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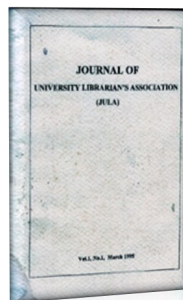
Mrs. Gayathiri Navirathan

## JULA Awarded One Star



According to Journal Publishing Practices and Standards (JPPS) assessment report, Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka was awarded “One Star”. This assessment was done in January, 2018.

JPPS framework provides detailed assessment criteria for the quality of publishing practices of Southern journals. In 2016, JPPS framework was introduced to the journals in Sri Lanka Journals Online (SLJOL). All journals in SLJOL were assessed by International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) against the JPPS criteria ranking them into six levels: inactive title; new title; no stars; one star; two stars; and three stars. JULA looks forward to achieving two-star status ...



JULA was first published in March, 1995 by the ULA Executive Committee 1994/1995 under the guidance of Mr. R. Rubasingham, Librarian, University of Moratuwa as the President, ULA. Mr. K.J. Sirisena was the first Editor of JULA.

Editorial Timeline of JULA is as follows.

| Volume   | Editor                             | Period           |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1        | Mr. K.J. Sirisena, UoR             | 1995             |
| 2        | Mr. W.A. Weerasooriya, UoK         | 1998             |
| 3        | Mrs. D.C. Kuruppu, UoC             | 1999             |
| 4-5      | Mr. Abeyratne Samarakoone, UoK     | 2000-2001        |
| 6        | Mr. J.A. Amaraweera, BPU           | 2002             |
| 7        | Mrs. N.D. Wijayasundara, UoC       | 2003             |
| 8, 9, 10 | Mrs. C.S. Dharmarathne, USJP       | 2004, 2005, 2006 |
| 11, 12   | Mr. .C. Jayasundara, UoC           | 2007, 2008       |
| 13       | Dr. Ruwan Gamage, UoM              | 2009             |
| 14       | Mr. J.J.G. Arachchige, UoR         | 2010             |
| 15       | Mrs. G.D.M.N. Samaradiwakara, USJP | 2011             |
| 16       | Mrs. Sajeewanie D. Somaratna, UoC  | 2012             |
| 17, 18   | Mr. Ajantha Dharmarathne, UoP      | 2013, 2014       |
| 19       | Mr. Thankavadivel Ramanan, EUSL    | 2015-2016        |
| 20       | Mr. B.M.M.C.B. Hindagolla, UoP     | 2017             |

## Events in Focus

### Get Together and Felicitation for Retired and Transferred Staff of Library Network, UoP

A get together of retired and transferred staff members and present staff members of the Library Network was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 as a part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of University of Peradeniya. The event was held near the university gymnasium. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Upul Dissamayake, Prof. O.G. Dayaratne Banda, the Chief Guest and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts graced the occasion. Mrs. Hema Wijetunge, Senior Assistant Librarian of University of Peradeniya delivered an introductory speech and welcomed all the present and past staff members. While sharing past experiences, all staff members enjoyed hearing interesting stories and songs sung by past and present staff members and as well as invitees. Mr. R. Maheswaran, Acting Librarian of University of Peradeniya delivered the vote of thanks.



# Importance of a Reading Librarian

## Feature Article

by  
Mrs. U.N. Kodithuwakku  
University of Moratuwa



Why do we choose a profession under a roof filled with books? There may be so many reasons. You may receive a good salary, receive social dignity, your ambition of working as a librarian or it may be your destiny. Even if we like or not the future path has been designed to walk towards accompanying information sources to satisfy the desires of reading community. However, at present, we are lamenting that readers do not visit libraries because modern technologies have overlapped the peaceful reading environment. At this stage, a simple question arose in my mind. Do we as library professionals read to motivate others?

When browsing the literature, I met a librarian who set good examples to the profession. Being the University Librarian of University of California, Los Angeles in 1944, Lawrence Clark Powell placed his lovely thoughts on pleasure of reading in several books: *Books in my baggage*; *Adventures in reading and collecting*; *A passion for*

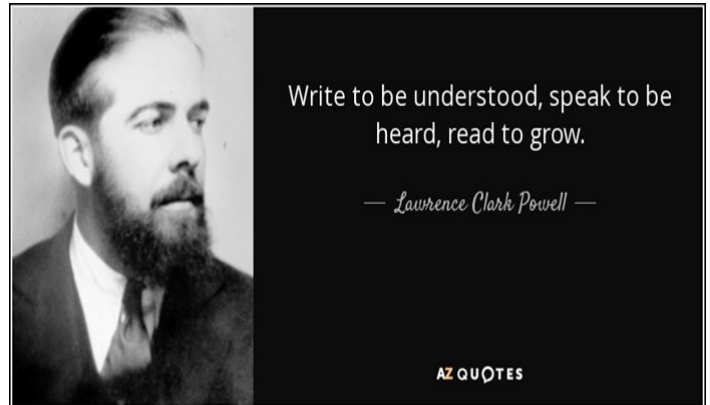


Figure 1. A quotation of Lawrence Clark Paul Source: AZ Quotes

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books; *Bookman's*

progress; selected writings were very few of them. In a review on *Books in my baggage*, mentioned Powell's thoughts; "Books," he says "determine, have determined, and will determine our lives, as readers and writers, for this, let us give thanks" (Pargellis, 1960). In another review of the mentioned book, the reviewer showcased the exemplary life style of a librarian who considered books as his soul.

