

ULA Workshop on SPSS-24 for Library Professionals

A two-day workshop on **SPSS-24 for Librarians** was organized by Training Division of ULA which was held on 5th & 6th March 2020 at the Academic Center of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM). The resource person of the workshop was Dr. S. Somarathne, renowned motivational lecturer of Faculty of Science; Open University of Sri Lanka. There were 32 Library professionals from 11 Universities who participated in the workshop. The workshop aims to develop the data analysis skills among the University Library professionals and enhance the quality of research output.



Parallel to the workshop there were few motivational sessions as well. Participants were taught about “How to minimize Stress?” by Dr. Subashini, Consultant Psychiatrist and “How to publish an article?” by Prof. Janaka De Silva, Director, PGIM. Workshop content includes installation and many practical sessions about manipulating data using the prominent quantitative statistical data analyzing package; SPSS version 24. Participants were awarded the certificates of completion at end of the workshop by the President of ULA. Mrs. Dilhani Munasinghe, Training Officer of ULA coordinated the event.

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“Advancement of Knowledge Societies through innovation”

Deadline for Submission of full paper/extended abstracts	04.06.2020
Notification of Acceptance	15.07.2020
Deadline to submit the camera-ready Paper	30.07.2020
Deadline for Registration	01.09.2020
Conference day	24.09.2020

There will be a special slot in the conference for virtual presentation. This has been introduced for those who cannot attend the conference physically due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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Tribute to Mrs. Sri



Ms. S. Arulanantham, the Past President of University Librarians' Association of Sri Lanka (PP/ULA), Immediate Past President of Sri Lanka Library Association (IPP/SLLA) and the Librarian, University of Jaffna passed away on 25.12.2019 after a sudden illness.

Secretary, some other EXCO members and members of ULA attended the funeral which was held on 27.12.2019 at Jaffna.

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A Tribute to Mrs. Srikanthaluxumy Sivanesan

(nee Arulanantham) (08. 04.1961 – 25.12.2019) Former Librarian, University of Jaffna.

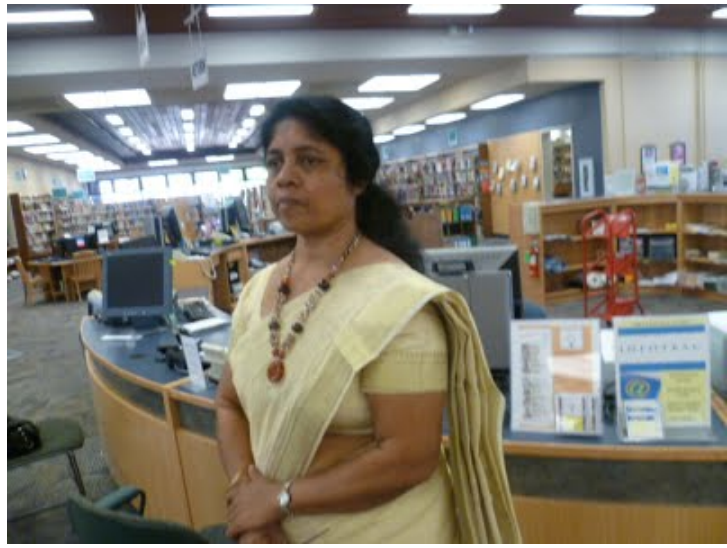


Mrs. Srikanthaluxumy Sivanesan (nee Arulanantham), lovingly known as “Sri” to her equals and “Sri Madam” to her junior colleagues, was very much appreciated, and was both a source of energy and motivation. I first met her a long time ago when I was a young Assistant Librarian and serving the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) library. I cannot remember exactly what brought her to the FGS Library, but she walked in, introduced herself, had a long chat. We found that we shared many views about the library profession in general as well as in Sri Lanka. This was to become the foundation of a lifelong friendship. Since then, we often met at professional gatherings or had extended telephone conversations to discuss professional matters, and I could not but greatly appreciate her commitment to the profession, and to the people of Jaffna. She possessed an enormous innovative power combined with her knowledge in the true philosophy of librarianship.



