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**Message from the
ULA President**

First, I would like to express my great delight in penning this address.

The pandemic has pushed us to think outside the box, to create new methods to bring our professionals together and to assist our members in continuing their learning and development.

Despite the fact that everyone is a little 'Zoomed out', there is still a big demand for online interactions and conversations that provide new knowledge as we move forward into a 'new normal' and adapt new ways to address these information and communication needs. Therefore, ULA is currently working on its strategic plan, setting out how we will continue to unite, support and empower information professionals in all universities in the years ahead.

While drafting up this strategic plan, I have been contemplating on how our professional body has responded to the problem of assisting information seekers in the face of a communicable pandemic, the social upheaval, and the prevalent digital disruption. As such, the new standard is accompanied by a brand-new user experience that makes it easier for our members to evaluate their capabilities, track their progress, and identify areas for improvement.

It is now, more than ever, that we must confront convention and innovate. Let us continue to collaborate and take use of this chance to create a better future. This was a collaborative and inclusive approach that exemplifies ULA's greatest qualities. Thus, it is crucial for us to be able to reflect on the entire scope of our profession. So, in order to demonstrate our unity, let us work together and progress forth together.

Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj
President

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Special Event in Focus

39th Annual General meeting of the University Librarians' Association was held on 22nd of October 2021 at 10.00 a.m. onwards via online mode. Dr. C. M. Mallawaarachchi, outgoing President of ULA delivered the welcome address. Two 'best research paper' awards were awarded under the junior and senior categories during the AGM. The new executive committee and the university representatives for year 2021/2022 were also elected during the event.

Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Goal 1: Establish the ULA Secretariat Office and digitization of its documents.

Goal 2: Restructure, update and maintain website of the Association.

Goal 3: Improve qualities of ULA activities and services by introducing policies.

Goal 4: Prepare Guidelines for evaluators on Merit Promotion of Deputy Librarian and the post of Librarian align with 921 circular.

Goal 5: Improve Quality and publicize the International Journal of University Librarians.

Goal 6: Enhance Knowledge, Skills and Capacities of the Membership.

Goal 7: Develop wellbeing, relationship and trust among the members.



Standing :

Representatives - Mrs.Kusala Sajeewani, Dr. (Mrs.) K.M.R.K.Kulathunge, Mrs.T.C.Ranawella, Mr.Saman Girakaduwa, Mrs.D.M.S.K.Herath, Mrs.G.Navirathan, Mrs.Piumali Karunarathna, Mrs. Shiyamali Malkanthi.

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Mrs.U.D.Hiruni Kanchana (Treasurer), Mrs.Upeksha Kodithuvakku (Assistant Secretary), Dr. (Mrs) Chiranthi Wijesundara (Editor), Dr.C.Mallawaarachchi (Immediate Past President), Dr.W.J.Jeyaraj (President), Mrs. Ruvini Kodikara (Vice President), Dr. Kalpana Chandrasekar (General Secretary), Mr.C.N.D.Punchihewa (Web Editor), Ven. Deiyandara Pannananda (Representative)

Absent :

Dr. (Mrs) K.R.N.Harshini (Training Officer), Representatives – Mr.U.A.Lal Pannila, Mr.I.D.K.L.Fernando, Mr.A.M.Nahfees, Ms.Manori Samarakoon, Mr.S.Shanmugathasan, Mr. Tissa Bandara

Feature Articles

How can Libraries reduce their carbon footprint



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Global warming, climate change, and natural resource depletion are the major environmental challenges faced by the current world. There are many factors involved in environmental problems and increasing the carbon footprint has been one of the major issues due to human activities. "Carbon Footprint – measurement of global greenhouse gas emissions associated with a product, service, organization, region, industry, nation, etc... Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is the primary greenhouse gas. Carbon footprints are reported Carbon Dioxide Equivalents (CO₂e), which measure the global warming potential of the six main human-induced greenhouse gases... in relation to CO₂" (Field & Simmons, 2014, p. 4). Air pollution due to the emission of greenhouse gases to the environment is a serious issue on the planet. As the carbon footprint is a means of measuring how the environment is affected by human-induced activities, reducing the carbon footprint is very important because it has many adverse effects on the global climate change. Protecting the earth for future generations is the responsibility of all individuals and institutions in the world.

As an institution, libraries could play a key role to lead other institutions in reducing their carbon footprints in order to keep the environment green and sustainable. Each institution can initiate measures to reduce its carbon footprint. Lowering the carbon footprint of each institution would lead to reducing the level of global carbon footprint. The green library movement is the way to reduce carbon footprint of libraries. Green initiatives at universities will have a great impact on the society because many individuals who come from different societies would then spread the information among the people living around them in various places.

Sharing relevant books and other information sources through a library is the primary activity to be initiated towards reducing the carbon footprint instead of purchasing individual copies of information sources by each person. A study in Finland (Helsingin kaupunki, 2021) showed that the major contributor (66%) in carbon footprint calculation in libraries was the electricity consumption for heating of the library building. Reducing energy consumption significantly reduces the carbon footprint of the library. It can be reduced by using energy-efficient electronic devices. When establishing new library buildings or renovating the library buildings, it is welcoming to incorporate green library architecture as much as possible. Natural daylight, ventilation, avoiding dependence on air-conditioning, installing energy-efficient electronic equipment, using LED light bulbs are some of the alternatives to reduce energy consumption. Using the common library study hall by the university students reduces the energy consumption rather than using lights in individual rooms (Li et al., 2015). Library employees and readers must develop the habit of turning off the electronic devices when they are not in use. When selecting the site to build a library, it should be easily accessible by the relevant target readers. So, they can visit the library by walking or biking without using other ways of transportation, which

emits greenhouse gases. Using public transportation or arranging vehicles for the transport of a group of people instead of driving individual vehicles make a significant impact on the level of carbon footprint.

Libraries can adapt to green weeding practices. The ways of processing the discarded books in libraries make an impact on the emission of greenhouse gases. Discarded books can be reused or recycled. Discarded books can be selected for reselling and donating to other types of libraries and the balance can be recycled. They should not be thrown away as waste material.

Providing environmental information services is one of the important services to reduce carbon footprint indirectly. Initially, librarians should educate themselves about green practices and make a clear understanding of the serious environmental problem among all the other library employees. Incorporating the green library concept in all library science curricula and introducing the best practices to reduce carbon footprint of libraries are good ways to make awareness among the library professionals. Not only reducing the carbon footprint level in libraries, but it is also the responsibility of the libraries to make the society, environment literate. Developing environment literacy is vital for the green movement. Providing easy access to the current environmental information sources to the readers will be very useful to the community. Publishing reviews about the currently published green environmental information sources in newsletters is another way to educate the society. World environment day (June 5th) was developed for raising awareness about the current issues of the environment. So, it is the responsibility of the institutions, especially libraries to make arrangements to celebrate the environment day and provide presentations, exhibitions, etc. Arranging poster competitions among school students and university students will create awareness about environmental problems.

When designing and implementing each activity such as waste disposal, arranging conferences or any other event, bookbinding, purchasing items, etc. libraries, should consider the green concept as essential. IFLA provides 'Annual Green Library Award' to encourage the libraries to adopt the green library concept. Reuse, Recycle and Reduce are the main terms everyone should keep in mind. Further, accumulation of each small contribution will make a significant change in the movement towards a green sustainable environment. Libraries should support to keep a green and sustainable environment mindfully and consistently.

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Centenary of a Library under the feet of giants: a retrospective

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Introduction

Since originating from the Ceylon University College (CUC), University of Peradeniya, still retains much from its early days. Through many decades, the university has continuously progressed to become a center of excellence with its well-deserved national, regional and global reputation. University of Peradeniya Library (UoPL) played a major role, when this green and pleasant seat of learning, became a Centre of Excellence. Its benefactors had contributed in knowledge, wealth as well as collections of books and manuscripts in elevating the Library to its present status. Hundred years later, this feature article is brought in black and white to felicitate and acknowledge their unrelenting labour that facilitated UoPL to be the leading University Library in Sri Lanka.

