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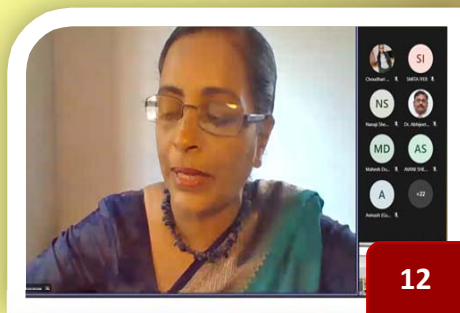
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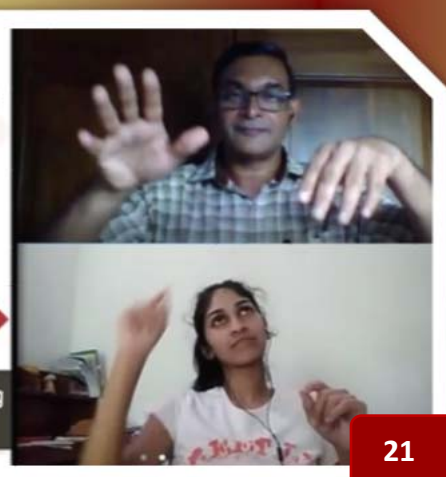
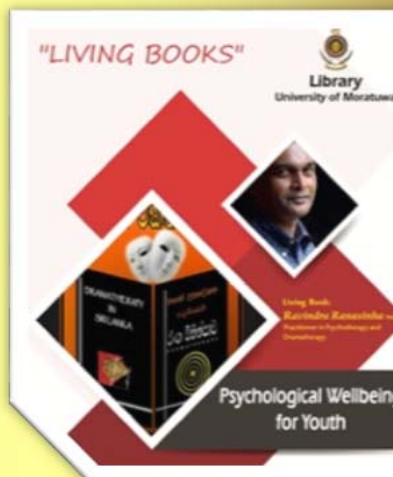
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Feature Article

One-stop Login for Library Services



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Introduction

The Library of the University of Ruhuna (<https://lib.ruh.ac.lk>) fully automated its functions and services using an open-source software, Koha in 2003 becoming the pioneering open-source library management system in the country.

Currently, the library system offers a variety of online services including Open Access Catalogue (OPAC), e-resources such as subscription based full-text databases, e-books, institutional repository which contains theses and dissertations, conference proceedings etc. Except for OPAC search, all the other services are authentication-based services where patrons must login to the system providing their credentials (user ID and password) to access them. Moreover, additional features of OPAC such as renewing loans, viewing fines, reserving items, viewing borrowing history, making lists from search results, making purchase suggestions, and adding a reader's review to a title can be identified as some authentication-based services.

Further, the users must provide separate authentications to access each of these different services. As an example, OPAC login cannot be used to access institutional repository or licensed databases.

Current Situation

The lack of unified access credential is a disadvantage as patrons have to remember a number of credentials (usernames and passwords) to access the library online services discouraging users to do so. Realizing this shortcoming, it is essential to remove multiple authentication credentials and establish a single authentication (login) credential to access all online services and thereby enhance user experience. Since single authentication allows patrons to navigate seamlessly between various library online services, it helps patrons to take the full advantage of the online services offered.

Therefore, the library initiated a project to implement a single authentication credentials for library online services and started working on stage-by-stage basis in 2021. This article highlights the features experienced in the first stage of the project in establishing single authentication credential for the OPAC services in the University of Ruhuna. The experiences sharing will be useful for those who use Koha for their library OPACs and facing the same authentication issue.

Process of Implementing Single Authentication Credentials - Single Sign-On (SSO)

SSO is an authentication method that allows users to access multiple applications by signing into a single account. As an example, by signing into Gmail, a user will have access to its various other applications such as Google docs, Google maps etc.

Easy authentication and fewer passwords to remember are the most prominent benefits of SSO, and it also allows centralized control of user access, enforce better password policies, eliminate password fatigue, reduce unsafe password saving strategies, lessens the password phishing, reduce IT helpdesk calls (Smallcombe, 2020; Teravainen, 2021), thus SSO can increase operational efficiency throughout the organization.

If SSO is established in the library environment, users can access all its online resources and services (Eg. E-Journals, E-books, Zoom, WI-FI, all OPAC features) by using a single authentication (i.e., username and a password) without having password and username for login to each one separately. In other words, SSO simplifies and enhances the user experience of library online services.

