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## PUBLISHER'S DESK

Dear Friends

The Librarians' Day Seminar will now be held at the Gujarat University Senate Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. The tenth ADINET Quarterly seminar and Workshop on Cooperative Cataloguing Data and Conversion were organized during this period. The detailed write-ups on these events are covered in this newsletter.

The tenth ADINET Quarterly seminar was held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Shri H K Arts and H K Commerce College. It was held in collaboration with Gujarat Vidyasabha and Brahmachari Wadi Trust. The theme of the Seminar was "Role of Libraries in Education". The Role of libraries and also the role of the LIS profession are changing in interesting and exciting ways. Innovative ways need to be used to change library resources, instruction, programs and services to meet the emerging needs of users. We need to enhance the culture of collaboration and cooperation.

The One Day Workshop on Co-operative Cataloguing and Data Conversion was held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at the CEPT University, Ahmedabad. It was held in collaboration with the CEPT University Library. The workshop was very much appreciated by the participants. The feedback received from them was analysed and outcome of the analysis of the feedback is also covered in the newsletter.

We are happy to announce that eleven new members

**Please note the change in the venue of the librarians' Day 2014 Seminar. It will be held at Senate Hall, Gujarat University.**

joined as life member of ADINET during this period of the newsletter. On behalf of ADINET and behalf of the professional community, we would like to welcome them all in the professional group of ADINET.

## Quarterly Seminar on Role of Libraries in Education

ADINET in collaboration with H. K. Arts College and H. K. Commerce College - Gujarat Vidyasabha and Brahmachari Wadi Trust Affiliated Institutions - organized a Quarterly Seminar on Role of Libraries in Education at UGC Conference Room, H K Arts College, Ahmedabad on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014. About 60 participants including principals of about five colleges, faculty members, students and librarians of Ahmedabad attended this seminar.

Seminar started with a melodious invocation of *Saraswati Vandana* by Ms. Swadha Majumdar in the beautiful UGC Conference Room of the college. All the members present for the seminar also joined the invocation. Dr. Subhash Brahmhatt, Principal, H.K. Arts College and Dr. Gopal R. Bhatt, Principal, H. K. Commerce College warmly welcomed the participants and guests of the seminar. He informed the audience as to how this seminar was proposed by ADINET and that they readily agreed to hold it at the college. Ms. Toral Patel also welcomed all the participants. She alongwith Ms. Prabha Patani very ably coordinated and organized this entire seminar. Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director, ADINET, Ahmedabad in her introductory speech made presentation about the ADINET and its activities and briefed about the objectives of the seminar to the participants. She also highlighted the theme of the forthcoming Annual Seminar-2014 - "Libraries and Education: Vision 2020". She explained the reason for selecting the theme of the seminar. She said that the theme is chosen to see how the role of libraries in

education can be changed, enhanced and made more meaningful.



Dr. H. Anilkumar, Librarian, IIM Ahmedabad presented the Keynote address on "Education and Libraries: the changing needs, issues and challenges". Dr. Anilkumar discussed mainly the relationship between education, ecosystems and libraries. He explained in detail the value of education in human life, society and nation building through diagrams and figures. He highlighted recent initiatives of the government and its upliftment in the area of education including the current requirements in the education sector taking example from the FICCI Report and National Five Year Plan of the Government. He also discussed the current picture of the country in the area of education and research through the report of the Talent Shortage Survey and U21 Ranking of National Higher Education. He also pointed towards the unemployment issue through different reports of various organizations while highlighting the drawbacks of the existing education system of our country. Dr. Anilkumar showed many fascinating examples pertaining to the role of libraries in education during his keynote presentation.

Dr. Subhash Brahmhatt during his presentation spoke on the subject by giving his own experience and conveyed how much reading has helped him in his life. He explained about the support libraries and librarians have provided to him during his study without strictly adhering to all the rules and regulations. He was encouraged to visit the library owing to the pleasant ambience and welcoming attitude of the librarian that had benefited him to study English and Gujarati literature in the library. He strongly felt that he could not think how one could work without libraries. He also added that due to the changing technology with time libraries and librarians will also have to change their services and support to the users. At last, he emphasized that librarians should be cordial & helpful in nature, know how to provide the best possible library services and understand the need of individual users.

Dr. Gopal R. Bhatt shared his own experience which he had at IIM library while pursuing his PhD. He mentioned that the students may not understand the importance of books, reference books and reading in the library till they complete their post graduation. To

obtain their degrees, students can take help of class notes, reading materials and text books, but when one has to conduct research, library plays a very vital and important role in an individuals' life as those class notes, reading materials and text books do not play any role in research. He felt that to identify documents related to research from the library is a mammoth task. How to search the literature of his/her own interest without spending much time, how to do the reference work, noting the references, and importance of abstracting/indexing are then realized by the students. The importance of bibliographies, many other search tools and answers of various questions can be obtained only from the librarians. Now a days, people carry mobile and laptop with them and find all the important references from the internet but authenticity of the information can be made only in the library. He suggested that all librarians have to be very up to date and have knowledge of the modern techniques of dissemination of information and knowledge.

