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## Workshop on 921 from Both Side of the Mirror

ULA EXCO 2017/2018 organized a workshop on 921 Circular on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Four eminent Librarians, Mr. L.A. Jayatissa (University of Kelaniya), Mrs. R.C. Kodikara (University of Moratuwa), Mr. G.R. Padmasiri (University of the Visual and Performing Arts) and Dr. C.C. Jayasundara (General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University) shared their knowledge and expertise as resource persons. Thirty-eight ULA members representing 11 universities participated in this workshop.



## Achievements and Awards

### Vijita de Silva Research Award by Sri Lanka Library Association

The President, University Librarians Association, President Elect, Sri Lanka Library Association, Dr. (Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara (Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura) and Mr. G. R. Padmasiri, (Librarian, University of the Visual and Performing Arts) jointly received the Vijita de Silva Research Award 2018 for their research projects titled “Library space planning framework of University of Sri Jayewardenepura” and “Management of Indigenous Knowledge in Sri Lanka with special reference to indigenous medicine” respectively.

The award was presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at the Grand Oriental Hotel in Colombo.



## Events in Focus

### Experience Sharing Session on 40 Public Libraries Automation Project

An experience sharing session on 40 Public Libraries Automation Project was held on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2018, at Colombo Public Library on completion of one-year to the project. The project was funded by the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, the technical consultancy was offered by the Open University of Sri Lanka. Current issues and future sustainability of the project were the main topics discussed in the session. Mrs. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, University of Jaffna and the President of the Library Association, chaired the session. Mr. Dharshanabandara, Director (Planning), Mr. Sunil Ananda, Assistant Director (Planning) and Ms. Gayanire represented the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government in this occasion. Librarian of Open University of Sri Lanka, Dr. (Mrs.) W. Seneviratna, Deputy Librarian OUSL, Mrs. R. Amarasekara, Chief Consultant and Team Leader of the Project, Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, and Librarian, Colombo Public Library, Mrs. Varuni Gangabaarachchi, and Librarians from over 20 public libraries who were involved in the project participated in the session.



### President Hon. Mathripala Serisena Launched Library Automation System of Badulla

President, Hon Mathripala Serisena inaugurated the library automation system of the Badulla Library Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2018. The project was undertaken by the Open University of Sri Lanka. The event would significantly important for library sector as the first library system was taken such the privilege to do so. All the staff members including, Mr Asitha Sandaruwan, Director of Badulla Library Board gave tremendous support towards the success of this project.



## Events in Focus

### Workshop on Launching the Anti Plagiarism Software and Introductory Training Program

University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka has purchased URKUND which is an online tool to detect and prevent plagiarism efficiently. The launching and introductory session of the software held on the 7th of June 2018 in the Auditorium of the Main Library, University of Colombo with the presence of Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa, Chairman of Standing Committee of Library and Information Science of University Grants Commission. University Librarians representing almost all university libraries participated in this event.



## Events in Focus

### NACLIS 2018

The 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2018 organized by Sri Lanka Library Association was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at the Grand Oriental Hotel in Colombo. NACLIS 2018 was driven on the theme "Make it Happen: Transformation of Library Services for Next Generation". The Chief Guest for the event was Emeritus Professor W.I. Siriweera, Chairman, National Education Commission.

"The Keepers of Magic" was the speech given by the keynote speaker Mrs. Madhubashini Disanayaka Ratnayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Later this speech was published in "Daily Mirror" on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 and a Sinhala translation of this was published in "Lankadeepa" on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

Dr. (Mrs.) Nayana Wijayasundara, President- Elect SLLA, President University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura convened the NACLIS 2018. Conference Proceedings with 14 research papers accepted for oral presentation was also published.



## Dr. W. B. Dorakumbura: The First Librarian who Served as a Vice-Chancellor

### Feature Article

by

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I consider it an honour and a privilege to produce this short write-up about this eminent scholar, Dr. Wijerathne Bandara Dorakumbura (W.B. Dorakumbura). Though by designation he was a librarian, he was a role model in many disciplines especially in Higher Education sector. He was born in Matale in 1932 and had his primary education at St Thomas' College, Matale, and entered Royal College, Colombo for his secondary education.