Koha, the software used to develop ISURu (Information System of University of Ruhuna) offers several external authentication services to the patrons to access the system such as Google's OAuth 2.0 with OpenID, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Central Authentication System (CAS), Ebsco EDS/Open Athens, Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) 2.0, and Shibboleth. Since the University of Ruhuna provides an e-mail account via G Suite for students as well as all staff, it was decided to use Google Identity service to establish SSO for the library online services. Using Google OpenID authentication service, library successfully integrated SSO to ISURu in the year 2021 for the first time in Sri Lanka in the University system.

Process of Execution - Google OpenID Connect

Google Identity Service supports OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect (OIDC) protocol to verify the identity of a user by federating the authentication. OAuth 2.0 is an open standard for authorization. It provides secure access for an application to a resource on behalf of the resource owner. OAuth 2.0 can be used with web, desktop, and mobile applications (Introduction to OAuth 2.0, 2021).

OpenID Connect is a simple identity layer, which is built on top of the OAuth 2.0 protocol (Introduction to OAuth 2.0, 2021). Google OIDC provides SSO service when a user signs into Gmail. It offers SSO services that make it simple, secure, and reliable for users to log in and for administrators to manage users across the organization. It is possible to create different credentials for different web and Android applications using the Google Identity Service.

Configuration of Google OpenID Connect with Koha

By following the steps shown below, it was configured google OpenID connect with the Koha system. The steps taken to configure Google Open ID with Koha are demonstrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Process Map



Figure 2 shows that the client ID and client secret received from Google after adding the path to authorized redirect URIs. Figure 3 displays the screen appears once access to the global system preferences in the Koha system after receiving the client ID and client secrets from Google.

Figure 2: Client ID and Client Secret

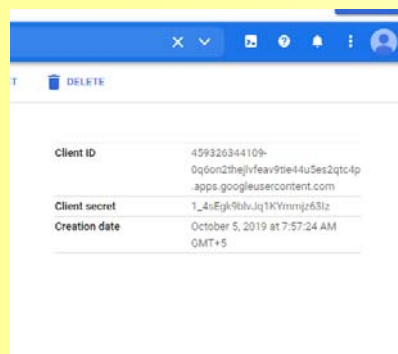
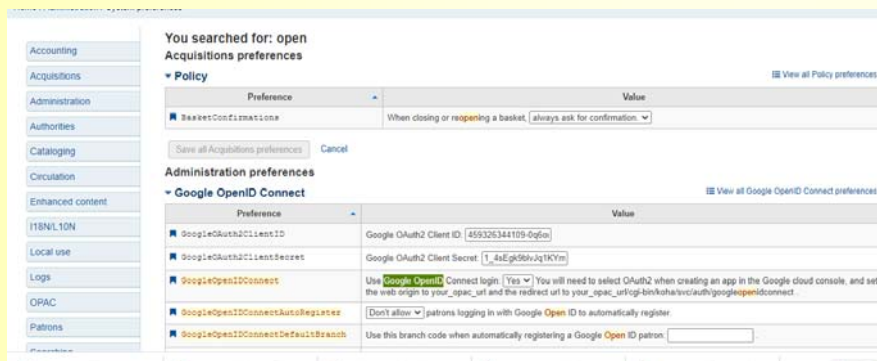


Figure 3: The GoogleOAuth2ClientID, GoogleOAuth2ClientSecret and GoogleOpenI Connect



Transformation

The e-mail accounts provided by the University of Ruhuna to its staff and students could be used as the e-mail addresses of the patrons' accounts in the ISURu. This allowed them to maintain a single user ID and password between the two systems of Gmail and ISURu. Thus, SSO for library OPAC services was successfully achieved.

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Special Events

11th International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA 2021)

“Scholarly Publishing and Open Access for the Enhancement of Research Visibility”

Eleventh annual International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka was held in grandeur manner virtually, on 22nd of September 2021. The conference commenced with an introductory video about University Librarians Association, and auspiciously by lighting the traditional oil lamp. MAJOR GENERAL MP PEIRIS RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, the Vice-Chancellor of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University graced the occasion by participating as the Chief Guest. Mrs. Barbara Lison, President of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Mr. Jeevan Thiaagarajah, Chairman, Centre for Humanitarian Affairs, and Dr. (Mrs.) Pradeepa Wijetunge, Director, National Institute for Library & Information Science, University of Colombo delivered the keynote addresses.

