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ULA Activities

Workshop on Right Attitudes for Better Performance

ULA EXCO 2017/2018 organized a one-day workshop on “Right Attitudes for Better Performance” for library para-professionals of university libraries and it was held on Friday, the 17th of August 2018 at the Library, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Renowned motivational speaker, Prof. Aruna Shantha Gamage of Department of Human Resource Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura conducted the workshop exploiting novel strategies. Fifty-Two library para-professionals representing 11 universities participated in this workshop with great enthusiasm and satisfaction.



Achievements and Awards

Asian Library Leaders Professional Excellence Award 2017

Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo was honoured with the Asian Library Leaders Professional Excellence Award for the year 2017 by the Satija Research Foundation in LIS, India. This was awarded at the International Conference on Exploring the Horizons of Library and Information Science: From Libraries to Knowledge Hubs” organised by Documentation Research and Training Centre in Bangalore on the 7th of August 2018.



Shines beyond the Horizon

Invited Speech in Bangalore

Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge delivered an invited speech on “Exploring the horizons of university librarianship: with special reference to Sri Lanka” at the International Conference on Exploring the horizons of Library and Information Science: from libraries to knowledge hubs” organised by DRTC, Bangalore on 7th August 2018. She also chaired a session at this conference.



Events in Focus

SAARC Exhibition of Paintings 2018

The “SAARC Exhibition of Paintings 2018” which was organized by the SAARC Cultural Center in collaboration with the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and the Arts Council of Sri Lanka was held from the 10th to 13th July 2018 at the Library.



Eastern University Library Concludes the Massive Successful International Symposium LibSym 2018

The Library Network of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka stepped into a new mile stone in the history of Sri Lankan University Libraries by organizing the first ever International Symposium on “Emerging Trends in Education and Library & Information Science” which revolved around the theme of “Re-Engineering Libraries to Align with Transitioning Educational and Technological Paradigms” on the 9th and 10th of August, 2018 at Hotel East Lagoon, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.

Dr. K.E. Karunakaran, the Acting Vice Chancellor graced the occasion as the Head of the Institution. Prof. W. A. Weerasooriya, Prof. in Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya was the Chief Guest of the Conference, and Prof. W. K. M. M. K. Weerasinghe, Prof. in Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya and Dr. R. Balasubramani, Asst. Prof. in Library & Information Science, Bharathidasan University, Trichi, India were the Guests of Honour. Prof. Dr. Chutima Sacchanand, Professor in Library & Information Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand and President, Thai Library Association, Thailand delivered the Keynote Speech on “Transforming the Roles of Libraries and Librarians in the Digital Learning Environment”. Further two invited speeches were delivered by Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, the Librarian of the University of Colombo on “Uncertainty Encountered by the Humanities and Social Science Undergraduates in their Information Seeking Behaviour’ and Dr. Wathmanel Seneviretne, the Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka on “Transforming Academic Librarians’ Skills and Competencies to Facilitate Millennial Learners Effectively”.

The cultural music troop led the academic procession to the conference venue, followed by the welcome song performed by the English Choir of St. Cecilia’s Girls’ College (National School), Batticaloa and a traditional Bharatha Natya was on stage by the Lecturers of Swami Vipulanandha Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka during the Inaugural Session.

The conference featured presenters of selected high quality submissions of research papers from Australia, India, Thailand and Sri Lanka and after the inspiring presentations and fruitful discussions, the Scientific Panel Dialogue on “Challenges and Opportunities in re-Engineering Libraries in the Developing Countries” led by Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge from Sri Lanka, consisting of panel members; Prof. Dr.Chutima Sacchanand from Thailand, Prof. Dr. W.A. Weerasooriya from Sri Lanka, Prof. Dr. William Dharma Raja from India, Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara from Sri Lanka, Dr. R.Balasubramani from India, Mr. G.R. Gamini De Silva from Sri Lanka and Ms. Derani Nathasha Dissanayake from Australia was conducted.

The Valedictory Session was led by Mrs. Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham and the participants were brought to the Eastern University, Sri Lanka proceedingly.

The Conference Proceedings was released on the first day of the Symposium and the participants issued a declaration, containing the most important issues raised at the conference, and formulated possible guidelines for future development.

The above historical conference was the culmination of months of preparation by the Symposium Chair W.J. Jeyaraj, the Co-Secretaries S. Santharoban and M.N. Ravikumar and as the steering Committee Members Gayathiri Navirathan, Prashanthan, Vijeyaluxmy Suthakaran, Jeyakananathan and Damayanthi Perera. The hard work which they had put in to the event was reflected in the keen interest of the participants, and the enthusiasm they showed in a fully-packed, two-day schedule.

The Symposium Chair W.J. Jeyaraj spelt out that since research is the backbone of evolution, the conference girdled a mass pool of intellectuals to stir a scholastic discussion on “Re-Engineering Libraries”.



Inauguration of BA (Hons.) in LIS by the Open University of Sri Lanka

The Open University of Sri Lanka ceremonially launched the Bachelor of Arts Honours in Library and Information Studies (BALIS) on the 18th August 2018 at the Conference Hall of the University.

The degree programme has been launched by the OUSL as a professional undergraduate degree to enroll non degree holding librarians who are professionally qualified with 3 year Diploma in Library Science. The Sri Lanka Library Association had initially requested the OUSL to open an avenue for its LIS Diplomates to obtain a degree qualification to pursue their higher studies and to go ahead in their profession. BALIS course has been designed by the senior staff of the OUSL library. The entrants to the programme will be able to obtain an Honours Degree in LIS after completing necessary credits after minimum of two years. The degree programme is conducted by the Information Studies Unit (ISU) of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) of the OUSL.

The Vice-Chancellor of the OUSL, Senior Prof. S. A. Ariadurai, Chairman, Standing Committee of the Library and Information Sciences (SCOLIS) Dr. Ruvaiz Haniffa, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Kamal Bandara Gunaherath, President, Sri Lanka Library Association Mrs. S. Arulanantham, Librarian, Programme Adviser Dr. (Mrs) W. Seneviratne, Course Coordinator (ISU) Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekera and many other prominent personalities in the Library and Information Sciences (LIS) field had graced the occasion. Inauguration was followed by the orientation programme and the first Day School for the students.

This is the second undergraduate programme of LIS in the country and the first LIS undergraduate course conducted in open and distance mode in Sri Lanka. Further, Library of the OUSL will be the first Teaching Library in the country.



