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Dear Friends,

In this era of Information Explosion we as professionals need to keep on working on recent trends in Library & Information Science. With this belief we at ADINET organize various activities through out the year.

This issue contains details of this years Librarians' Day Seminar.It will be held on the second Saturday 12th August 2017 at the Adani Institute of Infrastructure. This day happens to be Dr. Ranganathan's date of birth and also his 125th birth anniversary.Hence let us make this a truly unforgettable celebration.

It also contains details of National Conferene to be held on 23rd April 2017 the 'World Book Day' at Surendranagar.

A Report of the Quarterly Seminar held by ADINET at NID is also included. It was a pleasure to see the beautiful and well organised NID library, especially their Prototype Collection.

At present ADINET has almost completed the proceassing of both print & digital material available in the Public Medical Library at Sadvichar Parivar.

LIBRARIANS' DAY SEMINAR-2017 RE-IMAGINING LIBRARIANSHIP TODAY

ADINET in collaboration with Adani Institute of Infrastructure will be celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan as Librarians' Day by holding a Seminar on, Saturday 12th August 2017 at the Adani Institute of Infrastructure (AII). Owing to the major and rapid changes taking place in the field of Librarianship, the topic of the Seminar is **Re-imagining Librarianship Today**. ADINET and Adani Institute of Infrastructure have pleasure in inviting you to register, contribute papers and participate in the Librarians' Day celebration.

Since this year it is 125th Birth Annivesary of Dr. Rangnathan, let us participate in large numbers and contribute meaningful papers to make this a memorable occasion.

In order to Re-imagine Librarianship, we need to look at introducing new ways of thinking and new practices in our libraries. Earlier we had a fixed set of guidelines or rules and fixed ways of working. Inorder to introduce new ways of working we need to stop and change old ways and create new ones. Even though the opportunities are enormous, we will have to face both institutional and even social challenges.

ICT has changed the face of Libraries and Librarianship and has introduced the Internet Age in which we are dealing with digital information. Again both information and technology are evolving at an exponential rate, with no end in sight. This era provides an unbelievable opportunity for libraries to reinvent themselves. Now with the advent of disruptive technologies (new technologies that displace established technologies, such as Cloud Computing, Social Networking, etc) the current trends are changing rapidly from the way we work to the way we deliver information services to the users. This digital revolution has literally reshaped our lives. It is said that "perhaps the future of libraries lies in a return to their roots --- as conveners of information & those who can understand & translate that information to the needs of an innovative world."

With reference to the prevailing conditions, this year ADINET will be organizing a Seminar on '**Re-imagining**

Librarianship Today' with the following four sub-themes:

Sub-Theme 1: Changing role and future of libraries

Awareness about the current trends in the profession will provide us new opportunities to actively plan and organize work. This will give more clarity about the current requirements of a constantly changing society. In terms of physical space the large rows of stacks filled with books are being partly replaced for maker spaces that is places where users can work together, to discuss and to do cooperative and collaborative work. Also provision needs to be made for free internet access, technical classes etc. More services can now be provided to our users. Users now need to access information around the clock, also access information from around the world and that too from various devices such as laptops and even from smart phones.

Owing to the proliferation of new tech, there is a major role which librarians have to play as intermediaries to help their users, also not just to provide access to crucial information, but to be a major agent for development, for growth and act as hubs for economic & social change. In order to do this, it will be essential to focus more on providing access to the seemingly endless stream of information, be it digitised, print or multimedia, rather than in-house collection building.

Under this theme papers are invited for the following sub-topics:

- ◆ Collection Assessment Trends
- ◆ Emerging Staff positions
- ◆ Professional Development

Sub-Theme 2: Need and importance of information

It is well known that information is a prime and crucial resource of a country. The focus of all the work done in libraries is to process information in such a way that precise information is provided to their users as soon as possible. To do so effectively libraries need full support of their organisation and their management. Libraries can do much more, but in many cases they lack this support and recognition, especially financial support.

For information to be effectively used, it is extremely important to market our products and services. Hence LIS professionals are efficiently keeping track of the latest developments and are trying to incorporate them in their programs and services. Information resources and services are also planned as per the dynamic learning requirements and organizations' Vision and Mission. Owing to the changing needs LIS curricula are also being reframed as per the requirements of the job market. Papers can be submitted on the following sub-topics:

- ◆ Strategic plans for providing information
- ◆ Assessing user information needs
- ◆ Data management skills
- ◆ Innovative information services

Sub-Theme 3: Advocacy

Being LIS professionals, our responsibility is to provide right information at the right time to the right users where advocacy plays a crucial role. Who can be a Library Advocate – Friends of Libraries, Library Users, Library Staff, Administrators etc.