The Conference Chair, Dr. Chammika Mallawaarachchi, President University Librarians Association delivered the welcome address.

Chief Guest, MAJOR GENERAL MP PEIRIS RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, highlighted the significance of scholarly publishing to academicians, and selecting quality journals as publishing outlets. He further stated the importance of open access publishing in research visibility of the individual researchers as well as institutions, especially to position the universities in webometric ranking.



Keynote Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Lison addressed how the International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (IFLA) supports libraries & Information professionals and associations across the

world. She ensured that IFLA supports Academic & Research Libraries towards research, library advocacy programmes and access to information.



Mr. Jeevan Thiaagarajah, Chairman, Centre for Humanitarian Affairs, addressing the gathering, emphasized avoiding predatory journals as publishing outlets. Furthermore, he ensured the impact of open access publishing.



Dr. (Mrs) Pradeepa Wijetunge delivered her keynote speech emphasizing the three keywords, 'scholarly publishing', 'open access' and 'research visibility'. She brought forward from historical to current practices and the essence of integrating these three aspects in research and publishing activities. She further mentioned the importance of open access in research visibility and



requested the participants to be cautious in selecting quality open access journals, as predatory and vanity publishers are tremendously growing. The e-Proceeding of ICULA 2021 was also virtually launched. The inaugural session wended up, which was followed by two parallel technical sessions.

There were thirteen research papers of national, and international researchers from Pakistan and India. These two technical sessions were very interesting and interactive. At the end, a plenary session was conducted. Three eminent scholars in Library & Information Science, Dr. (Mrs.) N. Wijayasundara, Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Dr. C.C. Jayasundara, Librarian, University of Kelaniya and Dr. Namali Suraweera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya took part as the plenary speakers.



Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, moderated this session.



K.H.T.Abeyssekera, Co-chair of the Publications Committee, Dr. Saman Illangaratne, Co-Chair, Sponsorship, Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Co-Chair Finance, Co-secretaries Mr. V. Alagaratnam & Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, members of the Web & Technical Committee, members of the Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka.

Conference secretary Dr. Mohamed Majeed Mashroofa, Senior Assistant Librarian of the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka proposed the vote of thanks. She expressed that the success of the conference depends on the dedications of Mr. A.D.B. Kumara, Co-chair of the Web & Technical Committee, Mrs.



The 11th international conference ended with pride and dignity, and the participants were enriched with good practices, knowledge and wisdom. There is no doubt that this international conference would pave way to boost the research productivity and research impacts of the scholarly publications of Sri Lankan Universities in future.



Capacity Building Workshop on Developing Websites

University Librarians Associations of Sri Lanka (ULA) successfully conducted “Capacity building workshop on developing websites” on 17th and 18th of August 2021 via Zoom for ULA members. The resource person for this programme was venerable Deyindara Pannananda Thero, Assistant Librarian of the University of Kelaniya.

Twenty-two ULA members attended this workshop. Developing websites using content

management system (CMS) was taught during the session, and participants were well educated about the latest technology used in websites.



University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka

ULA Training
Capacity Building workshop on develop a website for ULA members
17 and 18 August 2021
Online Training

About Training

- Introduction World Wide Web
- Getting Started Web Development
- Importance of databases in Website development
- MySQL, HTML 5, CSS, JavaScript
- Basic Web design
- Advanced Styling with Responsive Design
- Getting Started CMS
- Joomla, WordPress
- Backup, Hosting and Publishing

Objectives

To enhance knowledge and skills for developing and maintaining a website

Target Group

- ✓ Librarians
- ✓ Deputy Librarians
- ✓ Senior Assistant Librarians
- ✓ Assistant Librarians

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“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you have not found it yet, keep looking. Do not settle. As with all matters of the heart, you will know when you find it”

- Steve Jobs

Achievements and Awards

An Award-Winning Research Publication by Ms. Theja Kuruppu Arachchi

An award-winning research publication by Ms Theja Kuruppu Arachchi, Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of Ruhuna was published as part of Ms. Kuruppu Arachchi's Ph.D. research project, which was carried out at the Queensland University of Technology, in collaboration with the University of Colombo.



