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Professionalism in Library & Information Service*

Management of libraries is not merely a matter of bibliographic control of the materials or rendering of services, but also that of ensuring that the library staff are better equipped to achieve these objectives and that, consequently, readers are provided with the best possible service. In other words, the library management is also focused on methods of improving the efficiency in the libraries.

- Need to develop professional, personal and higher level competencies
- Need to adapt to the changing library landscape
- Need to adapt to the changing wants, habits, and abilities of users
- Need to develop leaders

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Note

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(Intranet)

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Announcements

1. FACEBOOK: VB Library Network launches Facebook (Details at page 3)
2. Scholars allowed to use Contingency Grant for purchase of books as well as get them issued (Details at page 3)

Notice

Orientation/ Training Programmes

1. OpenAthens (Remote Access) & Discovery Services (by EBSCO Executive)- Repeat Programme
Target Group: Faculty, Research Scholars, M. Phil Students
Venue & Date: Conference Hall, Central Library on 14.1.16, 3 pm
2. Orientation Programme for Ph. D Scholars- Repeat Programme
Target Group: Research Scholars
Venue & Date: Conference Hall, Central Library during 28-29.1.16, 10 am
(Participation certificates will be issued)
3. Training on Article Indexing on Libsys (for Library staff only)
Venue & Date: Conference Hall, Central Library on 22.1.16, 4.30 pm

Technical Skills

In the age of 21st Century, LIS professionals must be aware of emerging technologies. It has become increasingly important that librarians keep up-to-date with technology advancements and have certain basic and advanced skills. In the current scenario, library professionals must have the knowledge of web hosting, networking, scripting languages, the ability to deal with the back-end of the OPAC, the ability to translate library services into the online medium and also troubleshoot basic computer and network problems.

Time Management Skills

Time management refers to a range of skills, tools, and techniques required to manage time when accomplishing specific tasks, projects and goals. This set encompasses a wide scope of activities, and include planning, allocating, setting goals, delegation, analysis of time spent, monitoring and prioritizing. Initially, time management was referred to just business or work activities, but eventually the term is broadened to include personal activities too.

Presentation Skills

This is one of huge significance. LIS professional must have highly effective presentation skills. Through these presentation skills he can increase awareness of the role of libraries, resources, services and facilities. For that he is expected to use variety of presentation techniques to convey information to his users with different learning styles.

Communication Skills

Communication has a great importance in providing better services to users. The librarian communicates the value of library service to decision makers, staff and users.

Customer Service

Now-a-days librarians must be customer-oriented. He should demonstrate a sincere commitment to customers' demands and requirements. He must be willing to monitor customer needs and try to provide their desired information on time.

Leading Skills

Leaders must understand the values, personality, perception and attitudes of the people. As an individual you act differently from another individual because of your values, personality, perception and attitudes. This is a very important factor to be understood in relation to the other person who may be your superior or subordinate.

Managerial skills

Managerial skills include technical skills, human skills and conceptual skills. Technical skills involve process or technique knowledge and proficiency in a certain specialized field. These skills are more important for Librarian also as he needs to deal with a huge number of staff doing the organization's work.

Knowledge of Policies, Procedures, Issues and Standards

- Maintain current awareness of professional issues affecting libraries
- Demonstrate knowledge of library policies, procedures and service standards
- Commitment to Life-Long Learning
- Take responsibility for the development of one's own professional career
- Remain knowledgeable in current events and technologies
- Pursue learning opportunities, personally or through formal training
- Be flexible in adapting to new situations, systems, tools, environments
- Anticipate, accept, adapt and manage change effectively

Conclusion

For decades, LIS professionals have been effectively managing the information and research resources and services of the entities they were associated with. Professionalism and professional approach have been the hall mark of librarians who have successfully waded through many challenges of the past like the information flood associated with the WW-II and later ITC revolution. These traits and their nurturing are inevitable for the future too. (* Short version of the Lecture delivered by Soma Mukherjee of Disha Academy in the Library Day celebration on 19 December 2015)

f: VB Library Network launches Facebook

The Library Network has launched a facebook account with a view to opening up an effective communication channel with its user community. Through this social network, the Library shall endeavour to post and share its programmes, services, resources and new developments with all. The user community is invited to contribute to dissemination of information and opinion through this medium. Link: <https://web.facebook.com/groups/103136060065962/>

Information on the history of the library including that of memorable incidents, great minds who have used the library and experience of users at the Library will be of great value. Rare photographs will be treasured. E-mail ID to send matters for uploading: vblibnet@gmail.com.

For the less initiated: Pl login in through your own existing facebook account after clicking on the following links:

- a) Facebook **Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/vblibnet>

Facebook Pages are visible to everyone on the Internet by default. Anyone can connect with these Pages by clicking on the link.

- a) Facebook **Group:** <https://web.facebook.com/groups/103136060065962/> or Visva-Bharati Library Network Users Group

Facebook Groups are the place for small group communication. You need administrative approval to join the group. While you are on the facebook page, click on '+Join Group' (RHS) consequent to which the administrator approves and sends a message to your 'Notification' box (one-time exercise).

