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Dear Friends

The fourth programme in the series Current Trends in Libraries was held at the Amrut Mody School of Management. These programmes have become quite popular. As they are held in various institutions, besides Librarians even some members of the management take part. Owing to this the Management of this School plans to introduce a course on Information Literacy for their students.

In the month of February a Seminar on "Networking Public Libraries in Gujarat" was held at M. J. Library, Ahmedabad. It was sponsored by RRRL Foundation.

As usual in the month of August a Seminar on "User Oriented Quality Services in 21st Century Libraries" will be held. The details about this Seminar are given in this Newsletter.

CURRENT TRENDS IN LIBRARIES Series 4

The fourth programme in this series was hosted by Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad on Saturday, the 7th of January, 2012. About 50 Librarians from various libraries participated.

The seminar started with a prayer recited by Ms Swadha Majmudar seeking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Dr. Bhavesh Patel, the Dean of Amrut Mody School of Management welcomed all the delegates. He recalled that in earlier times, when the information channels were not as fast and speedy enough, people had to

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make extra efforts to access information, while today scenario has changed. The information is available on desktop, people have no time to browse through it. He felt that the greatest challenge that lies before LIS professionals is to make the information reach the user at his own convenience.

After the welcome address by the Dean, Dr. Sangeeta Purohit, the Librarian of Amrut Mody School of Management Library gave a brief introduction of Ahmedabad University, and its Library. Ahmedabad University (AU) is a self-financed, non-affiliated State Private University, established in July 2009. It is promoted by Ahmedabad Education Society (AES), a Society established in 1935.

This was followed by a brief talk by Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director ADINET who informed the professionals about the forthcoming activities of ADINET.

The session after the tea- break, started with a motivative talk by Mrs. Bharucha, about how to live a successful life. The talk was based upon the 10 rules from the famous book "If Life Is a Game, These Are the Rules" by Chérie Carter-Scott. These rules positively help to increase one's efficiency.

The first presentation of the seminar was a lecture by Dr T S Kumbar (Librarian, Resource Centre, DA-IICT). The title of the lecture was "Qualities of Next Generation Librarian". The talk was based upon the article "In the Spirit of Benjamin Franklin: 13 Virtues of the Next-gen Librarian" by Andy Burkhardt, Catherine R. Johnson, and Carissa Tomlinson published in College and Research Libraries News, September 2011. The great scientist and inventor Benjamin Franklin developed a

system of 13 virtues that were personally important, and he worked to improve himself by strictly following these virtues. On the basis of these 13 virtues, Andy Burkhardt developed a set of 13 qualities that LIS professionals should imbibe within themselves in order to serve the profession in a better way. The qualities discussed by him were Courage, Flexibility, Service Oriented, Balance, Collegiality, Curiosity, Creativity, Thoughtfulness, Playfulness, Collaborative Work, Directions - set a goal, Passionate and Assertiveness. These are the virtues, every human being is well acquainted with, but only a few practice in real life. A discussion on these qualities leads to refresh the feelings of sincerity towards the profession. Practicing these qualities does not need any technical expertise or higher professional qualifications. These are the basics of human behavior and by practicing them one can gain higher levels of success in the LIS profession.



Participants at the Amrut Modv School

After the highly motivating talk by Dr Kumbar, there was a presentation by ADINET YUVA group. ADINET YUVA was formed with the core objective of bringing together all young and dynamic LIS professionals to discuss and share new ideas and technologies. Mr Bharat Chaudhari briefed the audience about the activities and future programs of the group. He informed that the group has 10 core working group members and 187 general members. The group successfully conducted a 1 day workshop on "KOHA: an open source integrated library management software" on 26th of February 2011 at ADINET premises. They also visited Vadnagar Nagrik Sahkari Bank Arts & Commerce College Library, Vadnagar, on 12th June 2011 to provide training in Library Automation. They have started a blog named SETSLIS (State Eligibility Test Solution on LIS) and a Dspace Users Club. The DUC is formed with an objective to promote the use of open source software Dspace and provide help regarding the same. The ADINET Yuva group has also started a School Library Automation Group (SLAG) on library automation, which intends to help the school librarians with the work of automation. On the completion of his talk, Mr Bharat received valuable suggestions from the eminent LIS professionals present in the seminar.

Next was a talk by Mr Satish Deshpande, who emphasized on the role of a librarian as an Information Relationship Officer. According to him, librarian is the person who links the information to its users. Citing

various examples he showed how a librarian can help his user community to get better access to the resources available.

In the end, the delegates of the seminar were taken to visit the School library. The library has literature predominantly related to management and its allied subjects. The library has a hybrid collection of printed as well as electronic resources, which includes (more than 6500 books), periodicals (50+), audio-visuals, CD/DVD's, reports, databases and case studies. The library uses SOUL for the housekeeping and management functions.