The publication was in the form of a full paper. It was presented at the INTERACT2021 conference, "LIFT: an eLearning Introduction to Web Search for Young Adults with Intellectual Disability in Sri Lanka" and was awarded the IFIP TC13 Interaction Design for International Development Award at the

Award Ceremony of INTERACT2021 in Bari, Italy, recognizing Ms. Kuruppu Arachchi's research output as the most outstanding contribution to the application of interactive systems for the social and economic development of people in developing countries.



Staff Promotion



Ms. Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu attached to the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences,

University of Kelaniya was promoted to Senior Lecturer- Grade 1.

Achieving Level 2 of Strategic Relationships, Toastmasters International in Public Speaking

Ms. Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya successfully achieved the Level 2 of Strategic Relationships, Toastmasters International in Public Speaking.



The Open University Library Developed a Meeting Archival System

The role of the academic librarian towards university development activities is vital, and s/he cannot avoid the responsibility of supporting document management in own/parent organization. On average, universities in Sri Lanka hold more than 80 meetings and accumulate and maintain more than 1000 documents monthly.



This makes the preservation of those documents a challenge for every university. The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)

Library provided an innovative solution by developing a digital meeting minutes archival



system. Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Senior Assistant Librarian (System) led the project to achieve its success. Currently, the OUSL library conducts training programs for administrative officers of the OUSL to guide them to adopt the new system. The OUSL is expected to share their experiences with other universities in Sri Lanka, and a few universities have already requested the service from the OUSL.

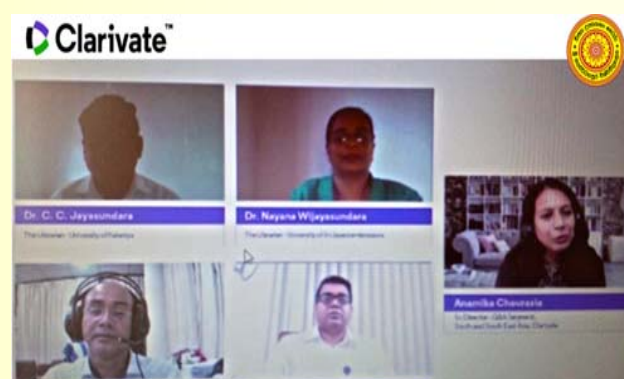
Academic Contribution

Contribution as Resource Persons

Panelist in Clarivate South Asia's Librarian Forum 2021

Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara, the Librarian of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura took part as a panelist of the Clarivate South Asia's Librarian Forum 2021 which was held on 9th of September 2021. Clarivate is a global leader in providing trusted insights and analytics to accelerate the pace of innovation. Their vision is to improve the way the world creates, protects and advances innovation. Web of Science is a product of Clarivate.

The aforesaid forum was organized on the theme "Role of the librarians in promoting research integrity and overall institutional profile". This forum was a part of Clarivate's ongoing efforts to engage with the library



community as one of the key stakeholders in the research lifecycle of institutions across the country.

The Librarian forum highlighted the best practices in the field and key role of librarians in promoting research integrity and overall institutional profile.

Invited Speech on Digital Libraries



Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara delivered an invited speech on "Digital Libraries" at the 'International Conference on New Trends and Technologies in Digital Libraries' organized by Sadhu Vaswani Institute of Management Studies for Girls, Pune, India which was held virtually on 23rd of September 2021.

Online Library Orientations During the Pandemic Situation

This year, University of Moratuwa Library faced a challenge in conducting library

orientation programmes due to prevailing pandemic situation. All the library orientation

programmes for four faculties were conducted online starting from month of July. Freshers of the Faculty of Engineering were able to receive knowledge on library, OPAC, e-resources, referencing and plagiarism and finally brainstorming session within four

weeks. Senior Assistant Librarians, Mr. Nishan Punchihewa, Mr. Anura Kiriella, Mr. Buddhin Kumara, Mrs. Nayani Gunawardane and Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku had the opportunity to serve the students.

Session Chair at ICULA-2021



Mrs. M. P. P. Dilhani contributed as one of the Chairpersons on an academic session at the International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA 2021) held virtually on September 22, 2021.

Workshop on Digital Literacy in Archaeology

Ms. Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya participated as a resource person in the online workshop on “Digital Literacy in Archaeology”, Conducted by the Department



of Archaeology, held in parallel to the National Archeology Day, on 4th of July 2021.

