quality among the researchers, academicians, and library professionals everywhere in the globe. Interconnected topics of Green libraries and property have received a good deal of coverage in recent years in varied publications targeted toward world librarians. This text elaborates the definition of green library with its important and features of green library in today's world. And also elaborates development assortment with its important elements to construct a green library. This study also focuses on standards for green libraries like GRIHA, Chicago Illinois Standards as well as green library movement in India with some Standards and Prospects in India in present days. This paper also shows major green library initiatives in world which already developed. Finally discussed about challenges to making green library in this present era with suggestions for making green library for present to Future

Key words: Green Library, Important and Features of Green Library, Elements of Green Library, Standards of Green Library, Green library initiative in India



Green Library: An Overview

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The world facing the horrible consequences of global warming and climate change, so everyone needs everything to be green to save the Earth. Libraries of the 21st century, have potential to play the leadership role and the issue of environmental sustainability by developing green libraries. The paper highlights the concept of the green library, green library standards, development and green library initiatives in India. The paper also discuss role of initiatives like UNDP (United Nations Development Programme, IGBC (Indian Green Library Building Council), LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design), etc. Lastly, I will discuss the role of green librarians.

Keywords: Green library, sustainable library, national programme, green building

Identification of Rare Books in Public Libraries: Describing the Role of Imprint

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It is common to all that the rare documents are valuable. The term “rare” implies something definitely valuable. But how do we define these documents? It is difficult to declare a document as ‘rare’ because of each document has its own perceptive. Information on imprint plays a significant role in this regard. The study examines 82 public libraries in different countries, out of which 20 public libraries having rich information in their websites are taken for this study. The study identifies various aspects of imprint in the context of identification of rare book. The study also recommends the role of library authority for identifying rare books in the public libraries.

Keywords: Rare book, Rare documents, Antique book, Public library, Imprint, Place of publication, Year of publication



Impact of SWAYAM Initiative on Rural Library Student User in West Bengal: an Analytical Study

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SWAYAM programme is initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy i.e. access, equity and quality. SWAYAM developed for learners with an end in view of empowering learners with knowledge and skills, ensuring progress in timely manner, protected examinations system, enhancing effectiveness of MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses), enables towards desired learning goals. To ensure best quality content SWAYAM appointed nine different National Coordinators such as: AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education); NPTEL (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning); UGC (University Grants Commission); CEC (Consortium for Educational Communication); NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training); NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling); IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University); IIMB (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) and NITTTR (National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research). The SWAYAM is very much helpful for the rural library users (learners) in terms of campus accessibility, financial aspects and time and age constraints. This paper also analyses the situation of West Bengal Rural library users in respect of SWAYAM programme,

Key Words: SWAYAM, Rural Students, Advantages of SWAYAM, MOOC, Massive Online Open Courses

Implications of Social Media to Enhance Public Library Services: A Futuristic Approach

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This paper aims to study the present condition of use of social media in different Govt. public libraries in West Bengal. This paper also suggests how to enhance the usability of social media and how it can be used for providing better services in public library scenario. This study shows that social media is not being used properly in Govt. public libraries in West Bengal. This study also shows that social media can be used as an important information source and also can be used for marketing of Library products and library services.

Keywords: Govt. Public Library, Social Media, Library Services, Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, Marketing



Inculcating Library in Daily Lives: Social Media Engagement through Public Libraries

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Covid-19 pandemic shook our entire lives and jolted us into looking for alternative ways to resume our day-to-day activities. During this period, there was a surge of digital library services, use of e-books, e-journals and online classes were held which introduced a sea change in the mode in which education has been imparted for centuries. This made us see “library” in the new light of the day, as an organization that operates beyond its four walls and is ready to be customized as per the evolving technology in these times. Although academic libraries have come to the forefront because of this, public libraries in India still continue to be in the dark alleys. Being active and visibility to patrons are integral elements in rejuvenating the tarnished image of the public library. For this, social media applications are indispensable. This article aims to elucidate how social media can help in illuminating the facilities and services being provided by a public library and sharing ideas on improving the library experience for the next generation. The objective is to dwell upon some innovative outreach programs to reach out to the greater community. This would eventually shed some light on the dusty nooks and corners of the public library and initiate the path of resurrection. Study is of significant value to the evolving library and information science community. A user survey will be able to illustrate its acceptability, efficacy and relevance among the young users’ community.

Keywords: Public Library Services, Social Media, Resurrection of Public Library

Indulgence through Special Services for the sake of Special Impaired Users in the Public Library Atmosphere: an analytical survey

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Purpose: It is very important to develop an efficient library service for the print-disabled people in the world. The main objective is to find out the present state of the public libraries in this regard. Methodology: Interview method has been applied survey on some physically impaired library users from different corner in Kolkata. Findings: The recommendation of the study to find out special library services and the fruitfulness of needs of special impaired users. What kinds of personal touch had been signified from the service section's end, in response to traditional way like books in Braille formation, pictogram, large fronts character-based books etc. as well as digital and modern technology like computer-based aids, sound recording system, real time communication system, voice cognition system etc. In response to building equipment like fittings and furniture, separate washroom, drinking water service and other equipment. Originality: A lot of works have done earlier in public library also, but as recent pandemic periods teach us to rejuvenate all these special services in the view point of technical formation.