As bookman or traveler, critic or raconteur, he insists again and again that the librarian should be as literate as the reader, and that somehow the emotional impact of the book on the librarian will be communicated to the reader (Cameron, 1960).

According to my own experiences at working in libraries, I feel what Powell's thoughts were true because the love towards books will open the eyes of a library professional in a different way when he or she communicate with the reader. If we are enriched with knowledge, literature, arts and current affairs according to Ranganathan's principles,

every reader will be able to have a book in his or her hands. By reading, our vocabulary, language will be nurtured and not only readers but good writers and speakers will be born from the library professionals.

Speaking about the Sri Lankan context, Mr. H.A.I. Goonetilleke who was appointed as the Librarian of University of Peradeniya in 1971 brought out the importance of a library especially to the university system in a brief article. In 1975, he saw the functions of an academic library which are even relevant to present but unfortunately still the system has not absorbed yet.

In his writing he emphasized the qualities of library staff in order to quench the thirst of information seekers. The members of the library staff must constitute a body of active minds prepared and eager to lead the readers not only to the right books, but also to the various and complicated ways of finding where and what the right books are (Goonetilleke, 1975).

I was fascinated by reading Mr. H.A.I. Goonetilleke's piece of writing and at the same time felt shy about neglecting our own responsibilities and duties which he predicted years ago. He pointed out that the library is the heart of the university which supplies life blood and the intercessional roles of the both institutions serve a larger intellectual community of a country where both should succeed by playing the roles. He proudly mentioned about his library tickets as "survive as mute witnesses to those halcyon days when the seeds of a personal vocation being sown" (Goonetilleke, 1975, p. 133). No words can express his generosity towards the harvest he reaped by becoming a frequent visitor in a library. I feel that his love towards reading has made him an eminent scholar in Sri Lanka.



Figure 2. Mr. H.A.I. Goonetilleke

**Milestones of giant library professionals all over the world have taught us lessons to be learned. It is time to get up from the rolling chairs to walk through the world of discovery to smell the pages of books to discover hidden treasures and open them to the heads of future generation.**

To become a fully enriched person, I feel reading is a must. Accepting Francis Bacon's famous saying "reading maketh a full man" we all know that our imagination will grow, we will learn new subjects, and working capacity will reach new horizons. The limited knowledge of a person will never make him a genius though he wants to pretend. Milestones of giant library professionals all over the world have taught us lessons to be learned. It is time to get up from the rolling chairs to walk through the world of discovery to smell the pages of books to discover hidden treasures and open them to the heads of future generation. My intention is to read, read and to read to become a dwarf under the footsteps of a giant where to by heart the nation, without reading we are half dead. The sentimental personal qualities will be infected to the reading library professionals to listen the heart beats

of readers.

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## New Initiatives

### Digital Resources Development and Staff Training Division at UoP

A new division, 'Digital Resources Development and Staff Training' was established in the Main Library, University of Peradeniya. The operations of the division inaugurated in January, 2018. The division aims to develop and upgrade the digital library and to conduct regular training programmes for academic and non-academic staff of the library. Mrs. D.K. Abeyratne, Assistant Librarian of the Main Library was appointed as the first Head of the Division.

### 'Scavenger Hunt' at Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

Scavenger Hunt is an effective, fun way of orienting new students to the library.

The 'Scavenger Hunt' or 'Treasure Hunt' is one of the orientation models. Self-guided tours of the library in Scavenger Hunt can allow students not only to discover the library's geography in the same way that a traditional library tour would, but also allows them to discover it on their own and interact with the library environment more effectively.

Library, Network of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka applied Scavenger Hunt model for their library orientation programmes conducted for new intakes of Faculty of Business Studies & Finance and Faculty of Applied Sciences in January and February, 2018.



## Human Library at University of Colombo

The Library, University of Colombo organized a “Human Library” on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2018 for the newcomers of the Faculty of Arts. Prof K.A.P Siddhisena, Prof. Sandagomi Coparahewa, Dr. Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri, Dr. Subangi Herath, Mrs Nirmal Perera were some of the experts who shared their experiences with newcomers.



## Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired in Main Library, University of Colombo

The opening ceremony of Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2018 at the Main Library premises. The Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo, graced the occasions as the chief guest. This resource centre is equipped with instruments such as Braille Display, DAISY Digital Talking Book Player and Portable Digital Video Magnifier which can be used for the academic work of visually impaired users. The resource centre also holds a collection of audio books. Mr. Asoka Bandula, Instructor, Support Centre for Students with Disabilities and the staff supported to establish the resource centre in many ways. They also donated the audio book collection.