Workshop on MENDELEY

Mrs. Shirani Ranasinghe, Deputy Librarian served as the resource person in an online workshop on ‘MENDELEY: Make your research life easier with MENDELEY’ held on 22nd of

September 2021. The workshop was organized by the Department of ICT of the Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Workshop on Systematic Reviews

Mrs. Shirani Ranasinghe, Deputy Librarian conducted a session on ‘Systematic reviews: A How to Guide’ on 4th of July 2021. The workshop was organized by the Staff

Development Center of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

Community Outreach

Health Informatics Promotion Project on COVID-19

The Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T, USA) granted the ASIS&T Special Project Fund to the ASIS&T South Asia Chapter for the year 2021-22 on the project *'Dealing with COVID-19 and saving people's lives in South Asia (SA) areas & beyond - A health informatics promotion project'*. Ms. Prasadi Kanchana Jayasekara, Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of Ruhuna, is engaged in the project team as a co-investigator from Sri Lanka, along with the members from five countries representing both Asia Pacific and South Asia regions. The project is being led by Bhakti Gala, Chair, ASIS&T South Asia Chapter (Central University of Gujarat, India), with a team of members, including

1. Sam Chu (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
2. Md. Anwarul Islam (University of Dhaka, Bangladesh)
3. Syeda Hina Batool (University of the Punjab, Pakistan)
4. Helen Chan (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
5. Raj Kumar Bhardwaj (Central University of Punjab, India)
6. Manika Lamba (University of Delhi, India)

7. Prasadi Kanchana Jayasekara (University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka)

The Chapter has set up a YouTube channel to host multilingual videos for disseminating awareness on a variety of topics on COVID-19 in the South Asia region. This is a collaborative project with the Asia Pacific Chapter and European Chapter to bring their experiences in dealing with similar viruses in the past. This channel aims to help in fighting misinformation and disinformation regarding COVID-19 by citing accurate and reliable sources of information.

The goals of this health informatics project are:

- To spread awareness about COVID-19 issues and behaviour.
- To share the experience of countries who have dealt with similar viruses.
- To help inform people by identifying pertinent topics to deal with COVID-19, highlighting the importance of reliable and accurate information.
- To identify and share accurate and reliable information from authoritative information sources to fight misinformation and disinformation regarding COVID-19.

- To expand the reach of these health informational videos to people of different linguistic abilities.



Through these videos, the Chapter aims at reaching out to the masses in the South Asia region which is highly impacted by COVID-19. The overall objective is to create awareness of many aspects of COVID-19 and to help in creating videos that act as MythBusters. The topics of the videos will provide accurate & reliable information, thereby helping to fight misinformation and disinformation regarding COVID-19. A total of 10 videos on a wide range of topics related to COVID-19 such as *‘Myths about COVID-19 vaccines’*; *‘Stay safe from COVID-19 without or before vaccination’*;

‘Vaccine Facts: All you need to know about them’; *‘Myths about COVID-19’* and many more are to be added. These multilingual videos are available in English, Sinhala, Hindi, Urdu, and Bangla. Only one major language from each country was selected for translation, where the project members did the translation.

As an extension of this project, the project team collaborated with The University of Hong Kong, Academy 22 Education for All Company Limited (NPO), and ASIS&T - Africa Chapter to organize a creative digital story writing competition for primary and secondary school children in the South Asia region. This competition aims to capture the experiences of children during COVID-19. In order to provide the proper training required for the creative digital story writing competition, the project will also organize a series of workshops for school children.

Participated as Installation Officer at Eminentium '21

Eminentium '21- Officer Installation Ceremony of the Gavel Club of University of Sri Jayewardenepura was held virtually on 29th of September 2021. Dr. Nayana Wijayasundara being the President of J'Pura Toastmasters Club, was the Installation Officer of the ceremony which was held virtually.



School Library Development Project

Ms. Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya participated as a resource person to the development of R/B/Karagasthalawa Primary School library development project, Karagasthalawa, Belohuloya via Zoom technology on 20th of August 2021.



Participating in the “Liyapehasaraniya” Radio Programme



Ms. Nadeeka Sanjeevani Rathnabahu, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Library and

Information Science, University of Kelaniya participated in the “Liyapehasaraniya” radio programme on the topic of cultivating the habit of reading, organized by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation on 20th of April 2021.