Keywords: Library services, Library services for special impaired users, Information seeking approach of physically impaired people, Library aids, special equipment



Interoperability between Open Data and ‘Open Science’

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Open Data being the key factor under ‘Open Science’ forms the fundamental framework of ‘Open Science’. The values of inclusiveness, justice, equity, and sharing serve as pillars of ‘Open Science’ that can only be manifested if data becomes open. Thus, interoperability between ‘Open Science’ and open data solves various social problems that seem to be the core of an inclusive society. This paper identifies the theoretical branches ‘Open Science’ and its conglomeration with open data for more mass-prone research to prosper. Furthermore, the paper deals with the complexity of implementing ‘Open Science’ in a social context but may be redressed through open data. While addressing this problem, the study focuses on a.) To trace perceptual relationship existing in ‘Open Science’ and Open Data. b.) To identify the key deliverables common to ‘Open Science’ and Open Data. c.) To enhance the implementable factors of Open Data for enriching social objectives. The study pivots help to understand how ‘Open Science’ and Open Data interoperability would assist the information handlers to proceed to their work as well as trigger the ethical, social, and academic advantages.

Keywords: Open Science, Open Data, Interoperability, Social Inclusion, Inclusive Society, Open Society

Jadavpur University in the light of National Education Policy 2020: An evaluative study

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The New Education Policy 2020 adopted four tier system of universities in India, which is to be implemented in coming decade. Globally, the Indian Education sector is amongst the largest, with an extensive network of more than 1.4 million schools and 993 Universities, 39931 Colleges, and 10725 Stand Alone Institutions. Within 5-10 years 600 autonomous colleges will going to become degree awarding universities. So in coming 10 years India will have around 1500 universities as imagined and stated -expected by Knowledge Commission led by Dr. Sam Pitroda. The aims and recommendations of NEP-2020 are matching with the SDG. But there are no plans of funding in this present policy. Still India is a developing country and a large number of the population is not economically sound enough. Standing on this situation this paper critically examines the possibilities and difficulties of implementations and success of the present policy. Jadavpur University is one of the top leading state aided universities of the country. A comparative analysis of the present structure and education system of the university in the light of NEP- 2020 is the interesting part of this paper.

Keywords: Education Policy; National Education Policy; Higher education policy; SDG; Jadavpur University



Librarian to Library Manager: Changing Role of Public Librarians for Resurrecting the Public Library in Digital Era

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Public library known as the "People's University", serves as an instrument of social change. It plays a vital role in the life of an individual and in enrichment of community life. But nowadays the services of public library is not up to mark and questionable. It is the time to rethink about the public library. It is necessary to change the traditional public library services to a new world of joy and activity. Library, a mysterious room full of books will be replaced by new event and cultural hub. Paper-based environment should be changed by the digital interactive interface. We have to create the public library as the place of new services and activities for different levels of readers. Public library may extend its service to the school children, college students, job seeking unemployed young readers and common people. Public library should collaborate with the corporate and other organization for accessing their resources and to reach the public library in a standardized label. The present article highlights the initiatives may be taken by the competent authority and the changing role of existing public librarians for discovering new world of public service and helping for resurrecting the public library.

Keywords: Public Library, Public Librarian, Library Manager, Digital Age

Libraries on the Purview of the National Education Policy 2020

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This article attempts to focus on the role of libraries in Higher Education Institutions as according to the final documentation of National Educational Policy 2020 (NEP-2020) which has been published by MHRD (Ministry of Education) Govt. of India. The main aim of NEP2020 is to develop knowledge, skills, values as well as social, ethical, emotional capacities and dispositions. NEP-2020 has also provided more value to the libraries of all levels, public and academic libraries. The new policy focused on infrastructure, services and the working of the libraries. Focused on digital libraries, digital repositories, facilitation and promotion of reading habits, formulation of national book promotion policy, accessibility and availability of books, formation of social book clubs are the key terms used explicitly in the documentation of NEP2020.

Keywords: Libraries, National Education Policy, Digital Libraries, Education, Higher Education



Library service during Covid-19: A case study in Sarojini Naidu College for Women

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Sarojini Naidu College for women is a renowned girl's college affiliated to West Bengal State University, located at Dumdum, Nagerbazar, Kolkata. Presently this Institution offers three Post graduation courses in English, Bengali, and Psychology stream and on the other hand it offers various Hons and General degree courses in science, Humanities and Commerce disciplines. The central Library of this College is partially automated. Acquisition is being done in traditional way where as Cataloguing and Circulations are being done by using the software Koha. Cloud hosting OPAC system is present here so that any user can access the OPAC at anytime from anywhere. Different variant of the Covid virus was started to spread from the end of December 2019. As a result all educational, commercial institutions were closed in West Bengal from 17th March 2020 for near about two years. During this time Examinations were conducted in online mode. The aim of this paper is to share the experience of providing Library service in Covid time to its users as per their demand.

Keywords: Library service, COVID, OPAC, Pandemic, College library

Mobile Library Services in Bangladesh: An assessment of user satisfaction with Special Reference to University Students

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The mobile library plays an increasingly critical role in the present day, because many students do not have enough time and opportunity to visit the main library. Using the mobile library, they can access services near their door. Mobile libraries offer services closer to the user and also provide a wide range of activities to keep the user well satisfied. The purpose of this paper is to investigate the involvement and level of satisfaction with mobile library services by different university students. This paper also considers future developments of services and barriers to the mobile library. In this survey, the author collected approximately 300 responses via questionnaire from mobile library users. Findings revealed that the majority of the population (60%) uses mobile library services at least once a week. Most respondents were satisfied with the convenient environment inside the bus, but were not pleased with sufficient reading space. It is hoped that the findings of the study will help improve the service of the mobile library in the university area which will lead to increased student satisfaction.