It is impossible to present her life-time contributions to the profession and the community, and I wish to highlight a few of her extraordinary contributions which will motivate the young LIS professionals in the university sector. Rather than a detailed review of her work here, I have given the references to her publications, so that the interested reader may explore further the innovative aspects of her work.

A Tribute to Mrs. Sri Cont..



To but illustrate her ingenuity, I would mention the **3 Dimensional Library** she introduced in the library of University of Jaffna. According to *Sri*, “it is a service consisting of three important elements in a unique discipline arranged in pyramidal form...” At the bottom, more items, quantity. In the middle, the information resources, such as books, periodicals, compact discs, etc. At the pinnacle, quality, presenting specific information rather than displaying number of resources¹.

Another incredible initiative of *Sri* is the **Knowledge Simulation Centre**², focusing on school children, general public and the users of the other information and documentation centers in Jaffna and other districts of Sri Lanka. *Sri* showed me her own house transformed into a museum, there was an amazing collection of various old artifacts ranging from *kurahan gala* to a printing press. As *Sri* explains in her blog post, the vision behind this Centre initiated under FOLA (Foundation for Library Awareness, which, by the way, was another of her remarkable projects) is to create an environment in which each participant is stimulated to get actively involved in information related skills, supported by the mentors and the infrastructure provided by the FOLA. A Knowledge Stimulation Centre is designed to be like an exhibition, with live mentors, consisting of six common features – the corners. They are (1) an Information Corner, (2) an Information Resources Corner, (3) an Information Literacy Corner, (4) an Information for Life Corner, (5) a Documentation Corner and (6) a Preservation Corner.

¹Arulanantham, S. and Ramanan, T. (2013). Social Responsibility and Three-Dimensional Libraries: sustaining the information ‘life’ in Sri Lanka. Presented at the 3rd International Conference on Association of Special Libraries in Manila. : <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/260041197>

²Arulanantham, S. (n.d) Knowledge Simulation Centre <https://srikanthaluxmy.wordpress.com/>

A Tribute to Mrs. Sri Cont..

Sri advocated Bibliotherapy and the role of the librarian. “The post war period gave a breathing space for the people to relieve their distress and mental pain in various ways such as psychotherapeutic and psychiatric interventions. But the limited availability of resources and deteriorating social and security situation in the area made this treatment a difficult task. The circumstances demanded that library professionals adapt a therapeutic role to the library.

Mrs. Sivanesan (nee Arulanantham) played multiple roles as a librarian, writer, educator, researcher, documenter and community worker as well as a professional leader. Towards the end of her illuminated 30-year career she held the esteemed posts of The President of the University Librarians’ Association (2015/2016) and organised the annual conference as an international event in Jaffna enabling the librarians from South of Sri Lanka to visit Jaffna serving as a strong bridge between the librarians of Northern and Southern Sri Lanka. She also held the esteemed position of the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (2016/2018) being the first ever Tamil librarian to hold this position. She established the Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Award for the best student of the SLLA, by a substantial donation of her personal funds and was adamant that it should be awarded in the same year, perhaps because she sensed her untimely departure from us.

I can go on, but the space limits my need to pay her a lengthier tribute. I lost a friend with a golden heart and an immense courage and inner strength. In the latter part of 2017, I took the KKS overnight bus to visit her home, to visit the University of Jaffna and I still have the memory of her waiting by the side of the road at 3.30 am to pick me up. I finished my work and parted promising to visit her soon. It never occurred to me for a moment that the repeat will be to pay her my last respects. My selfish mind wants to pray that she be born among us again to complete her remarkable agenda for the profession and community, but on her behalf, I wish her the supreme bliss of the afterlife according to her Hindu beliefs. Goodbye my friend – The Legacy you left behind will serve the community you loved and be honoured by all.