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The Welfare Association of RUSL Library successfully organized a UPAHARA ULELA for retired library staff members and library staff members who passed 25 years of service with a get-together by engaging their family members on the 22nd of August 2018 at the main ground, RUSL. The event started with a friendship cricket tournament. Four retired library staff members were invited to the evening “UPAHARA ULELA”. It was filled with entertainment activities such as drawing a “Sarasavi Vasana Raffle”, Hat-pass activity and Musical Show. Mrs. Ashoka Siriwardane, Librarian, RUSL and Mr. Sisira Karunaratne, Staff Assistant were honoured for their utmost 25 years continuous service. Mrs. Thanuja Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Agriculture Library made the event colourful by singing few songs.



New Initiatives

Public e-library Centre and Nodal Point for Public Library Network in Sri Lanka

The OUSL has been selected to establish a “Public e-library Centre and the Nodal Point for Public Library Network in Sri Lanka” by the Ministry of Local Government & Provincial Councils of Sri Lanka. The project will be expected to connect all the automated public libraries in Sri Lanka and the proposed e-library Centre will become the nodal point for e-operations of the public library network. The designing and the technical consultancy will be provided by the OUSL library.

ADB Team Visited the Site of Faculty of Technology

The newly announced Faculty of Technology, RUSL will be established in a new site with state-of-art technology under the ADB grant. The first site visit of the new faculty and library building by the ADB team took place on the 22nd of August 2018. Discussions took place at the Black & White Hotel, Mihintale and Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian of newly established Faculty of Technology participated in the event. The ADB Team appreciated Green Library Proposal submitted by Dr. S.K. Illangarathne.



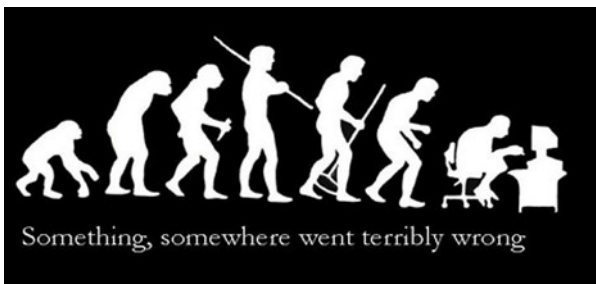
Stop De Evolving ... Ergonomics for Efficient Librarians

Feature Article

by
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*“ Its been a hard days night.... and I was working like a dog.....
 Its been a hard days night and I should be sleeping like a log..... ”*



Anybody who's ever had a really physically demanding job can absolutely “feel” this legendary song vocalled by the “Beatles”.

Although we, the librarians do not involve in arduous or sweaty activities, still feel exhausted at the end of the day. Unintentionally & spontaneously, the words “I am so stressed, so tired” slip from us, as we meet our family or friends at the call of a day. What cause this fatigue? What makes us so tired? Out of many reasons, Inferior posture and equipment is a major cause that creates this tiredness.

As research has identified, bad posture leads to:

- 1) reduced volume of the lungs, which leads to a reduction of respiratory function;
- 2) reduced flow of blood and oxygen to the brain and tissues;
- 3) disruption of the bowel and improper digestion;
- 4) ossification of the ligaments and the appearance of painful sensations;
- 5) chronic tension in the muscles;
- 6) premature aging of body tissues;
- 7) reduces the stability of the spine, which leads to curvatures;
- 8) increased fatigue due to the systematic overstrain of muscles;
- 9) decrease in the liveliness of thinking, speed of reaction and efficiency;
- 10) pain in the back, head and muscles;
- 11) drowsiness and poor concentration.



“Suspending your keyboard from the ceiling forces you to sit up straight, thus reducing fatigue.”

As you read to the end of the gruesome long list, you might resolve to yourself, “Hereafter, I will try to maintain correct posture”. Yes that should be the rule to apply. Together with the help of the equipment you use during your work, you should try to maintain correct posture. That is what ergonomics is all about.

The term ergonomics was coined from the Greek words *ergon* (Work) and *Nomos* (“Rule”). So the literal meaning is “the rule of work”. Ergonomics is the science of refining and optimizing the working environment, occupation and equipment, and matching it with human capabilities and limitations. In other words, the study of how a workplace and the equipment used there can best be designed for comfort, efficiency, safety, and productivity.

Workstation designs significantly affect working posture (sitting, standing or bending, twisting, carry, lifting) which, in turn, contributes to physical symptoms. A correctly organized employee’s workplace affects an increase in labor productivity throughout the whole working day by an average of 15–25%.

A librarian's working day is a combination of cognitive and physical activities. The need to quickly and clearly think, analyze and make decisions; communicate with different people, manage an excess of textual information; are some of the cognitive tasks. Whereas, prolonged use of computers and other electronic tools, as well as repetitive handling of books, boxes, and other materials, are some of the physical activities.

Intensive or long-term use of computers and other electronic tools has become more and more popular in all public service areas and technical operations. You will agree if I say that we spent most of our time in front of the computer. This has caused librarians to use awkward postures of the head, neck, and upper extremities and to endure increased pressures on the soft tissues against external workstation surfaces. This in turn leads to fatigue and reduction of working capacity.

A recent conference paper has listed more than 20 reasons for the deterioration of working capacity when working at a computer. The major reasons been inflammation of the muscles, ligaments and tendons of the back and legs; diseases of the spine and joints; carpal tunnel syndrome; discomfort in the eye area; burning, blurring vision, headache, pain when moving the eyes; light, electromagnetic and other radiation; heat and monotony of work.

Specialists in the field of ergonomics believe that for most people, a comfortable workplace is one that can be adapted for at least two positions, while the position of the chair, display, keyboard, and mouse must match the work performed. The ideal workplace is a workplace that meets certain ergonomic and technical requirements, ensures maximum comfort of working conditions at the computer, and helps to maintain efficiency and well-being during the day.

For an ideal workplace you need:

1. a monitor with adjustable brightness and contrast and with a special stand for installing the monitor screen at the desired angle of inclination; protective filter - for monitors not certificated as producing of low radiation;
2. adjustable table for the computer, allowing to change the height.
3. keyboard
4. adjustable armchair
5. footrest
6. a sufficiently long cable for the keyboard to place it in a convenient position
7. the document holder. If you often have to look at documents while working, you can set the stand with the document vertically in the same plane with the screen and at the same height.