Keywords: Library service, mobile library service, reference service, university students



Model Information Literacy Programme in Public Libraries of West Bengal

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Main objective of this paper is to identify the need and the contribution of information literacy and information literacy programmes in the public libraries of West Bengal. The paper is based on literature review of public library's information literacy programmes. The study demonstrates that public libraries are considered an important place for learning. The findings indicate that information literacy should be embedded in the information literacy programmes in the public libraries. The study will enable the public libraries to develop and plan relevant instructional models related to information literacy programmes. This article is addressing briefly those information literacy programmes which are required for human beings in their daily life. Librarians of the public libraries are in a crucial position as its target users comprise of all age groups with different educational background from all communities including visually and otherwise physically challenged users. This article also emphasises the information literacy programmes for indigenous community & MSME developers.

Keywords: Information Literacy, Information Literacy Programme, Indigenous Community, MSME developer, Public Library

National Education Policy 2020

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According to Nelson Mandela "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". Today better education makes a country more democratic and peaceful tomorrow. The first countries that made the great escape from universal poverty in the 19th century, and the countries that have grown the fastest ever since are the countries that educated their children most intensely. Education is in Concurrent list according to 7th Schedule of Constitution of India. National Education Policy 2020 is based on the recommendations by an expert committee headed by former ISRO chief Dr K Kasturirangan and it is the first education policy of 21st century. NEP 2020 proposes various reforms in school education, higher education as well as technical education. It aims at making India a global knowledge superpower. The research paper highlights the salient features, advantages, challenges and effects in School and Higher Education. It also analyse how NEP will help in enhancing skills, and employability of the youth in the age of AI and machine learning.

Keywords: National Education Policy 2020, School Education, Higher Education, Youth, Languages, Challenges, Employability



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Information Literacy Program activities such as user orientation and user education are being used to educate, instruct, and help users in obtaining information. The orientation is for new and inexperienced users, whereas Users Education is for all users. These exercises improve users' ability to seek for, evaluate, and use information independently. This article discusses the role of State Central Library, West Bengal in implementing the information literacy programmes. Suggestions are made for offering effective Information Literacy programmes for users as well as library staff. The goal of this article is to learn about the challenges and problems of information literacy activities faced by the State Central Library, West Bengal for the benefit of library user service. There are two main aspects to this study: one focuses on user perceptions, and other focuses on library staff perception for the planning of library information literacy programmes. Basically information literacy programmes are action oriented, while helping to solve the real life problems and making the correct decisions to serve the users.

Keyword: Need of Information Literacy, Information Literacy in Public Library, Information Literacy Programme, User Orientation Programme, User Education Programme

The Present Condition of Monoharpur Public Library in a Bird's Eye: A Discussion

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In this information explosion era, public libraries should play a vital role to direct people to take the right information at the right time. But in West Bengal, the condition of the public libraries are not so good due to non recruitment of trained library staff for many years. Many of the libraries are closed or going to be closed due to the unavailability of staff. In a few cases, one librarian operates more than one library as a Library in Charge. As a result the libraries are not open everyday. Therefore the importance of public libraries is degrading day by day. Nowadays nobody depends on the library. In this scenario, Monoharpur Public Library which is only one Government Sponsored Public Library in Dankuni Municipality, Hooghly, is being surveyed to know the present condition of the library. In this present study, the collections of the library, the mode of services they provide, the condition of the library building, the numbers of readers used daily, the present number of library staff, the other facilities etc are discussed. The objectives of the study are to draw the attention of the local administration as well as the state government that they look into the matter and try to upgrade the present condition of the public libraries.

Keywords: Public Library, Government Sponsored Public Library, Dankuni Municipality



Present scenario of classification of Nepali literature in the libraries of Darjeeling district

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Classification of any documents has played a vital role in the existence of a subject, more the works are classified more its existence is valued and used. There are significant numbers of collection of Nepali literature documents in the libraries of Darjeeling District and these documents needs to be treated and organize in proper order. The main objective of this paper is to find the organization of Nepali documents and the classification schemes being used in these libraries to classify the documents. As in few public libraries the books are organized according to the form and author wise due to the lack of efficient training to the library service provider but in the libraries where the standard classification schemes are used, the paper also aims to search for how much it serves the purpose of classification in regard to the classification of Nepali literature.

Keywords: Darjeeling, classification, public library, classification scheme, Nepal

Preservation and Conservation of Local History Collections in Public Libraries of South 24 Parganas – An Overview

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Being 'People's University' a public library has every responsibility towards its immediate community regarding local history identification, collection, processing, dissemination, and preservation. Lack of interest, ignorance, proper training of library personnel and local people cause loss of immensely important local historical evidences in many localities where a public library is situated. This paper includes a study on the preservation and conservation of local history collections in public libraries of the district South 24 Parganas. This paper also highlights several aspects related to preservation and conservation of local history collections in public libraries viz. global standard practices, present practices of public libraries in the district, present conditions of LHCs in public libraries, obstacles in appropriate preservation and conservation policy framing, etc. The paper also presents an overview of basic preservation and conservation means that may be adopted by the libraries of South 24 Parganas.

Keywords: Public Library, Local History Collections, Preservation, Conservation, South 24 Parganas



Preservation and conservation techniques followed by public libraries in Jamalpur Block of Purba Bardhaman: A study

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One of the important activities of the public libraries is preservation and conservation of library documents. The main objective of this study is to find out various techniques followed by different public libraries in Jamalpur Block of Purba Bardhaman district of West Bengal. Various public libraries in this block have been surveyed for data collection. The results show that most of the libraries preserve their documents by following conventional methods. Due to lack of manpower and fund many libraries do not follow any methods of preservation and conservation techniques. The study suggests important measures for preserving old and rare books and local history.