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Feature Article

Altmetrics : An alternative metrics to measure the impact of research publications in the digital world

Measuring the impact of research publications is a very important aspect in the academic domain. Impact factor, h-index, number of citations, and article download count are the most common methods used for measuring the impact of research publications. The evolution of the Internet and Information and Communication Technologies has changed the ways of sharing research publications. Currently, online platforms are highly utilized for scholarly conversations and information sharing. To cope up with these expansions, new methods were developed based on ICTs and social media to measure the impact of research publications. Altmetrics or alternative metrics is the latest method developed to measure the impact of research publications in the digital world.

The term Altmetrics was invented by Jason Priem in 2010. It was initially used in a Tweet by Jason Priem posted on 28th September 2010; “I like term #articlelevelmetrics, but it fails to imply

measures that are based on activity in web-based environments” (PLOS Collections, 2017). Instead of measuring the impact of journals, Altmetric measures the impact of individual research article (article-level metrics). It helps researchers to recognize the impact of their work on other researchers, the general public, practitioners and scientific communities.

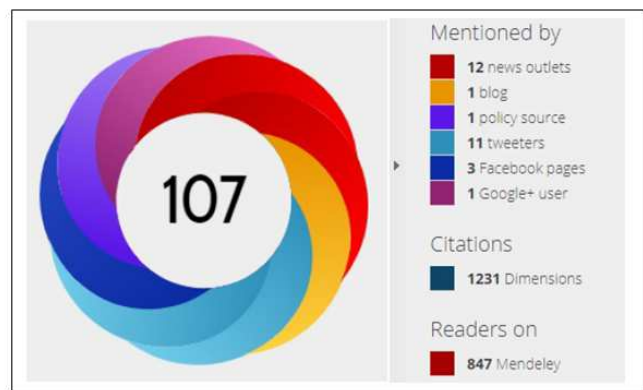


Figure 2 Altmetrics Donut and Altmetric Attention Score

Altmetric tracks variety of sources to capture the scholarly conversations and activities taken place on online platforms such as policy documents, mainstream media, blogs, online reference managers, post-publication peer-review forums, social media and other online sources such as Wikipedia, YouTube, F1000 (peer reviews on Faculty of 1000), and Open Syllabus (Altmetric Support, 2017). These online platforms track to calculate the Altmetric Attention Score. Altmetrics Attention Score is a weighted computation of all of the attention received by a single scholarly publication. It is helpful in ranking and identification of trending topics. (Cont. with next



Figure 1 Some of the Sources of Attention

diversity of measures. Lately, I’m liking #altmetrics” (Priem, 2010). “Altmetrics is the study of non-traditional scholarly impact

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Advantages

- I. Altmetrics provide information about the impact/influence of a scholarly article just after publishing it.
- II. Altmetrics capture data from a variety of sources.
- III. Altmetrics can be used to measure the impact/influence of scholarly publications in diversity of formats such as books, book reviews, presentations, posters, videos and software.
- IV. Altmetrics can be used as a supportive metrics with traditional metrics.
- V. Apart from quantitative data such as the number of Tweets and the number of shares on Facebook, opinions of readers can also be viewed thus quantifying the engagement and scholarly conversation on social media.
- VI. Altmetrics also cover the scholarly publications in non-English languages.

Disadvantages

- I. Altmetrics do not indicate the quality or impact of a research publication. It is just an indication of the quantity of attention received by that publication.
- II. Altmetrics can be easily misinterpreted.
- III. Altmetrics are not a replacement for citation-based metrics.
- IV. Altmetrics data can falsify so easily

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Call for News for ULA Newsletter, Volume 14, Issue 03

ULA editorial has invited for news items for ULA News Letter Vol 14, Issue 3. This newsletter will cover the period from **Apr-Jun, 2020**.

We hope you will share the good practices of your library, programmes and events, achievements, appointments, presentations, and publications etc.