## Gender Corner at Eastern University, Sri Lanka

A Gender Corner has been established by the UNESCO participation programme 2016/2017 at the Main Library of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. Dr. K.E. Karunakaran, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor graced the occasion as the chief guest and Mrs. Bhrathy Kennedy, Coordinator of the UNESCO Participation Programme officially handed over the gender based information materials to Mr. W.J. Jeyaraj, the Acting Librarian.

Mr. T. Ramanan, the Coordinator for establishing Gender Corners at Libraries for UNESCO participation programme organized the above programme.



## Shines Beyond The Horizon ...

### International Workshop on Optimal Use of Research Tools and Techniques, India

As the first event of the tour, Mr. R. Maheswaran, Acting Librarian of University of Peradeniya and Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellssa University participated in Two Day International Workshop on Optimal Use of Research Tools and Techniques held in Thiruvalluvar College, Tamilnadu on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. Mr. R. Maheswaran delivered the keynote address and Dr. T. Pratheepan contributed as a resource person and a guest speaker in this international workshop.



## International Seminar on Re-Defining the Library Services, India

Mr. R. Maheswaran and Dr. T. Pratheepan were invited for International Seminar on Re-Defining the Library Services organized by the Central Library and Department of Library and Information Science of G.T.N. Arts Collage, Dindigul, India on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. R. Maheswaran delivered the keynote address in this International Seminar during the morning session. Dr. T. Pratheepan contributed as a resource person and a guest speaker at the inaugural function.



## International Seminar on Sustainable Reading Habits for Successful Academic and Research Endeavours, India

Dr. T. Pratheepan, delivered a special speech on 'Reading habits for research endeavours' during the inaugural function and contributed as a resource person in the International Seminar on Sustainable Reading Habits for Successful Academic and Research Endeavours organized by the Central Library of M.V. Muthiah Government Arts Collage for Women, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, India on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018. Mr. R. Maheswaran delivered the keynote address in this international seminar.





## Guest Lectures at Bharathidasan University, Thruvchi, India

Mr. R. Maheshwaran and Dr. T. Pratheepan were invited to deliver guest lectures at Bharathidasan University, Thruvchi, India on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2018.



## International Conference on Eternal Foot Prints of Tamils, India

Mr. R. Maheswaran was invited as the chief guest of the International Conference on Eternal Foot Prints of Tamil Literature organized by the Department of Tamil, Navarasam Arts and Science College, Erode, India on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2018. Mr. R. Maheswaran delivered the keynote address in this International Conference. Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered a speech as a special guest.



## International Seminar on Open Access Digital Resources for Academicians, India

Dr. T. Pratheepan was invited as the resource person in the UGC- Sponsored International Seminar on Open Access Digital Resources for Academicians. He delivered the keynote address at the inaugural function of the same organized by the Gobi Arts and Science collage, Gobichettipalayam, India on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. Mr. R. Maheswaran delivered a guest speech.



## International Workshop on Open Source Library Management System, India

Mr. R. Maheswaran was invited as the chief guest for the International Workshop on Open Source Library Management System (Koha, Dspace, Joomla and Drupal) held at Periyar University, Selam from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018 and Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered the keynote address.



## International Conference on Rejuvenating Libraries for Information Access in the Digital Era, India

Several Sri Lankan library professionals attended as well as played key roles in International Conference on Rejuvenating Libraries for Information Access in the Digital Era (ICRLIB 2018) held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018 in Annamalai University, India.

Dr. T. Pratheepan was invited as a resource person. Mr. R. Maheswaran delivered a guest speech. Mrs. A.S. Siriwardana, Acting Librarian, Uva Wellasa University was invited as session chair. Mrs. Sakunthala Senevirathna, Senior Assistant Librarian and Ms. Kanchana Jayasekara, Assistant Librarian from Main Library, University of Ruhuna were also attended the event. Ms. Kanchana Jayasekara participated as a panelist in the panel discussion on 'Library is growing vs library is shrinking' of the same conference. Mrs. Sakunthala Senevirathna honoured to conduct a speech in the valedictory session of the conference representing the Sri Lankan participants.



## Guest Lectures at Kamaraj University, Madurai, India

Mr. R. Maheswaran and Dr. T. Pratheepan were invited to deliver guest lectures at Kamaraj University in Madurai on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.



## Academic Contribution

### Workshops for the Final Year Students in Faculty of Health Sciences, at Main Library, OUSL

The Main Library, Open University of Sri Lanka conducted two workshops on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 for the final year students of Faculty of Health Sciences who were involved in research projects. Totally around 76 students participated for these workshops. Workshop on 'Writing Literature Review' conducted by Dr. W. Seneviratne, Librarian and Workshop on 'Reference Management using Mendeley' conducted by Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian, Main Library OUSL.