Growth of the Library

In 1921 January, the CUC was opened as a college affiliated to the University of London with 155 students. Reginald Stephan Enright was appointed as the first Librarian of CUC in March 1925. According to the first accession register of the Library, the Library started with a collection of 1426 books, which was donated by one of principal promoters and benefactors of the University Project, Sir. P. Arunachalam, in memory of his late son A. Padmanabha. The Library was initially opened in a room in College House, grew rapidly in parallel to the development of CUC. Mr. Enright provided the stewardship that was needed during the infancy of the library. He introduced Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) System facilitating faster access to library materials. Bequest of books on Orientalia of late Professor T.W. Rhys Davies donated by Mrs. Rhys Davies was also added during this time period (CUC, 1936). By 1938 the library was relocated to a more spacious Villa Venezia with a collection of 27,000 of Library materials. Donald Ferguson Collection and W.A. De Silva Collection of over 300 items of rare books, manuscripts and maps were presented to the Library by D. R. Wijeyawardena in 1949. These collections were held in reserve, first at Archives Department in Nuwaraeliya due to lack of space in Villa Venezia.

Later when the University of Ceylon was established and moved to Peradeniya, Mr. Enright, was entrusted with the mammoth task of shifting the whole collection of the Library from Colombo to Peradeniya. Though, Mr. Enright died during this major movement, Mr. Soloman Cecil Blok, the second librarian of the University of Ceylon finished the task in 1952. The Library was temporarily housed at the Ground Floor of the Arts building of the then University of Ceylon, Pearadeniya, as the proposed new building was under construction. Mr. S. C. Blok who obtained Diploma and fellowship in the field of Librarianship from the University of London was the second Librarian of University of Ceylon, is said to have been contributed in planning the seven storied Library building (Silva, 2003). On the 1st of July 1960, the new Library building was opened under his stewardship.



Making of University of Peradeniya Library
(Source: University of Peradeniya Grey Literature)

Oriental books of Pandit Batuvantudave, Law collection of Mr. N. Nadarajah, books of Osmania Publications Bureau, dictionaries, and grammar books on a number of languages donated by Canon P. Lucian Janz were some of the collections added during Mr. Blok's term. Donald Ferguson Collection and W.A. De Silva Collection that were housed in Department of Archives Branch at Nuwaraeliya was transferred to Peradeniya in 1955. Making some of the dreams of Sir Jennings come true, setting up a Ceylon Collection was initiated during Mr. Blok's time, amalgamating Leslie de Seram and Henry De Mel Collections. Initiatives were taken to purchase Dr. N.B.P. Goonetilleke Palm Leaf Manuscript collections under the recommendations of Professor Senarath Paranavithana and Government Archivist.

Professionals of UoPL believed that a key factor in promoting a superior quality of library services largely rested on providing professional training to employees. As a result of this very notion, the origin of Library education in Sri Lanka was marked at UoPL in 1961.

Through a persistent pursuit, legislative rights were granted under the Printers and Publishers Ordinance of 1951, to send a copy of each printed material published in Sri Lanka to UoPL (Jennings, 2005). Since then, maintaining a Legal Deposit Collection in UoPL was initiated, which currently amounts to about 450,000 materials. Purchasing of Gunatilaka Palm Leaf Manuscript Collection was completed during Mr. K.D. Somadasa's term of office as the librarian. Henry Alfred Ian Goonetilleke, the fourth Librarian of University of Peradeniya bequeathed his 60-year collection on his 75th birthday to UoPL. The collection contains his personal library of books, journals, pamphlets, off prints, personal collection of letters, and other documents and art objects such as statues in metal and wood as well as some replicas in plaster, his portrait drawn by Stanly Kirinde, collection of original water colour and oil paintings gifted by 43 group since 1940's (Dharmadasa, 1997, p.1) and is of the opinion that his "bequest surpasses in value all other bequests made to this institution since its inception". Mr. Goonetilleke was instrumental in negotiating the donation of the holograph manuscript of the Leonard Woolf's Village in the Jungle and donation of Muhandiram D.P.E Hettiarachchi Collection. In 1973, Medical Library with its baronial building became the first branch library of the Peradeniya Campus, University of Sri Lanka.

Since the appointment of Mr. N.T.S.A. Senadeera as the fifth Librarian in 1982, more attention was paid to ensure preservation and conservation of library materials in order to provide a wider access to the users. A bindery was established and training apprentice binders was initiated. Most valuable collections were preserved by making use of appropriate technologies available by then. Microfilming the Ferguson Collection and providing copies to other libraries was a realization of long expected idea of Mr. D. R. Wijewardene. A microfilmed copy of the manuscript of Lawrie's Gazetteer of the Central Province of Ceylon volume III was acquired to Library during the time of Mr. Senadeera. Simultaneously, a safety

vault was built to deposit the microfilms of important books and manuscripts. Three library buildings were constructed for Agriculture, Science and Engineering Libraries while a separate library was set up for the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science during this period.

The library started using the UNESCO assisted free ISIS program in mid 1980s. A campus-wide computer cable network was established with a view to providing access to information faster. Improving access to scholarly periodical resources via internet and publishing of a Union List of Current Periodicals were some of the developments materialized in early years of 2000.



Emeritus Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra Museum (Photo by author)

To provide more qualitative service to its patrons, a procedure for assessing the work performance of Library Assistants and Library Attendants were initiated in 2002.

Although the library grew faster until the beginning of 21st century, space in the Main Library remained unchanged for well over 40 years. Hence, an extension was planned in 2002, though it became a reality only in 2020. A methodically advanced managerial system was employed in UoPL operations since mid 2000, which aimed at enhancing the quality in service during the tenure of Librarian, Mr. P.E. Harrison Perera. Two separated Libraries for Faculty of Dental Sciences and Faculty of Allied Health Sciences were established in 2007 and 2008 respectively.

Establishing Emeritus Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra Museum in 2014 enabled the UoPL to transcend the organizational silos. Initiation of an Institutional Repository, upgrading from Off the Shelf Library Management Package to Open Source Library Management software solution were some of the milestones that were achieved during 2011-2015. These developments were taken place during the office of Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, the first Lady Librarian of University of Peradeniya. Establishing a new library extension in 2020 marks the pinnacle of UoPL at the eve of its centenary was a result of unrelenting effort made by Mr. R. Maheswaran, the present Librarian.



Library Building University of Peradeniya with new extension
(Photo by Author)

Since its inception in 1921, UoPL has come a long way by growing faster and strong in height and breadth. Unrelenting labour of many visionaries, benefactors and professionals contributed in its development. However, since its inauguration, UoPL struggled with not having a long term leadership to reach the maximum in its operations. With a few exceptions, the progression of UoPL has mainly been hindered by unexpected deaths, premature resignations, short-term employment contracts, temporary appointments of its top management. If this obstacle could rectify, UoPL would have gone extra miles by heightening the quality in service during its voyage of hundred years.

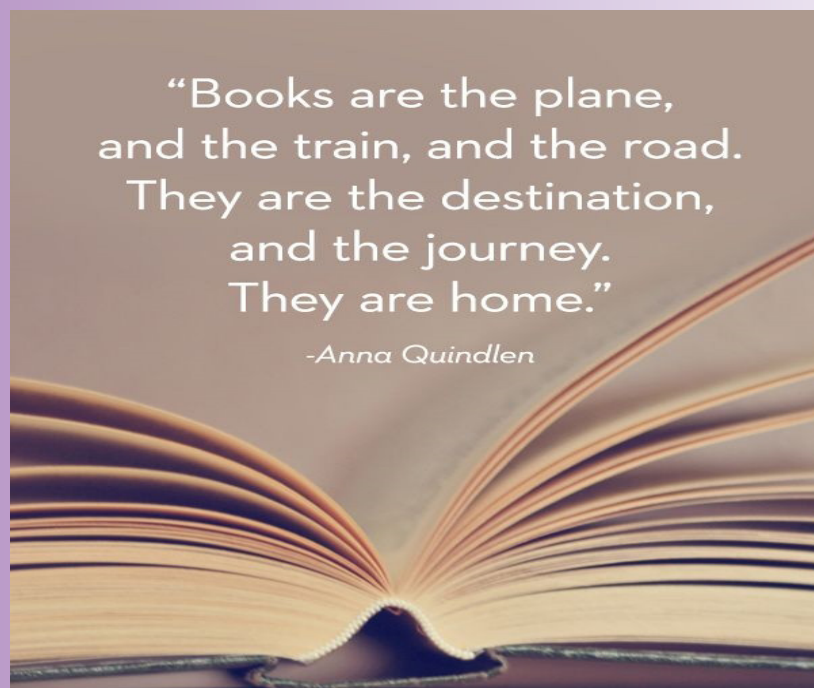
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Special Events

The First EXCO Meeting of ULA 2021/22 was held with a Grandeur of Guest Talk

The first Executive Committee meeting of the newly elected ULA officials was held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, the 12th of November 2021 at Hotel Cinnamon Grand, Colombo, in a grand manner hosted by the President Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj.