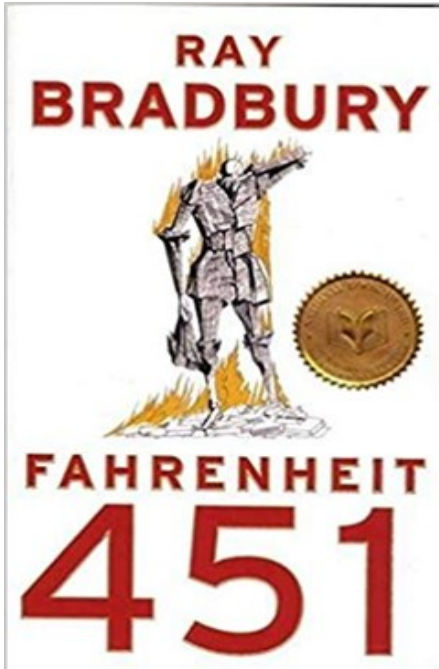
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 "See? If you get close enough to the screen, a 15-inch monitor looks just as big as a 20-inch monitor!"

Many studies revealed that there could be a reduction in job satisfaction, decrease in performance and production, and numerous health effects as a result of poor ergonomics. Still we are neglecting ergonomic principles in the designing of workstations and equipment at the workplace. There should be a collaboration between the University and Library management in introducing and implementing adequate and healthy workstation equipment aimed at preventing occupational diseases of the librarian, strengthening librarians' ability to resist such diseases, creating a healthy lifestyle, as well as optimizing work processes in the library. Why wait for the management, (till you get bent out of shape !) let's make some crafty changes to our workstations ourselves.

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Life that Burns ...



Book Review

by

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Imagine if you are living in a world which burns your treasure where you kept for a long time. I'll ask them to burn me but not my books. An interesting dystopian novel caught my heart and at the same time I was afraid to think about a world without books. Ray Bradbury unfolds a future American society which books are banned and firemen are roaming through the streets whenever they are advised to set fire on books. Here comes the guy "Guy Montag", the protagonist of the novel, Fahrenheit 451 who is a fireman by his profession.

...And I thought about books. And for the first time I realized that a man was behind each one of the books. A man had to think them up. A man had to take a long time to put them down on paper. And I'd never even thought that thought before. (p.50)



Ray Bradbury

<http://www.raybradbury.com/about.html>

From his own words he explicit his inner disturbances after stealing a book from a house which he and his colleagues set fire. It was a Bible. He gradually started to think about value of these printed pages. His fondness towards books grew wider when he reunites with Faber, former English Professor before books were banned. Replies to thousands of questions by Montag to Faber meet through these wonderful lines where they urge us to rethink the superiority of pale white sheets lay before our eyes.

Books were only one type of receptacle where we stored a lot of things we were afraid we might forget. There is nothing magical in them at all. The magic is only in what books say, how they stitched the patches of the universe together into one garment for us. (p.80)

According to my own perspective, Bradbury's lifelong passion for books has brightened the author inside him and his voice echoed through these explanations. His curiosity towards collections of books may arouse during his frequent visits to libraries. Influenced by famous writers, Bradbury's creativeness was penned and he was able to speak to hearts of people. Fahrenheit 451 may be the outcome of his own life time bitter experiences on massive book burnings which shattered the world. The author has focused to bring out censorship as the central theme of his novel.

There is a combination of languages in the novel. Though a simple language can be found, the beautiful figurative and poetic language arouses interest to read it. The similes, metaphors, irony, symbolism found throughout the book, capture the attention of readers and enrich the language of the short novel.

...Do you know why books such as this are so important? Because they have quality. And what does the word quality mean? To me it means texture. This book has pores. It has features. This book can go under the microscope. You'd find life under the glass, streaming past in infinite profusion. The more pores, the more truthfully recorded details of life per square inch you can get on a sheet of paper, the more 'literary' you are. (p. 81)

Though the book saw life in 1953, the author has predicted the future through the behavior of characters of the novel. Technological modernizations of mass media like television and radio were gradually establishing in the society and he witnessed that it will be a threat to the habit of reading. Bradbury's and my beliefs become similar regarding the idea that the important features of life will be distracted when those media enters in. For my relief, Montag was able to join the book-lovers in a countryside led by Granger. The philosophical views of the intellectuals are flowing through the end of the book. A new hope is given for the readers to satisfy that Montag will love books but not burn them.

Many more words to utter about "the temperature at which book paper catches fire and burns" were according to Bradbury's statement at the beginning of the work. My intention was to present very slight warmth of this temperature to invite you to feel it, but not burn in it. As a library professional I would like to mention that Ray has convinced the society importance of reading and thinking decades ago and now the dark shadows are floating around us. Among hundreds of quotes presented in Fahrenheit 451, I wish to bring out one which feels that abridges author's message to the society through his piece of work.

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them"

Academic Contribution

Workshop on Research Management Tools and Techniques

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University was invited by the Staff Development Centre of Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University as the resource person of the Workshop on "Research Management Tools and Techniques" for all academic staff members. The workshop was held on the 25th of 2018 in the main computer lab of the Trincomalee Campus.



Lecture on Introduction to PICO at KDU

Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence delivered a lecture on “Introduction to PICO” for Intake 32 undergraduates (final year) from Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences on the 26th July 2018 in order to prepare them for the practice module of B. Pharm. Degree programme.

Enhancing Research Skills of Integrated Design Students

The group of MSc/PG Diploma students in Textile and Clothing Management of University of Moratuwa had their library session on 4th of August 2018 at the departmental computer lab. The first lecture was on “Literature Searching for Research” and was conducted by Mrs. A.K.U.N. Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian and the second lecture on “Referencing and Plagiarism” was conducted by Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa, Senior Assistant Librarian. The sessions were helpful for the students to gather literature and manage them for their final report.

Enhancing Research Skills of Integrated Design Students

Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University delivered a Lecture on “Information Searching Techniques and PubMed Searching” with hand on sessions for Intake 32 undergraduates (final year) from Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences on the 6th of August 2018.

Special Guest Lecture on International Human Resource Management

Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, University Librarian of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka has conducted special guest lecture on “International Human Resource Management: sharing experience of Fiji National University” for the final year students of Bachelor of Business Administration on the invitation of the Dean of the Faculty of Management, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on the 16th of August 2018 at the Faculty Auditorium. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen delivered the lecture He discussed about his overseas experience at Fiji National University with regards to Recruitment, Selection, Training & Development, Performance Appraisal, Compensation and Labor Relations.

