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NOTE

The Visva-Bharati Library System is glad to bring out an e-Newsletter from January 2014. The principal aim is to educate its members on various resources, facilities and developments in order to promote increased usage, study and research.

As the name suggests it will be published (monthly) in electronic format and uploaded on the Library website:
http://14.139.211.2/index.php

Suggestions are cordially invited.

Genesis of Visva-Bharati Library System

Maharshi Devendranath Tagore founded Santiniketan Asrama in 1863. Two years earlier Maharshi had passed through this site, on his way to visit the state of Bhubanmohan Singh of Raipur village. The land was then barren and deserted with the exception of a couple of *Chhatim* (*Saptaparna*) trees under which he took rest. He felt a strange calm and elation as he sat and meditated facing a bare horizon behind which the Sun was setting. Maharshi decided to establish an Asrama at that place. Accordingly, he bought twenty bighas of land and built a two- storied house in 1864 and named it *Santiniketan* (Abode of Peace). In 1888 he made a trust deed providing an annual grant for maintenance of the house and the grounds, and dedicated it to all seekers of truth, who will be free to come and stay to meditate on the Supreme Being, without discrimination of caste or creed. No injury to animal life and no worship of idols were to be practised. On the objective of the development of education, the deed says *in pursuance of the need of enhancement of the quality of living in the Asrama the trustees were empowered to establish a Brahmavidyalaya at Santiniketan and a Library.*

After the establishment of Santiniketan Asrama on 19 October 1888, a small library also started functioning in a room of Santiniketan House. Rabindranath wrote so on the issue, *the collection of our revered father's books were kept in one of the three rooms. We first looked after the proper preservation of books and manuscripts.* After the establishment of *Brahmacharya Asrama* by Rabindranath Tagore on 22 December 1901, Tagore built up his Asrama Library with his vast personal collection. The library grew with the development of *Brahmacharya Asrama* under great care of Tagore. On 23 December 1921 Tagore formally started a college (Visva-Bharati) with proceeds from the prize money of the Noble Prize he received in 1913. Over the years, along with the creation of different Bhavanas, Bhavana libraries emerged. Later, the Visva- Bharati Library stationed at Patha Bhavana was renamed as Central Library in May 1951, as Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University. The Central Library was shifted to its present location in December 1971. An annex to this was added on 23 December 2013.

The System today comprises of Central Library, 12 Sectional Libraries and 30 Seminar Libraries.

Library Annex Building inaugurated

Central Library's new annex building was inaugurated on 15 August 2013. Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor; Mrs. Kalpana Dasgupta, ex-Librarian, National Library, Kolkata; Prof. Manoranjan Pradhan, Prof.-in-Charge, University Library and Dr. D. Gunasekaran, Registrar, Visva-Bharati graced the occasion. The Upacharya in his address stressed on modernization and scientific management of library services. Mrs. Dasgupta called for utmost utilization of all kinds of library resources to maximise users' satisfaction. Presently, Journal Section, Reading Room and Online Services are being provided from this building to the library users.

Do you know…?

The Library offers various resources and services to the end-users. This feature will highlight one such in each of its issue. This issue focuses on the electronic catalogue of the Library System (Central and Sectional Libraries)

WebOPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) of Visva-Bharati Library

OPAC is an online catalogue facility that enables speedy searching of library database including books, journals, periodicals and manuscripts spread over all libraries under Visva-Bharati Library System. OPAC terminals are available in the libraries wherefrom databases could be accessed. The WebOPAC (OPAC on the Internet) facilitates access to OPAC from anywhere, anytime through the Library website: *http://14.139.211.2:8080/jopacgwt*

Following are important functions represented by buttons on the top bar of the OPAC page SEARCH, BROWSE, NEW ARRIVALS, JOURNALS, and PATRON etc:

I. SEARCH*

OPAC provides for three kinds of searches:

- Simple Search
- Advanced Search
- Additional Search

Simple Search

The fields to be entered are:

Database: Select from the combo box the database on which the search is to be made.

Field: Select from the combo box the field on which the search is to be made.

Enter word (s) or phrase: Give the word(s) or phrase on the basis of which the search is to be made.

Connector*: Select from the combo box the connector required between the search words.

Year of publication: Give the time frame within which a search has to be made.

Click **Search** and the result get displayed. Thus, a simple search can be made on any field, by title, author or subject.

Advanced Search

Function of Advanced Search (vis-à-vis Simple Search) is to narrow down your search. In order to narrow down it provides for entering more than one word / phrase as well as more connectors. The data fields are:

Database: Select from the combo box the database on which the search is to be made.

Field: Select from the combo box the field on which the search is to be made.

Enter word(s) or phrase: Give the word(s) or phrase on the basis of which the search is to be made.

Connector*: Select from the combo box the connector required between the search words.

