

International Conference of ULA 2016

The 8th International Conference of University Librarians' Association (ICULA) 2016 was held on March 9th -10th, 2016 at Jaffna in the theme "Libraries as partners of Knowledge Sustainability." Inaugural Session of the conference was held in the Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna. Chief Guests were Senior Prof. Vasanthy Arasaratnam, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna and Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa, Chairman, SCOLIS, University Grants Commission. Guests of Honor were Prof. G. Mikunthan, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna and Mr. N.T.S.A. Senadeera, Former Librarian, University of Peradeniya.



Mr. S. Ketheeswaran, General Secretary/ULA, had welcomed the professionals to the conference, followed by introductory remarks of Mrs. S. Arulanantham, President/ULA & Conference Chair, who had addressed the vision and significance of the International Conference. Chief guests and guests of honors had also addressed to the gathering.

Dr. A.L. Moorthy, Former Director-DESIDOC and Chief Consultant (Inf. Sci.), BrahMos Aerospace, Hyderabad Centre, India, delivered the keynote address followed by Dr. K.D.G. Wimalaratna, Former Director, National Archives, Colombo had delivered invited address. The ICULA 2016 Conference Proceedings was officially released by Mr. T. Ramanan, Editor/ ULA. The first copy was ceremonially handed over to Dr. Haniffa. Finally, Mr. S. Navaneethakrishnan, Conference Secretary/ICULA 2016 delivered vote of thanks. There were 32 research papers presented under 07 sub-themes.



As a part of the conference, an exhibition named 'Path to Knowledge' was inaugurated by Senior Prof. N. Gnanakumaran, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna, at the Main Library, University of Jaffna.



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Workshops/ Seminars

Workshop on Proper Use of Library Resources

Mrs. G.D.M.N. Samaradiwakara, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted sessions on Proper Use of Library Resources for 3rd Year Students, Department of Marketing Management, FMSC on 20th August 2015.

Ms. Shirani Dharmarathne, Deputy Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted sessions on Proper use of Library Resources for 3rd Year Students, Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce on 21st August 2015.

Workshop on Literature Survey

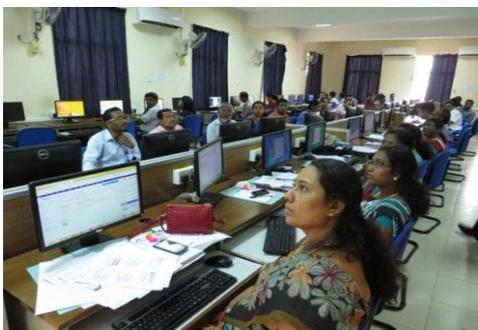
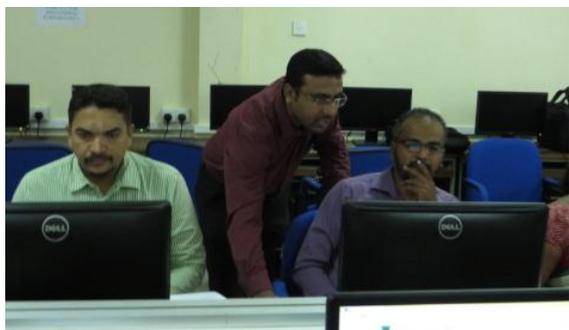
Ms. Shirani Dharmarathne, Deputy Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted one day workshop on literature survey for medical science students on 5th October 2015 at the anatomy auditorium.

Session on Library Resources and Services

Ms. C.S. Dharmarathne/ Acting Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted a session on Library Resources and Services for students of Mount Royal University of Canada, who visited Sri Lanka as a part of international collaboration with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 24th May 2016.

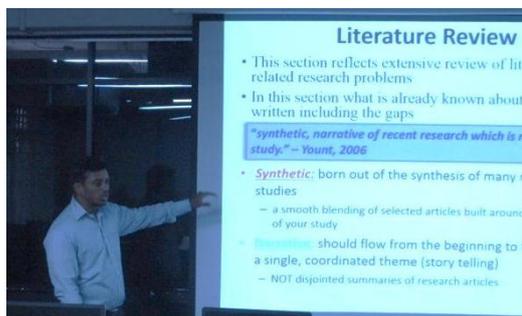
Workshop on Access to E-journals / Databases offered via CONSAL

A workshop organized for academics of Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL) to give awareness and to promote the usage of electronic databases offered through CONSAL was held on 21st of June 2016. Mr.M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a Session on 'Access to CONSAL Databases' and Mr.T.Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session on 'Open Access Publications.'