While the above meeting was conducted in a Hybrid mode such as physical and zoom, a 100% attendance of all EXCO members and the immediate past EXCO members was recorded.

It commenced with the President's address emphasizing on the professional challenges that are to be rectified and the need of the hour to be focused, followed by lighting of the traditional oil lamp by all ULA officials.

Dr. Adrian Senadhira, the first President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka graced the event virtually as the Special Guest, and he spelt out in his Guest Talk as to how ULA should play its dynamic role in strengthening the unity and the solidarity among members. Further, he shared his early days of experiences with ULA.

The technical proceedings were handled by the President along with all key officials Mrs. Ruvini Kodikara, Vice President, Dr. Mrs. K. Chandrasekar, General Secretary, Mrs. Hiruni Kanchana, Treasurer, Dr. Chiranthi Wijesundara, Editor, Dr. (Mrs) Harshini, Training Officer, Mr. Nishan Punchihewa, Web Editor and other immediate past key officials Dr. C. Mallawaarachchi, Immediate Past President, Dr. S. Illangaratne, Immediate Past General Secretary and with Dr. (Mrs.) Manoja Samaradiwakara, the Immediate Past Editor, in attendance.

The First EXCO of ULA 2021/22 wrapped up in a grandeur manner with a fellowship lunch at 2.30 pm.



Achievements & Awards

ULA Research Awards

Dr. Manjula Wijewickrema/SAL, Library, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was awarded the Best Research Paper Award for the Senior Researcher Category at the Annual General Meeting of the University Librarians Association, 2021 held on 22.10.2021 for his paper titled, "Authors' perception on abstracting and indexing databases in different subject domains".

Ms. J.G. Chandani/SAL, Library, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was awarded the Best Junior Researcher Award for her paper titled, "Study of information literacy skills behind the prison wall in Sri Lanka".



Academic Achievement



Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and the President of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka successfully completed his Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Library and Information Science at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. At present, Dr. Jeyaraj serves as the Chairman of the University Publications Committee and the Chief Editor for the University Newsletter of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and one of the Members on the Board of Management of the National Institute of Library and Information Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka as well.

New Appointments



Mr. U.A. Lal Pannila has been appointed as the Acting Librarian at the Main Library University of Ruhuna since 21st November 2021. He was a senior assistant librarian (Grade I) at the same library earlier.

Promoted as Deputy Librarian



Dr. (Ms.) Champa N. K. Alahakoon, who is working as Senior Assistant Librarian – Grade I, of Main Library, University of Peradeniya has been promoted to the post of Deputy Librarian according to the circular of 921, with effect from 2019.

Fellowships

Mrs. Thushari M. Seneviratne and Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Senior Assistant Librarians of University of Moratuwa were awarded the Fellowship of Sri Lanka Library Association on 15th of October 2021 at its 61st Annual General Meeting.



Awarded the First Place at Essay Competition

Awarded the First place at Essay competition on the theme of Eliminating Violence against Women Centre for Gender Equity & Equality (CGEE), in collaboration with Organisation for Elangai Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR Ceylon), had organized an essay competition (in three languages Tamil, Sinhala, and English) among the Academic, Administrative Staff, and Students of the University of Jaffna on 30th of November 2021. The purpose of the competition was to increase awareness and understanding and help introducing the violence against women and designate the international day for the elimination of violence against women. Mr. K. Sajanthan (Assistant Librarian) was awarded with trophy, certificate and cash prize as he won the first place in the Staff category (Tamil medium).



UWU- Research Award

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University was awarded the UWU-Research Award by the Uva Wellassa University, took place on 27th October 2021.



Convocation Committee Member, EUSL



Mr. S. Santharoban, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Health Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka is assigned as the representative from the Library Network, EUSL to serve in the Convocation Committee of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka from December 2021.

Coordinator for the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the Library Network, EUSL

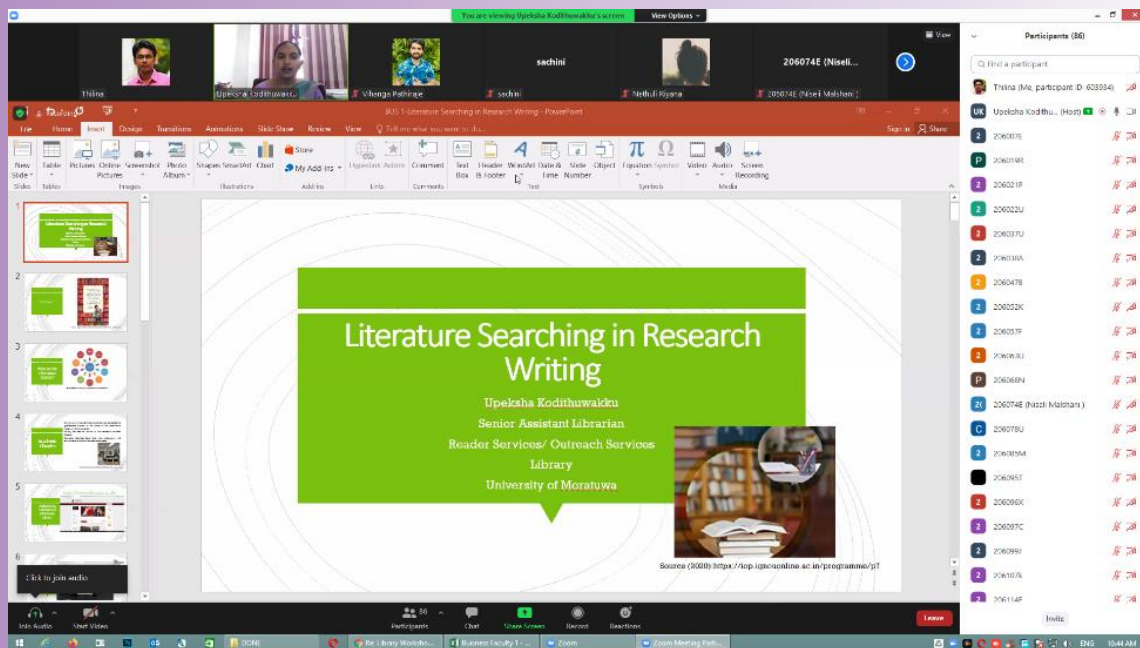


Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Assistant Librarian of the Faculty of Health Care Sciences, Eastern University, Sri Lanka has been appointed as the Coordinator of the newly established Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Library Network, Eastern University, Sri Lanka from November 2021.

Academic Contributions

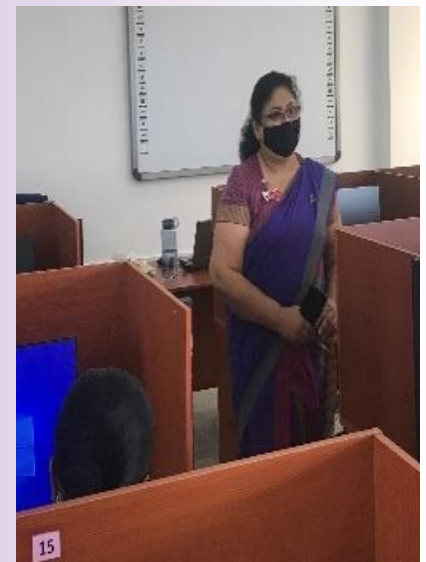
Sessions Conducted by the University of Moratuwa

Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku as the library representative of Faculty of Business at University of Moratuwa, introduced the 'library' sessions for the first level students of the faculty. She conducted the session on '*Literature searching in Research Writing*' and Senior Assistant Librarian, Nishan Punchihewa, delivered the sessions on '*Introduction to APA referencing*' and '*How to avoid plagiarism*' virtually.