It is rightly said : "Advocacy is a long-term, deliberate plan that is designed to build stakeholder support. True advocacy is when stakeholders stand up and speak out on behalf of a cause, idea, program or organization."

Advocacy is getting people who have good opinions of your organization to speak to others on its behalf; to convince other people of its value. According to *Kramer & Diekman "Advocacy is about educating stakeholders using the best available evidence and it is an ongoing process. It is a consistent message delivered in a variety of ways..."*

We need to use ICT tools as well as print media and imaginative visuals to spread our messages. The messages for advocacy need to be simple & short. Again once we adopt advocacy it would be essential to have parameters to measure & document the impact of what we do. "In a time of turbulence and change, it is truer than ever that knowledge is power" John F.Kennedy

"The message that libraries are unique and valuable must be communicated loud and clear. We know that libraries today are more than just books. We are social places for meetings, we are human services for those who have needs for survival, we are the first door to learning for young children, and we are the place for internet use and training for lifelong learning. We are so much and we need to shout it out loud in our communities"

It will be interesting to discuss why it is important to advocate about libraries and who can be the possible advocates of libraries. Papers are invited to discuss about:

- ◆ Strategies of advocacy in the libraries
- ◆ Advocacy Ambassadors
- ◆ Impact of Advocacy in libraries

Sub-Theme 4 Collaboration and Volunteering for Libraries

In the process of Re-imagining Libraries in this digital era, Collaboration and Volunteering play an important role. Actually Cooperation and Collaboration are extremely important and crucial in the current scenario of libraries. Can we explore the Sister-Libraries Partnership and the Industry-Library aid?

Most libraries are working with limited resources, be it money, manpower and machines. Users information needs and demands are increasing. Again there is the need to incorporate new technologies to provide better services. Hence the urgent need for collaboration. Cooperation is the key.

Collaborations start with relationships; it is all about interactions between people. Common interests can be a great starting point as well as personal connections

that already exist amongst the library staff of different organisations. We need to build collaborations between LIS Professionals and Information Technologists, collaborations can also be inter-institutional.

Some Advantages of Collaboration:-

Improves the library's ability to serve the community and make library services more visible and valued
Opens up possibilities and enables libraries to contribute to and conserve resources, reach new audiences, and expand services and programs.

Avoids unnecessary duplication of effort

Maximizes the power of participating groups

Creates cost effective scenario

Helps in sharing talents & resources

Helps in providing quality services

Helps in accomplishing more than what a single organization can do.

Papers which cover the following sub topics are invited:

- ◆ Development of collaborative partnerships
- ◆ Kinds of expected partnerships
- ◆ Impact of valuable partnerships
- ◆ Community services

Important Dates

- ◆ Seminar Date : Saturday, August 12th, 2017
- ◆ Submission of Full Papers : June 30th, 2017
- ◆ Last date for Registration : July 22nd, 2017

CiLibCon-2017

National Conference on 'Transforming Libraries into Digital Era'

On 23rd April 2017, C.U.Shah University at Surendranagar & ADINET will be organising a seminar on 'Transforming Libraries into Digital Era. This is a very relevant topic since we now have hybrid libraries in which more emphasis is given to digital material. It has crucial aims to bring together foremost professionals of the library, academicians, information scientist, students' researchers, and research scholars to substitute and to discuss about the digital world, digital technology, familiarity and research result on all aspects of the digital era.

A **digital library** is a special **library** with a focused collection of **digital** objects that can include text, visual material, audio material, video material, stored as electronic media formats (as opposed to print, microform, or other media), along with means for organizing, storing, and retrieving the files and media ...

The role of **librarian** in the new environment is also exponentially growing due to the internet and world wide web. The rise of digitized information and technology like **library** 2.0 is providing an opportunity to elevate the role of **librarian** and leads to the

emergence of a new breed of librarian - the cyber **librarian** or **cybrarian**.

The word, 'Cybrarian', was coined to describe the staff in a virtual library. In the context of digital era, a Cybrarian, is nothing other than the traditional librarian working in an automated environment surrounded by digital products. Cybrarian is library information science professional who have specialized in using the Internet as a resource tool. So, Cybrarian can be described as an information specialist who deals with more of web content in order to reach his targeted user group. With the constantly changing technology, the Cybrarian accesses information, educates users and opens up exciting new world to them.

Another important topic which will be covered is Cloud Computing .

It is a type of Internet-based computing that provides shared computer processing resources and data to computers and other devices on demand. It is a model for enabling ubiquitous, on-demand access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources [e.g., computer networks, servers, storage, applications and services] which can be rapidly provided and retrieved with minimal management effort.