Keywords: Public library, preservation, conservation, Purba Bardhaman, Jamalpur, local history, rare books

The Pressing Need for Rejuvenating Public Libraries in the Light of Sustainability

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A public library serves as a channel to knowledge, provides information literacy skills, lifelong learning and development of an individual and the community that it serves. As the central public institutions, libraries are catalysts for social capital, educational and recreational development of local communities. But in this digital age, when almost every information is available online; public libraries are losing their importance. Moreover, in the face of economical, environmental, and social challenges, libraries need to become sustainable to stand their ground in the society. This paper aims to explore measures that libraries can adopt or implement to achieve sustainability, the ways for making libraries smart, green and inclusive. The paper also discusses current issues and challenges in way of attaining sustainability.

Keyword: Public library, sustainable development, 3P's of sustainability



Problems and Prospects of Hooghly District Public Libraries with Special Reference to Tarakeswar Block: A Study

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Public libraries are centers of education, culture and knowledge, where any member of the society, irrespective of caste, creed, sex and ethnicity can come and acquire resources. Public Library is a place of mass consciousness among the people of the society. A large number of public libraries in West Bengal have been playing an important role in the socio-economic development of the society since the independence of our country. Currently public libraries are losing their significant role due to lack of space, manpower, machines and budget, administrative problems and other modern library service provision etc. A survey is conducted among all the public libraries in Tarakeswar block of Hooghly district. The study deals with the current issues and future prospects of sustainable libraries.

Keywords: Public library service, Library Professional, Computer, Problems, Hooghly District, Tarakeswar Block

Prospects and Issues of Green Library in India: A Study

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With the rapid growth and development in modern technology, we have reached that point where we can re-invent and revamp everything in the society. With the danger of Global Warming, the word “Green” is getting importance day by day. Climatic change is becoming one of the serious issues for the world. For surviving in the world, everybody is emphasizing upon the green revolution. Libraries are not far away from green environment movement. The libraries have specific challenges to overall green building movement. Library materials especially the printed materials need special care from the environmental factors like temperature, moisture, sunlight etc. As a result, the concept of Green Library is getting importance day-by-day. This paper tries to highlight the prospects and issues related to Green Library in Indian Scenario.

Keywords: Green Library, Environment, LEED, UGC, AICTE, INFLIBNET



Public Libraries for People with Special Mental Needs: An Evaluative Study

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Different illness, frustration, loneliness, uncertainty, panic, restlessness, fear of death, problem in life style preferences, financial crisis, etc. maximised during the Covid era and imprints a prolonged effect in psychological plane of individuals who fail to cope up with all these mental pressures and developed some behavioural changes or disorders. The present paper discusses some mental problems like Histrionic personality disorder, Borderline personality disorder (BPD), Bipolar disorder, Narcissistic personality disorder, ADHD, Oppositional defiant disorder, Intermittent explosive disorder and shows how users bearing such problems can be managed by the LIS professional within a public library structure. The range of users that a public library incorporates is huge. In the context of user service, persons with physical disability are provided special attention and help normally, but user with mental problems also needs special attention and care while using library so that they do not feel left out and loses interest to visit again. The present paper investigates to locate how maximising public library services is possible by incorporating these users with special mental needs by understanding their problems and helping them accordingly.

Keywords: Public library, mental health, personality disorders, library users

Public Libraries in a Community Development Block of Sundarban region, West Bengal: A Study

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Keywords: Public library, Collection development, Library services, Extension activities, User study, NML.



Public library and Sustainable Development Goals

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The United Nations organised seventieth anniversary meeting in its Headquarters in New York from 25-27 September 2015 and declared the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) which should be targeted to be achieved by 2030. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a set of objectives within a universal agreement to end poverty, protect all that makes the planet habitable, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity, now and in the future. Public Libraries will truly be acknowledged as a major vehicle contributing to the success of meeting the SDGs. This paper will discuss about the role of public libraries to achieve these goals.

Keywords: Sustainable development goals, SDG, Public library, Library services, United Nation Organisation, UNO

Public Library as a Social Interactive Space: To Staying Social

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This study elaborates on the present status of the public libraries, especially in the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. One of the main issues faced by the public library today is the lack of users and present day it is the least preferable place for users. Most of the people treated the public library as a place for borrowing books only but not a community place for social activities. This study was discussed on the influence of physical interior and outer environments on users' expectations, needs and behaviors regarding public library. This overview will help the researcher in future study to investigate on the interplay between library users and interior and outer environment with the users' needs, expectations and behaviors environment.

Keywords: Public library; interior expectations; South 24 Parganas, outer environment; User 's Expectations; South 24 Parganas



Public Library Extension Services with Special Reference to Patuli Street Library: A Study

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Purpose: This paper is to recognize the extension service potentialities of the public library and special attention was drawn to the newly formed unique Patuli Street public library in the district of Kolkata in West Bengal. Methodology: Public library extension activities in general explained and a minute study was conducted on Patuli Street Library to measure the effectivity of extension services provided by this library. Findings: From this study it was found that extension services like mobile library, story-telling, documentary show etc. services are very popular among the readers specially children readers staying at the rural areas of West Bengal. Library extension services will be much vibrant, fruitful and effective when libraries will cross their regional boundaries and able to encourage information literacy in a collaborative effort. It is hoped that this model of library with its uniqueness will able to spread reading habits and all other libraries of this country will try to spread information literacy in their own way.

Keywords: Public library, extension services, Patuli Street Public Library, Mobile library services, Information literacy etc.

Public Library in Promoting Lifelong Learning through Open Access E-learning Platforms

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Public libraries are there to promote the welfare of the society with necessary information, knowledge and other services. This paper will try to elaborate the main motto behind the effective public library service, "Equality access for all" from a perspective which is compatible with the age of internet and lifelong learning. Public libraries can be worked to promote lifelong learning in Indian communities through open access e-learning platforms. In developing country like India, low digital literacy rate and lack of equipment are constraints in the way of lifelong learning mostly in rural areas. Public libraries can work as host to provide all the necessary set-up and work as the platform or at least continue awareness programs about online e-learning platform and digital literacy to make a link between equality of access and lifelong learning.