Workshop on 'KOHA Library Management System'

To develop, enhance, individual skills of the KDU library staff, Mrs. T.C. Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian of General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University (KDU), coordinated a '*workshop on KOHA Library Management System*' on the 27th October 2021 for professional staff of the KDU library network. Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Senior Assistant Librarian, Allied Health Science Faculty Library of the KDU, was the resource person.



Guest of Honour at the National Reading Month Celebration

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University participated as the guest of honour at the National Reading Month Celebration and delivered special address on “Reading Culture for Knowledge Society”. The event was organized by the Peththali Public Library, Batticaloa on 18th December 2021.



Contribution to the 02nd Annual research Symposium (ARS) 2021, PGIM, University of Colombo

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine conducted the 02nd Annual Research Symposium On “Postgraduate Medical Education in the Era of Covid -19”, on 26th November 2021 Via Zoom. The Conference was chaired by Dr. Pandula Siribaddene, Senior Lecturer, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and the conference secretary was Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani and Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe Senior, Assistant Librarians of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo served as editorial board members and compiled the book of abstracts of ARS-PGIM 2021 as well.

Resource Person at the SVIAS, Eastern University

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University participated as the Resource Person at a one day workshop organized by the Staff Development Centre, Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, which was held on 16th November 2021. Dr. T. Pratheepan delivered a lecture entitled on ‘Universal Structure of Journals & Research Articles: Practice and Reality’. All the academic staff members were attended in the workshop.

SWAMI VIPULANANDA INSTITUTE OF AESTHETIC STUDIES, EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Workshop
“Universal Structure of Journals & Research Articles : Reality & Practice”

Resource person:
 Dr.T.Pratheepan
 Senior Assistant Librarian
 Uva Wellassa University
 Badulla, Sri Lanka.

Target Group : All Academic & Academic Support Staff of SVIAS

16th of NOVEMBER 2021
 9.30 am - 12.30 pm
 UICT LAB II, SVIAS

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 Staff Development Center,
 SVIAS, Eastern University, Sri Lanka

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Valedictory Address at the Two Days International Conference on Contemporary Problems and Prospects of Libraries and Information Centers

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University delivered the valedictory address at the Two Days International Conference on “Contemporary Problems and Prospects of Libraries and Information Centers” organized by the Central Library & Department of Library and Information Science, GTN Arts Collage, Tamil Nadu, India, took place during 27th-28th November 2021.

Lectures conducted by the Academic Staff Members of The KDU Library

1. Mrs. T.C. Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian, KDU, conducted an online lecture on ‘*Empowering students to create their best, original work with Turnitin feedback studio*’ for the postgraduate students of the KDU on 5th October 2021.

2. Mrs. P.K. Wijesekara, Senior Assistant Librarian, KDU Southern Campus conducted lectures on ‘*Information Literacy*’ on 27th and 29th October 2021

3. Mrs. M.P. Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine, conducted two online lectures for the MBBS students in two different intakes, on ‘*How to do a systematic literature search*’ on 17th October 2021 and on ‘*Searching for scholarly literature*’ on 11th November 2021. She also conducted a practical session for the students of Defence Service Command & Staff College (DSCSC) and Army Logistic School on ‘*Managing references with Mendeley Reference Management Software*’ on 07th December 2021.

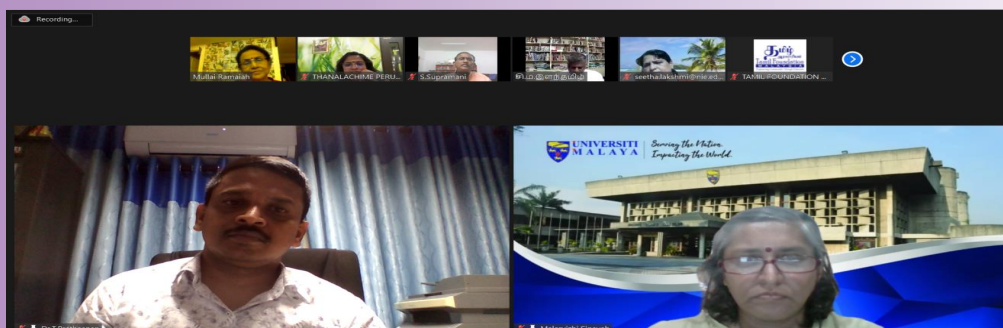
4. Mrs. U.D.H. Kanchana, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Allied Health Science (FAHS), conducted a lecture series for the students of FAHS to enhance their ‘*Knowledge on Referencing, Mendeley, Reference Management Software*’ during October and November 2021. She also did a lecture on ‘*Introduction to PICO for Evidence-Based Medicine*’ on 9th December 2021.

Guest of Honour at the International Webinar organized by the University of Jaffna

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University participated as the guest of honour at the “International Webinar on Youth, Truth & The Meaning of Life” organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Jaffna, which took place on 24th October 2021.

Resource Person at the Webinar Organized by the Malaya University, Malaysia.

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian, Uva Wellassa University participated as the Resource Person in a special webinar on Tamil Journal Standardization organized by the University of Malaya, Malaysia, took place on 28th October 2021.



Community Outreach

Technical Consultancy for Public Library Automation- Dabora Public Library

The library of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) has successfully completed the automation of the Dabora public library. The Inauguration session was held on 04th December 2021 in Dabora library, with the Chairman of the Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha Mr. Jayantha Rohana as the chief guest. Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha was the first local authority in Sri Lanka which automated all governing public libraries on its own.

The OUSL Library has supported nearly 80 public libraries in automating their libraries with the Open Source Koha Library Management System. Senior Assistant Librarian of the OUSL, Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, had been the chief consultant of the project.



Workshop on Information Literacy for Academic & Research Success

Dr. C. Mallawaarachchi, the Librarian (acting) of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, conducted a workshop on 'Information Literacy for Academic and Research' for the Officer Cadets of the Air Force Academy at China Bay Trincomalee on 28th November 2021.



Webinar for staff of the Library in Madawachchiya Pradeshiya Sabawa

The Rajarata University, Library staff conducted a webinar for staff of the Library in Madawachchiya Pradeshiya Sabhawa on 28th December 2021 via zoom conferencing. Mrs. A.S. Siriwardana, Librarian, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, conducted a session on ‘*Library services during the COVID 19 pandemic period*’. Dr. (Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Applied Sciences Library, conducted a session on ‘Capacity Building’.

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Workshop on Scientific Information Sources at the National Defence College (NDC)

Dr. C. Mallawaarachchi, the Librarian (Acting) of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, was the resource person at the ‘*Workshop on Scientific Information Sources*’ which was conducted for the Officers of the National Defence College of Sri Lanka on 13th December 2021.



Collaboration of OUSL with Public Libraries – Project 3

The third collaboration project of OUSL with Public libraries was launched at the beginning of 2021 between OUSL Hatton Study Center and Hatton – Dickoya public Library. Resource sharing and user education is the main objective of the project. The project was temporary withheld due to the pandemic situation in the country. As a means of re-starting the project an awareness session was held on 21st October via zoom. The participants were the OUSL study center staff, Hatton Dickoya Public library staff and urban council staff. Mr. Harsha Balasooriya, Dr. Anoma Weerakoon and Mrs P.K.M. Kaushamali of the Open University served as resource persons. The participants were given a briefing about the Open University library and its services, how the project works, future expectations and, benefits of the project for both parties. Librarian of Bandarawela Public library Mrs. Inoka Polgampola joined the session to share her experience as a beneficiary of the first collaboration project.