He obtained his first degree, Bachelor of Arts (Honors) from University of Ceylon (Peradeniya). Further, he obtained the Bachelor of Library Science Degree from the McGill University and pursued his Master of Library Science Degree from University of Toronto, Canada. He started his career as a teacher serving at Ananda College, Colombo for a short period. After the postgraduate degree, he joined the library at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He has excelled not only in librarianship, he is a good scholar in Linguistic and Oriental studies. Also he has entered in to the field of Law and served as an advocate with a vast knowledge of Law.



**He started his career as a teacher serving at Ananda College, Colombo for a short period. After the post-graduate degree, he joined the library at University of Sri Jayewardenepura.**

Dr. Dorakumbura was a very dynamic person. He was not limited to the post of Librarian at the university. Among the many boards he sat on were National Library Services Board (NLDSB), Sri Lanka Library Association, as the Director of Bandaranayake Center for International Studies (BCIS), as the Chairman of Sri Lanka Tractor corporation and as the Director of Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation. As a founder and pioneer of National Library services Board and Sri Lanka Library Association, he rendered a valuable service. When establishing National Institute of Library Science (NILIS), University of Colombo in 1999, he served as the local consultant and prepared the proposal with the professionals of NLDSB.

Being the founder editor of Vidyodaya Journal of Arts, Science and Letters, he cultivated the research culture in the university. Apart from serving as an academic, he served the university community as a trade union leader. He is a founder member of the University Teachers Association of University of Sri Jayewardenepura as well as the Federation of University Teachers Association. He held the positions of president, secretary of FUTA for several years, and became the president of FUTA in 1985.

His contribution to the profession of librarianship was enormous. He served as a president of Sri Lanka Library Association for several terms (1968,1973,1980,1982-1988). During his presidency, he developed the SLLA to a recognizable professional association. It was he, who reinitiated the journal Sri Lanka Library Review as the Sri Lanka Library Review (New Series) and the pioneer of “SLLA Newsletter” and Directory of Members. Most of the educational reforms of SLLA Diploma in Library and Information Science were done under the guidance of Dr. Dorakumbura. He was also the originator of fellowship programme including Honorary Fellowship.

Also he was an active politician. He was the organizer of SLFP for Matale District in 1988.

His academic excellence, administrative capabilities, talents to plan, organizational skills and pragmatic leadership propelled him up the academic ladder, eventually to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in 1992. This is the first occasion of history of Librarianship in Sri Lanka that a Librarian serves in the highest position in a university. Before appointing as the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Dorakumbura served as the first Director of North Central Affiliated College. With his long experience as an academic, an administrator and a lawyer with many capabilities, he played a major role in establishing the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and the Ocean University. During his tenure as the Vice Chancellor, Faculty of Medical Sciences was established in the University. He served the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya too.

He was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy by Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 2001 to honour the inestimable service offered to the country especially to the higher education sector. Even after the retirement of the university service, he served the country being the ambassador to the Pakistan and contributed a lot to develop the nation through international relations.

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Dr. Dorakumbura’s devotion to develop the university sector was unabated. He passed away in 2012 and the library profession, university system and the nation lost such a rare person with manifold talents. In memory of him, W.B. Dorakumbura Memorial Ayurvedic Hospital has been established in Matale.

In 2017, University of Sri Jayewardenepura under the patronage of Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Vice-Chancellor, named a reading hall in the library as “Dr. W.B. Dorakumbura Hall” to commemorate the dedicated services rendered by him.



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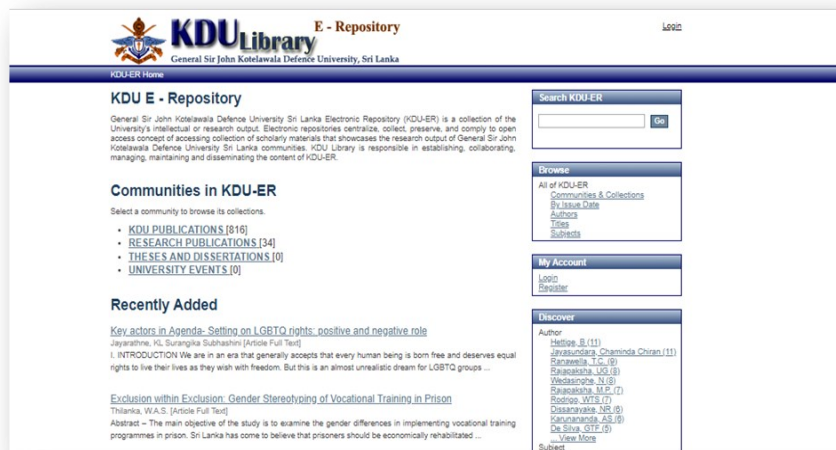
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# New Initiatives