Key words: public library, effective service, open access, e-learning, lifelong learning, literacy



Public Library Services in West Bengal: Problems and Challenges

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Public libraries play a key role in the process of learning. Present society can be characterized as the learning society. Learning and relearning are the lifelong process. Public library is one of the important learning center and librarians are the facilitators for the lifelong learning. Since the early days library have been preserving and disseminating information and knowledge to the member of society. The paper highlights the different types public library and their characteristics, functions, services provided to the users in the state of West Bengal. And highlights the challenges faced the librarian and suggested points to overcome those challenges. For fulfill the purpose using questionnaire and interview method. And findings reveal that different kind of services provided by the public libraries in West Bengal, such as service for children's, carrier guidance, community information service etc. it also reveals that libraries have been suffering to shortage of staff and no selection committees have taken place to recruit new staff. Mainly the users are being deprived of public library services for shortage of staff. For overcome these problems it is suggested that Government should appoint library staff immediately and develop the allover infrastructure for better services.

Keyword: Public library Service, Community Information Service, Characteristics of Public Library

Public Library System and Services for West Bengal

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Public library is a social institution. The users of any public library are the people of the society. A librarian of a public library has to face all kinds of people and cater their information needs, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, gender, social, economic status, etc. This article describes the development of the public library system in West Bengal. This paper also provides a descriptive account of the development, growth and the present scenario of the public library system and services in West Bengal as well as India. This paper gives emphasis to the various Library and Information services provided by the public libraries of West Bengal.

Keywords: Public Library System, Public Library Service, Development of Public Library



Reaching to the users through social media: a synoptic view of the public library websites in India

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Present study focuses on the uses of social Medias by the public libraries for delivering various library services and supplying information. A total of 30 public libraries in India have been taken for this study. All the information under each library has been captured from the web pages of the respective library. Information regarding types of social media used, number of followers, number of followings, information variations, frequency of update and so on. The study also highlights the service through social media during Covid-19 pandemic. A special analysis has been given for the public libraries in West Bengal. The recommendations regarding enhancement of the library public library services through social media have been given at the end of this study.

Keywords: Public library, Social media, Library website, Library service, Information access

Reading Habits of School Students in Subhas Pathagar, South 24 PGS, West Bengal

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The main objective of this study is to identify the reading habits of the students of Subhash pathagar, situated at Baraipur, South 24 PGS, West Bengal. A Structured close ended online questionnaire via Google form was prepared and distributed among the students who using Subhash Library for the proper execution of the present study. After analyzing the collected data, it is found that students prefer print media for their reading and internet and social media are the main obstacles to their studies. However the Study was limited to findings the reading habits of Subhas Pathagar users only.

Keywords: Public library, Children, Reading Habits, School students, South 24 Parganas



Reading on Paper: Trends of using Printed books among university students and role of the libraries in promoting reading culture

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Reading is a basic learning tool for an individual that begins at an early age and continues all through life. It is fair to assume that books will continue to be printed for a very long time despite the rise in e-book readers. The aim of this paper is to demonstrate the actual trends in using printed books among university students. Role is in promoting reading. This study also examined the role that libraries can play in promoting a reading culture among university students. Results suggest that young adults spend hours watching television and chatting on social media at the expense of reading, and that reading culture has been in decline. The most evident result was that traditional books were perceived positively, and that most students (73%) used paper books frequently. In this study most of the respondents were satisfied with printed books. Only a few respondents aren't satisfied with paper books. The study reveals that the majority of respondents sometimes purchase print titles. In addition, they borrow paper books and obtain free titles.

Keywords: Reading habit, printed book, reading culture, university student

Resurrecting the Public Libraries through Attention Literacy: An Endeavour for a Framework

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The public libraries are regarded, appropriately and unanimously, as the people's university where the "university" students are none but the citizens of the society and where they conglomerate to carry out their learning by continuously acquiring their required information throughout their entire life in the form of lifelong learning. Everyday information practices of these citizens in the "reflexive modernisation" in the "attention economy" mostly comprise their "mastery of life" in which the only sustenance of their survival becomes their "recipe knowledge" which is applied invariably through their attention, the only "currencies" in the society replete with "attention mongers". Ergo, a literacy of the attention and its related aspects including attention economy, attention management, attention channeling etc. becomes essential for the professionals of the public libraries to remain functional and rejuvenated in the society of attention seekers now-a-days. The present theoretical paper studies the different information practice studies and offers a framework for the study of attention literacy to be carried out in the future researches that may resurrect the public libraries resembling the bird, phoenix.

Keywords: attention, attention management, attention literacy, information, public libraries, everyday information practices, everyday life information seeking



Role of a Public Librarian in post COVID-19 Digital Era: SWOT Analysis

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In the rapidly changing world specially post COVID-19 era, characterized by enormous flow of information and advancement of technology, the role of a public Librarian is very much challenging. Actually the free flow of information is a fundamental principle for bridging the gaps between have and have not. ICT has a major impact of materials for research. Innovation in ICT has brought radical changes in the way information is generated, stored, processed and disseminated. Recent advances in converging technologies especially Internet and web technology has paved the way to create the open access archives on repositories. The objective of the open access movement is to make scholarly articles freely available in digital form to anyone anywhere in the world. Today he/she is not just a Librarian, he/ she is a teacher, facilitator, technocrat, information manager, guide and above all he/she is a social worker. The public Librarian has to be abreast with the latest knowledge and techniques on line of ICT and cyberspace development, in addition to his/ her traditional role in order to function effectively. This paper mainly focuses on the various role of the present day Librarian as a knowledge manager and the challenges ahead of him/her.