Year of publication: Give the time frame within which a search has to be made.

Click **Search** and the result get displayed. This function of **Advanced Search** facilitates the user to refine a search using a combination of search fields.

Additional Search

Function of Additional Search (vis-à-vis Simple Search) is to narrow down your search and retrieve specific documents. It is done by entering a combination of fields like author, title, subject etc (unlike Advanced Search which provides for entry of more words and phrases).

The function of **Additional Search** facilitates the user to refine a search using a combination of search fields. The data fields are:

Database: Select from the combo box the database on which the search is to be made.

Field: Enter the words or phrase in each of the search fields.

Connector*: Select the connector from the combo box.

Year of publication: Give the time frame within which a search has to be made.

Click **Search** and the result gets displayed.

II. BROWSE**

Browsing can be done on different fields such as author, title, and subject and on different

databases such as books, journals, articles, reports, etc.

The data fields are:

Catalogue: Select from the combo box author, title, classified, subject, place or publisher.

Enter beginning character(s): Enter the search word(s).

Database: Select the database from the combo box.

The screen displays the information in alphabetical order.

III. NEW ARRIVALS

This option facilitates the user to view the new additions to the holdings (books) of the libraries (Central and Sectional Libraries) along with title, author, year of publication and the accession numbers. In the case of serials, the issue details and the date of receipt are displayed.

IV. JOURNALS

This option displays the list of serials/journals in a library. The list is arranged in alphabetical order and displays the name of the publisher also. It tells you of the availability of journals in bound volumes.

V. PATRON / MY ACCOUNT

This option enables a member to check her/his checkouts, due date etc. It also facilitates changing of password of your account. [Your membership number functions, initially, as the ID as well as password. Change the password on logging in.]

*CONNECTORS (Boolean Operators) are AND, OR, NOT. Usage of OR between search terms will broaden the search and retrieves records containing any of the words OR is separating (Eg: Tagore OR India-- will retrieve all records containing either 'Tagore', or 'India' or 'Tagore and India'). AND will narrow the search and retrieves (only) records containing all the words AND is separating (Eg: Tagore AND India-- will retrieve only those records containing both the terms 'Tagore' and 'India'). NOT narrows search and retrieves records that do not contain the terms following NOT.

**SEARCH is looking for something specific, normally by entering a term(s). BROWSING is casual looking through the entire database alphabetically, by title of books, authors etc.

Some Recent Activities/Development

Automation of Circulation
Circulation activities (charging and discharging) of Central Library and 7 Sectional Libraries have been automated since 1 January 2014. Issue and return of books are now just clicks away.

Opening hours of Reading Room of Central Library
Arrangement has been made to keep Reading Room of Central Library open on all holidays (including weekly holidays) except Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Birth Day and Basantoutsav. The timing: 10.00 am - 5.00 pm.

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

Books

Journals

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. 59th ILA International Conference
    The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library, IIT Roorkee will conduct a three - day conference during **22-24 February 2014** on *Managing Libraries in the Changing Information World: From Surviving to Thriving.* For details visit: http://www.iitr.ac.in/ILA

2. Tecnia SRFLISindia Sumit-2014
Tecnia Institute of Advanced Studies, Madhuban Chock, Rohini (Delhi) and Satija Research Foundation for Library and Information Science (SRFLISindia) are jointly holding an International Conference on the topic *Content to Connectivity - Paradigm Shift in Knowledge Innovation, Information Representation, Information Management Systems and Librarianship* during **11-14 April 2014**. For details visit: http://www.tecnia.in/TecniaSRFLISindiaSummit-2014/brochure.pdf

3. The Department of Library and Information Science, University of North Bengal is going to organize a two - day national seminar on *Recent Trends in Information & Knowledge Management at* the University of North Bengal, Darjeeling during **27 – 28 February 2014**.

4. Two - day National Conference on *Changing Trends in Academic Libraries and Librarianship in Digital Environment* will be organised by Shivaji University, Maharashtra during **25 - 26 February 2014.** For more information log on to: http://www.unishivaji.ac.in/lib/NatConfSUBBKL040114.pdf.

5. Andhra Pradesh Library Association (APLA) Centenary Celebrations Committee is organizing a 3-day national conference on *Role of Library Associations in promoting Information Literacy in the Knowledge Society*. Date and venue: **10-12 April 2014**, Vijayawada. For details visit: www.apla.co.in APLA%20Conference%20brochure_2014.pdf

6. UGC Sponsored Two - Day National Seminar on *LIS Education: Structure, Infrastructure and Superstructure during* **20 – 21 February 2014**. Its organised by Department of Library and Info. Science, Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, West Bengal. For more information, log on to: http://lislinks.com/events/ugc-sponsored-national-seminar-at-vidyasagar-university-midnapore