## KDU Institutional Repository

The Library of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University has established the KDU Institutional Repository (KDU-IR) to showcase the University's intellectual output on the global level.



## KDU New Library Management System

KDU library network has implemented its New Library Management System using KOHA open sources software and it was started to function at Medical Library and Allied Health Sciences Library with effect from the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.





## Palm Leaf Manuscript Preservation and Conservation Unit of the Main Library, UoP

The ceremonial opening of the Palm-Leaf Manuscript Preservation and Conservation Unit was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 under the patronage of Prof. Uptul B. Dissanayake, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya. The ancient rare palm-leaf manuscripts collection is a precious treasure of the Library, which exhibits the literary evidence of the society helps to trace the cultural legacy of Sri Lanka. With regard to palm-leaf collections available in the country, University of Peradeniya holds the second largest collection and it is the largest collection presently exists in a university library system.

The collection comprises nearly 5000 items including 250,000 individual leaves(pages). Steps have been taken by the Acting Librarian Mr. R. Maheswaran to preserve and maintain this cultural heritage in a proper condition through establishing the “Palm-Leaf Manuscript Preservation and Conservation Unit” in the library.



## Academic Contribution

### Guest Lectures for General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Library

Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, delivered a lecture on “Effective literature searching and use of searching techniques” for the first year undergraduates of Faculty of Computing on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.



Mrs. T.C. Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian, conducted an introductory lecture on “Library usage” for the officers of Army Logistics School on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2018.

Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, delivered a lecture on “Turnitin plagiarism software” for the officers of Army Logistics School on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, delivered a lecture on “Electronic information searching techniques: a guide to effective literature search” for the officers of Army Logistics School on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2018.



## **Workshops for OUSL Library Users**

Main Library, Open University of Sri Lanka conducted three workshops for OUSL students aiming to provide learner support in view of improving the capacity of learning of students.

Workshops on “Research methodology” and “Mind mapping for effective learning” were conducted by Mrs. Thushara Abeyssekara, Senior Assistant Librarian, in the Main Library on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 respectively. A workshop on “SPSS for data analysis” was conducted by Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the Audio Visual Resource Centre of the Main Library.

These workshops were well-received by the participants and dedication of the resource persons also greatly appreciated.

## **Enhancing Research Skills of Students Attached to the Department of Integrated Design, UoM**

In collaboration with the Department of Integrated Design in the Faculty of Architecture, University of Moratuwa, Library conducted two practical sessions to enhance research skills of fourth year students. A session on “Literature review through e-journals” by Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian and “APA referencing” by Mrs. Nayani Gunawardana, Assistant Librarian were conducted on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 respectively.

## **Workshop on “How to Conduct Literature Surveys”**

Research and Services Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya organized a one day workshop for 4<sup>th</sup> year Undergraduates of the Faculty on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the Science Faculty Board Room. Mr. L.A. Jayatissa, Librarian and Mrs. A.P.U. de Silva, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Kelaniya served as resource persons of this workshop and delivered lectures on “How to conduct literature surveys”.

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## Staff Development

### Workshop on Circulation Module of Koha for Library Staff at KDU

In order to train the library staff on Circulation module of the Koha Library Management System, one-day workshop was organized by the library in the mini auditorium, KDU on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2018.