(Link:<https://www.facebook.com/swadeshiya-sevaya/videos/1383294862023870>)

MOU with Homagama Local Government

The library of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) is engaged in a new project of automating 05 public libraries of the Homagama local government under the

theme of “Our Public Libraries-Homagama”. The project's primary purpose is to develop ICT infrastructure and automate all public libraries using Koha Open Source LMS.

This makes a remarkable benchmark to the public library automation history of Sri Lanka as project involves automating all public libraries simultaneously from the same local government. The project is funded by the Homagama local government under the



leadership of the Chairman of the local authority, Mr. Sampath Jayasinghe. The project is managed by the Consultancy and External Resources Centre (CERC) of the Open University. Mr. A. H. K. Balasooriya, System Librarian is leading the project. It is expected to be completed successfully within the first quarter of 2022. The Open University Library has supported to automate more than 70 public libraries using Open-Source Software-Koha through CERC.



Consultancy and External Resources Centre (CERC) Projects of the OUSL Library

The Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) continuously contributes to the national development through CERC projects. The library carries out projects for different external communities and organizations of Sri Lanka for uplifting their current

conditions, developing ICT infrastructure, and staff developments. Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian was appointed as the Coordinator of the Library CERC projects with effect from 01st of October 2021.

Automating the Buddhist and Pali University Library

Buddhist and Pali University (BPU) library joined with Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) for automating their library services with Open-Source Koha Library Management System (LMS). The project was successfully completed and the inaugural opening ceremony was held on 29th of September 2021 in the Main Library premises in Homagama. The ceremony was held with the participation of a small number of gathering due to the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions of the country.



The Vice-Chancellor of the BPU, Ven. Prof. Neluwe Sumanawansa Thero, the Vice-Chancellor of the OUSL, Prof. PMC Thilakarathne, Deans of the Faculties of BPU, Senior Assistant Librarian of BPU, Ms. Manori

Samarakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of OUSL, Ms. Damayanthi Gunasekera, Project Leader from OUSL, Mr. Harsha Balasooriya and the staff members participated to grace the event.

The Open University has supported more than 70 institutes for automation with Open Source LMS, and library automation with KOHA software is considered a sustainable

mechanism for achieving higher standards and efficiency for Sri Lankan Libraries.



Graduation of First Batch of BA Honors (LIS) in OUSL

The first batch of Bachelor of Arts Honors in Library and Information Studies, offered under the Department of Social Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the OUSL, completed their degree programme.

Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekera, Senior Assistant Librarian of The Open University Sri Lanka was the coordinator of this degree programme.

Research Contribution

Session to Enhance the Research Output in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

A full day session was conducted by the academic staff members of Library of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 14th of August 2021 via Zoom for the students enrolled in the Master's Degree in Applied Statistics.

The introduction to accessing library resources and services during the pandemic was delivered by the Assistant Librarian/Reader Services, Ms. Nishaya Pathirana. The first session of the programme was carried

out by Ms. J. G. Chandani, Senior Assistant Librarian/ IT on the topic "Importance of abstract and citation database: Searching in Scopus database". Second session was conducted by Mr. Santha Angamma, Senior Assistant Librarian/ IT on the topic, "Effective searching of electronic databases available in the library". Dr. Manoja Samaradiwakara, Librarian (Acting) conducted the third session which was on "Referencing to avoid plagiarism". Final lecture was conducted by

Mrs. Shirani Ranasinghe, Deputy Librarian on the topic “Reference Management Tools: How to work with Mendeley software”. The programme was another successful event

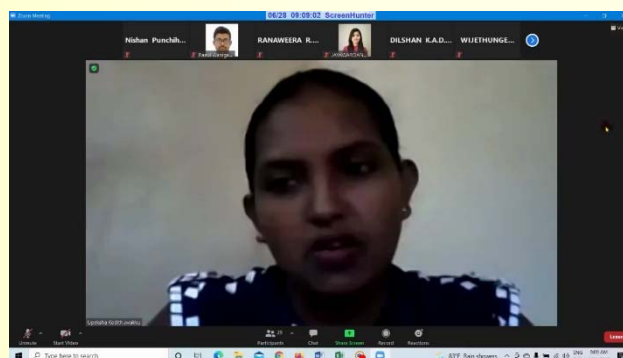
accomplished by the academic staff of the USJ Library which was appreciated and valued by postgraduate students participated in the session.