Sub-themes

- Ø Digital Library: Past, Present, and Future
- Ø Amalgamation of Digital & Virtual
- Ø Digital Resources Management
- Ø Impact of Digital Technology in Education & Society
- Ø Cloud-based Library Services

Transformation from Librarian to Cybrarian (Functions, Responsibilities, Services, etc.)

QUARTERLY SEMINAR

ON PROTOTYPE LIBRARY & BOOK PRESERVATION A REPORT

This Quarterly Seminar on **PROTOTYPE LIBRARY & BOOK PRESERVATION** was organized jointly by ADINET and NID, Paldi, Ahmedabad on 4th February 2017.

The objective of this Seminar was to see how different materials are processed, maintained & preserved. It was a great opportunity for library professionals to see this unique library, that is the Knowledge Management Centre, their prototype material & the Classic Design Collection.

The seminar commenced with the prayer to Saraswati Devi by Ms. Swadha Majumdar.

Prof. Pradyuman Vyas, Director, NID inaugurated the session & welcomed the delegates. He shared his views on this era of overload of information, its management & its preservation for future generations. According to him the Library should be the largest place in any institution. His special mention was that we should think and plan for more than 500 years when we think in terms of preservation . Overall it was a very supportive & inspirational speech.



NID Director, Prof. Pradyumn Vyas
Inaugurating the Quarterly Seminar



Dr. Shreyasi Parikh - Explaining the Document
Conservation Process

His speech was followed by the talk given by the **Hon. Director, ADINET Ms. Rhoda Bharucha**. She briefly introduced ADINET. She also talked about new activities of ADINET like preparing e-Medical News Digest, Introduction of a WhatsApp Group for ADINET to announce new publications and various announcements. In the WhatsApp Group Writeups for Life-Skills are given to motivate our young LIS Professionals. A new feature "Pathways to Happiness" is published in the monthly ADINET e-News Digest. This is introduced since Happiness increases our work output, our success and it impacts each & every area of our lives.

Details about the new project of ADINET i.e. about association with the National Digital Library which has been introduced by MHRD were given. She also mentioned that this year was the 125th birth anniversary of Dr.S.R.Ranganathan. As usual Librarians' Day will be celebrated on 12th August which is his date of birth. The theme of this Seminar is "Reimagining Librarianship Today".

Mrs. Tanishka Kachru, a senior Professor at NID gave a Power Point Presentation on Conservation Approaches in the Context of NID's Live Archive. She discussed about digital future of the Libraries. She also talked about Born Digital Content & its preservation. She emphasized on the need & importance of creating & holding Exhibitions which will help to inform and attract the users. She again emphasized on Born Digital Information i.e. digital information originally created in electronic form. Her main concern was on the conservation of such born digital information & how it can be accessed. Examples of this born digital information were given by her through screen shots of NID website pages, like online learning material and of Face Book page also.

Dr. Shreyasi Parikh, Head, KMC, NID presented details of the collection of KMC in her power point presentation. The cataloguing & preservation process with images of the collection were also displayed by her. She explained how the fields in the MARC Record were modified by them to accommodate the prototype

collection. This presentation gave a clear & practical understanding to the participants as to how prototype material is being processed & accessed by this modification along with the other material of the KMC. The staff of KMC has also been trained specially for their prototype collection.

Dr. Lalitha Poluru, Deputy Librarian, NID PG Campus, Gandhinagar talked about a very new discipline: Digital Humanities. She focused on metadata creation for retrieving the digitised content easily. It was a self-explanatory PPT for understanding Metadata which gives details about each object - its content, context & structure. Her presentation on 'Digital Humanities and Metadata: Connecting Dots from Past to Future' focused on two main topics:

- 1) Digital Humanities and some initiatives of the same
- 2) Metadata, its standards, its categories, its elements & how Metadata is going to connect past to future.

The main research work done in foreign countries was also included in her presentation. She also discussed the status of Digital Humanities in India.

She concluded her presentation with the following note:

- ◆ Digital Humanities help in collecting, repurposing and organizing data or information for computer-assisted analysis as an integral part of scholarly research (Kamada, H., 2010).
- ◆ Library and Information Science professionals being the organizers of information for its accurate retrieval will be able to contribute to this new field by building Institutional Repositories and Archives.
- ◆ Creating and mapping Metadata for digital objects will not only help scholars to retrieve information but also preserve it for generations.

At the end the **Hon. Director, ADINET Ms. Rhoda Bharucha** extended the Vote of Thanks.