Lecture on How to do Effective Literature Review

Dr. C.C. Jayasundara, Librarian, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University delivered a lecture on “How to do an effective Literature Review” for Intake 32 undergraduates (final year) from Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences on the 24th of August 2018.



Enhancing Research Skills of Transportation Engineering Postgraduates

In collaboration with the Division of Transportation Engineering of the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa, Library conducted two sessions to enhance the research skills of postgraduate students reading for M.Eng. in Highway & Traffic Engineering; M.Sc. in Transportation and research assistants attached to the division

Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian in-charge of Technical Services division guided them in searching specific literature and Mr. Nishan Punchihewa, Senior Assistant Librarian in-charge of User Education, Permanent Reference and Periodicals delivered a lecture on “Avoiding Plagiarism and Referencing” and also introduced the Zotero referencing tool. The sessions were conducted on the 31st of August, 2018.

Lecture on Plagiarism Check

Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa, Senior Assistant Librarian delivered a lecture titled “Plagiarism Check” in a Research Management Workshop” held on the 6th of September, 2018 in the Electrical Engineering Seminar Room, University of Moratuwa. Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Moratuwa organized this workshop for academic staff members and postgraduate students.

Workshop on “Literature for Research and Avoiding Plagiarism”

One day workshop on “Literature for Research and Avoiding Plagiarism” was organized by the Uva Wellassa University library with the participation of the university Librarian, Mrs. A.S. Siriwardana to enhance the research and publication capacity of students. This one day workshop conducted by Dr. Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka took place on the 9th of September, 2018. The event was coordinated by Dr.K.M.R.K.Kulathunge, Senior Assistant Librarian.



Creating Vibrant Research Culture

Training Session on Oxford Law Collection at UoC

A training session on Oxford Reference Law Collection was conducted by Ms. Sumita Sen of Oxford University Press on 23rd of July 2018 at the Main Library Auditorium, University of Colombo. Academic staff members of the Faculty of Law and senior staff of the library participated in the training program.



Workshop on Oxford Medicine Online

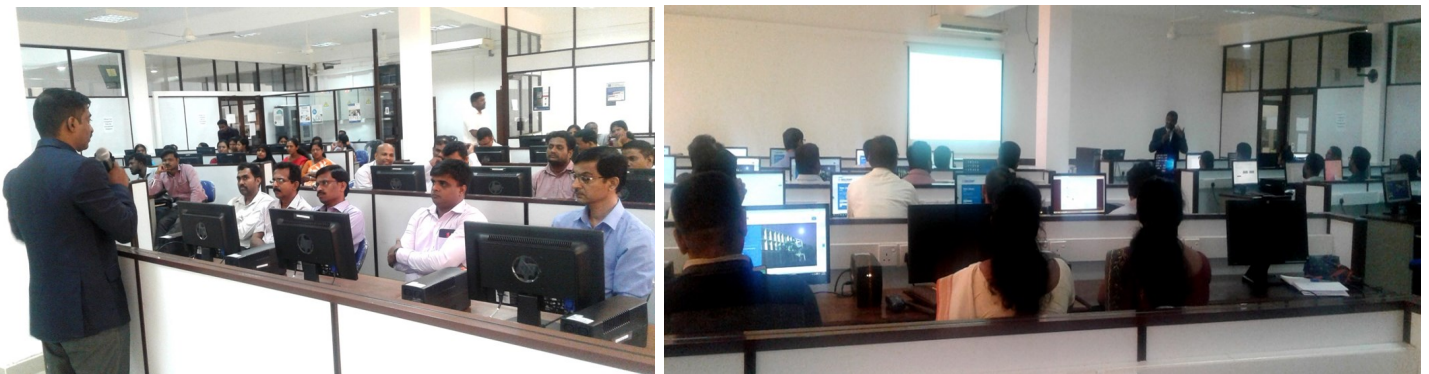
Oxford University Press organized a training session on “Oxford Medicine Online” for academics staff and library staff of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on the 26th of July 2018 in the Computer Center, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences under the supervision of Mrs. Thushara Wanasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine Library. Mrs Sumita Sen, Assistant Manager, Training - South Asia & South East Asia, Oxford University Press conducted the session successfully.



Scholastic Workshop on Citation Metrics at EUSL

The Library Network of the Eastern University organized a half day scholastic workshop on the theme “Citation Metrics to Research Impact and Academic Productivity” on the 14th of August, 2018 at the e-Resources Unit of the Main Library, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The Acting Librarian, Mr. W.J. Jeyaraj briefed about the importance of citation metrics for researchers and preceded the above workshop. Dr. R. Balasubramani, the Assistant Professor in Library & Information Science of the Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, India was the resource professional for the workshop consisted of an interesting mode of demonstration and his practical ways with hands on activities for the participants.

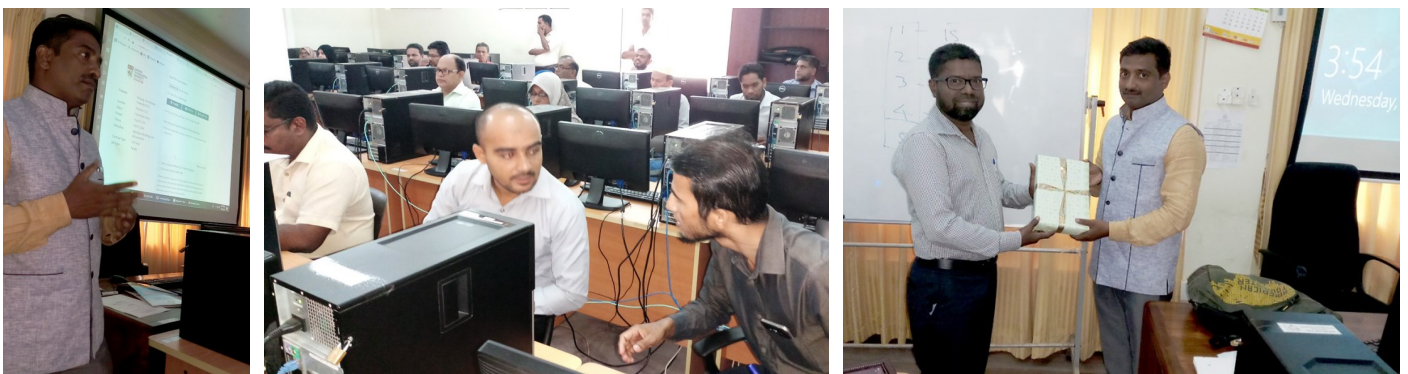
Since the research evaluations rely on various bibliometric indicators, the above workshop was indeed very useful to all academic staff members. The specialty and the essence of this workshop were being able to observe the demonstration of three aspects such as Citation Databases, Calculation of H-Index & G-Index and Utilizing PoP Software to create citation profile.