### Programming Minds to Achieve Goals – Staff Development Programme at UoM

In order to manage the challenges in current LIS environment as well as to discuss future actions, a two-day staff development programme was held for Library Staff of University of Moratuwa on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018. Main session was dedicated to a lecture on “Programming minds to achieve goals” by Mr. Rohan Fernando, Counselor attached to Ceylon Gem Testing Laboratory, Colombo. In addition, Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian in-charge of Technical Services made a presentation to give an awareness on ‘Library pest management’. A presentation on “Stress management in day-to-day life” was done by Mrs. Nayani Gunawardana, Assistant Librarian in-charge of Reader Services. Mrs. Thushari Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian attached to Outreach Services Division discussed about the “Future of outreach activities”. Mr. Eranga Wickrama, Library Information Assistant also shared his experiences in following the Training Programme on “Information Literacy for Library Information Assistants” at NILIS, University of Colombo.



## Workshop on Blackening, Conservation and Preservation of Palm-Leaf Manuscripts

University of Peradeniya Library Network organized a two day workshop on “Blackening of palm leaf manuscripts”. The programme was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at the Main Library, University of Peradeniya. The practical training was conducted by The National Archives, Colombo, Sri Lanka with the participation of staff members of the Palm-Leaf Conservation and Preservation Unit, Main Library, University of Peradeniya.



The Digital Resources Development and Staff Training Division of the Main Library, University of Peradeniya organized a seminar on “Conservation and preservation of palm-leaf manuscripts” on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at the Arts Faculty Seminar Room, University of Peradeniya with the participation of staff members of the University of Peradeniya Library Network. Mr. Tissa Bandara, the Acting Librarian of the Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka served as the resource person. A practical training session was also conducted for the staff members of the palm-leaf conservation and preservation unit.

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## Continuing Professional Development Programme at UoP

The Division of Digital Resources Development and Staff Training, Main Library, University of Peradeniya organized its third seminar on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the Main Library, University of Peradeniya for staff members of the University of Peradeniya Library Network. Two informative lectures were delivered on “Legal responsibilities and ethics of information dissemination” by Dr. (Ms.) Champa Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, Veterinary Medicine & Animal Science Library, University of Peradeniya & “Glance at a few other libraries in the world” by Ms. Sriyani Perera, Senior Assistant Librarian, Medical Library, University of Peradeniya.



## National Workshop on Blended Learning for Education

National E-Learning Resource Centre (NELRC), Faculty of Computing and Technology, University of Kelaniya organized a three days national workshop on “Blended learning for education, 2018” from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 at the Pegasus Reef Hotel, Wattala. Professor Lim Cher Ping, Education University of Hong Kong and Dr. Divaharan Shanti, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore served as resource person of this workshop. Representing library staff, two Senior Assistant Librarians Mrs. Chitra Abeygunasekara and Mrs. A.P.U. De Silva participated in this event.



# Towards National Development

## Automating 04 Public Libraries Attached to Local Governments in the Western Province

Automation of four public libraries namely Bulathsinghala Public Library, Agalawatta Public Library, Kalutara Public Library and Ingiriya Public Library of the Western Province is in progress. Equipment distribution to the above public libraries was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. Dr. (Mrs.) W. Seneviratne, Librarian, OUSL and Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Chief Consultant and Team Leader of the Project represented the OUSL Library in the event.



## Community Development Programme of Library, SEUSL

A five day workshop on “Information literacy skills” for public Librarians of Ampara district was successfully conducted by the library, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) in collaboration with Local Government, Eastern Province from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. The first two days of the workshop was held at Karaitivu Public Library and the rest three days at the Library and Staff Development Centre of the SEUSL. Librarians and Library Assistants of twenty public libraries participated and benefitted from this practical oriented training program. This program was presided by the Acting Librarian Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa. It was inaugurated on Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of April by Prof. M.M. M.Najim, Vice-Chancellor, SEUSL as a Chief Guest, and Mr. A.T.M. Raafi, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, Ampara Regional Office, Eastern Province as Guest of Honour and Mr. K. Jayasiri, Chairman Predeshya Saba Karaitivu as a special guest. Mr. P.G. Premadasa Senior Lecturer of NILIS, University of Colombo, took part as the main resource person in the workshop. Mr. S.L.M. Sajeer, Assistant Librarian coordinated the workshop and the library academics of SEUSL Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa, Mr. M.C.M. Azwer, Mr. A.M. Nahfees, Mr. S.L.M. Sajeer and Mr. Eranga Sanjaya Bandara took part as resource persons and co-facilitators. Feedback of the participants is highly satisfactory and this motivated the resource persons to do more in future. Mr. P.G. Premadasa, also guided to formulate a three month strategic plan for the libraries and Library, SEUSL will do the follow up activities.