Scholars could now utilise Contingency Grant for purchase of books

Research Scholars are now allowed to purchase books out of their Contingency Grant. On demand, these books will be issued back to them for purpose of their research. It will be in addition to their normal issue limit (08 volumes as of now). All these books will be returned to the Library before submission of thesis, and the entire process will be treated as par with 'Project Grant Books' of the faculty members. {Ref: Library Committee meeting of 7 December 2015 vide Item 4(a)}



Library Day: Welcome address by Dr V. K. Thomas, Librarian. Pof. Amal Pal, HoD, Dept. of Bengali on the dais

Recent Library Activities / Developments

- **Celebration of 'Library Day, 2015':** 'Library Day 2015' was celebrated at Conference Hall, Central Library, VB on 19 December 2015. On the occasion a lecture was organized on *Professionalism in Library Service* which was delivered by Ms. Soma Mukherjee, Disha Academy, Kolkata. It was attended by the library professionals and some research scholars.

... গুরুদেবের কথায়, 'আমার মুক্তি আলায় আলায়'।
গ্রন্থাগার দিবসের সাক্ষ্য অনুষ্ঠান কাটল বেশ ভালোয় ভালোয়।।
হেলা-ফ্যালার কাজ নয়, গ্রন্থাগারিকের পেশা।
বেশ ভালো হয়, বাড়াই যদি বই পড়ার নেশা।।
যেমন করে খদ্দের টানে Mall-এর কর্মী হেসে।
ঠিক তেমনি Reader যেন আমাদের সাথে মেশে।।
আর সবাই থাকুন 'tip-top with smiling face'।
তা হলেই জমে উঠবে লাইব্রেরিতে পরিষেবার পরিবেশ।।

শ্রী কেশব চন্দ্র সিনহা

- The **'Best Library User Award, 2015'** was bestowed upon Sri Ajajul Ali Khan, Research Scholar, Bengali Department, Visva-Bharati on the occasion of the 'Library Day, 2015' held on 19 December 2015 at the Central Library. It was awarded as a mark of recognition of him as the most frequent user of the Central Library and a lover of the library system. His exemplary behaviour in the Library and contribution to the maintenance of discipline amongst the users, and development of the Library as a member of the "Friends of the Library" was highly appreciated. A certificate of appreciation was handed over to Sri Khan jointly by Dr V. K. Thomas, University Librarian and Prof. Amal Pal, HoD, Department of Bengali, VB.
- **PSV Library Expansion - Space, wi-fi, Computers:** The space at PSV Library has been increased by expanding to the adjacent room. Additional reading facility and stacking of some back volumes of journals are provided in the expanded space. Wi-fi facility with additional computers for use of students have been introduced in the Library.
- **Transfer:** Smt Nabita Das Bhandari and Sri Md. Asgar Ali, both Professional Assistants have been transferred from Central Library to PSB Library and Kala Bhavana Library respectively.
- **Send off:** Sri Timir Dhara, Gardener attached to the Central Library, superannuated on 31 December 2015. The Staff at Central Library bid him farewell and wished him the best in his retired life. (photo on page 6)
- **Exhibition of Books and Celebration:** Central Library organized special exhibitions on 133rd birth anniversary of Nandalal Bose and 126th birth anniversary of Khudiram Bose on 3 December 2015 at Reference Section, Central Library.
- **Visit to Sectional Libraries:** University Librarian, Dr. V. K. Thomas visited Kala Bhavana Library and Sangit Bhavana Library on 5 December 2015.

Personalia

- Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Dy.Librarian has been requested to render his service as Guest Faculty in MLIS course of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kalyani for the academic session 2015-16 by appropriate authority.
- Shri Atanu Kumar Sinha, Professional Assistant has published an article titled *Ranganathaner 'Granthagar Bigyaner Panchaniti' O Rabindranather Granthagar Bhabna* in *Granthagar*, 65(8), [Agrahayan, 1422].

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

A two-day national conference on *KOHA* is being organized by Bengal Library Association in association with Bose Institute, Kolkata during 23-24 January 2016. For more information contact: indkoha2016@gmail.com

The National Seminar on *Knowledge Management for Organizational Excellence in Present Scenario* (NSKMOEPS-2016) is being organised by Motilal Rastogi School of Management, Lucknow on 6 February 2016. Visit for details: <http://www.mlrs.com>.

National Conference on *Library and Information Services for All: Reaching the Unreached in the Digital Era* is being organized by University of Mysore, Mysuru during 11-12 February 2016. For more details visit: www.uni-mysore.ac.in/sites/default/files/content/conference2016.pdf

The 2nd National Conference on *Management of Modern Libraries* (NACML) – 2016 is organised by the Health Sciences Library and the Department of Library and Information Science, Manipal University, Manipal during 19-20 February. For more details visit: <http://manipal.edu/mu/news-events/event-list/national-conference-on-management-of-modern-libraries.html>

National Conference on *Libraries in the Changing Information Marketplace* is being organised by SNDT Women's University, Mumbai during 24-26 February 2016. For more details visit: <http://lislinks.com/events?page=3>



Library Day 2015: Lecture on Professionalism by Ms Soma Mukherjee



Best Library User, 2015 Award: Felicitation to Ajajul Ali Khan



Sri Timir Dhara retires: Farewell Function at Central Library