Series of Workshop for Medical Students, EUSL

A series of workshop were organized by Health-Care Library to 5th Batch of B.Sc Nursing Students of Faculty of Health-Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka through Research Support Service (RSS) from 10th to 16th of February, 2016. Resource persons were Mr. T.Ramanan, Mr. M.N.Ravikumar and Mr. S.Santharrooban. Mr.T.Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session on proposal writing and questionnaire designing. Mr.M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted session on Electronic resources and search engines. Mr.S.Santharrooban Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session referencing styles and Mendeley Reference Management software.



Training Sessions

Training Session on Effective Usage of Library and e - Resources

Training Session on effective usage of library and e - resources was conducted to academic staff of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, which was organized by research committee, Faculty of Medical Sciences, on 04th of April 2015. The resource person was Mrs. Shirani Dharmarathne, Deputy Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Training Session on Mendeley Reference Management software

Two training sessions were organized on Mendeley Reference Management software, for academics of Faculty of Health Care Sciences on 05th April 2016, and to other faculty staff members of Eastern University, Sri Lanka on 21st of June, 2016. The resource person was Mr. S.Santharoban, Senior Assistant Librarian, EUSL. He is one of the authorized advisors for Mendeley Reference Manager. There were 60 number of participants trained to handle the Mendeley Reference Management software in these sessions.



Outreach Services

Partners of Reading: Joining with "Janasetha Kala Ketha" Public Library, Moratuwa

Outreach Services Division of Library, University of Moratuwa in collaboration with "Janasetha Kala Ketha" Public Library Moratuwa organized an awareness programme about the Public Library Systems of Moratuwa for students of Bodhiraja Vidyalaya and their parents on Thursday 8th October, 2015 to mark World Children's Day.

In this awareness programme, students were taken on a Library tour. They enjoyed seeing the library collection for Children. Meanwhile, parents, mostly mothers took keen interest to become library members. Librarian, University of Moratuwa and staff members of Outreach Services Division of the Library, Mr. S. Mahindalal, Principal, Bodhiraja Vidyalaya and teachers also participated in the programme. Mrs. N.A.H.K. Karunaratne Chartered Librarian and staff of "Janasetha Kala Ketha" conducted the programme.



World Children's Day

To commemorate the World Children's Day, Library University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Sumudu Preschool organized a pageant. To highlight 2015 theme "Protect us with Love" kids walked through the campus premises eagerly and happily.



Outreach Services ...contd.

Call for Reading

As a part of Reading Month celebration 2015, Senior Assistant Librarians of Eastern University, Mr.T.Ramanan, Mr.M.N.Ravikumar and Mr.S.Santharoban conducted seminar with the theme of "Call for Reading" for grade 6 to grade 9 students at two under privileged schools BT/KK/Chenkalady Vivekananda Vidyalayam and BT/Vavunatheevu Vidyalayam on 16th October and 23rd October, 2015. Few books were also donated to students to initiate book corners in each classroom.



Information Literacy Programme

Basic Information Literacy Programme for New Entrants

Basic Information Literacy Programme for New Entrants (2015/2016) to Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa Library was conducting a 5-week basic information literacy programme for first year students of Faculty of Engineering in order to enhance skills in searching, retrieving and applying information for academic and career development. This programme offers awareness on UoM Library, traditional as well as modern information sources and services, information retrieval techniques, etc., through lectures, hands-on sessions and a Library tour. Library wishes to conduct an assessment at the end of the programme.



Achievement

Launching Integrated Library Management System and OPAC at Health-Care Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Health-Care Library of Eastern University, Sri Lanka has successfully installed KOHA - Integrated Library Management System and launched the OPAC as a celebration of 10th Anniversary of Faculty of Health Care Sciences, EUSL on 04th July 2016. The OPAC can be accessible at <http://www.opac.fhcs.esn.ac.lk>. This is the first OPAC of Eastern University, Sri Lanka live on web in its history. The project was initiated by Mr. S. Santharoban, Senior Assistant Librarian and Koha-LMS has been installed and customized by Mr. M.N.Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, EUSL. Mr. M.N. Ravikumar has extended his service to automate many public libraries using KOHA in Batticaloa.



Sabbatical Leave

Dr.Nayana Wijayasundara, Librarian, on sabbatical leave with effect from 30th March 2016.

New Appointments

Mrs.Shirani Dharmarathne, Senior Asst.Librarian assumed duties as an acting librarian with effect from 1st April 2016

Ms. H.D.M. Nishanthi and Ms. J.G. Chandani joined as an Assistant Librarian with effect from 14th December 2015.

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