# Towards National Development

## Workshop on Public Librarianship and Using IT for Library Services Enhancements

### In Anuradhapura ...

In collaboration with North Central Provincial Library Services Board, Library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted one-day training workshop on “Public librarianship and using IT for library services enhancements” for Public Librarians of the Anuradhapura District on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 in the Auditorium, North Central Provincial Council. Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian of Faculty of Technology Library and Mrs. Tanuja Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian of Agriculture Faculty Library conducted the workshop.



### In Polonnaruwa ...

One-day training workshop for Public Librarians in Polonnaruwa District was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018 in the Auditorium of Bandiwewa Public Library, Polonnaruwa. This was also conducted by Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian of Faculty of Technology Library and Mrs. Tanuja Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian of Agriculture Faculty Library conducted the workshop.





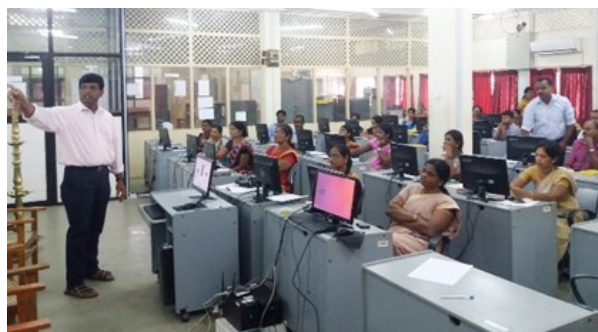
## Workshop on Library Automation for Public Librarians in the Northern Province

Sri Lanka Library Association in collaboration with the University of Jaffna conducted a workshop on “Library automation for public librarians in the Northern Province on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018. The workshop has been coordinated by Mr. S. Ketheeswaren, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna. 36 participants from the public libraries functioning under purview of Department of Local Government, Northern Province have participated in the programme. The Chief Guest for the workshop was Professor R. Vigneswaren, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna. Dr. N. Suthakar, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Mr. S. Subramaniam, Community Development Officer, Department of Local Government, Northern Province were participated as invited guests. The Librarian, University of Jaffna and President of Sri Lanka Library Association Ms S Arulanantham delivered introductory address. Mr. S. Ketheeswaren, Mr. R. Kupeshan and Mrs. T. Jenan the Library Academics of University of Jaffna served as resource persons.



## Workshop on Library Automation for Teacher Librarians Attached to Vanni Region

Sri Lanka Library Association successfully organized a Workshop on “Library automation for teacher librarians” in the Northern Province in collaboration with the Library of University of Jaffna on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018. This was sponsored by Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province. 33 participants from the school libraries in the Vanni region functioning under purview of Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province have participated in the programme. The Chief Guest of the workshop was Professor R. Vigneswaren, the Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna. Professor Prince Jeyadevan, Dean, Faculty of Science and Mr. K. Selvan, the Assistant Director of Education, Department of Education, Northern Province participated as invited guests. The Introductory speech was delivered by Ms. S. Arulanantham, the Librarian, University of Jaffna and President, SLLA. Mr. S. Ketheeswaren, Mr. R. Kupeshan and Mrs. T. Jenan, Library Academics of University of Jaffna served as resource persons.



## NLDSB Awareness Seminar for Educational Officers in the Northern Province

In view of creating awareness among the officers of the educational sector in the Northern Province regarding the survey conducted by the NLDSB on Reading habit of school children in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, one-day seminar was organized by the NLDSB on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at Jaffna. Dr. (Mrs.) K. Chandrasekar, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna served as a resource person in this seminar.

## Workshop for Teacher Librarians of Kekirawa Educational Zone, Anuradhapura

On invitation of North Central Provincial Library Services Board, Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian of Faculty Technology, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted one-day training workshop on “How to conduct a better reading skills development programs in schools?” for Teacher Librarians of Kekirawa Educational Zone, Anuradhapura District. This workshop was successfully held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018 in the Auditorium, Kekirawa Educational Zonal Office.