One-day Workshop on Transparent Research Performance at SEUSL

The workshop on “Transparent Research Performance” organized by Libraries of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) in collaboration with the Staff Development Centre, SEUSL was held in the Computer Laboratory of the Faculty of Engineering, SEUSL on the 15th of August 2018. The aim of this workshop was to train the academia on the importance of publishing in indexed journals and how to boost research productivity.

As UGC is going to rank the university academics based on H-index according to its circular 05/2018 dated 5th of July, 2018, it was felt as a timely effort to make the academics aware of this circular and motivate them. Dr. R Balasubramani, Assistant Professor of Barathidasan University, Trichy, India was the resource person for this workshop. Forty five academics from different faculties of the SEUSL were registered to this course on first-come-first-served basis and all of them participated in the workshop enthusiastically. It was a very successful program and all the participants actively involved in learning.



Training on URKUND-Plagiarism Detection Tool

Libraries of SEUSL conducted a Training Programme on URKUND—Plagiarism Detection Tool for faculty members on 30th of August 2018, upon the approval of the Vice Chancellor. Mr. Malin Pathirana, Application Engineer of MANK Service took part as a resource person. There were 88 active participants from faculties including Deans, HOD and all Library Academic Staff. Participants were given hands on training. They were able to create their account and practice plagiarism detection by uploading some files and studied similarity report etc. At present every members of the faculties are aware of the URKUND. SEUSL libraries are now planning to introduce this service to postgraduate students. The URKUND link is also mounted in the library home page (<http://www.seu.ac.lk/library/index.php>).

Staff Development

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The Division of Digital Resources Development and Staff Training, Main Library, University of Peradeniya organized a seminar on “වෘත්තීය ජීවිතයට මනෝවිද්‍යාවෙන් අත්වැලක්- vurthiya jeevithayata mano vidyawen athwalak’ on the 17th and 18th of July 2018 at the Main Library, University of Peradeniya with the participation of the staff members of the University of Peradeniya Library Network. Dr. D.D.K.S. Karunanayake, Head, Department of Philosophy & Psychology, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya served as the resource person.



Workshop on Research Methodology

A “Workshop on Research Methodology” conducted by the National Library and Documentation Services Board took place on the 2nd and the 3rd of August 2018. Mrs. W.M. Thusithakumari, and Mrs. D.G.A.S. Malkanthi, Senior Assistant Librarians of Wayamba University of Sri Lanka and Mrs. A.K.U.N. Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian of University of Moratuwa participated in the workshop. Emeritus Professor K.A.P. Siddhisena, Dr. E.L. Sunethra J. Perera, Senior Lecturer, Head Department of Demography, University of Colombo and Dr. (Mrs.) Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka were the resource persons.



Short-Term Communication English Language Training Program for RUSL Library Staff

On the special request of the Library, with the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, the Staff Development Center (SDC) and Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), RUSL collaboratively conducted the five weeks Short-Term Communication English Language Program from 6th of August, 2018. Training program was conducted for library staff who mainly work at the front desks with the library system. Fourteen (14) members were participated in the program and it was one of the successful effort taken by the DELT to give 100% practical training for the participants.



OUSL Conducted LIS Knowledge Sharing Session

A knowledge sharing session on the experiences gained by the library staff after an exposure visit to number of South Indian Libraries from the 3rd to 10th of March 2018, has been held on the 15th of August 2018 at the Audiovisual Resource Centre of the Main Library, OUSL.

Presentations were based on the innovative areas that can be adopted by the OUSL Library and the university, identified during the exposure visit. Senior academics and the administrators including Senior Prof. S.A. Ariadurai, Vice-Chancellor, Senior Prof. Kamal Bandara, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Mrs. Vindya Jayasena, Registrar, Deans of the Faculties, and many other staff members attended the session.



Towards National Development

Training Programmes on the Role of School Librarians and Reader Services

Mr. K.G.I. Jayawardana, Assistant Librarian, Main Library, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Kuliypitiya conducted two training programmes on “The Role of School Librarians and Reader Services” for Teacher Librarians at Anuradapura Educational Zone on the 20th of July 2018 and Dibulagala Educational Zone on the 25th of July 2018 on invitation of North Central Provincial Library Service Board.



Workshop on Expanding Public Library Service towards Community

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian of Uva Wellassa University along with Mr. W.J. Jeyaraj, Acting Librarian and Mr. M. Jayakananthan, System Analyst of Eastern University participated as resource persons in a “Workshop on Expanding Public Library Service Towards Community” organized by the Municipal Council, Batticaloa on 22nd of July 2018 for librarians and library staff members of public libraries working in the municipal council area, Batticaloa. It consisted with lectures and sessions comprised of 3 different topics.



Career Guidance Programme and Workshops at Jaffna Regional Centre Library, OUSL

Career Guidance Programme and Skill Development Workshops were organized and conducted by the Assistant Librarian, Mr. K. Sajanthan, Jaffna Regional Centre of the OUSL on the 21st of July, 24th and 29th of August 2018. The programme has been conducted at Vembadi Girls' High School and more than thousand students from ten schools and youth in the area benefited from the programme. Workshops on Data Analysis Using SPSS and Report Writing Techniques with Microsoft Office were also conducted respectively on the 24th and 29th of August 2018.



One-Day Session on “Number building in Universal Decimal Classification”

A one day session on “Number Building in Universal Decimal Classification” was held for the staff of National Science Foundation (NSF) Resource Center on the 15th of August 2018. The resource person for the session was Mrs. A.K.U.N. Kodithuwakku, Assistant Librarian of University of Moratuwa. The lecture was important for the staff to reclassify their collection and to locate the library resources for the convenience of both user and staff members.



Library Exposure Visits

Visit of A/L Students of Thri/Gomarankadawala Maha Vidyalaya to RUSL Library

The A/L students of Thri/Gomarankadawala Maha Vidyalaya visited the RUSL Library on the 2nd of July 2018 on the occasion of the Commerce Day. The tour was arranged by the Faculty of Management Studies, RUSL. The students and teachers were welcomed by Dr. S.K. Illangarathne on behalf of the Librarian and let them well-aware about basic operations of the library, online check-in and check-out process via library integrated automation system and freely available information resources through Internet and RUSL Library website. Library staff were happily engaging with students and guided them.