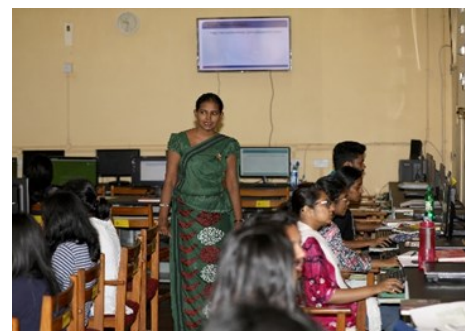
### Guest Lecture on Online Resources for Architectural Students at UoM

Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa conducted a guest lecture for first year students attached to Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 in the faculty seminar room. Students were able to grasp the valuable information sources available to them through University of Moratuwa Library website as well as gain knowledge about useful websites available for them with thousands of images, architectural drawings and photos.



## Practical Sessions to Enhance Research Skills of Fashion Design and Product Development Students at UoM

In collaboration with research coordinator of Department of Textile and Clothing Technology, University of Moratuwa, Library conducted two practical sessions to enhance research skills of third year Fashion Design and Product Development students. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian conducted a session titled 'Literature Search for Research'. The second practical session was 'Bibliography, Referencing and Plagiarism'. It was conducted on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 by Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku. These sessions were held in the departmental computer laboratory for the third consecutive year.



## Workshop on Use of e-Resources

Ms. N.S.P. Kumburage, Assistant Librarian of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted a 'Workshop on Use of e-Resources' for third year undergraduates of Faculty of Management Studies on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 in Computer Centre.



## User Education Programme on "Effective Use of the OUSL Library Webpage" at the Matara Regional Centre (MRC) Library

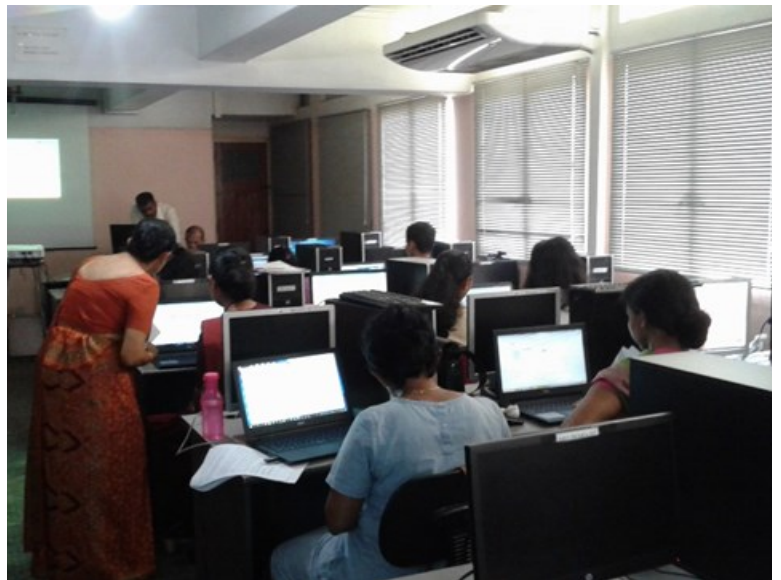
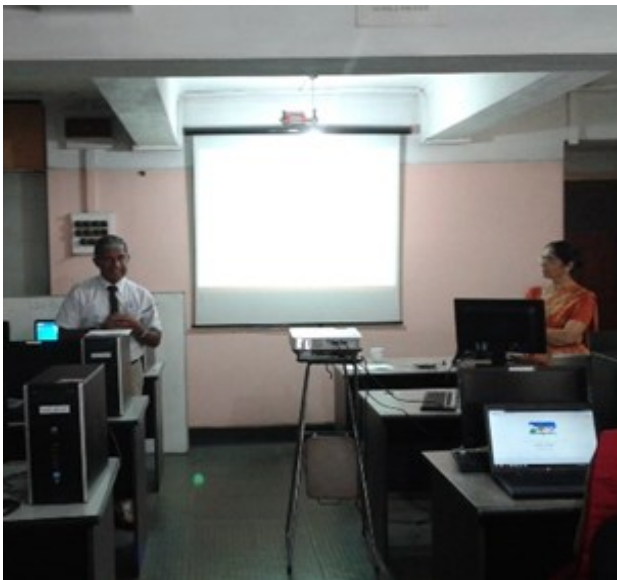
Mrs. P.K.M. Kaushamalika, Senior Assistant Librarian, MRC, OUSL conducted two user education programmes on 'Effective Use of the OUSL Library Webpage' on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January and the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. For this programme, there were 60 students from Faculty of Natural Science and 35 students from Faculty of Engineering and Technology participated.



## Quarterly Workshop on Mendeley Reference Management Software at UoP

The library committee of Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya organized and held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Workshops (half a day) on Mendeley for the academic community of University of Peradeniya, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2018 from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the e-library of Faculty of Medicine. Opening remarks were made by Prof. Samath Dharmaratne, Chairman of the Library Committee. Workshop was open to all faculties; participants had the option to use their Laptops during the workshop, allowing them to create and use their own Mendeley Library for the hands-on session.