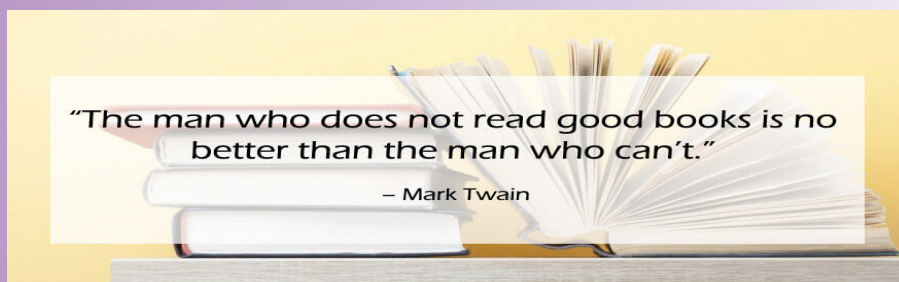


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Research Contribution

Library Research Symposium (LRS 2021) by the Library of the University of Colombo

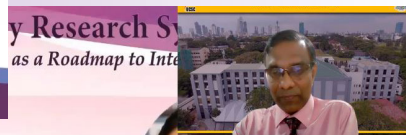
The library had successfully accomplished conducting its Annual Research Symposium – LRS 2021 in parallel with the Annual Research Symposium of the University of Colombo on 9th December 2021. Senior Professor Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo graced the occasion as the chief guest while Mrs. S. C. Jayasuriya, former librarian of the University of Colombo was the special guest. This year’s symposium theme was “Library as a Roadmap to Interdisciplinary Research”, which specifically emphasizes and communicates the importance of the role and position of the university library to facilitate impactful research among the university community. Being the special event, the centenary historical volume of the Library, University of Colombo was ceremonially launched by Senior Professor Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo. Mrs Sumana Jayasuriya, former Librarian of the University of Colombo was tributed at the occasion for her forty years long service for the university library sector. The centennial address was delivered by Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge, the Librarian of the University of Colombo and the Acting Librarian, Dr. D.C. Kuruppu wrapped up the centenary celebrations of the Library. The keynote speech was shedding light on the digital transformation of libraries and was delivered by Professor K.P. Hewagamage, the Director of UCSC. LRS 2021 was chaired by Mrs. Sajeewanie Somaratna, Senior Assistant Librarian and Presentations were communicated with the audience in two technical sessions under the symposium theme.



Senior Professor Chandrika N Wijeyaratne
Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo



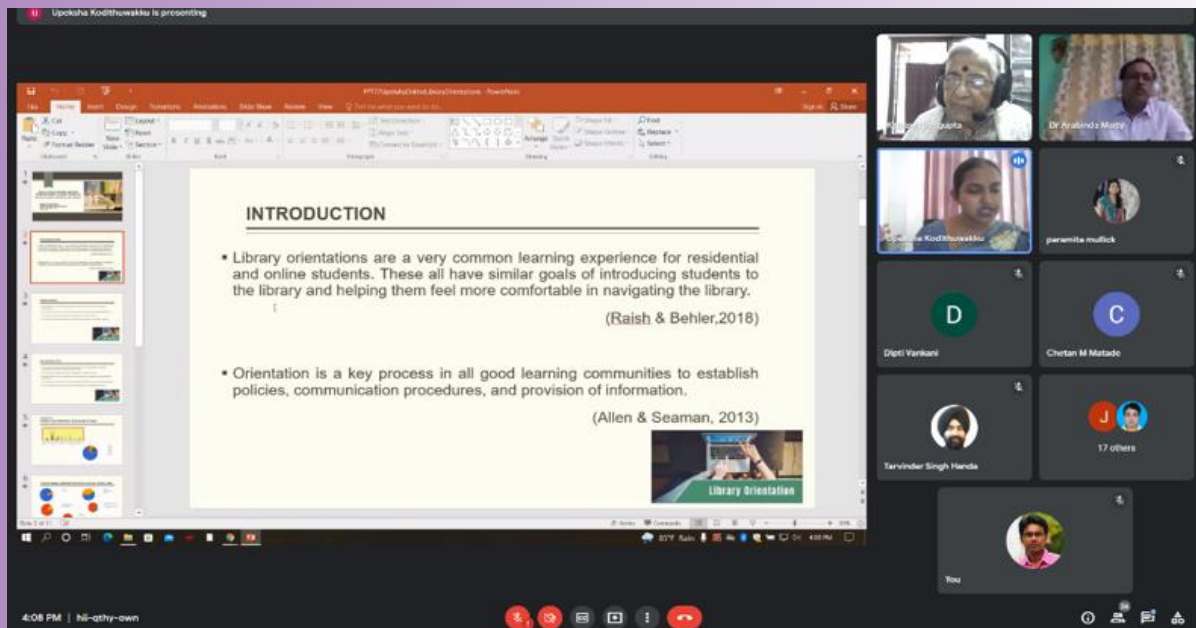
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Former Librarian- University of Colombo



Professor K.P. Hewagamage
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Coordinator, National e-Learning Centre (NeLC) Project

Research Contribution- Paper presentations

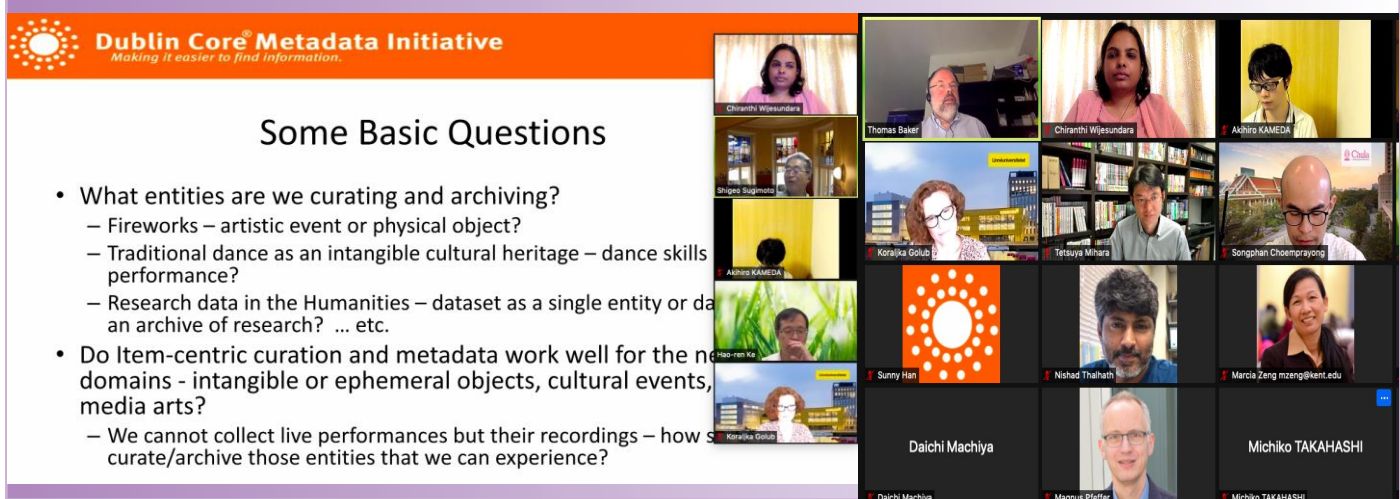
Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku, Senior Assistant Librarian of University of Moratuwa presented her research findings on *'Evaluating online library orientations: A case study at an academic library of Sri Lanka'* on 26th November 2021. The virtual presentation was done at the XXXVII International Conference which was jointly organized by the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Calcutta & Indian Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science (IATLIS).



She also received the opportunity to present her experiences on *'Providing information through library web site during pandemic: experiences from a Sri Lankan academic library'* at SoFERENCE 2021. SoFERENCE is a leading biannual National Social Conference on Library & Information Science (LIS) organized by India's largest Corporate Information Resource Centre from Tata Consultancy Services. The 6th virtual edition was scheduled on 18th December 2021 under the theme of "Looking Ahead: Future of Libraries".