Shilpa Khandeker
IPR Library

NETWORKING PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN GUJARAT A REPORT

A one day Seminar on "Networking Public Libraries in Gujarat" organized by ADINET & M. J. Library was held on 11th February 2012 at Sheth Manaklal Jethalal Pustakalay (M. J. Library), Ahmedabad. About 210 participants and invitees participated in the seminar. Papers and informative articles were invited on this broad theme. Ten articles were received and published in the Book of Papers.

Inaugural session commenced with a prayer by Smt. Hema Raval from EDI Library. Smt. Renuka Dave as the anchor person invited Mr. Asit Vora, Mayor Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to chair the Inaugural session. Dr. Anil Kumar Chief Librarian, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, Smt. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director, Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET), Dr. Bipin Modi Librarian M. J. Library, Ahmedabad and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Board Members Shri Raghuvirbhai Naik and Mrs. Minaxiben Desai were present at the dais.

A formal welcome address was delivered by Dr. Bipin Modi. He gave information about M.J. Library and its future plans. At the outset Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha Hon. Director, ADINET mentioned about ADINET. She explained how the idea and theme of this seminar was conceived and got shaped. By quoting UNESCO's Public Library Manifesto she emphasised that to know cultural heritage of any society one has to read books. She added that Public Libraries are social institutions, hence they play a major role in social development This Seminar was sponsored by Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata. By providing information, especially community information, knowledge, education and also recreation, they help to build empowered communities and also promote sustainable change.

While delivering inaugural speech Mayor Mr. Asit Vora explained his concern about libraries. He said that intensive use of internet has badly affected two major systems of society; they are Libraries and Postal Departments. He praised the 'Vanche Gujarat' (Read

Gujarat) project of visionary Chief Minister of Gujarat Mr. Narendra Modi along with other vibrant programmes. He said that for the development and progress of our society, reading is imperative. One should develop reading habits from childhood. During his speech he expressed his concern about declination in morals and values. Finally he said that Librarians could play a major role in the process of societal development, and that Librarians should also develop integrity and dedication towards work.



Lighting the Lamp

Keynote speaker Dr. H. Anilkumar presented his ideas on "Public Libraries: The Engine of Education". He explained 'Librarywala', 'Justbooks' concept as a new opportunity for readers. He discussed about the current trends like space, services, fast process, technology, online content, PPP modules and open access. He described qualities and prerequisites of librarianship namely Library Science knowledge, service oriented behavior, technology understanding, and basic IT skills: MS office, communication skills, general knowledge, networking skills, user friendly attitude etc . . .

Inaugural function ended by a vote of thanks given by Mr. Satish Deshpande.

The first session was chaired by Mr. P. C. Shah. The first presentation was made by Dr. Manish V. Pandya Scientist 'SF' Library, Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. In his presentation he stated about the need, objectives and importance of library automation for the benefits of both library users and the library staff. He also described various advantages of library automation in Public Libraries and Information Centres. He discussed the various stages of library automation like planning, designing and implementation.

Mr. Satish Deshpande Consultant, DAIICT Library, Gandhinagar, described in detail the Use of MS Office in Libraries. His presentation was on practical aspects of using MS Office in public libraries. He gave information about various uses of MS-Office in day to day work of library. He mentioned about word processing (MS-Word), spreadsheets (MS-Excel), presentations (MS-Power Point) and images (MS-Paint/Photo Editor). He also showed practical examples of preparation of flyers, posters, banners, mail-merge of labels, certificates, etc., Data sheet, Graphs and presentations etc. He stated that libraries could be benefited with the application of MS Office in day to day uses to reach their library users.

Mr. Bansidhar P. Bhatt Scientist 'SF' (Retd.) of Space Applications Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad spoke on the "Need and Importance of Copy Catalog and Cooperative Cataloguing". He mentioned about copy cataloging and stated that copy cataloging saves the time of the library staff as there is always a shortage of time, machine and the manpower. He also mentioned that cooperative cataloging can solve the problems of Resource Sharing with a group of libraries or consortium easily. He suggested OCLC as the best source for copy cataloguing.

At the time of concluding the session, Shri P. C. Shah discussed about a Gujarati fiction 'Suryalok' – the only literary work which is based on a librarian's life. He explained ways for the development of service driven attitude. He also discussed how librarians can break rules for providing better services to users with some examples.

The second session was chaired by Dr. Manish V. Pandya. A presentation on "Digital Library Concept and Implementation" was made by Mr. Atul Akbari, Information Scientist, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad. He stated about the importance and need of digitization in libraries. He spoke on various processes of digitization like selection, equipment for the process of digitization, various formats for storing information, training aspects, search/browsing, presentation of digitized documents, budgeting, implementation process, benefits of digitization of library documents and necessary precautions and limitations of digitization in libraries. He emphasized on the need for staff training.

Mrs. Nalini Kaku, Librarian, GSPC, Gandhinagar presented her article in 'Use of Internet in Public Library Service'. She narrated various library and information services given by the public library systems. She also emphasised that now internet services are also provided in public libraries. She gave a detailed mention of various products and facilities available on internet and discussed in detail about websites for employment, which can be used to provide better services to Library Users.