Visit of Council Members and Public Library Staff of Kattankudy to SEUSL Library

Kattankudy urban council has made an exposure visit to Main Library of SEUSL on the 23rd of July, 2018. Chairman, Secretary, Librarians and other administrative officers were present. Library SEUSL has conducted a short training and discussion in order to show them the good practices and the latest trends. Chairman indicated that they are going to reorganize their public library to a newly constructed building and considering SEUSL main library as a model. They wanted continuous support and consultancy of SEUSL libraries in this venture.

Visit of Staff and Users of Giribawa Pradeshiya Sabha

The public library staff with their users and the staff of Giribawa Pradeshiya Sabha visited the RUSL Library on the 30th of July, 2018 to observe the library operations and to get the knowledge about modern information services. The group was welcomed by Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, on behalf of the Librarian, and other library staff members were engaged to explain the facilities of the existing library with the basic operations of the library, online check-in and check-out process via library integrated automation system and freely available information resources through Internet and RUSL Library website. The members of library staff happily engaged with event and guided them.



Visit of Council Members and Public Library Staff of Kattankudy to UoM Library

In order to enhance the services and environment of Kattankudy Public Library, representatives of the Kattankudy Urban Council and Staff members of the Public Library visited University of Moratuwa Library on the 17th of August 2018 for an exposure visit. Mrs. Ruvini Kodikara, Librarian warmly welcomed the representatives to the library and Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian briefed about the information sources and services especially e-resources and e-services of the UoM Library. Mr. Noordeen Library Supportive Staff Member guided them through the library to introduce the collections as well as services



Visit of Subject Review Team to EUSL Library

The subject review team for the discipline of education of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka visited the Main Library and evaluated the available information resources related to education and the services rendered by the library to the university community mid of August, 2018. The team had a meeting with the Acting Librarian, Mr.W.J.Jeyaraj and appreciated the efforts taken by the library and discussed on the challenges in providing information services and the strategies to be imposed to overcome the obstacles in the future.



Community Outreach

Book Donation to Elderly Homes by UWU Library

Uva Wellassa University Library organized a book donation programme on the 8th of August 2018 with the purpose of giving opportunity for residents of elderly homes to read and enjoy books. More than 500 books were donated to Kailagoda and Redeepana Elders Home, Badulla. The event was coordinated by Ms.D.P.C. Vithana, Assistant Librarian. The staff members and students of the UWU along with some of outside well-wishers contributed to this activity.



Cultural Events

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The Library of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a Guest Lecture on “Bhavitha Vatinakama Saha Sinhala Bhashave Anagathaya (භාවිත වටිනාකම සහ සිංහල භාෂාවේ අනාගතය)” on the 25th of July 2018 at the Main Auditorium. Dr. Lalithasiri Gunaruwan, Senior Lecturer of Department of Economics, University of Colombo, delivered this timely valuable lecture for KDU community. During the session Dr. Gunaruwan discussed the inherent values of Sinhala Language and its potential vulnerability to the forces of language decimation. Major General Indunil Ranasinghe - Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence and Administration), Academic and non-academic members and other distinguished guests attended the event.



Guest Lecture on ''Battle of Mulleriyawa and Later Kandiyana Battles: A Study in Contrast''

The Library of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University organized a Guest Lecture on "Battle of Mulleriyawa and Later Kandiyana Battles: A Study in Contrast" on the 16th of August 2018 at 3.00 pm in the Main Auditorium. Retired Major General M.H. Gunarathne, VSV delivered this valuable speech for the KDU community. Retired Major General M.H. Gunarathne, VSV has been qualified in various aspects of field operations during the course of his military career and had held several prestigious appointments in the Sri Lanka Army.

The session gave a deep insights into the topic and also revealed some interesting and fascinating facts about great warriors in ancient Sri Lanka, who sacrificed their lives for the motherland and the tactics and methodologies used in the battlefields. Prof. K.M. De Silva, Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Major General IP Ranasinghe - Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration), Academics, Military Officers and other distinguish guests graced the event.



New Library Buildings

The New Wing of the Ruhuna Library System

The University of Ruhuna Library was established on the 27th of August, 1978 with a small amount of human and physical resources just sufficient to cater for the two founder faculties of the University. To mark the 40th anniversary of University of Ruhuna, the library building has been expanded with a new two-storied wing equipped with modern library facilities. This newly constructed library building was open to the University community on the 4th of July 2018 by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna. Now, the University community can experience the wide opening area for self learning, and a reading area with open Wi-Fi corridors. There is a dedicated facility for the one among the five legal deposit collections in the country. Being a growing organization, the University of Ruhuna Library is willing to provide a state-of-the-art library experience to its users by means of both print and digital facilities



A New Member of the Ruhuna Library System

With the enormous auspicious of the Vice-Chancellor and immense dedication of the Library staff, library system of the University of Ruhuna was expanded with a new satellite library for the Faculty of Technology. The new library is located in the newly established faculty complex of the Faculty of Technology at Kamburupitiya. The new wing of the Ruhuna library system was presented to the scholarly community by the Hon. Minister of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Wijedasa Rajapaksha on the 16th of August 2018. This extension marked a quantum leap of the history of Ruhuna library and a gigantic step forward of the journey to enrich the community with knowledge.

ULA Membership

Appointments and Promotions

Acting Librarian of the Wayamba University

Mrs. W.M. Thusithakumari, Senior Assistant Librarian, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka was appointed as the Acting Librarian of the Wayamba University for the period of 31st of July to 5th September 2018.



Promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian

Dr. K.M.R.K. Kulathunge of Uva Wellassa University has been promoted as Senior Assistant Librarian with effect from the 1st of August 2018.



New Assistant Librarians of University of Peradeniya

Mr. S. Jeewan obtained Bachelor of Arts Degree in Archaeology (with Second Class Upper) from University of Peradeniya in 2015 and completed his Master of Arts Degree in Archaeology in 2017, PGIHS of University of Peradeniya. Currently, he is reading for his M.Sc. Degree in GIS and Remote Sensing at the PGIS of University of Peradeniya. Before joining the Library Network, he worked as a Temporary Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Archaeology of University of Peradeniya, as well as a Volunteer Student Counselor of Faculty of Arts in the same university from 2016-2018. Further. He is a member of Sri Lanka Council of Archaeologists (MSLCA).



