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QR Code-based Services at Visva-Bharati Library Network

Collect Contents/Information with a Click

Introduction

Just click the code given with QR scanner (an app installed in your smart phone) and you carry with you the list of 1,645 theses (in 101 pages) produced at VB in your phone! It could be as well the list of books kept in the Text Book Section in the Central Library!



Quick Response (QR) code is a mobile phone readable bar code that can store plain text, phone numbers, website URLs, email addresses and any other alphanumeric data. A QR code has the capacity to hold 7,089 numeric characters/ 4,296 alphanumeric / 2,953 binary bites/ 1,817 Kanji characters or a mixture of them. It is free for anyone to use. In other words, large files are now just a click away.

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Library website:

<http://172.16.2.2/index1.html>

(Intranet)

<http://14.139.211.2/index1.html>

(Internet)



<https://www.facebook.com/vbllibnet>



http://172.16.2.132/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page

Main Page

Announcement

MediaWiki

New initiative: MediaWiki on VB Library Network: <http://172.16.2.132/mediawiki/index.php>. All are welcome to contribute to the body of knowledge. (Detailed write-up will be published in the next issue)

Uploading of digitised books is complete

All the 29,689 books that were digitised from the various libraries of the VB Library Network have been uploaded on library web server. They can be searched as well as downloaded now (from the campus) through the WebOPAC (<http://172.16.2.2:8380/opac>). (Those with a pdf icon on left hand side top Or with instruction 'Contact Library Staff' are digitized book). The books have been uploaded mostly by students under 'Earn-while-Learn' arrangement.

Notice

Audio conversion of books for visually challenged

Students are welcome to participate in the audio conversion of books (Bengali and Hindi) for the visually challenged students of VB. Reasonable payment will be made under 'Earn-while-Learn' arrangement. (There would be a screening of your voice and diction)

QR Code was first developed for the automobile industry in Japan in the 1990's for quick locating, identifying and shelving their auto parts and vehicles during manufacturing. QR codes look like White Square with black geometric shape.

QR Code: How do you go about it

It's simple. (However, you should have a smart phone with Internet facility)

- Download and install 'QR Code Reader' (free, from Google 'Play Store') in your smart phone.
- Scan the codes with the 'Reader'(Scanner),
- Save the content/ information in the desired folder in your phone.

QR Code - based Services at Visva-Bharati Library Network

Presently, the Library is in the process of marketing its facilities, resources and services through various promotional means like Outreach and Awareness Materials (brochure, e-Newsletter, manuals, book markers), website, orientation programmes, MediaWiki, Facebook Page etc.

QR Codes is addition of yet another promotional tool. It should add an exciting new dimension to the Library's propaganda arm by connecting users with extended or related information on facilities, resources and services, and showcasing the library in an interesting new way.

The Library has placed QR codes (generated from <http://www.qrstuff.com/>) at different strategic points as given below (they are also copied below):

I. Central Library:

- a) Journal Section- Theses, Bound Journals, Print (Current) journals, E- journals, About the Section & Contact
- b) Reference Section- Books in Reference Section, Scholarship Information, About the Section & Contact
- c) Reading Room- List of Text Books and books in Career Corner
- d) Braille Library
- e) Stack
- f) Floor Map

II. Sectional Libraries (being implemented)

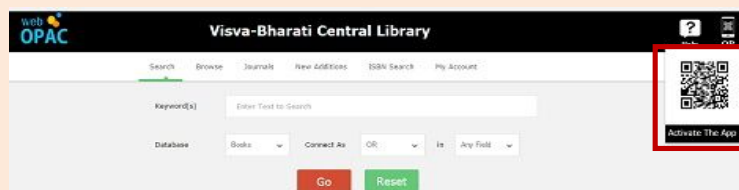
III. Library Website (Library website on your mobile - find QR code at the end)

IV. Library OPAC (Use mobile to search catalogues/download books)

Users no longer need a computer to search books/journals. LSearch is an App (QR Code) that connects your smart phone to the library server for real time information retrieval. For this purpose, you need to download 'lsearch' app (Google Play Store --> APPS --> Search > lsearch > Install > Accept. 'Open' will appear on your device).

QR codes are made available on WebOPAC (at RHS, Top). Use 'lsearch' app to scan to browse the catalogues. Go to any computer within campus, click on <http://172.16.2.2:8380/opac/>, place mouse point on QR code (RHS, top) ->Scan QR Code ->see the QR code turning green which signifies activation (It's a onetime exercise).

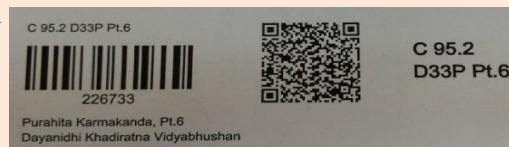
Now onwards, you could use your mobile (smart) to search catalogues of all databases, download e-books/digitised books but from within the campus. No need of any PC/laptop!