Keywords: Public Library Service, SWOT analysis, Digital Era, COVID 19

Role of Library and Information Center in e-Governance promotion in developing countries: Bangladesh perspective

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Purpose: The main focus of this paper on E-governance promotion, status, present scenario and advantages of e-government system of developing countries particularly Bangladesh. This paper identifies the present status and indications of E-governance promotion. It also describes how Library and information centers play a vital role in providing different kinds of e-government services. Design/methodology: Documentary sources, review literature, copulation of secondary information, interview with eminent educators, scholars and the direct observation are the major methods of this article. Findings: To meet the challenges of Sustainable development goal within 2030 every developing country need to introduce e-government system. Originality/value –The value of this paper is to know the researcher and information professionals about the concept of e-government promotion, indicators, challenges, prospects and role of libraries and information centers for enhancing the knowledge of developing country's people and professionals. It will also work as a pathfinder for the developing countries who are trying to introduce e-government system.

Keywords: E-governance, E-governance promotion, E-governance indicator



Role of Library in Local History Collection: A Critical Review

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We are attempting the review on 'Local History Collection': a UGC sponsored national seminar was held in 2012 at Maynaguri College, Japaiguri, West Bengal. We are critically analysing this seminar volume, "Role of Library in Local History Collection". This article deals with total literature was published on and about the local history, its authorships pattern, local history collection on particular blocks and districts of West Bengal and other state as well as important contribution of authors on this literature in this seminar volume.

Keywords: Local history collection, Authorship pattern, areas covered on local history etc.

Role of Public libraries in Promoting Community Development and lifelong learning through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

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The key purpose of this study is to investigate the potential role of public libraries, being one of the social agents for development, towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals according to the United Nations Agenda for 2030. Libraries provide information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure, help people develop the capacity to effectively use information, and preserve information to ensure ongoing access for future generations. In order to ensure to attain the Goals by 2030, partnership among government, private sector, educational institutions, and civil society is a requirement. The present paper would emphasize on the involvement of library associations and libraries in various countries that are supporting the parent organizations and institutes that are working to achieve the SDGs. First, it overviews the agenda's history coupled with the start of a literature review of the Library and Information Science research on it. Second, it presents a conceptual framework in which to approach the agenda's goals and associated targets within the context of public libraries. The ultimate aim is to establish a base for and expand awareness of the UN 2030 Agenda within the Library and Information Science discipline, in addition to promoting the importance of public libraries in advancing sustainable development efforts generally and the agenda specifically. Beyond providing accessible sources of knowledge and information to educate and enable their communities, libraries are also active participants in environmental efforts and contribute to economic growth.

Keywords: Public libraries, United Nations Sustainable development goals, Community Development, lifelong learning



Role of public libraries in shaping career and future information need among users age between 30 – 45: a survey

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Public libraries are called university of people. Different types of users with their different information need gather together in any public library. And it is true and verified since early age that only a public library can meet up the need of various users information requirement. Though a public library can serve different types of users with different age group, but in this paper we narrowed down the user group differentiating with their age. Either it has any effect, significant effect or no effect in formation of their career. The users are taken from different place like rural area, urban area and Kolkata based. The study also wants to identify exact which side of higher studies people depends on public library. This survey also wants to investigate another important area that future need or future generation involvement in Public Libraries. Though most people are ranging from 30-45, are they directing their child to use public library for knowledge accumulation this area is also identified. We got a mixed result. Many parents nowadays wants that their child can learn online, still there are some cases where parents can believe that young generation must go to library not for knowledge accumulation, career building but also practicing humanity, building a social character.

Keywords: Public Library, Higher studies, Career building, User need, Information need, Future generation involvement

Some problems of public libraries in India and how they are changing or should change in this new era: A study

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This paper highlights some problems in public library services in India in this new era. In this paper that was explore through a focus on a recent public library changes around the world and in our own country. The argue in here is that how in our post pandemic life public library can play a vital role of local centers of information and also a space which we can call a community space. In this paper I tried to think about how we could reimagine this public space where people from all walks of life can come and have a place to gather. We find that public library should make some certain changes in this technology oriented era. All around the world public libraries are making efforts to reinvent themselves as 'hubs', 'makerspaces' and co-located community centers offering enriched spaces for social gathering, targeted learning, and new forms of creative production, including entrepreneurial activity. Also we find that in India how communities after recognizing the value of public library they also feel the need of strengthening the public libraries and adapting it according to their needs.

Keywords: Public libraries; Community space; Social change; Librarians; Technology



A Study of Collection Developments of Public Libraries in Urban areas of Howrah District, West Bengal: Problems and Prospects

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Collection development is a continuous and essential process for every library. This process satisfies the user needs of a particular library. Present study has tried to find out different types of collection developments of public libraries and related problems. A total of 19 libraries in Howrah district have been surveyed for this study. The study identified various problems to procure and process of the books and other materials. Most of the problems are manpower, availability of fund, internet connection and sufficient infrastructure. This paper also highlights several aspects related to collection developments of those public libraries viz. cataloguing, classification, preservation, rare collections and so on. It also suggests various recommendations regarding collection developments.