Mr. K.M.B.N. Konara obtained Bachelor of Arts degree in Sinhala with First Class in 2008 from University of Peradeniya. He completed his M.Phil. degree in 2016 in Sinhala from University of Peradeniya. Before joining the Library Network he worked as a Temporary Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Sinhala, University of Peradeniya from 2009 to 2011. Later, joined the Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education Program (ISLE) which is an educational program for American students in Sri Lanka as a Sinhala instructor and worked over 5 years.



Academic Progress

Dr. (Ms.) R.A.A.S. Ranaweera, Senior Assistant Librarian attached to the University of Kelaniya successfully completed her PhD degree in Library Science at the School of Information Management, Wuhan, P.R. China. She started PhD degree studies on the 1st of September 2015 and she has completed her study leave period on the 15th of July 2018. At present, Dr. Ranaweera serves as head of the Periodicals Division.



Publications

New JULA Issue Released

Journal of University Librarians Association, Volume 21, Issue 2, July 2018 was released making space for eight research articles.

- The Impact of Gender Differences on Job Satisfaction of University Library Professionals
M.P.L.R. Marasinghe and Anusha Wijayaratne
- Use of Social Network Sites (SNS) by Library Academics in the Workplace: Perspectives of University Librarians in Sri Lanka
Sureni Weerasinghe and B.M.M.C.B. Hindagolla
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Presentations at National/International Conferences/Symposia

International Conference on LIS

Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo made a presentation titled “Information seeking process Model of HSS undergraduates: University of Colombo” at the 5th International Conference on LIS organized by the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) on 30th July 2018 in Athens.

LibSym 2018

International Symposium on “Emerging Trends in Education and Library & Information Science— LibSym 2018, organized by the Library Network of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka was held from 9th to 10th of August, 2018 in Batticoloa. Following ULA members made presentations.

- Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge, Librarian, University of Colombo presented an invited paper on “Uncertainty encountered by the humanities and social science undergraduates in their information seeking behavior”.
 - Dr. (Mrs.) W. Senevirathne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka presented an invited paper on “Transforming academic librarians skills and competencies to facilitate millennial learners effectively”.
 - Dr. (Ms.) Champa N.K. Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Peradeniya presented paper on “Self-efficacy theory and the reactions of sources of self-efficacy in four humanities and social sciences universities in Sri Lanka”. This paper was co-authored by Mrs. S. Somaratne, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo.
 - Mr. R. Maheswaran, Acting Librarian, University of Peradeniya presented a paper on “Implementation of institutional repository using DSpace: A case study at University of Peradeniya”.
 - Mrs. W.M.P.G.K.T. Wanasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka presented a paper on “Public libraries today: A case study in Anuradhapura District public libraries in Sri Lanka”.
 - Mr. S. Shanmugathan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Vavuniya Campus, University of Jaffna presented a paper on “The study on reading habits of senior secondary students: Evidence from Vipulanantha College, Vavuniya”. This paper was co-authored by R. Kupeshan, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna.
 - Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa presented paper on “Research productivity of University of Moratuwa: A study based on Scopus database”. This paper was co-authored by Mr. Subramanian Navaneethakrishnan, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna.
 - Mrs. Kalpana Chandrasekar, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna presented a paper on “Strengthening school libraries to improve quality of education in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka”. This paper was co-authored by Kupeshan Raththinakumar, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna.
 - Mrs. W.M. Thusithakumari, Senior Assistant Librarian, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka presented a paper on “Marketing first impressions: Library Weeks of Welcome - ‘WOW’ correlations at orientation of Wayamba University Libraries”.
 - Mr. R. Kupeshan, Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna presented a paper on “School library automation in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka: A preliminary survey”. This paper was co-authored by Mrs. V. Mythili, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Jaffna.
 - Dr. (Mrs.) B.M.M.C.B. Hindagolla, Senior Assistant Librarian presented a paper on “Acceptance of social media as a learning resource in higher education: A case study at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka”. This paper was co-authored by Dr. J.C. Marasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Department of Radiography and Radiotherapy, University of Peradeniya.
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iCoo 2018

The 1st International Conference on “Library and Information Science: From Open Library to Open Society” was held in Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand, from 18th to 19th August 2018. Following ULA members of Sir John Kotelawala Defence University made presentations.

- Mrs. T. C. Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian presented a paper on “Usage and its impact on academic integrity and honesty of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU)”.
- Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana Ukwattage, Assistant Librarian presented a paper on “Citation analysis of undergraduate dissertations: An assessment of the utilization of information sources as a collection development tool”.
- Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana Ukwattage, Assistant Librarian presented a paper on “Evaluating, patterns of research publications in the intangible cultural heritage of Sri Lanka: a bibliometric study”. This paper was co-authored by Mr. B.A.D. Sarath Premarathne, Senior Lecturer, University of Visual and Performing Arts.

Wayamba International Conference

Mr. S. Shanmugathan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Vavuniya Campus, University of Jaffna presented a paper on “The impact of attitude on job performance of library attendants of public libraries in Vavuniya District” at the Wayamba International Conference held in Wayamba University of Sri Lanka from 24th to 25th August, 2018.

WLIC-IFLA 2018 Congress

World Library and Information Congress 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly on “Transform Libraries, Transform Societies” was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 24th to 30th August 2018. Following ULA members of made presentations.

- Dr. (Mrs.) W. Senevirathne, Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka paper on “Developing a LIS curriculum in collaboration with social media as a delivery and communication tool: A Bachelor Degree curriculum inclusion of LIS professionals through lateral entry”. This paper was included in LIS Education-168 section.
 - Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka presented a paper on “Developing a strategic program for safeguarding palm-leaf manuscripts in Sri Lanka” The paper was presented through online in the Perseveration and Conversation section under the theme “Fragile! Careful Handling Required: Manuscript housing, conservation and metadata documentation for access”. This paper was co-authored by Mr. L.M. Udaya Prasad Cabral, Conservation and Preservation Division, National Library and Documentation Services Board, Sri Lanka) and Mr. T. Ramanan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
 - Mrs. H.N. K. Dissanayake, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Peradeniya made a presentation as a lightning talk on “A comparative study of the research output of two Sri Lankan universities in PubMed database (1997-2017): A bibliometric study” in the Health and Bio-Science section.
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Programme