Fourth paper was presented by Ms. Indira Dodiya, Assistant Librarian, K.S.School of Business Management, Gujarat University on "Automation and Networking of Public Libraries in Gujarat". She discussed about mission of public library and types of public libraries. She also discussed about available services in public libraries, purpose and areas of automation and networking and also suggested some points for improvement of public library services.

Smt. Amita Parmar Lecturer, Anand Institute of P G Studies in Arts, Anand in her paper entitled "Importance of Library Automation in Govt. Libraries" presented her views that now there is an acute and urgent need of library automation and networking of public libraries for providing better, efficient and effective library services. She described about library automation and various benefits that public libraries can have with the application of library automation not only for the library users but also for library staff. She mentioned in great detail about ICT application in public libraries and also

talked about open source software like CDS/ISIS with example of MICA library and e-Granthalaya - The NIC open source ILMS. Her powerful presentation emphasized the need for providing better services by making maximum use of all available resources.

Last paper of the seminar was presented by Shri D.K.Shah, Assistant Director, Library Department, Government of Gujarat, He discussed the financial assistance provided by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF). He mentioned various Matching and Non- Matching schemes offered by RRRLF for autonomous institutions and Grant-in-aid libraries. He explained various matching financial schemes like organization of seminar, workshop, purchase of TV, CD, DVD player, Computers for academic purpose, building construction, book depository center, mobile library services, and assistance in purchase of display and storage furniture. He also discussed various Non Matching schemes like celebration of 50/60/75/100/125/150 and years of establishment of library, financial assistance for books, furniture, equipments for grant-in-aid libraries. He covered the financial assistance provided for Children Section and Children Corner, Women Section and Senior Citizen Section. In addition to this, he also discussed about financial assistance for organisation of seminars and conferences under Non-Matching schemes. He explained briefly about the upper limit of particular financial assistance and also gave guidance about how to make an application to avail financial assistance from RRRLF. As it was a matter of finance and an area of interest for all professionals, good number of questions were raised and Mr. Shah comfortably answered them.

To conclude the session, Dr. Pandya conveyed his sincere thanks to ADINET and congratulated participants and paper presenters.

Smt. Geeta Gadhavi, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Department of Library and Information Science, Gujarat University concluded the seminar. The entire seminar was compered by Smt. Renuka Dave.

Reported by Dr. Manish Pandya & Ms. Geeta Gadhavi

LIBRARIANS DAY SEMINAR 2012

ADINET will be celebrating Librarians' Day on 11th August 2012, at the Ahmedabad Management Association. The Seminar theme is "**User Oriented Quality Services in 21st Century Libraries**".

Since a few decades Libraries have been functioning with the help of information technology. Even very small Libraries have now reconciled to the fact that they have to use a multitude of technological tools for collection development, management and for providing user oriented quality services. But the rate at which technology is developing is mind boggling, especially for

those who are not conversant with it. For example Lib 2.0 and Web 2.0 are being used to provide quality services, they also have a good impact on library websites. Mobiles enable users to have libraries in their pockets. Cloud computing, discovery tools, open content, open source software and new social networking tools are some of the most important technological changes.

It is imperative that quality services be provided to library clientele, after ascertaining their needs. Also these services need to be periodically evaluated, by using various evaluation methods. Now the question is, in this present scenario, how can a medium sized library with limited resources provide quality services, whereby, library users are drawn to the library ? Several issues involved in this are,

- **Emerging trends** in technology will continue to change services and required skills. It is predicted that federated search, which enabled search across multiple databases, will now be "repositioned as an embedded search, across a limited number of related resources". Again owing to Full Text Indexing of Books (Summon), there will be an increase in e-book purchases by Libraries.
- The trend of accountability and assessment has set in academic institutions. Libraries also need to demonstrate the value they provide both to their users and also to the institution. Owing to the huge growth of hand held mobile devices, most of which are internet capable, librarians need to think creatively to provide **innovative services**.
- Increase in **collaborative initiatives**, both within the staff of the institution and with other libraries will positively help to expand the role of the Library.
- Changing technology impacts both the working of the Library and also the nature of the library collection. Hence besides upgrading **LIS skills**, it is also important to obtain diverse skills.
- **Information Literacy** is of crucial importance. Formerly the term Information Literacy was known by different names such as Library Orientation and User Education. LIS personnel need the expertise to locate & retrieve information, so that access can be provided to information resources in all formats after ascertaining its currency and relevance.

Keeping this in mind, the discussions could be focused on the following sub-themes:-

- **Emerging Trends**
- **Innovative Services**
- **Collaborative Initiatives**
- **Enhancing LIS Skills**
- **Info-Literacy Programs**

The necessity and importance of these issues are well known. What needs to be addressed are ways and methods to implement them.