## Automated Library Management System of Department of Census and Statistics

Opening Ceremony of the Automated Library Management System at the Department of Census and Statistics, Battaramulla was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018. Mr. Harsha Balasooriya Senior Assistant Librarian, Systems, Open University of Sri Lanka served as the Team Leader of the Project, under CERC Library Automation Projects of the OUSL library.



## Workshops on Library Automation

Library staff training workshops on library automation were conducted for the Negambo Public Library and libraries of the University of Vocational Technology and Sri Lanka Institute of Administrative Services in the Staff Development Centre, OUSL on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. These libraries are automated under the CERC Library Automation Projects .

## Automated Library Management System at Katana Public Library

Opening Ceremony of the Automated Library System at Katana Public Library was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Chief Consultant and Team Leader of the Project represented the OUSL Library in the event.

## Workshop for Teacher Librarians of Polonnaruwa Educational Zone, Polonnaruwa

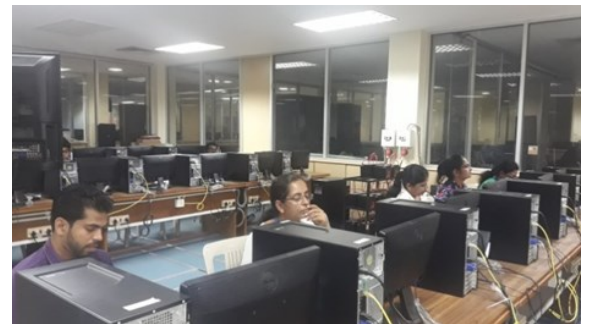
On invitation of North Central Provincial Library Services Board, Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Technology Library and Mr. W.M.A.K. Wijekoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, Main Library of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka conducted one-day training workshop on “Teacher librarianship and how to conduct a better reading skills development programs in schools?” for Teacher Librarians of the Polonnaruwa Educational Zone, Polonnaruwa District. This workshop was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 in the Auditorium of Polonnaruwa Educational Zonal Office.



## Foreign Visits

### Short Term Course on Open Source Software for Library Management (OSSLM - 2018)

Dr. (Mrs). Nayana Wijayasundara, Librarian, Mrs. K.W.A.M. Konpola, Dr. (Mrs). G.D.M.N. Samaradiwakara, Mrs. P.G.R. Samaravickrama Mr. A.M.S. Angamma, Senior Assistant Librarians of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and Mr. Saman Girakaduwa, Assistant Librarian, University of the Visual and Performing Arts participated in the International Workshop on “Short term course on open source software for library management (OSSLM - 2018)” jointly organized by the Central Library, and National Digital Library of India (NDLI) at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.



### IFLA Global vision workshop: Asia and Oceania

The two-day IFLA Global Vision workshop: Asia and Oceania was held at the National Library of Vietnam in Hanoi, Vietnam on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2018. The aim of the workshop was to bring together library leaders from different parts of Asia and Oceania and create an open and welcoming environment to hear their ideas for action. Mrs S. Arulanantham, Librarian, University of Jaffna participated in this workshop in the capacity of President, SLLA. 32 participants from different countries attended in this workshop.



# Book Donations

## Department of Disability Studies Donates Euro 5000 to the Medical Library, UoK

The Department of Disability Studies, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya received a donation of Euro 5000 from Dr. Robert and Henriette in Holland. The Department of Disability Studies donated Euro 5000 to the Medical Library, University of Kelaniya to purchase textbooks of Audiology and Speech and Language Therapy. This was coordinated by Dr. S.P. Sumanasena, Head of the Department of Disability Studies, Dr. Nimisha Muttiah, and Ms. L.D. Ileperuma, Senior Lecturers of Department of Disability Studies. Ms. M. P. Lakmini Rajika Marasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya coordinated the event.



## University of Kelaniya Donates Books to the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Head and the Academic Staff along with the undergraduates attached to the Department of Library & Information Science of the University of Kelaniya visited the Main Library of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2018 and a set of books which promised the upliftment of university students' future, was handed over to Mr.W.J. Jeyaraj, the Acting Librarian, joined by the Head of Department Rev. Lagumdeniye Piyarathana Thero, Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya, academic staff members and the undergraduates.