Deadline of submission for news and articles is **10th of July 2020**. Please submit your news items through ULA representative of your university library or directly to sluaeditor@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

OUSL Fruitful Green Library Project - 2020



A unique green Library community Project was initiated island wide on 01/01/2020 by Library of The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) under the theme of “Fruitful Library”. The project

concept was developed and initiated by Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Senior Assistant Librarian, OUSL. He was granted a cash price of Rs. 50,000.00 by the ULA for his achievement as the best innovator, and he has so generously donated it to the OUSL Library welfare circle and to the above Fruit planting project.

UVA Fruitful Green Library Project - 2020



The fruitful library project which was organized by the Library staff was initiated at Uva Wellassa University on 1st of January 2020 with the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera, the Deans of the faculties, academic, administrative & non - academic staff members. The event was coordinated by Ms. D. P. C. Vithana, Senior Assistant Librarian at UVA Wellassa University. This project was initiated by Open University Library.

WAYAMBA FRUITFUL GREEN LIBRARY PROJECT - 2020



Staff of the Makandura Library branch of Sri Lanka Wayamba University also conducted the tree planting canvassing at the Makandura premises on 1st January 2020, for supporting to the Fruitful Green Library Project initiated by the Open University Library.

SEUSL Library always prioritize the natural beauty of the Mother Nature. To protect and sustain the beauty of the library surrounding area, tree planting program was organized. All the staff members actively participated in the program. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, Librarian, donated plants for the staff and staff members look after each plant regularly.



NEW YEAR CALIBRATION AT UOM



Staff of the library, University of Moratuwa warmly welcomed the New Year 2020 with the company of the students. The staff members distributed little complimentary gift for about 300 students who visited library on the 1st of January 2020.



LIBRARY REOPENING CEREMONY AT UOK



Reopening Ceremony of the Main Library of University of Kelaniya was held on 22nd of January, 2020 and Vice-chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, Professor D. M. Semasinghe was the chief guest of this event. The library was reopened after a series of renovations which started on September, 2019 after assuming the duties by Dr. C.C. Jayasundara as the Librarian & Mr. Mahinda De Lanerolle did a special speech at the event about the great history of the Main Library of University of Kelaniya. Now the Library is blooming up with modern facilities.

The library staff members of University of Kelaniya visited University of Colombo and University of Sri Jayawardhanapura Libraries on 10th of February 2020. The sole intention of this endearing opportunity was to make the library attendants' aware on other academic libraries operations. Dr. Pradeepa Wijethunga and Dr. N. D. Wijesundara librarians of above two Libraries respectively welcomed the team & they visited the Libraries led by Dr. C.C. Jayasundara, Librarian of University of Kelaniya. The staff members of the library were made awarded about the activities & modern services of those Libraries.



HUMAN LIBRARY BEYOND THE BOOKS & WALLS

First time in Sri Palee Campus life, the Human Library Program came alive on 4th March 2020 with the collaboration of more than 13 human libraries including the Rector, Sri Palee Campus, Professor Ranjan Hettiarachi, and the Librarian, University of Colombo, Dr. Pradeepa Wijethunge. Students enjoyed while updating their existing knowledge with the invitee human Libraries.



LIBRARY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Commemorating the Technology Library Day of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka which falls on 11th of January every year since 2017, the book donation project was initiated on 3rd March 2020 to enhance the reading abilities of school children studying at the under-privileged schools in North Central Province area.

Two schools benefitted from this project and A/Parangiyawadiya school received nearly 600 library books over this project. Those books were

donated by the outside communities, staffs and students of RUSL.

This project was implemented by the Technology Library, RUSL in collaboration with the Faculty of Technology.



Mr. S. Vidhyaasaagar from India - Tamil Nadu, donated books to the SEUSL library on 25.02.2020. He also delivered a motivational speech and it was a nice experience for the staff. Academic staff from Faculty of Arts and Culture also participated on this valuable occasion.