Keywords: Collection development, public library, library collection, rare collection, digital collection, library resource

Sustainable Public Library, need of the day: A Bibliometric Study

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The idea of a sustainable library, sometimes known as a "Green library," is relatively new. In the twenty-first century, sustainable libraries are being constructed all over the world, and library 2.0 green design is a growing trend. Embracing green principles may improve environmental sustainability and enable public libraries to play a new and more prominent role in societal change. The purpose of this study is to demonstrate the systematic review of the literature on public libraries and sustainable (green) libraries that was published in Scopus. 130 research articles, currently retrieved from the Scopus database, are examined in this study using a bibliometric methodology. This study is based on extensive Scopus bibliographic data spanning the years 1993 through 2022 (a total of 30 years) and covering all the countries mentioned in the Scopus database. This study aims at how public libraries can become "green libraries" or more environmentally friendly on a global scale using the bibliometric method (e.g., Excel, Biblioshiny, VOSviewer software). Using quantitative techniques, Bibliometrics assesses the collection of publications (articles). In this study, trends in article publication, as well as those in research areas, authors, and distribution over time and space, are discussed.

Keywords: Green Library, Public Library, Sustainability, Bibliometric, Excel, Biblioshiny, VOS Viewer, Scopus, Co-citation, Co-authorship



A Symbiotic Relationship of Social Media and Public Libraries for Providing Library Services in Covid-19 Period: A Case Study

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The study presents the symbiotic relationship between public libraries and social media for the creation of digital platform for providing library services to the library users. Digital information access along with the internet helps the library users to access their necessary information need without physically visiting the library in COVID – 19 period. It was the high time for the library professionals to think the alternate ways to attract the users and to meet their need and demands. By using social media libraries could attract their users and enable them to satisfy their need as well as to access the library products and services. Library authority helps their users to inform the library related matter at any time by the variety of locations on the Web. So many libraries in India and abroad are providing facility to use social media for their users through library's website or using some different platform. The paper discusses how the social media can be exploited for the benefit of the users of library. It presents the name of libraries which uses social media in their libraries. At the end some suggestions are enumerated for the benefit of the library professional before choosing the social media in the public libraries and some infrastructure to be needed for providing these kind of library services.

Keywords: Face Book, Twitter, Library, Social Networking, YouTube, Flickr, Blog

Theoretical Perspectives of Public Library in West Bengal & Its Future Scenario

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The fundamental aim of public libraries is to provide access to and preserve recorded information from the past and present for future use. In order to help people, solve problems daily or improve the quality of their lives, they are also accountable for disseminating the necessary knowledge to the community. In light of this, the Government of India has assumed responsibility. It is assisting every State in creating high-quality public libraries across the nation as part of the Digital India Project. With the assistance of State Governments, RRRLF is also working and taking measures to create and sustain public libraries around the country. In addition to discussing the national knowledge commission's significance for public library systems and the government's new recommendations, this paper gives theoretical viewpoints on public library systems, growth, developments, functions, and the role of the public library in society. Additionally, it discusses the government's intentions for the growth of public libraries, particularly in West Bengal, and the difficulties and opportunities librarians face in this process.

Keywords: Public library Service, West Bengal, Library services, RRRLF



Transformation of State Central Library, West Bengal by application of Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly becoming important due to its widespread application in different domains. One such domain is application of AI in library environment and library management services. The term “smart library” is becoming analogous in any reputed library’s advertisement and promotion. In this study, we focus on how Artificial Intelligence is transforming the State Central library which is one of the most prominent and widely used libraries in the city of Kolkata, India. The State Central library being digitized has opened up lots of areas where AI algorithms and models can be applied and has lots of potential. However there are different technological, financial and awareness hurdles that the administration must overcome to realize these advancements. This study explores these key challenges faced by the State Central Library in adaptation of AI in different library aspects and generalizes these problems faced by librarians and library management across any government public libraries in West Bengal. Finally, some potential solutions are discussed which can resolve some of the key issues faced by the authorities in adaptation of AI or enhance the existing services to improve the readers’ experience in access to library materials, recommendations and ease of accessibility in the ever changing virtual society.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Smart library, State Central Library Kolkata, Challenges of AI, Human Computer Interaction, Government Libraries, Deep Learning, Digitization

Trends of Research on Public Library System in India: an analytical study

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The present study highlighted the recent trends in the research area in the Library and Information Science based on public library system and services in India. The major research works are analyzed through various statistical calculations and representations based on the theses are available in the Shoodhganga theses repository. The entire paper is focused on the different areas on public library systems in India which carried out new research areas. According to statistical data there are good numbers of Doctoral theses have been approved and awarded in the area of public library system. The bibliographic information that was necessary for the study was taken from the doctoral theses research areas of the universities. The objective of the paper is to analyze the PhD theses against some parameters in order to show the trends of research in the public library. This paper highlights the common research areas in the library and information science on public libraries those are adopted in the doctoral theses. The major key parameters on the research areas in public library are described under data analysis and findings of this article.

Keywords: Public Library, India, Research, Library System, Analysis



Use of Social Media to Promote the Public Library Services for the Generation Next

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Social media is argued as one of the most effective and quick forms of communication in the digital age. The majority of library professionals is now familiar with social media as well as other significant related tools and uses those in the LIS field. Generation Next Library users seek momentous changes in library management and services. Social media is a very practical, economical, and useful tool for promoting public libraries and their services. This paper has enlightened some of the prospects of social networking sites for promoting the public library services. This paper discusses about different types of services offered on public library social media pages. It indicates how public libraries are using social media and how public libraries can connect with their users, engage them in various activities, and enhance library services. It investigates the factors that drive users' engagement with social media and examine the relationship of users engagements with social media.