Special Panel Presentation at the DCMI

Dr. Chiranthi Wijesundara, Senior Assistant Librarian at the University of Colombo, presented a paper on *'Cultural Metadata - For What Entities Are We Creating Metadata?'* at a special panel in the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) Virtual Conference on 06th October 2021. The DCMI conference is a high-ranked conference hosted by the Dublin Core community which supports shared innovation in metadata design and best practices across a broad range of domains including GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums).



Student Support

Opening Ceremony of E-Library, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM)

Opening Ceremony of the e-Library was held on 28th October, 2021 at the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. Prof. Senaka Rajapakse, Director of the PGIM, Mrs. M.P.P. Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Chandima Wadasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Chairperson and members of the Library Committee, academics and non-academics of the library participated in the event. This newly opened e-Library is equipped with new facilities to make a reader friendly environment. Purpose of opening the e-library is to provide access to electronic databases and customized integrated library management system to manage all functions and workflows within the library.

Available E- Resources:

- UpToDate,
- ClinicalKey,
- Hinari,
- Oxford
- Emerald
- Taylor & Francis



The Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services for PGIM Trainees Year 2022

Based on the decision made at the University of Colombo, Senate Meeting No. 463rd held on 30.06., the concept note on '*Orientation Programme on PGIM Library Resources and Services*' by the Library of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine was approved.

Further, Senate noted that the PGIM Library has been conducting orientation programme for trainees on library resources and services as a mandatory programme for all PG trainees who enter training programs and especially for trainees who undertake research as part of their training regularly online and onsite.

All trainees should complete this course within first year of their training. A certificate of completion is awarded to participants with 100% attendance.

Accordingly, the trainees are advised to register well in advance as only 100 participants can be accommodated per programme. Participants should register online by filling the online application and more details are available at the PGIM Library website (<https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/orientation-programme-on-pgim-library-resources-and-services2022/>).

Workshop for the Undergraduates of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

A workshop on '*Creating Self-attraction for Better Employability*' was held on Jul 14, 2021 from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. using the Zoom platform for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Dr. Nishani Ekanayake (Senior Lecturer), and Dr. Mayuri Athapattu (Senior Lecturer) from the Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo were the resource persons for the event. This workshop was organized by the Agriculture Faculty Library, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.



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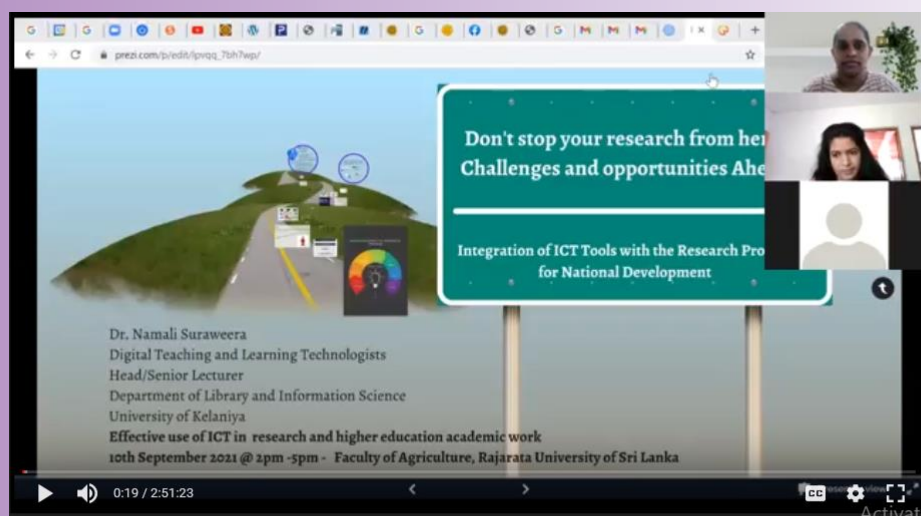
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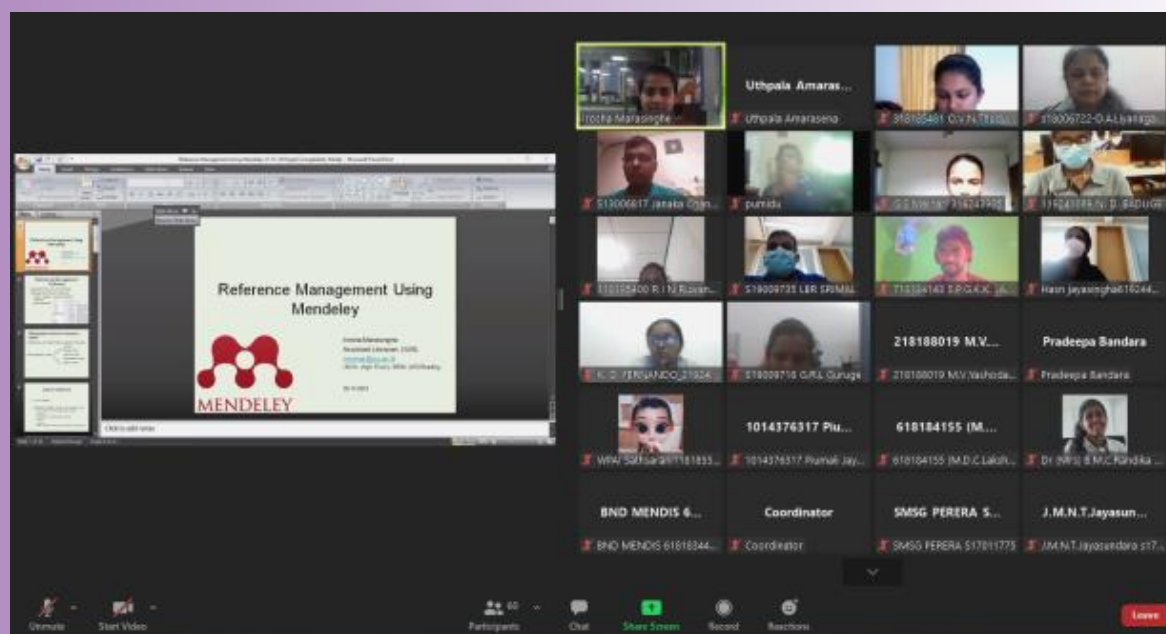
Webinar on 'Effective use of ICT in research and higher education academic work' for the Undergraduates of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Under the AHEAD project, the Agriculture Library successfully conducted a workshop for the final year students of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on the topic "*Effective use of ICT in research and higher education academic work*". It was held on Friday, 10th September 2021 using the Zoom platform. The main objectives of the workshop were to introduce ICT tools that students can use in their research projects and promote students to use different and freely available ICT tools with their research processes. Dr. Namali Suraweera, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences University of Kelaniya was the resource person in the workshop.



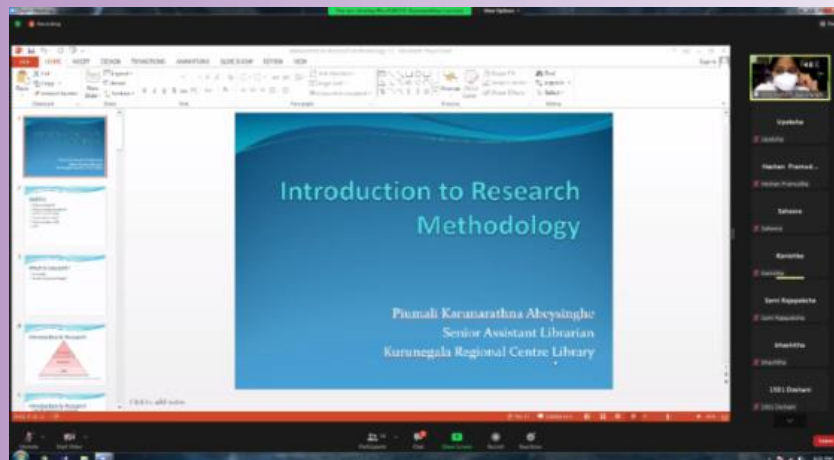
Research Skills Development Workshop - Reference Management using Mendeley

Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, of the OUSL library, conducted a workshop on "Reference Management using Mendeley" on 30th November 2021 via zoom for the research students of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, OUSL. The workshop aimed at demonstrating the features of Mendeley software and using it for organizing, managing research documents and citing references.