WORKSHOPS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



Staff training session on “Number building in DDC Classification” was conducted for staff members of the Library, University of Moratuwa who follow Diploma & Degree courses of the Library & Information Science through SLLA, University of Kelaniya and Open University of Sri Lanka. The session was conducted by Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa.

A user awareness program on **IEEE Xplore** organized by the KDU Library was held on 17th January, 2020 at the Faculty of Engineering, KDU. The target group consisted of undergraduates and academic staff of the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Computing. The resource person of the session was Dr. Dhanu Pattanashetti, IEEE Client Services/University Partnership Program Manager, India. Brigadier WPAK Thilakarathna, Rector Southern Campus, Commodore Janaka Gunaseela, the Dean, Faculty of Computing, Dr. Samarakoon, the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Senior Professors, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Students actively participated in the session. The session was very useful to get aware about the IEEE content for their learning and research activities.



USER AWARENESS PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS



Main Library, The Open University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a workshop for research students of the Department of Nursing and Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences/ OUSL with the purpose of enhancing their literature searching skills and academic writing skills. Three workshops on “effective literature searching for research” were conducted by Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka for research students of the Department of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, OUSL on 29th and 31st January 2020.

Main Library, The Open University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted a practical session for the research students of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, OUSL on 28th February 2020 on “Library services and resources for researchers” and “Resources for literature searching” respectively. Mrs. Thushara Abeysekara, Senior Assistant Librarian and Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian served as resource persons.



INFORMATION LITERACY PROGRAM



Information literacy program was conducted for the Faculty of Engineering students, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka on 30th January, 2020 at the auditorium of the faculty. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, the Librarian, Mr. M.C.M. Azwer, Senior Asst. Librarian and Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa served as resource persons. Mr. A.M. Nahfees conducted a session on Access Services and Online Public Access catalogue (OPAC) of the SEUSL Library.

RESEARCH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The 3rd year students of Faculty of Engineering B. Design (Fashion Design and product development) degree programme and postgraduate students of MSc in Water Resources Engineering and Management participated in two sessions; Introduction to literature review and Referencing, Plagiarism – how to document the literature. These sessions were conducted by Senior Assistant Librarians, Mr. Nishan Punchiewa and Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku.



The Faculty of Technology of the University of Ruhuna successfully completed the “Information Literacy and Scientific Communication Skills” course module for new undergraduate student intake 2020. This module aims to equip undergraduates with the fundamentals of information literacy and scientific communication. 185 new students participated in the course. All the Library staff including Mr. Nimal Hettiarachchi, Acting Librarian contributed to the success of the course.



SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING WORKSHOPS

A Patent Search skills & training workshop was organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in collaboration with Coordinating Secretariat for Science Technology and Innovation (COSTI), Ministry of Science Technology & Research for four days in Colombo. The workshop was designed to train resource persons to undertake prior art searching on patents for institutional inventions. Senior Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku had the opportunity to participate in the programme who was nominated by Director "The Enterprise", University Business Linkage Cell.



Academic staff of the KDU library were invited by the Faculty of Management, Social Sciences & Humanities and the Faculty of Engineering to conduct the Information Literacy sessions in order to assist the students to do their research activities more effectively. These sessions were conducted during the Month of February & March 2020. Types of Information sources, Effective searching techniques, Managing references with Mendeley were the titles covered by these sessions. Mrs.MP Rajapaksha, Mrs.Hiruni Kanchana & Mr.Alagarathnam served as resource persons of these sessions.



CARRIER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP COLLABORATIVE WITH SLLA

One day workshop on “Let's think beyond the circle: Attitudes changing and developing communication skills” was organized by Wayamba University in collaboration with Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), Academic librarians' group was held on 11th March 2020 at the Staff Development Center of Makandura premises. The resource persons of the workshop were Prof. B.P.A. Jayaweera, Dean, Faculty of Livestock Fisheries and Nutrition, Wayamba University & Mrs. K.R.N. Harshani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Applied Sciences Library, Rajarata University. There were 35 Library Information Assistants from several Universities who participated in the workshop. The workshop aims to develop the communication skills among the University Library staff and enhance the quality of library services.



OUTSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



A ceremony was held to launch the children’s book titled “Mama Wagama Thawat Kenek” written by Mr. Malindu Gajadeera on 20th of February 2020 at the Kumarathunga Munidasa Public Library, Matara. The guest lecture was delivered conducted by Mr. U. A. Lal Pannila, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna.

SHORT TRAINING SESSIONS

A one-day short training session was conducted by Ms. Sumita Zen, The Régional Customer Trainer for Oxford University Press on “How to publish with Oxford University Press” for academics of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 12th February 2020 at the IT center of Mihintale premises. 35 participants attended the training. The Library System of RUSL organized the event.



A workshop on “Writing Fiction for Older Children and Young Teens” conducted by the famous Australian author Dr. Ken Spillman was held successfully at NILIS from 26th–28th February 2020. A total of 10 participants including both authors and novices attended.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

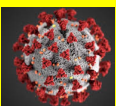
A two-day book binding workshop was organized for the supportive staff members of the University including the library staff of the Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka on 13th & 14th February 2020 at the Library building in Homagama. Mr. Devapriya, senior book binder of the Open University of Sri Lanka served as the resource person. Thirty participants from different divisions of the University successfully completed the session. The Library of Buddhist & Pali University of Sri Lanka organized the event.



A workshop was conducted by the Library, University of Ruhuna for Teacher Librarians of the Akuressa Education Zone on 20th of February, 2020 at Matara.

The theme of the workshop was “Capacity development in teacher librarians”. Mr. U. A. Lal Pannila, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna served as the resource person.

Safe your Family Members, Library Materials & Country from Covid-19 Pandemic
 Always follow the Health & Govt. Guidelines



Health Ministry Guidelines - <https://hpb.health.gov.lk/media/pdf/interim-guidelines-primary-care.pdf>
 NILIS Guidelines - <https://nilis.cmb.ac.lk/home/covid-19/>

- wash your hands and keep social distance -

QUALITY ASSURANCE OF THE LIBRARIES



Library of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka established a Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) under the Quality Assurance Cell (QAC) of the University. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, the Librarian of SEUSL chaired the unit and Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa, Senior Asst. Librarian has been appointed as the Cell Coordinator and Mr. MCM. Azwer, Senior Asst. Librarian, Mr. AM. Nahfees, Senior Asst. Librarian, Mr. SLM. Sajeer, Asst. Librarian, Mr. BES. Bandara, Asst. Librarian have been appointed as the members of the unit.

The unit is actively engaged to accredit the quality of the Library services and Ms. MM. Mashroofa was the team leader of the Self Evaluation Report Writing of the University for one of the Criteria (criterion-8) and Mr. BES. Bandara was one of the members. Institutional Review Team visited the Main Library on 25.02.2020 and Science Library on 21.02.2020. They appreciated the library system and services. Librarian hosted a luncheon to all library staff and awarded letter of appreciation for their hard work in this regard.

SEUSL library has taken actions to streamline the processes and procedures of the library services adhering to the 5S system. Under the leadership of the Librarian, almost all the workstations of the employees and the places have been changed according to the 5S system. Mr. P.M. Hithayathullah, Staff Assistant (Library Services) and the team rendered an enormous effort to complete the assigned task before the given deadline.



APPOINTMENTS



Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa has been appointed as the Director of Centre for Gender Equity and Equality of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka with effect from 17th November, 2019.

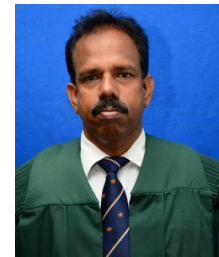
PROMOTIONS



Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian of PGIM Library has been promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. 1 with effect from 01.10.2018.