Guiding Students Towards Research During the Pandemic



The University of Moratuwa Library was able to offer the support for the students who were seeking information during pandemic. Senior Assistant Librarians, Mr. Nishan Punchihewa conducted the session on “Plagiarism and Referencing” and Mrs.

Upeksha Kodithuwakku conducted the session on “Literature Searching for Research” for the undergraduate students of Fashion Design and Product Development (Level 1), Fashion Design (Level 3) and final year students who follow the BIT (external) degree programme.



Webinar on How to Avoid Plagiarism

The Library of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine of the University of Colombo organized a Webinar on “How to Avoid Plagiarism” for the PGIM trainers and trainees. The webinar was held on 31st of August 2021 via Zoom. The resource person of the webinar was Dr. Pandula Siribaddana, Senior Lecturer of the Medical Education Resource Centre, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), University of Colombo. Mrs. M.P.P Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, PGIM and Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant

Librarian, PGIM, coordinated the event. The Tutorial available at;

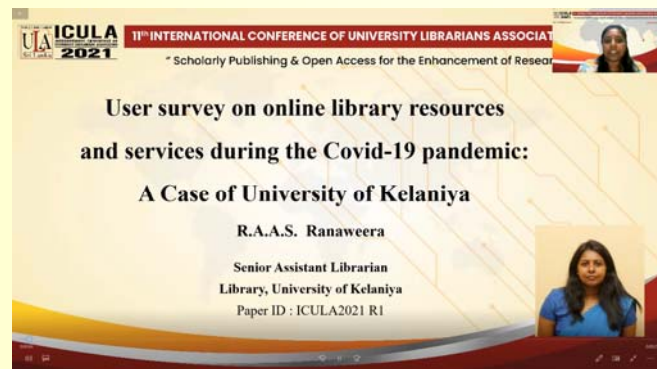
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Paper Presentation at ICULA-2021

Dr. (Ms.) R.A.A.S. Ranaweera, Senior Assistant Librarian of the University of Kelaniya Library presented a research paper titled "User Survey on Online Library Resources and Services during the Covid-19 Pandemic: A Case of University of Kelaniya" at the 11th International Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka (ICULA), held on 22nd of September 2021. This is a joint publication with Mrs. A.P.U. De Silva and Ms.

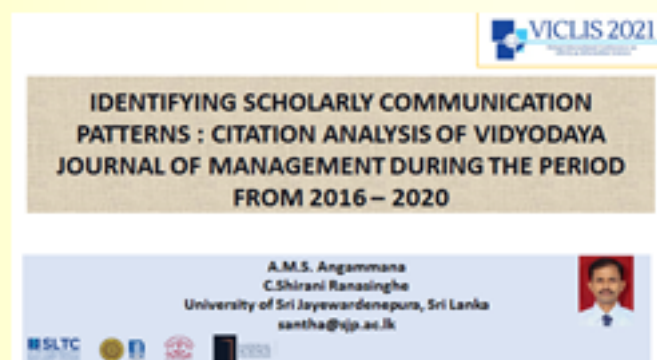
A.S. Rubasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarians attached to the library, University of Kelaniya.



Paper Presentation at VICLIS-2021

Mr.A.M.S. Angamma, Senior Assistant Librarian and Mrs. C. Shirani Ranasinghe, Deputy Librarian, University of Sri Jayewardenepura presented a research paper titled "Identifying scholarly communication patterns : citation analysis of Vidyodaya Journal of Management during the period from 2016 - 2020" at the Virtual International Conference on Library and Information Science' (VICLIS-2021) organized by the Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC) in collaboration with the Department of Library & Information Science, University of Kelaniya,

Sri Lanka; Department of Library Information Sciences, Kerala University, India and National Science Library & Resource Centre (NSLRC) of National Science Foundation (NSF), Sri Lanka on the 23rd of August 2021.



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world"

- Harriet Tubman

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance Unit of the OUSL Library

Quality of the service and user satisfaction is the two interrelated and significant facets of any Library. In view of that, the Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka established a Quality Assurance Unit of the Library to enhance the quality of the functions and

procedures of the library. Mrs. K.M.R.K. Amarasekara, Deputy Librarian, OUSL serves as the coordinator of the Library Quality Assurance Unit with effect from 24th of August 2021.