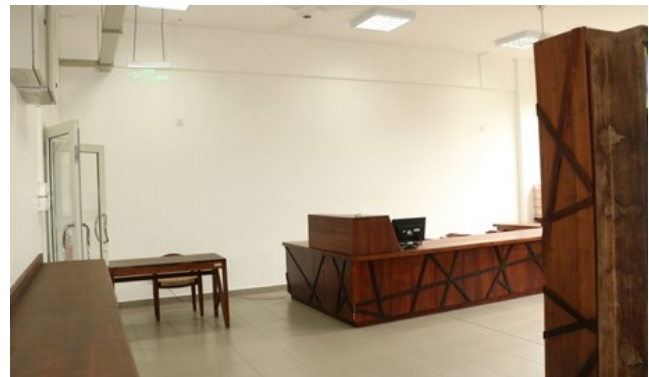
The Assistant Registrar, Mrs. Damayanthy Perera gave a welcome note followed by the Head of the Dept. During his introductory briefing, the Head of Dept. Rev. Lagumdeniye Piyarathana Thero, stated that 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning Standards' is a prime objective of their role and while Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya addressed the event, he spelt out that the study visit and book donation programmes have been taking place for the last few years with Public Libraries. At the end of the programme, Mr. W.J. Jeyaraj, the Acting Librarian thanked them and highlighted that Enhancing Teaching and Learning standards through these kinds of sharing is appreciable and it could catalyze learning and teaching experiences.



# New Library Buildings

## New Medical Library Building for Faculty of Medicine, USJP

New Medical Library was opened on the 18th of June 2018 at the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Prof. Surangi Yasawardene, Librarian, Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara, members of the Medical Library Committee, academics and non-academics of the Library and Medical Faculty participated in the event. This newly opened Medical Library is equipped with new furniture and facilities in view of creating a reader-friendly environment.



## ULA Membership

### Appreciation of Service of Mr. Lal Pannila, Acting Librarian, BPU

A felicitation ceremony to appreciate the service rendered by Mr. Lal Pannila, as the Acting Librarian was held on the at the Library of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. Mr. Pannila served in this Library during his sabbatical leave period from 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 to 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 and resumed duties at the University of Ruhuna on completion of his sabbatical leave.

During his tenure as the Acting Librarian of BPU, He made a great contribution to the betterment of the Library. He was very keen on training junior staff in their professional duties.



### Resumption of Duties

Mr. M.M.Rifaudeen, Librarian, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka has resumed duties on 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 after enjoying one year and two months of sabbatical leave as Chief Librarian of Fiji National University.





## Appointments and Promotions

### SLLA Vice President 2017/2018

Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya is appointed as the Vice President of Sri Lanka Library Association for the academic year 2018/2019. Dr. Ananda Tissa is a Fellow Member of the Sri Lanka Library Association and serving as a visiting lecturer of the Sri Lanka Library Association since year 2000.



### SLLA Academic Group Convener 2018/2019

Mrs. A.V. Muditha Ankumbura, Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of Visual and the Performing Arts is appointed as the Convener of the Academic Library Group of Sri Lanka Library Association for the academic year 2018/2018



### Editorial Board Member of the Journal of the Jaffna Science Association

Dr.(Mrs.) K. Chandrasekar, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna has been appointed as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Jaffna Science Association for a period of two years from November 2017. Jaffna Science Association is a regional organization function largely in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka founded in 1991 by the academics of the University of Jaffna with the intention of disseminating knowledge gained through research.



### New Senior Assistant Librarian

Mrs. Thushara Abeysekara appointed as a Senior Assistant Librarian in the Main Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka since 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018. She obtained her BSc and Master of Philosophy degrees in Chemistry from the University of Kelaniya. Further, she has completed Masters in Library and Information Sciences at the National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo. Before joining the Open University of Sri Lanka, she served as a Senior Research Scientist at the Information Services Centre of the Industrial Technology Institute



## Resignation from Service

Mr. T. Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian in-charge of the Technical Section and Acquisitions Section attached to the Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka has resigned from the post with effect from 02.05.2018. He has served for 14 years at the Eastern University, Sri Lanka.