Key Words: Social Media, Public Library Services, Digital Era, Social Networking

User's perceptions about Tripura State Central Library: In respect of Resources and Services

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Public Library as the free informational and recreational social hub provides lifelong learning to the all citizens irrespective of cast, creed, age and sex. Users are the spine of an operating library consequently the perceptions of users are most important to establish the assessment of a library. The key intention of the research study is to determine the perceptions of Tripura state central library user's on account of library resources and services. The study also examined the responsibilities of State central libraries to be a magnet for pull peoples towards their Umbrella's. To accomplish the study observation and survey method was used to assemble primary data by the use of questionnaires and interview system. Collected information were tabulated and analysed with the help of Microsoft excel along with check list method. The result of the study demonstrated that the perception of users is not superior about Tripura State central library though they provided good rating but they yearn for better facilities. The findings of the study also confirmed that however the library make available with vast resources and a variety of services to draw the attention of peoples and they try their level best to fulfil the needs of users still some areas of this library need to be developed with modern technology and e-resource.

Keywords: Library resources; Library services; Public Library; Public Library user; State Central Library



User Satisfaction on Infrastructure and Services of Public Library in North Bengal

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Public Library System & Service is a nationwide network of public libraries that provide free library and information services to all citizens, literate or not, rich or poor, rural or urban. This paper examines the current status of the "public library system & infrastructure in North Bengal" and it also evaluates the services and facilities that are rendered by the libraries. Apart from these, the study also examines the users' perceptions and satisfaction regarding the services and facilities provided by the public libraries in North Bengal. The present study examines the various levels of public libraries in North Bengal in order to determine the present status of the public libraries in terms of manpower, collection, and finance, along with physical facilities and infrastructure. In addition to these, the viewpoints of users and their satisfaction level will also be examined.

Keywords: Public Library System, Public Library Services, Levels of Public Library, Infrastructure of Public Library, Satisfaction Level of Users

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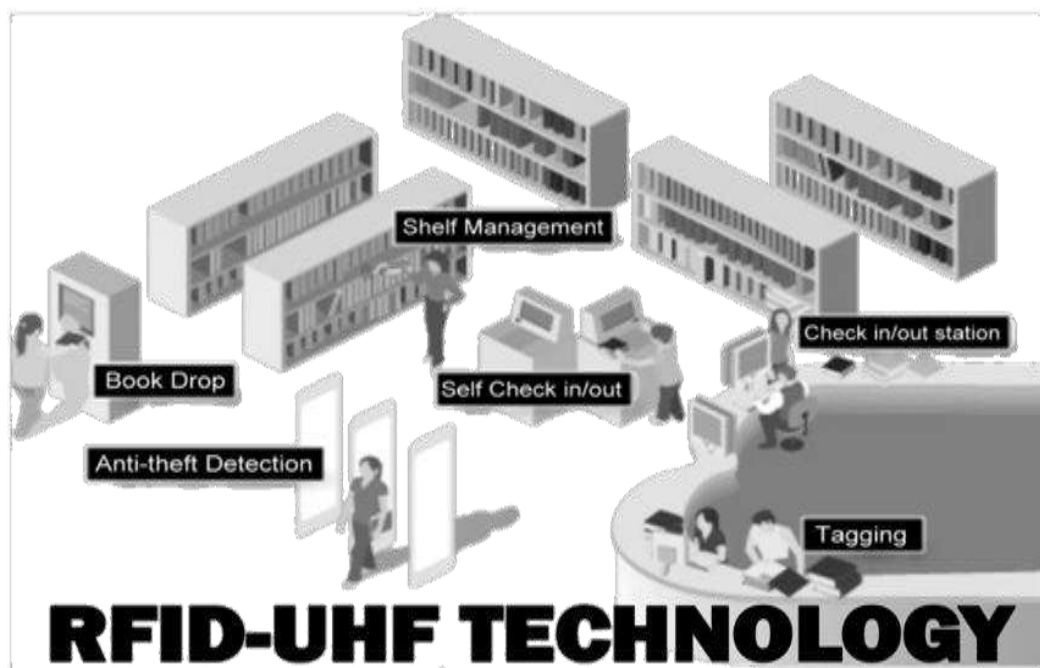
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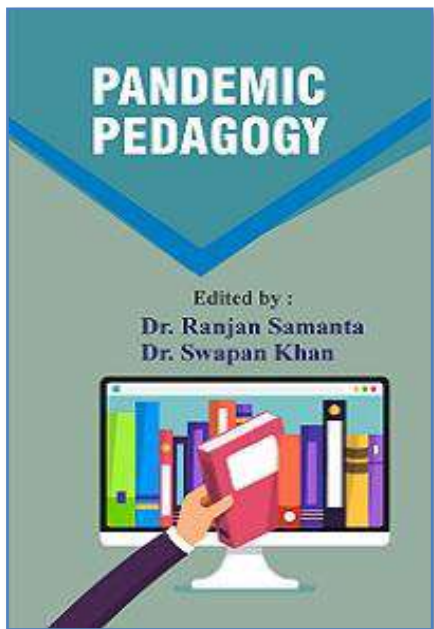
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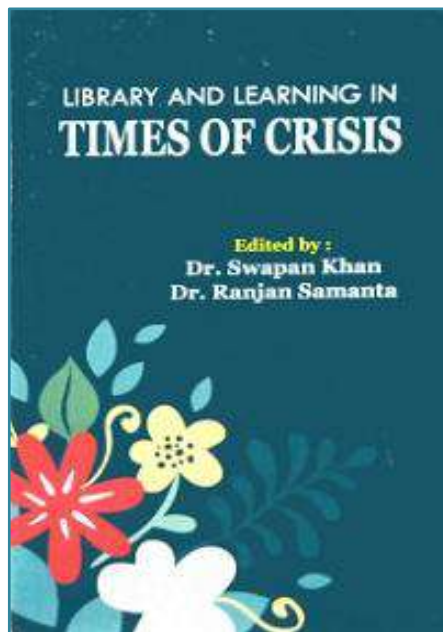
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