Student Support Services

“Living Books” Project at Library of the University of Moratuwa



University of Moratuwa Library opened the doors for a new user-oriented service as “Living Books” by breaking the ice of the COVID pandemic season. Library announced its first “Living Book”, Dr Ravindra Ranasinha, PhD (Practitioner in Psychotherapy and Dramatherapy) who conducted the session on “Psychological Wellbeing for Youth” accordingly. Students accessed the Living

Book via ZOOM on 22nd of July 2021. There were several activities, exercises, group discussions and listening to Music. Participants got an opportunity to translate their inner feelings on to a paper and reflect on those. They acted (danced) to a given musical phrase. Finally, it became a highly interactive session. Students could access the living book by leaving their subject related text books away, making the program totally an extracurricular activity. Mrs. Nayani Gunawardhana, Senior Assistant Librarian initiated and coordinated the “Living Books” programme the advices and guidance of the Librarian.

“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious”

- **Albert Einstein**

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Books Donation by the Assistant High Commissioner of India

Honorable Assistant High Commissioner of India HE Raakesh Natraj J. visited the Uva Wellassa University on 1st of April 2021. During the visit, he donated few books to the University library. The donation programme was coordinated by the library in collaboration with the Audio-Visual Unit of the University.



Collaboration in Organizing the International Conference

International Conference on Knowledge Management in Higher Education Institutions (ICKHI 2021) was organized by the Central Library of Manipal University in collaboration with the Library of Uva Wellassa University during April 7-8, 2021 via zoom online platform. Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant

Librarian, Uva Wellassa University contributed as the Conference Secretary. The Technical sessions for 08 thematic areas were conducted where more than 150 research papers were presented from more than 11 countries including Sri Lanka.

Recognized as Proud Record Holder of "Asia Book of Records"

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, was recognized as one of the proud record-holders for "Asia Book of Records" and "India Book of Records" for the maximum number of authors contributing to a book on Covid-19 and its impact. A total of 1,498 authors worldwide contributed articles to the book



titled 'COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT' (ISBN: 978-81-947019-4-1), which aims to establish the impact of COVID-19 on various multidisciplinary researches like Humanities,

Medical, Arts, Engineering etc. In addition, Dr. T. Pratheepan contributed as an Editor in the record's journey.

Training Program on Google Workspace for Library Office Work



Mrs. D. P. C. Vithana, Librarian- Acting of the Uva Wellassa University contributed as the

resource person for the online training programme on “Google Workspace for library office work” organized by the Academic Group of SLLA (2020/21) on 6th of May 2021. The target group was university, school and public, Library Information Assistants, and other interested persons in Sri Lanka

Member of the Academic Libraries Group of the SLLA (2020/21)

SLLA Gateway, to access authenticated web resources was launched by the Academic Libraries Group of the SLLA (2020/21) on 16th of June 2021. Mrs. D. Palika C. Vithana contributed being a member of the Academic Libraries Group of SLLA (2020/21). Mr. M. Norman Ravikumar is the Convener of the group and the other members of the Group are: Ms. U. D. Hiruni Kanchana, Mr. S. Shanmugathan, Mr. B. Prashanthan and Ms. M. P. M. Kanchana De Silva.



“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up”

- Thomas A. Edison

Contribution as Resource Persons

Emerging Role of Libraries and Librarians

Dr. T. Pratheepan participated as a resource person in the International virtual short-term course on “Enlightening of LIS Professionals in Emerging Technologies” organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, Madurai Kamaraj University, India in collaboration with the Madras Library Association, India. The programme took place during April 12-16, 2021. Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered his speech on the “Emerging role of libraries and librarians”.



Scientific Publications in Recognized & Indexed Journals

Dr. T. Pratheepan participated as a resource person in a webinar organized by the Department of Software Systems and Computer Science, KG College of Arts & Science on “Trends and challenges in current research” which took place during April 19-23, 2021. Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered a speech on the topic “Scientific publications in recognized & Indexed Journals”.

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Drafting Scholarly Content Using Online Tools

Dr. T. Pratheepan participated as a resource person in the International Professional Development Programme on Scholarly Publishing: Swirls Unfurl organized by the Patrician College of Arts & Science, India, which took place during June 14-18, 2021. Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered a lecture on the topic “Drafting scholarly content using online tools.”



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