Workshop on “Introduction to Research Methodology”

Senior Assistant Librarian, The Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), Mrs. Piumali Karunaratna Abeysinghe, conducted a workshop on “Introduction to Research Methodology” on 24th November 2021 via zoom for the final year students of the Bachelor of Management Studies in Kurunegala Regional Centre, OUSL. The workshop covered the basics of research methodology, such as, identifying the research problem and research gap, formulating research objectives, conducting a literature search through the OUSL library website, and doing a literature review.



Workshop on Research Skills Development

Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka, served as the resource person in a series of workshops for undergraduate research students of the B.Sc. in Nursing Degree Programme on invitation by the Department of Nursing of the OUSL. Four online sessions with more than 250 participants at each were held on 16th and 26th November and on 03rd December 2021. The aims of the sessions were to educate the students on searching tools and techniques, how to carry out a literature search, referencing and avoiding plagiarism and, using Mendeley for reference management.

Providing Library Membership for Distance Learners as a One-stop Service

To facilitate student enrollment for degree/diploma programmes during the Covid 19 pandemic with limited physical contact and site visits, The Open University has introduced an online registration process in 2021. In the previous year's students had to visit the main center or regional centers for each step of the registration process. With the new method, students have to visit the university only once, and that is for the final stage of registration which is 'document verification'. With the objective of catering to the distance learners as a one-stop service, the Kandy Regional Center Library has introduced a Library registration desk at the verification point allowing students to get the library membership on the same day. User accounts are created in the KOHA LMS and students are given access to their accounts. Moreover, contact information of the library including social media links and basic library information are provided to registered students. The new strategy has enabled increasing the user base of the library and creating a close-knit user community.



Providing Online Help for Distance Learners

Adult learners who are following professional courses at the OUSL were found to be backward in computer and internet operational skills. Due to time constraints and various other commitments these students are unable to follow any formal course to learn and develop such skills. The Kandy regional center library of the OUSL has launched a one-on-one help desk service to help such students. The pilot project was launched on 9th November targeting at B.Sc. Nursing students. An open Zoom session from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm was arranged and advertised. Students who wish to get personal help on operational skills development could reserve a 15-30 minute time slot during these hours and attend the session. Two library information assistants have been assigned for the task. Due to the success of the starting session the library decided to provide the service on every other Friday.

The Open University of Sri Lanka - Kandy Regional Centre Library

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Students – Level 6

Upgrade your internet skills before the online session on "Literature Searching" scheduled to be held on 16th November

Do you have problems in using Internet and MS Office software?

The Library is ready to help you learn the **Operational skills*** needed for internet use and working with MS office.

Make an appointment for the One – on – One Help Desk Service and Get personal help for your problems

(some common questions you may have: Selecting a browser, opening a browser window, opening multiple tabs, managing your screen view, typing or pasting URL, download, save, copy files, file formats: PDF, DOC, HTML, zoom and minimize, uploading files, screen shots, etc.)

Date : Tuesday 09th November

Time : Any time during 9.00 am to 1.00 pm (10-15 minutes for each student)

Zoom : <https://learn.zoom.us/j/66400678675?pwd=K2JkYmpyNzkrNWxpYQlozdGZME14QT09>

Make an appointment – <https://forms.gle/E124zAni4bXyphvF7>

***Operational skills** are the basic skills for internet use, such as browsing, searching, and filling in forms. They are considered the most elementary for interacting with the Internet and may lead to exploring more complex activities. Formal skills relate to specific internet structures, preventing individuals from getting lost and disorientated when handling the means of internet use. Both operational and formal skills are device dependent and vary if used on a mobile, a personal computer, or other device.

For more information Contact: Mrs. Maduwanthi (Library Information Assistant, KRC), Mobile: 071 4377327



Skills Development Workshop for Research Students

Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka, served as the resource person in a workshop on 'citation styles' organized by the skills development unit of the Library. The workshop was held on 01st October via zoom. Thirty-five students representing different faculties of the OUSL participated at the session.

THE LIBRARY OF OPEN UNIVERSITY

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CITATION STYLES (SINHALA MEDIUM)

RESOURCE PERSON
Dr. (Mrs) Anoma Weerakoon
Senior Assistant Librarian, Kandy Regional Centre

01st December 2021 at 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

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FOR OUSL REGISTERED STUDENTS ONLY

Quality Assurance

Workshop on “Cataloguing using Koha ILMS”

To enhance skills development of library staff, the library quality assurance cell (LQAC), of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) organized and successfully conducted a workshop on “Cataloguing using Koha ILMS” for the OUSL library staff members on 24th November 2021. The main aim of the workshop was to train library staff on the recent practices introduced in entering book records in the Koha ILMS in order to maintain the quality of the bibliographic records. Mr. R.M. Gunasekara/ Senior Assistant Librarian, OUSL served as the resource person for the session.

Workshop Series Conducted by the Library Quality Assurance Cell of the Uva Wellassa University for Library Staff on Day to Day Library Activities

Workshop Series Number One: General Cash Handling
Resource Person Name: Mr. Geethdev

Workshop Series Number Two: Office Handling and Management
Resource Person Name: Ms. Chathurika Dilhani

Workshop Series Number Four: Google Calendar, Letter Merge, Print, Task Allocation
Resource Person Name: Ms. D.P.C. Vithana

Workshop Series Number Three: Acquisition Process, Book Processing and Shelving
Resource Person Name: Dr. K.M.R.K. Kulatunga

Workshop Series Number Five: Quality Assurance Mechanism for Electronic Resources
Resource Person Name: Dr. T. Pratheepan



More.....

It's high time to step in to the digital world.....

Under the theme, the online workshop on “Automation for Public Libraries” organized by the Hambantota Public Library and the Matara Regional Center Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka was successfully held on 15th November 2021 through Zoom.

This workshop was conducted under the Open University of Sri Lanka and the Public Library Collaboration Program. The resource persons in this workshop were Mr. Harsha Balasooriya (Acting Librarian), Dr. Anoma Werakoon and Mrs. PKM. Kaushamalika (Senior Assistant Librarians) of OUSL.

Sixty-six Public Librarians and staff representing especially the Southern Province and other provinces in particular participated in this workshop.

The topics discussed were: What is “automation”? Why should you automate your library? How to start an automation project for your library? How do you perform your library functions after automating your library? What else can you gain by automating your library?

Participants were provided with a good understanding of the subject through the workshop. Moreover, the workshop was successfully concluded with a pragmatic discussion on public library automation.

Book Donation Programme

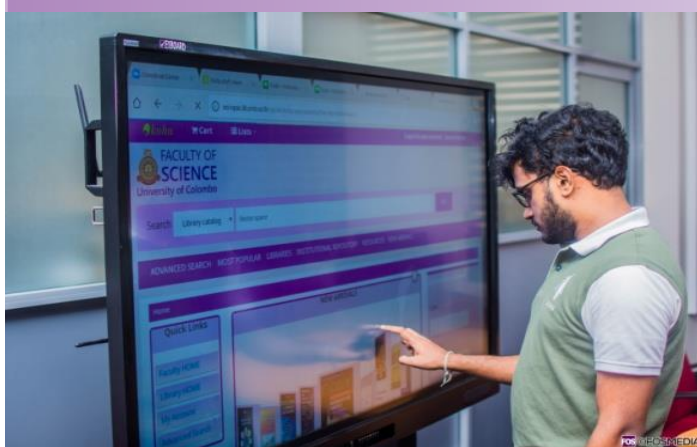
A library donation program was organized by Ms. D. P. C. Vithana Acting Librarian of Uva Wellassa University under Little Library Project, at Welgolla Maha Vidyalaya on 22nd November 2021. The event was coordinated by Mr. Duminda Chana, Library Information Assistant, Uva Wellassa University.



Library automation- Science Library, University of Colombo

A fully pledged library automation process was completed at the Library, Faculty of Science, University of Colombo, during the year 2021. The library introduced open access new library management software, KOHA which was funded by AHEAD project of the Faculty of Science. With this new software now the Science library catalogue is available on web with quick navigation links to library books shelves.