Smt. Siraliben Mehta, Principal, SLU Arts and Commerce College for Girls conveyed in her speech as to how happy and satisfied she was with the work of her college librarian. She also spoke about all the hard work her librarian had provided to the students and faculty members. She felt that all librarians are ready to accept the challenges of technology but the ICT is changing fast and therefore a single librarian in academic institute has to meet many challenges of the library coupled with the non library work, budget-cut etc. She conveyed that such seminars and refresher courses can play a very important role in education.

Dr. Iyer, Principal, R. H. Patel Arts and Commerce College stated with grave concern that their college does not have a librarian. Unfortunately, the post has not been approved since many years, and this situation is same in many colleges in Gujarat. But even then to cultivate the reading habit he suggested it should be compulsory for students to read five books and to submit a report on these books as part of internal assessment.

Prof. Dhimant Soni, Department of English, H. K. Commerce College suggested that each college library should maintain contemporary educational literature especially literature on personality development, English language improvement, interview, group discussions and computer literacy in academic library collection. Library orientation is also necessary for students. Simultaneously teachers should guide their students on what to read and how to read. Good infrastructure and pleasant ambience are also essential in academic libraries.

Prof. Sanjay Bhave, Department of English, H. K. Arts College conveyed that he cannot think of life without libraries. He praised the rare collection of H. K. Arts College and the remarkable work done by the late Librarian, Shri Prakash Vegad.

In the Seminar two of the students also made presentation on their views on Role of Libraries in Education. Mr. Parth Trivedi, TYBA Student, conveyed that discipline should be maintained in the library including library staff. Interaction between students and staff should be pleasant and helpful. He added that library should organize book review, essay competition, and interactive sessions with students and librarians. Library staff should listen to the student's suggestion and make them feel comfortable while welcoming them in the library. Mr. Baldev Chavda, M.Com Part 2 Student, felt that proper library infrastructure, staff support, and good collections are the requirements of the present students.

Ms. Prabha Patani, Librarian, H. K. Commerce College spoke on "How to give better services to the college students and teachers with limited resources". She explained that librarians can take advantages of the services available by other organizations such as NLIST Program of the INFLIBNET Centre. She also added that Librarians blog, SMS services, and social networking are the tools to reach to students communities.

Mr. Jayesh Rawal, Library Clerk said that having formal training helps the library members in providing information about new books, exam time table, renewal notice, overdue books etc. through facebook and WhatsApp facilities. He gets lot of satisfaction by providing these message services very promptly. He expressed that even as the Seminar was on; he kept the members up-to-date through WhatsApp and facebook. His services help the students and have made him very popular with the members, both the students and the faculty, of the library.

After all the formal presentations, three librarians expressed their views about the seminar and requested that many more such seminars should be organized in collaboration with different academic institutes in future. The seminar was concluded with the vote of thanks from Mrs. Seemita from ADINET.

## **Workshop on Co-operative Cataloguing and Data Conversion**

ADINET in collaboration with INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar and CEPT University Library organized a One Day Workshop on Co-operative Cataloguing and Data Conversion on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 at the CEPT University, Ahmedabad.

Ms. Tejashwini Joshi, Librarian, CEPT University welcomed all the participants and wished that they have a fruitful & meaningful time in the campus during the workshop. Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director ADINET also welcomed all the participants. In her introductory address she informed the

participants about ADINET and its services. She said that ADINET has now moved beyond Ahmedabad and now serves libraries of entire Gujarat for resource sharing and ICT based library services. She explained how crucial and important information is and stressed on the need for sharing the main resources of the library which are money, material, manpower and machines. She also elaborated on the need for collaborative work, which would help LIS professionals to provide more services.

The ADINET Director also mentioned that a large percentage of books purchased in colleges having the same subject would be the same. Hence it would be fruitful to have informal subject wise networks, such as all arts colleges, all commerce colleges etc; to have more meaningful Resource Sharing.



The major technical work done in libraries is classification, cataloguing, indexing and data entry of books. This is a time consuming process which requires knowledge of cataloguing and also a good knowledge of the subject covered in the book. It is indeed difficult for a LIS professional to be well-versed with all fields of knowledge. Again the catalog work done may not be error free and in a standardized format.