The forthcoming initiatives of the Visva-Bharati Library Network

- To provide Bar Code, QR Code and Spine Label in single Libsys interface,
- To provide virtual library tours (audio/video) via QR codes,
- To display QR codes in posters, flyers, and other library instructional or promotional materials,
- To display QR codes at additional strategic points to provide ready-to-use guidelines at required locations,
- To generate QR codes to provide library maps/floor plan so that the patrons can get more information, and
- To post calendar of events
- The QR codes will be given in the last page of few forthcoming issues for the benefit of readers

(Sri Jishnu Mandal & Smritimoy Ghosh)



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Library website



Discovery Service



Know Your Library (FAQs)



List of Journals-2015



OpenAthens
(Remote Access)



EndNote



Urkund:
Anti-plagiarism sSoftware



J-Gate Plus



Video on Journal Section



Web of Science



WebOPAC



Theses: List

Some Recent Library Activities / Developments

- A repeat **training programme on OpenAthens (Remote Access) & Discovery Services** was organized in the Conference Hall, Central Library on 14 January 2016 for the benefit of Faculty, Research Scholars and M. Phil students. The training was imparted by EBSCO Executive. Thirty three (33) participated in the programme.
- A 2-day **Orientation Programme for Ph. D Scholars** (Repeat Programme) was organised in the Conference Hall, Central Library during 28-29 January 2016. It covered resources, services, facilities and research methodology over 10 sessions. Forty nine (49) participants including Faculty and Research Scholars attended the programme. Participation certificates were issued to all.
- **Exhibition of Books and Celebration:** Central Library organized special exhibitions on 153rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12 January 2016 and 119th birth anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose on 23 January 2016 at Reference Section, Central Library.
- **Visit to Sectional Libraries:** University Librarian, Dr. V. K. Thomas alongwith Dr Nimai C Saha, Dy. Librarian visited Kala Bhavana Library and Rabindra Bhavana libraries on 23 January 2015 to initiate stock taking works as well as allied jobs.

Staff publication:

Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, *Influence of Manu on Ranganathan's Philosophy of Library Science: An Overview*, Annals of Library and Information Studies (Special issue on S. R. Ranganathan), Vol. 62, No. 4, p.213-218. <http://op.niscair.res.in/index/php/ALIS/issue/current>

Atanu Kumar Sinha, *Tagore's Concept of Knowledge Communication through Rural Library Services: Experiments of Rural Extension Centre, Visva-Bharati*, Indian Journal of Adult Education, 76 (4): 44-53; October-December 2015

Atanu Kumar Sinha, *Need for Regulation of Environmental Condition in Preservation of Library Collection in Tropical Area: Problem faced at Sriniketan, Birbhum district of West Bengal*, Library Herald, 53(4): 441-452; December

New Arrivals (Books and Periodicals)

[Books](#) (click)

[Journals](#) (click)

New Additions (Books) during January 2016

Hindi Bhavana Library:

Number of Books Purchased through CL : 96
Accession Numbers of the books Purchased : HB35265 - HB35360
Processed only 20 books : HB35265 - HB35284
Displayed of new arrivals : 20 books

Cheena Bhavana Library:

Number of CD and DVD received as gift : 11
Accession Numbers of the CD and DVD : CG4431 to CG4441
Number of Books received as gift : 06
Accession Numbers of the books as gift : CG4442 to CG4447

Sangit Bhavana Library:

Number of Books received as gift : 04
Accession Numbers of the books as gift : MG265-MG268

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in Library & Information Science

1. Sayaji Rao Gaekwad Library (Central Library) and the Department of Library and Information Science, Banaras Hindu University together are going to organize one day seminar on *Librarianship in 21st Century: Issues & Challenges* on 27 February 2016 at Academic Staff College, BHU, Varanasi. For more details visit website <https://www.google.co.in>, Phone: 9415869266 E-mail to: ykmishrabhu@gmail.com
2. Two-Day National Seminar on *Rebooting Public Libraries for the 21st Century to recreate the Future* organized is being organized by the Department of Library & Information Science of the University of Calcutta during 3 - 4 March 2016. For more details contact: sabujkchaudhuri@gmail.com or <http://sabujkc.webs.com>
3. National Conference on *Knowledge Organisation in Academic Libraries (KOAL-2016)* organized by Library Professionals Association (LPA) & P. K. Das Institute of Medical Sciences, Vaniamkulam, Palakkad, Kerala-679 522 will be held during 9-10 March 2016. For more details visit: <http://www.lpaindia.in>
4. International Conference on *Big Data & Knowledge Discovery New! ICBK2016* is being hosted by the Documentation Research and Training Centre (DRTC) and the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bangalore during 9-11 March 2016. For more information visit: <http://drtc.isibang.ac.in/DRTC/>.



Two-day Orientation Programme for Ph. D Scholars



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