The resource person was Mrs. Sriyani Perera, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya. Workshop was well attended by Academics, Postgraduates and Librarians from faculties of Allied Health Sciences, Arts, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science.



### **Training Sessions on Effective Literature Searching and Mendeley Reference Management Software at KDU**

Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University conducted the class room session for Pharmacology module under the title 'Electronic Information Searching Techniques: a Guide to Effective Literature Search' for third year undergraduates of Faculty of Medicine on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.

Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha also conducted the library session under the title 'Electronic Information Searching Techniques: a Guide to Effective Literature Search' for third year undergraduates of Faculty of Engineering on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.



Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences conducted the lecture series on 'Mendeley: Reference Management Software' for final year students of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Faculty of Built Environment and Special Sciences and Faculty of Engineering from January to March, 2018



# Creating A Vibrant Research Culture

## One Day Training programme on LexisNexis Database at KDU

In collaboration with the LexisNexis training team, a one-day training programme was conducted by Library, Kotalawela Defence Academy on LexisNexis Database on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 for Law undergraduates. Client Trainer, LexisNexis, India, Ms. G. Tharraniiswari conducted the sessions and students were able to get familiarized with the platform.





## Oxford University Press Programme at Eastern University. Sri Lanka

The Library Network of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka conducted an awareness programme on the Oxford University Press contents—the database provided through CONSAL of the UGC - for the university academics on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 which was preceded by the Acting Librarian W.J. Jeyaraj. Mrs. Sumita Sen, Assistant Manager of Training for the South Asia and South East Asian Region was the resource person and presented the token of appreciation to the winners of the competitions conducted by her. About 64 Academic staff members from all faculties attended the programme and benefitted.



## Grove Art Online Awareness Session at University of Moratuwa

The Library, University of Moratuwa organized an awareness session on Grove Art Online in collaboration with Oxford University Press for the academic staff and the students of the university on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2018 in library auditorium. Mrs. Sumita Sen, Assistant Manager of Training, South Asia and South East Asia demonstrated all the features and the benefits that could be derived from the Grove Art Online.



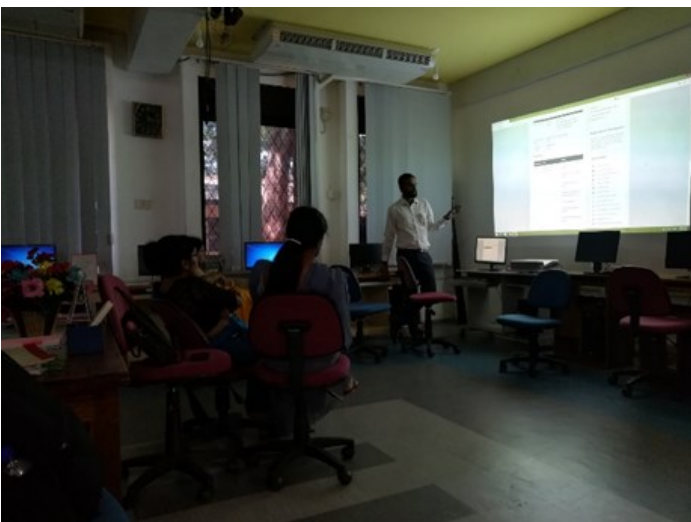
### SciVal/Scopus User Interaction Session at University of Moratuwa

Library, University of Moratuwa and Faculty of Graduate Studies organized an interaction session on SciVal/Scopus in collaboration with Elsevier for the academic staff and the students on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 in library auditorium. Mr. Vijay Reddy, Customer Consultant (South Asia), Elsevier focused mainly on features such as how to benchmark research output and quality and how to build local teams and metrics to track and measure research. He presented an analysis of university position, progress and areas university need to focus on.



### User Awareness program for GALE Scholar at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

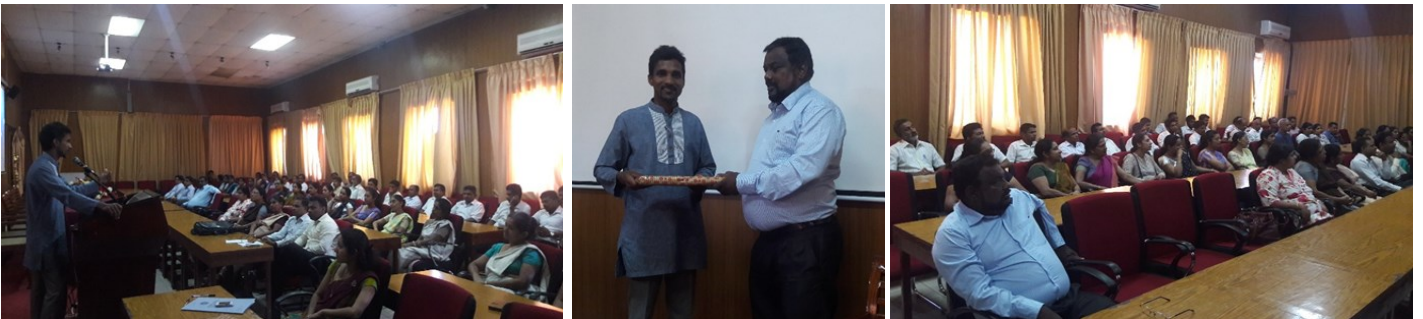
Mr. Jayachandran Chitravel, Area Sales Manager of GALE, South India conducted an user awareness program for academic staff and students of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018.