Ms. UDH Kanchana, Assistant Librarian of KDU Library has been promoted to the Senior Assistant Librarian Gr. II with effect from 20th June 2019.



Mr. Alagaratnam, Assistant Librarian of KDU Library has been confirmed in the post with effect from 1st of September 2019.

AWARDS



Dr. M.I.G. Suranga Sampath received the Vice-Chancellor's Award in the field of "The Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Library" on 01st of January 2020. During 2019, he has published two research papers in Science Citation Indexed journals and one book chapter in the Springer book series "Communications in Computer and Information Science (CCIS)". Further, he participated in two international conferences to present his research findings. Moreover, he received the "HUST Academic Excellence Award" for his research papers published in peer reviewed, Science Citation Indexed journals for the academic year 2017/2018 in 2019. He has worked as a scientific reviewer for several international conferences and he is a reviewer of a few peer reviewed, Science Citation Indexed journals. These achievements were considered to nominate Dr. Suranga Sampath for the Vice-Chancellor's Award.

PUBLICATIONS

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ONLINE RESOURCES UPDATES

KDU Library was able to activate the trial access to the following E-resources

BMJ Journals and Case reports - from 11th March 2020 to 10th April



Gale Reference Complete -from 3rd January 2020 to 31st March 2020



GALE REFERENCE COMPLETE



SEUSL had an online meeting with Turnitin Technical support services to setup and utilize the Turnitin plagiarism detection software on 09th January, 2020. Mr. M.M. Rifaudeen, Librarian, Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa, Senior Asst. Librarian, Mr. BES. Bandara, Asst. Librarian participated in the meeting. SEUSL Library has taken actions to obtain a trial access for its users for about two months ended on 9th February 2020. Mrs. M.M. Mashroofa, Senior Asst. Librarian has initiated the subscription process and all the faculty representatives took the responsibility to guide the faculty members to utilize the facility. Many academics and users took the opportunity and used the services from Turnitin free trial offer to detect plagiarism.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) PROJECTS



KDU Library completed a CSR project with the great support of the University on 06th February 2020 by handing over the ownership of a newly-built house in 15 perch block of a land to Mr. Rukmal Priyantha, a Library staff member and his four young daughters at Paragasthota, Bandaragama. The financial assistance for purchasing the land and for building the house was received from a few members of the 1987 batch of the Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya, staff and students of KDU and a few well-wishers. In addition, the entire labour force for the project was provided by KDU. Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration) Brigadier Nanda Hathurusinghe graced the occasion as the chief guest of this remarkable event. Acting Librarian, Mrs. TC Ranawella, Commanding Officer Administration, Lt. Col. A Koshina Peiris, military officers and academic and non-academic staff members of the KDU library network participated in the event.



OUSL Library carried out automation of another two public libraries (Athurugiriya and Kirinda Puhulwella) by automating their housekeeping activities with Koha Library Management System. The above libraries have successfully conducted the inaugural opening ceremonies by issuing digital Library membership cards for patrons on 14/01/2020 and on 31/01/2020 respectively. Fruit saplings were also planted by the invited guests around those libraries to symbolize the events as a part of OUSL Fruitful Library Project.



The projects were fully funded by the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. The Ministry had initially supported over 44 public libraries to be automated since 2017. The Open University Library has acted as the technical consultation partner in the projects. At present, the Ministry is working with OUSL to build a Public library network (PubNet) which is expected to link all public libraries with each other for resource sharing purposes. The project team is led by Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Senior Assistant Librarian (System)/ OUSL.

GET-TOGETHER

SEUSL Library Staff Family Get-Together was held at Beach Resort, Beach Road, Addalachchenai on Sunday, 05th January 2020 with the participation of all the staff members. It was a memorable occasion for the staff members to enjoy and share the joy with live music, dancing and fellowship.



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