Most small libraries, especially college libraries are managed by only one technical staff, hence the need and importance of co-operative cataloguing in libraries. Providing support for technical work to all Library Professionals will enable them to devote more time for reader's services. Both Co-operative Cataloguing and Retrospective Conversion will now be more feasible since most college libraries have installed Soul Software which is indeed cost effective.

During the workshop, two presentations and one demonstration were made by Scientists from the INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

Mr. HG Hosamani, Scientist C(LS), INFLIBNET Centre made presentation on Cooperative Cataloguing, Copy Cataloguing and Union Catalogue. In his presentation, he spoke about the major activities of

library which are classification & cataloguing and how time consuming it is. Cataloguing done by individual staff may not be 100% error free and in a standardized format. Cooperative cataloguing is not new and since beginning of 20th century Library of Congress, libraries in Britain were using card catalogue. With computer application various types of cooperation started between groups of libraries. Use of national bibliographies like INB or BNB etc came into existence. Computer based catalogues were shared between the groups of libraries on cooperative basis with help of LAN, WAN, etc. It helps librarians to cope up with backlog for online cataloguing. He explained benefits of cooperative cataloguing & union catalogue. He also informed the participants about the OCLC, National Library of Canada, British Library, etc. He explained the various services provided by OCLC.

Best example of copy cataloguing are Library of Congress catalogue, which holds millions of MARC Records, INFLIBNET's Ind Cat, Online Catalogue of Library of Congress, British Library's Intergrated catalogue, Ready catalogue by publisher (which is known as (CIP data).

Mr. Miteshkumar Pandya, Scientist B (LS), INFLIBNET Centre made presentation on Cooperative Cataloguing using Online Copy-cataloguing System (OCS). Mr. Pandya explained how important the data conversion is in the library at the time of the migration from one system to another. He used the example of SOUL2.0 software for data conversion through tabbed file, structured text file. He also touched upon the copy cataloguing of Journals articles using CDS/ISIS and conversion of data from Excel to MySql. He explained that standards play vital role in conversion and migration of the data. Use of the recognised standards in the library management software helps librarian in smooth migration of library management system and data conversion of bibliographic records.

Mr. Divyakant Vaghela, Scientist B (CS), INFLIBNET Centre, demonstrated how the retrospective conversion of data can be made by using different tools. He demonstrated the migration of data created by Excel software into SOUL 2.0 software. He also showed the transfer of bibliographic data from the catalogue of Library of Congress to the SOUL 2.0 software. The workshop was concluded by a warm vote of thanks. The participants were asked to provide a written feedback after the presentation. The feedback forms received were analysed. There were in all 29 participants who attended this workshop. Out of 29, about 10 participants were from outside Ahmedabad. All the participants were very enthusiastic and interacted with the experts to solve their doubts.

Almost all the participants answered the questions in

the feedback form about the knowledge gained through this workshop. They were of the opinion that they got knowledge of cooperative cataloguing, copy cataloguing from different sources, downloading of readymade data, conversion of data from XML file to SOUL and MARC format, import and export of data and cooperative cataloguing through UCMS, ISIS to MARC, SOUL 2.0. One of the participants expressed that the workshop provided latest knowledge of how time and cost effective cataloguing can be done.

Most of them expressed that they are fully satisfied but they want less theoretical & more practical knowledge and hands on practice. Many participants suggested having more workshops on copy cataloguing, data transfer from different software such as SOUL, Libsys, Koha etc. A few participants suggested that it was essential to conduct a workshop on Greenstone Digital Library Software for digital content management, e-journals & article indexing, digital library development & its management. All participants were of the opinion that more practical sessions should be included and trouble-shooting problems should also be discussed. One participant suggested having this type of workshop in different district or cities of Gujarat.

## Welcome to the New Members

ADINET welcomes new members into the growing community of ADINET. Following professionals joined as Life Member of ADINET during this quarter of the report:

- 1) Mr. Nipul Gordhanbhai Sihora from Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar
- 2) Ms. Parul Baldevbhai Chavda from Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar
- 3) Ms. Shraddhaben Jagdishbhai Kapadiya from Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar
- 4) Mr. Jaykumar Kapildev Joshi from Vadodara
- 5) Mr. Vaijibhai Motibhai Desai from Jotana, Mehsana
- 6) Ms. Rehanabanu Makbulbhai Shekh from Institute of Plasma Research, Gandhinagar
- 7) Mr. Bhaveshkumar Notvarlal Raval from Patan
- 8) Ms. Bina Kanubhai Raval from Vadnagar, Mehsana
- 9) Dr. Bhagubhai K Chaudhary from Satlasana, Mehsana
- 10) Mr. Ishan Jaydev Varma from Navgujarat College, Ahmedabad
- 11) Mr. Kartik N Panchal from Ahmedabad