## Staff Development

### ‘අපිට නොපෙනෙන අපි’ - A Seminar for Staff of Library Network, UoP

The Division of Digital Resources Development and Staff Training, Main Library, University of Peradeniya organized the first seminar on 'අපිට නොපෙනෙන අපි' (Apita nopenena api) on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 in the Arts Faculty seminar room, University of Peradeniya with the participation of all the staff members of the University of Peradeniya Library Network. Mr. Nimal Wijesiri, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya served as the resource person. One hundred and fifteen staff members attended the programme. The seminar highlighted the significance of the services delivered by the library staff. The participants highly appreciated the seminar and the division plans to conduct a series of seminars/workshops for the staff in future.



### Training programme for UoP Library Staff on Handling Fire Equipment

University of Peradeniya Library network organized a training programme for library staff on handling fire equipment. The programme was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2018 in the Main Library, University of Peradeniya. Mr. D.B.S.P. Jayathilake and Mr. S.K.S. Dassanayake from Fire Brigade, Kandy Municipal Council conducted the training programme. One hundred and twenty five staff members of the University of Peradeniya attended the programme. The programme stressed the fire safety in the work place and evacuation. A practical training session was also held with the fire extinguishers.



## Towards National Development

### Library Automation Programme for Kekirawa Central College

Library Automation Programme using open software KOHA was conducted by the Main Library of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2018 for several staff members of Kekirawa Central College including Vice-Principal, ICT teacher, Librarian and Library assistant at the Kekirawa Central College. Mr. W.G.P. Gamlath, Librarian of WUSL, Mrs. W.M. Thusithakumari, Senior Assistant Librarian, Mr. K.G.I. Jayawardana, Assistant Librarian and Mr. U.W.A.C.C. Ubesingha, System Analyst were the resource persons of this programme.



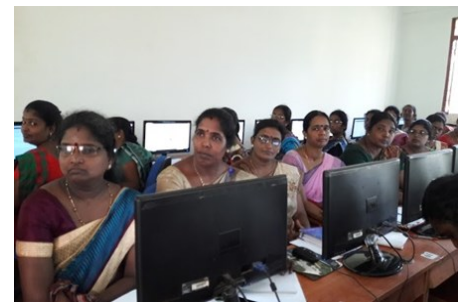
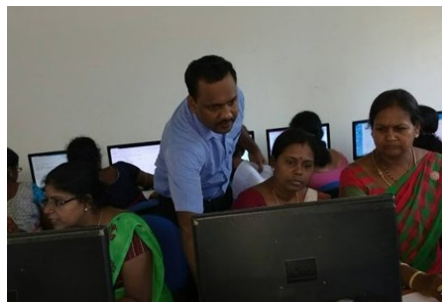
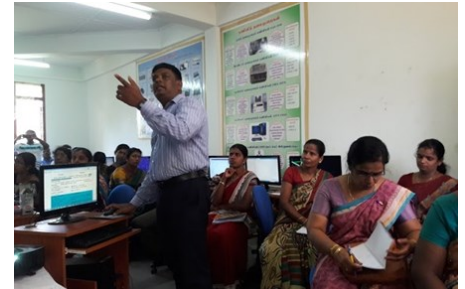
### Career Guidance Workshop conducted by Jaffna Regional Centre (JRC) of OUSL at Mannar Al-Azhar National School

Jaffna Regional Centre, Open University of Sri Lanka conducted a 'Career Guidance Workshop' at Mannar Al-Azhar National School on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. The main aim of this workshop was to make aware about the OUSL and its advantages and services. Hundreds of students from 21 schools benefited from this workshop. Mr. K. Sajanathan, Assistant Librarian (on contract), JRC served as one of the resource persons.



## Workshop on Library Automation for Teacher Librarians

'Workshop on Library Automation for Teacher Librarians' was held in the Mahindodaya Technological Laboratory of Jaffna/Kondavil Hindu College on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. This workshop was organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association and sponsored by the Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province. Nearly, 45 library in-charges from selected schools in the Northern Province participated in the workshop. Each participant was facilitated with hands-on training on Koha system during the session. ULA members of the University of Jaffna Ms. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, University of Jaffna, Mr. S. Ketheeswaren, Senior Assistant Librarian, Mr. R. Kupeshan, Assistant Librarian, and Mrs. T. Jenan, Assistant Librarian served as resource persons.