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8.30 am	Registration
9.00 am	Arrival of Guests
9.05 am	Lighting of Oil lamp
9.10 am	Welcome Address - Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara/ President, ULA
9.15 am	Introductory Note Dr. Champa N. K. Alahakoon/ Convener, ICULA-2018
9.20 am	Presentation of Conference Proceedings Speech by the Chief Guest
9.25 am	Dr. Harsha De Silva, Hon. State Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Speech by the Guest of Honour
9.40 am	Senior Professor Hemanthi Ranasinghe, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura Keynote Speech\
9.45 am	Associate Professor Dr. Kiran Kaur, Department of Library & Information Science University of Malaya, Malaysia
10.05 am	Presentation of Souvenirs
10.10 am	Vote of Thanks Dr Manoja Samaradiwakara, General Secretary, ULA
10.15 am	Tea
	Technical Session I: Quality Assurance & Enhancement in Libraries Session Chair - Dr. Ruwan Gamage
10.45 am	Preserving the Quality of Scientific Research : Peer Review and Emerging Trends Pali U. Kuruppu - De Silva
10.55 am	Product/Service Diversification Potentials in University Libraries of Sri Lanka J. J. G. Arachchige & Ananda Karunaratna
11.05 am	Need for Machine Readable Cataloging Standard Levels for Automation of University Libraries in Sri Lanka R. M. D. P. Rathnayaka
11.15 am	Inter Library Loan Data as a Collection Development and Appraisal Criteria for the Electronic Journal Databases in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura P. C. B. Alahakoon & G. D. M. N. Samaradiwakara
11.25 am	A Comparative Analysis of Reference Managers : Endnote and Mendeley S. Santharoban & J. Lavanya
11.35 am	Use of Rogers's Diffusion of Innovation Theory and Gartner's Hype Cycle model for technological exploration of e-book adoption C. C. Jayasundara
11.45 am	Determinants of Users' Satisfaction with E-library Services in Academic Libraries of Sri Lanka: Application of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) S. K. Illangarathne
11.55 am	Discussion
12.20 pm	Product Presentation by Oxford University Press
12.30 pm	Lunch



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Technical Session II: Understanding user needs and information seeking Behavior

Session Chair: Mr. W. J. Jeyaraj

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| 1.30 pm | A Study on the Awareness of Reference Sources Among the University Students: with Special Reference to University of Sri Jayewardenepura
D. M. S. K. Herath |
| 1.40 pm | A Study on E-Resources in Indigenous Medical Education: a Case Study in the Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo Sri Lanka.
A. J. P. Samarawickrama & Y. S. G. Wimalasiri |
| 1.50 pm | Indigenous Medicinal Knowledge in Palm-Leaf Manuscripts Collection at the Library of University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
H. D. Menaka Nishanthi, N. M. P. Neththasinghe & Nilantha Indika |
| 2.00 pm | Health Information Needs of Pregnant Women During the Pregnancy Period
T. Sritharan, K. Murugathas & R. Kubeshan |
| 2.10 pm | A Bibliometric Analysis of Scholarly Publications on Dengue in PubMed Database
M. P. Rajapaksha |
| 2.20 pm | Impact Factor vs. Article Level Metrics for Measuring the Impact of Scholarly Communication: A Comparative Review
T. Janen & S. Arulanantham |
| 2.30 pm | Discussion |
| 2.55 pm | Product Presentation by Bharat Book Bureau |

Technical Session III: Promoting Libraries in the Age of Digital Media

Session Chair: Dr. (Mrs.) Kalpana Chandrasekar

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| 3.05 pm | Taking the Library to Patron: Market and Promotion of Library Materials Using Notice Board Advertisements
I. D. K. L. Fernando & R. A. P. S. Senevirathna |
| 3.15 pm | Moving Forward by Looking Backward: 3Rs Make Difference over the Novice's Induction in Academic Libraries: A Case study at Wayamba University
W. M. Thusithakumari & K. G. I. Jayawardana |
| 3.25 pm | Role of the Career Guidance on the Empowering Low Result Students of The (GCE) A/L and O/L Examinations (With Special Reference to National Youth Corps Training Center in Sri Lanka)
Nayana Suraweera |
| 3.35 pm | Career Guidance Services as a New Library Service in Academic Libraries of Sri Lanka
K. R. N. Harshani |
| 3.45 pm | Green Open Access Vs Copyright Infringement: An Assessment of Self-Archiving in Selected Institutional Repositories of Sri Lankan Universities
Thuraiyappah Pratheepan |
| 3.55 pm | Discussion |
| 4.20 pm | Product Presentation by Emerald Publishing |
| 4.30 pm | Valedictory Session |
| 5.00 pm | Tea |

ULA AGM

INVITATION

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA



The Executive Committee of the ULA takes pleasure in inviting all the members

to the Inauguration of the 36th AGM
commences at 9.00 am on 21st September 2018

at the
Board Room, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya

PROGRAMME

9.00 am	Registration
9.30 am	Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp
9.35 am	National Anthem
9.45 am	Welcome Address by Mrs. Chitra Abeygunasekara Acting Librarian, University of Kelaniya
10.00 am	Address by Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara President of ULA
10.10 am	Address by the Chief Guest Prof. Lakshman Senevirathne Deputy Vice -Chancellor University of Kelaniya
10.30 am	Presenting of JULA, Volume 21
10.35 am	Felicitation to Mrs. T. Arulnandhy Eastern University of Sri Lanka
10.50 am	Presenting the token of appreciation
10.55 am	Vote of thanks by Dr. Manoja Samaradiwakara General Secretary - ULA
11.00 am	Refreshments

AGENDA

12.00 pm	Welcome to 36 th Annual General Meeting Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara - President of ULA
12.15 pm	Confirmation of Minutes of the 35 th Annual General Meeting
12.25 pm	Confirmation of Statement of Accounts 2017/2018
12.35 pm	Resolutions
12.40 pm	Nominations for 2018/2019 Executive committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro-Tem Chairperson • President • Vice – President • General Secretary • Assistant Secretary • Treasurer • Editor • Web Editor • Training Officer • University Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University of Colombo - University of Jaffna - University of Kelaniya - University of Moratuwa - University of Peradeniya - University of Ruhuna - University of Sri Jayewardenapura - University of Visual & Performing Arts - Eastern University of Sri Lanka - Rajarata University of Sri Lanka - Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka - South Eastern University of Sri Lanka - Uva Wellassa University - Wayamba University of Sri Lanka - Open University of Sri Lanka - Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka - General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University - Sri Lanka Bikkhu University
1.10	Suggestion & Discussion
1.30	Vote of thanks by General Secretary 2018/2019
1.45	Lunch



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