Reaching a milestone of the Library automation process, Science Library collection was secured by RFID technology and a Bibliotheca© modern self-check (in/out) machine powered by RFID was installed in the library with a Bibliotheca© RFID security gate. These new additions marked the juncture of modern library concept facilitating library users to manage the library materials by themselves. This project was jointly funded by new library building project and the AHEAD grant of the Faculty of Science.



Webinar Series to Commemorate the Centenary of the Library, University of Colombo

As a part of the centenary celebrations, the Main Library of the University of Colombo conducted a series of webinar monthly basis. During October- December the following webinars were conducted parallel to the above celebration.

 **The Library, University of Colombo
Webinar Series - 2021 - No.7**

**“Culture of Research and the
Role of Universities”**



Professor J. K. D. S. Jayanetti
Dean, Faculty of Technology,
University of Colombo


21st October, 2021 from 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
 via zoom



 **The Library, University of Colombo
Webinar Series - 2021 - No.8**

“Identifying Predatory Journals”


Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge
Director, National Institute of
Library & Information Sciences (NILIS),
University of Colombo

23rd December, 2021 from 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
 via zoom



 **The Library, University of Colombo
Webinar Series - 2021 - No.9**

**“Ensuring the Quality in
Virtual Learning”**


Dr. Kapila Bandara
Dean, Faculty of Education,
University of Colombo

30th December, 2021 from 6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
 via zoom



Workshop on file indexing for administrative staff of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL)

Senior Assistant Librarian, Mr. R.M. Gunasekara, conducted a workshop on “file indexing” for administrative staff members of the OUSL to educate them with the procedure to be followed in organizing, managing and preserving official documents of the university. The workshop provided an opportunity for administrative staff members to share their administrative experiences with the resource person, in order to make necessary specific changes to the procedure. This was taken place on the 11th of November 2021 at the Audiovisual Resource Centre (AVRC) of the OUSL.

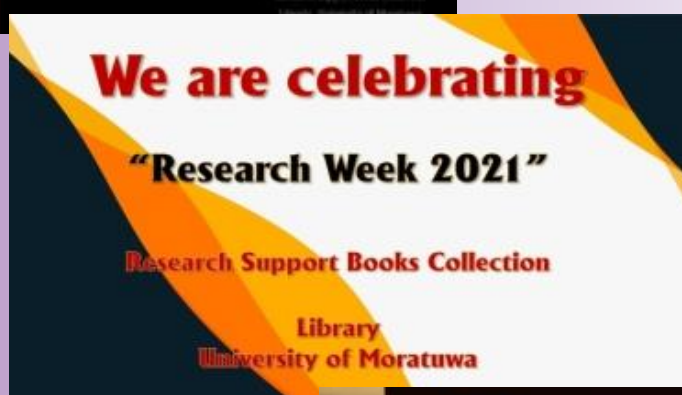


Workshops on “Inspiring Learning & Research with IEEE Proceedings” and “How to write a research / technical paper for IEEE”

Mrs. T.C. Ranawella coordinated two online workshops on Inspiring Learning & Research with IEEE Proceedings held on 11th October 2021 for the students at KDU and on How to write a research / technical paper for IEEE held on 14th October 2021 for the academic staff members at KDU. Dr. Dhanu Pattanashetti, Senior Client Services Manager, IEEE Client Services India & Sri Lank, served as the resource person in these two workshops.

Research Support Books Collection for Celebrating “RESEARCH WEEK 2021”

Developing a “Research Support Books Collection” is a great facility for postgraduates and researchers to conduct their research activities without any difficulty. The Library, University of Moratuwa is proud to announce that they have developed a “Research Support Books Collection” for celebrating RESEARCH WEEK 2021. This collection was displayed from 29th November 2021 to 04th December 2021 (throughout the RESEARCH WEEK 2021 of the University of Moratuwa). The collection will be expanded by adding more relevant books on research in the near future.



Let's Read' – A Digital Library Programme by the Eastern University, Sri Lanka

The Library Network of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka organized an awareness programme on 'Let's Read', A Digital Library Programme, in collaboration with the Asia Foundation, for the Staff members on the 16th of December, 2021 via Zoom online mode, to which, approximately, 125 staff members of EUSL were in attendance.

Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, briefed the importance of the Digital Library platform, which helps children in reading in their own language as an online territory has been entered, followed by Mr. Johann Robert, the Deputy Country Representative for Asia Foundation's address. The online demonstrations were conducted by Mr. Anton Satkunam, Ms. Shalini Amarasekara, and Mr. Joel Jeyanathan in Tamil, Sinhala, and English, respectively. Mr. Anton Nallathamby, the Director of the Asia Foundation – Books Programme, hosted the event with the Librarian and clarified the issues raised by the participants.



Mind mapping as a tool for research: introductory session for teaching staff

Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka was invited by the Staff Development Center of the OUSL to conduct a session at the Induction Training Programme for Senior lecturers on "Mind mapping as a teaching/learning tool in the research process". Participants were senior lectures in the fields of Engineering, Natural science and Social Sciences of the Open University and few other national universities. The session was conducted on 28th October via zoom which included a lecture followed by a practical session using Mindmeister software, where the participants engaged in drawing collaborative mind maps using the free software.

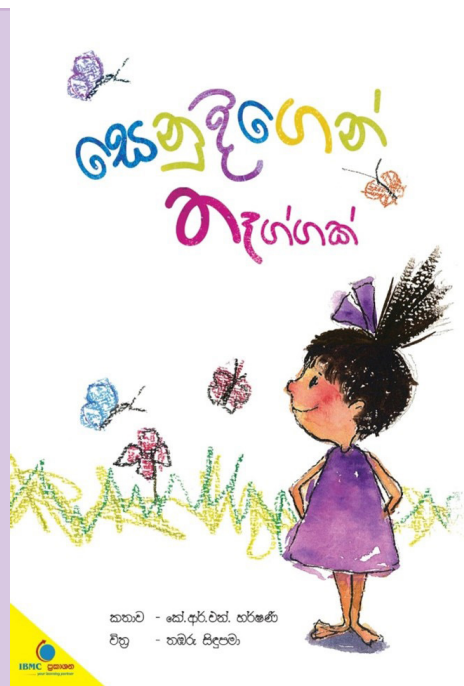
Green Concept Committee, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM)

Mrs. M. P. P. Dilhani, Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine nominated as the President of the Green Concept Committee in the PGIM. Under this committee PGIM has established a Health Corner in line with the vision to provide a healthy workplace.



Book Release – Story Book by Dr (Mrs) K R N Harshani

The launch of " Senudigen Thaggak" a story book written by Dr.(Mrs) K R N Harshani, Senior Assistant Librarian in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was held on 02nd December 2021 at a special zoom session organized by the IBMC publishing from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. At this virtual session, Mr. P.G. Premadasa retired Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), University of Colombo delivered a special lecture on 'Importance of Big Books. It is an IBMC publication.



Second Anniversary of the Former Librarian, late Mrs S. Srikanthaluxmy

The Library of the University of Jaffna commemorated the second anniversary of the former librarian, late Mrs S. Srikanthaluxmy on 30th December 2021 at Library auditorium of the University of Jaffna. Further, an agreement was signed between the University of Jaffna and the Family of the former librarian, late Mrs S. Srikanthaluxmy to acquire collections of the former librarian to the Library of the University of Jaffna. These collections include about 10000 books and many valuable antiques and collectibles. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. S. S. Srisatkunarajah, Acting Librarian Dr. Mrs. Kalpana Chandrasekar, former librarian, late Mrs S. Srikanthaluxmy's husband, Mr. N. Sivanesan, family members and relatives of former librarian, and University staff were physically present in this event. Mr. S. Ketheeswaran conducted the Srikanthaluxmy Arulanantham Memorial Lecture on 'Online Cooperative Cataloguing: An Opportunity for Public Libraries'. The lecture was live telecasted by the VC media of the University of Jaffna.





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