## Guest Lecture for My Health Solutions (Private) Limited

Mr Prasad Alahakoon, Assistant Librarian, University of Sri Jayawardenapura served as a resource person for a guest lecture on 'Stress Management' organized by My Health Solutions (Private) Limited, Colombo 05 on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.



## Foreign Visits

### Training Programme for the Senior Library Staff of the Open University of Sri Lanka

The International Relations Unit of the Open University of Sri Lanka had organized a foreign training programme in India from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 for OUSL senior library staff on modern library technologies, web based library services for remote learners, space planning, repository systems, special user services in modern libraries etc.

As the Chairman of the Library Committee of the OUSL, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kamal Bandara Gunaherath had also joined the programme. Other members participated for this training programme were Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian; OUSL, Mrs. Ramani Amarasekera, Deputy Librarian; Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekera, Mr. R. M. Gunasekera, Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Mrs. Piumali Karunaratne Abeysinghe, Mrs. P.K.M. Kaushamalika, Senior Assistant Librarians; Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian and Mr. K.D. Wickramaratne, Assistant Registrar, Library Services.

The institutions visited were, Anna Centenary Library and Anna University Library, Chennai, Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The group had also participated in an International Conference on 'Educational Technology for Integrated and Inclusive Classroom: Issues Concerns, Developments and Challenges at the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

The training programme was highly beneficial to witness emerging service approaches that extend the focus beyond formal library activities. The participants had an exposure on alternative technologies, different working cultures, positive personalities etc. The programme was a wonderful and warm experience to all participants as a team.



# Cultural Events

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The Library of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a guest lecture on ‘Ape Janakalawa saha Rasaswadaya (අපේ ජනකලාව සහ රසාස්වාදය)’ on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018 in the Faculty of Graduate Studies auditorium. Prof. Ariyaratna Kaluarachchi, Former Vice-Chancellor from the University of Visual and Performing Arts delivered this exciting speech with his traditional music and dancing troupe.



## Martin Wickramasinghe Commemorative Literary Festival

The Library of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University and Martin Wickramasinghe Trust Board jointly organized a Martin Wickramasinghe Commemorative Literary Festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2018 at the university premises. This programme was glittered with Mr. Wickramasinghe’s golden age photographs, a book exhibition, short films and special commemorative lecture sessions.



## Book Donations

### Donation of the Personal Collection of Books of Emeritus Prof. Oliver Abeynayake to Library, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya

Emeritus Prof. Oliver Abeynayake donated his extensive collection of books to PGIPBS, University of Kelaniya on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018 at the PGIPBS Library. The collection includes many rare and valuable works in Buddhist Studies

Prof. Abeynayake is a prominent professor in the field of Buddhist Studies and has worked for several decades in University of Kelaniya. The event was graced by the Director, PGIPBS Ven. Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula, Emeritus Prof. Oliver Abeynayake, Emeritus Prof. Kanthi Abeynayake, University of Colombo, academic and non-academic staff members of the PGIPBS. The event was organized by Mrs. Geethani Attanayake, Senior Assistant Librarian and the staff members of the library.





## New Library Buildings

### Library for Faculty of Technology, RUSL

Prof. Ranjith Wijewardana, Vice-Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka ceremonially opened the new Library for Faculty of Technology on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 at 9.30 a.m. This is temporarily located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Library, Faculty of Applied Sciences Building, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.



### Library Building for Faculty of Dental Sciences, UoP

Opening of the new library building in the Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January, 2018 with the participation of Prof. U. B. Dissanayaka, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Deans of all faculties, Acting Librarian, academic and non academic staff members of the faculty and students.



## Newly Established Regional Centre Library at Kurunegala Regional Centre (KuRC), OUSL

The Kurunegala Regional Centre of Open University of Sri Lanka has developed their support services and as initial step, Kurunegala Regional Centre Library (KuRC) has established with well organized equipment, resources and furniture in a refurbished location at the Kurunegala Regional Centre premises.

Other than the main library services, KuRC Library established the facilities to access electronic resources as the first step. KuRC Library is planning to expand their library services to the Kuliyaipitiya Study Centre students under the OUSL cluster system and aim to render a better and effective service to the OUSL community as a well established academic regional centre library.



## New Library Building at University of Ruhuna, Matara

Main library building of the University of Ruhuna was designed to facilitate the legal deposit collection and reading areas. The building is equipped with enhanced facilities to cater the patrons' information needs in diverse means. The building was constructed with a short period of time under the continuous attention and influence of the Librarian and the Vice-Chancellor of the University. The building is planned to be open to the patrons within next few months.