## Academic Progress

Mrs. Thivya Janen (Assistant Librarian) attached to the University of Jaffna has successfully completed her M.Sc. in Library and Information Science at the Bharadhidasan University, Trichy, India in April 2018 and resumed duties.



Mr. Saman Girakaduwa, Assistant Librarian attached to the University of Visual and Performing Arts recently completed his MSSc. in Library and Information Sciences at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya.



Ms. I.K.D.D. Bodhinayake, Assistant Librarian attached to the University of Kelaniya successfully completed her MSS. in Library and Information Sciences at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya. She has completed a research under topic “Use of scholarly journals by the academic staff of Sri Lankan Universities” for her master degree.



## Publications

### Sri Lanka Library Review New Release

Following research papers by ULA members were published in Sri Lanka Library Review, Volume 32, June 2018.

- Listening Behavior of People: An Explorative Study on the Impact of Information Provision Through Community Radio Channels Broadcasted in Sri Lanka Over the Community Development.  
W. Seneviratne<sup>1</sup> and R. M. Gunasekera
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Electronic Resource Usage  
H.N. K. Dissanayake
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- Impact of Working Culture on Job Satisfaction: A Study Based on Public Librarians in Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Geethani Attanayake

## Presentations at National/International Conferences/Symposia

### Congress Southeast Asian Librarians

Dr. I. M. Nawarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian, Sabaragamuwa University Sri Lanka, Belihuloya presented a paper titled "Attitude of Academic Librarians in Sri Lanka Towards Teaching Information Literacy (IL)" at 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL XVII) held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, MICC 2, Naypyitaw, Myanmar.

### Annual Scientific Sessions of Jaffna Science Association

At the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual sessions of the Jaffna Science Association organized by the Jaffna Science Association and held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Jaffna, following ULA members presented research papers:

- Mrs. T. Sritharan, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo presented a paper titled "Knowledge and usage of electronic resources by medical postgraduate trainees at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo".
- S. Shanmugathan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Vavuniya Campus, University of Jaffna presented a paper titled 'A study on information seeking behaviour of Vavuniya campus undergraduate students'

- Dr. (Mrs.) K.Chandrasekar, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna co-authored the paper titled 'பாடசாலை நூலகக் கற்றல் வள நிலையங்களை வினைத்திறனாக்குவதில் நூலகப் பொறுப்பாளர்கள் எதிர்நோக்கும் சவால்கள் (கோப்பாய் கல்விக் கோட்டத்தை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட ஆய்வு)'
- R. Kupheshan, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna co-authored the paper titled 'பாடசாலை மாணவர்களின் வாசிப்புப் பழக்கத்தின் சமகால நிலையும், எதிர்கால போக்குகளும்: யாழ் அத்தியார் இந்துக்கல்லூரியை மையப்படுத்திய ஆய்வு'

## National Conference on Library and Information Science

At the 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Library and Information Science—NALIS 2018 organized by Sri Lanka Library Association on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 at Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo following ULA members presented research papers:

- Mrs. Thivya Janen, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna and Kupeshan Rathinakumar, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna presented a paper titled 'Open access repositories: a global perspective with an emphasis on Library and Information Science subject'
- W. Punyawardana, Senior Assistant Librarian, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka presented a paper titled 'Job Satisfaction of Library Information Assistants of University Libraries in Sri Lanka '.

Three Senior Assistant Librarians (Dr. Mrs G D M N Samaradiwakara, Mrs P G R Samaravickrama, Mr. A M S Angammana) and 6 Assistant Librarians (Mrs. H.D.M. Nishanthi, Ms. J.G. Chandani, Mr. H.U.C.S. Kumara, Ms. U. P. N. N. Pathirana, Mr. P.C.B. Alahakoon, Mr. A.J.P. Samarawickrama) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura presented their research papers at the National Conference on Library and Information Science (NACLIS) 2018 which was organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association.



## Announcement

# International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA 2018)

"Academic Libraries as Research Saturation Centers:  
Reshaping the Libraries for Tomorrow"

on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Golden Rose Hotel, Boralesgamuwa

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