# ULA Membership

## Appointments and Promotions

### New Librarian to General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Dr. C.C. Jayasundara assumed the duty as the Librarian of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2018. He is a Certified Professional Librarian of the ALIA, Australia. Before joining KDU, he was the University Librarian of the Fiji National University in Fiji. Prior to his tenure at Fiji National University, he was a Deputy Librarian of the University of Colombo. From 2007 to 2012, he worked as the Sri Lanka Country Coordinator of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) in UK and also the Project Leader of the Sida/SAREC library support programme in Sri Lanka. He also functioned as the Country Coordinator for Fiji for the Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL) based in Europe from 2014 to 2017. He was appointed as a Consultant Librarian to the National Centre for Advancement of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. In 2006, he has functioned as a consultant to the Maldives Law Library, at the request of the Maldivian Government. Dr. Jayasundara was an active member of the University Librarians Association from 1998 until he proceeded to abroad for a new position in 2012. During his membership in ULA, he has served as the Secretary to the Association as well as the Editor and EXCO member of the association for many years. We wish Dr. Jayasundara for his return to the University Librarians Association as a member.



### Acting Librarian of University of Ruhuna

Mr. Nimal Hettiarchchi has appointed as the Acting Librarian of University of Ruhuna libraries from March, 2018 to the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018. He got the reputation of introducing KOHA library management system to the Sri Lankan library context. He also plays a remarkable role as an Academic Librarian over 20 years. Apart from that, he has extended his contribution as a researcher, visiting lecturer, supervisor and a consultant in the field of library and information science.



### **New Senior Assistant Librarians of UoC**

Mrs. T. Sritharan has been appointed as the Senior Assistant Librarian (Grade 1) of the University of Colombo. She has graduated from University of Jaffna with a B.A. in Sanskrit. She has completed her M.Sc. in Library and Information Sciences at Madras University and reading for PhD at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo. She started her career as an Assistant Librarian at the University of Jaffna in 1997 and joined the National Library and Documentation Services Board as a Librarian in 2008 and promoted as a Deputy Director. Later, she worked at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine University of Colombo from 2010 as a Senior Assistant Librarian.



Mr. M.A. Milton has been appointed as the Senior Assistant Librarian (Grade 1) of the University of Colombo. He has graduated from University of Sri Jayewardenepura with a B.A. Sinhala (Special). He has completed his Postgraduate Diploma and M.S.Sc. in Library and Information Sciences at the University of Kelaniya. He has also obtained his Postgraduate Diploma in Writership and Communication from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.



### **Promoted to Assistant Librarian (Transitional)**

Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University has been promoted to the post of Assistant Librarian (Transitional) with effect from the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017.

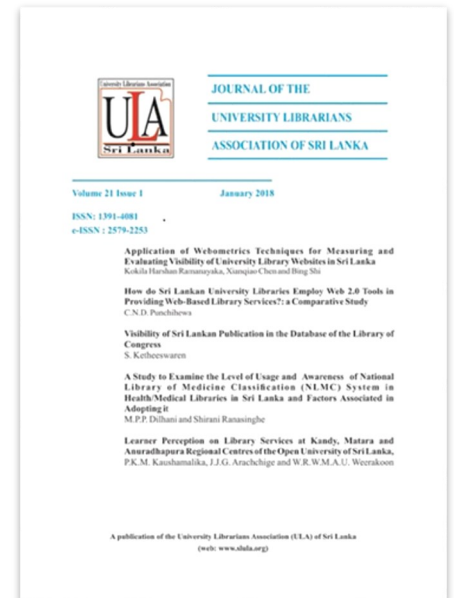


# Publications

## JULA New Issue Released

Journal of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, Volume, 21, Issue 1, January, 2018 was released making space for five research articles.

- Application of Webometrics Techniques for Measuring and Evaluating Visibility of University Library Websites in Sri Lanka  
Kokila Harshan Ramanayaka, Xianqiao Chen and Bing Shi
- How do Sri Lankan University Libraries Employ Web 2.0 Tools in Providing Web-Based Library Services?: A Comparative Study  
C.N.D. Punchihewa
- Visibility of Sri Lankan Publication in the Database of the Library of Congress  
S. Ketheeswaren
- A Study to Examine the Level of Usage and Awareness of National Library of Medicine Classification (NLMC) System in Health/Medical Libraries in Sri Lanka and Factors Associated in Adopting it  
M.P.P. Dilhani and Shirani Ranasinghe
- Learner Perception on Library Services at Kandy, Matara and Anuradhapura Regional Centres of the Open University of Sri Lanka,  
P.K.M. Kaushamalika, J.J.G. Arachchige and W.R.W.M.A.U. Weerakoon



## Upcoming Local LIS Events

**NACLIS 2018**  
**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**  
**"Make it happen: Transformation of Library Services for Next Generation"**  
28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 | Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Organized by  
Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA)



 **LibSym2018**  
**International Symposium 2018**  
Library Network, Eastern University, Sri Lanka  
09 - 10 August 2018

**on 'Emerging Trends in Education and Library & Information Science'**  
*"Re-Engineering Libraries to Align with Transitioning Educational & Technological Paradigms"*



**International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA 2018)**  
**'Academic Libraries as Research Saturation Centers: Reshaping the Libraries for Tomorrow'**  
20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, Golden Rose Hotel, Boralessgamuwa

**NATIONAL LIBRARY**  
**RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**  
**"PROMOTING RESEARCH CULTURE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SHARING"**  
26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018





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