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Dear LIS Professionals,

Owing to the Pandemic last year the Librarian's Day seminar was held online.

Again during the year 2021, ADINET had conducted ten online Workshops, Webinars and Discourses.

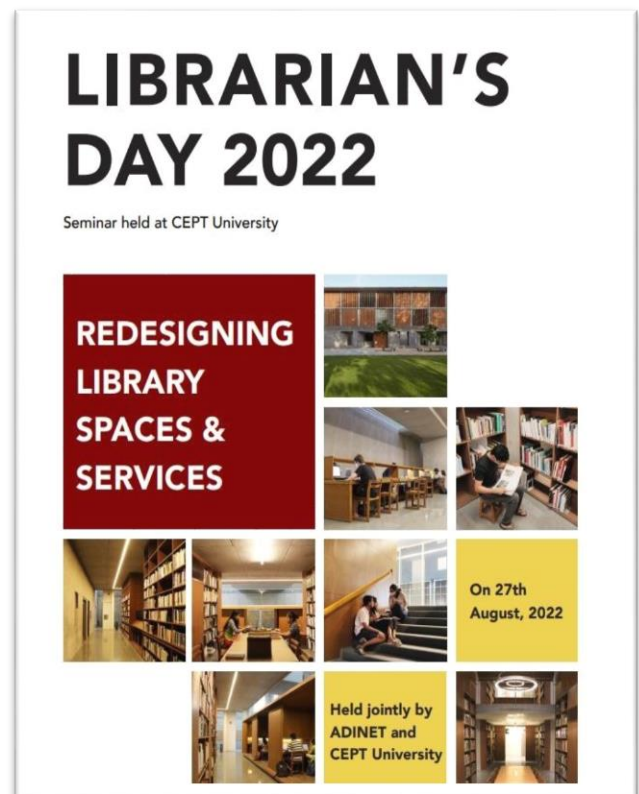
This year in the month of August, a physical Seminar has been planned. Please attend this Seminar so that we can meet physically after a period of two years.

From the beginning of this year ADINET has started an online Book Club. The main purpose of this Book Club is to inculcate the habit of reading. It is well known that reading has a large number of benefits.

It increases our general knowledge, our vocabulary and helps us to improve our

reading and speaking skills. There are a large number of Self Help Books which can motivate us, inspire us and bring about a positive change in our lives.

### LIBRARIAN'S DAY SEMINAR 2022



ADINET in collaboration with CEPT University, Ahmedabad is organizing the Librarian's Day Seminar 2022 on 27 August 2022 (Saturday).

The theme of the seminar is "Redesigning Library Spaces & Services" with the following sub-themes:

- 1: Redesigning Library Spaces
- 2: Rethinking Innovative Library Services
- 3: Sustainability in Libraries
- 4: Engaging User Community

Last date for registration is 15th August, 2022.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3HdeLbr>

**ADINET SIG-SPECIAL LIBRARIES: LIBRARIANS ROUNDTABLE HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2022 [ONLINE]**

ADINET organized a Librarians Round Table under the Special Interest Group (SIG) Special Libraries, on the topic “**Innovative Services in Select Special Libraries**”. The panel of Librarians included, Dr. Nishtha Anilkumar, representing PRL, Ahmedabad, Dr. Lalitha Poluru, representing NID,

Ahmedabad, Mr. B. Ganapathi, representing EDII, Gandhinagar and Mr. Saroj Das, representing IPR, Gandhinagar. The discussion was moderated by Dr. T. S. Kumbar, Advisor, Library and Archives, IIT-Gandhinagar. The interactive learning session was attended by around 60 LIS professionals from different parts of the country.

Each panelist shared their experiences in designing and providing innovative services for their respective special libraries.

**Dr. Nishtha Anilkumar** shared her experiences of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) Library. She gave a comprehensive enunciation of the following specialized services:

**A. Article Processing Charges (APC)** for Publications: Many of the prestigious peer review journals make the article open access by asking for author publication charge. Since research is carried out by the institute, APC is paid by the institute. APC is being processed by the library as one single point for accounts section as well as the management for assessing the amount spent on research output at any given time. And so help in planning for the budget every year.

**B. Digital Notice Board (DNB)** is set up by the library and maintained by the library. DNB disseminates information about forthcoming seminars, events, important visitors to PRL, awards or recognition of scientists, students and staff in all the three campuses of PRL – Main campus, Thaltej Campus and Udaipur Solar Observatory

**C. Reference Management Software** is being used to help the students to organize their digital documents (references done during the course of the doctoral study) using

the open source software – Zotero. Library also uses this software to collect and archive the articles received on ILL so as to save time and effort in case any of the articles are asked again by another user another time.

D. **Plagiarism Check** (before submitting the manuscript). It has become mandatory for students to submit the similarity report along with the thesis. So commercial software is subscribed by the library to carry out the similarity checking. Scientists also get their manuscript checked by the software so as to reduce the chances of rejection before submitting their paper to a journal publisher.

E. **Awareness about Copyright Permissions** to be sought in case researchers want to include their own papers in a book.

F. **Awareness about Predatory Journals** when researchers come to ask for names of journals to publish their papers. Library helps them to be aware of predatory publishers by using a number of checkpoints before submitting their manuscripts.

**Dr. Lalitha Poluru**, Head Librarian, National Institute of Design (NID) Ahmedabad shared her experiences of the NID Library. Dr.Poluru crisply introduced about NID's establishment in 1961, the growth thereafter and how the founders of the institute sidestepped conventional method of education and revived the '**philosophy of the Bauhaus design movement**' which was '**learning by doing**' at that time and remain part of NID philosophy to the present day.

She gave an articulated representation of the specialized services being designed and offered at NID:KMC provides all functional services along with some special information services. Though the KMC is providing

various services like 1. **Course displays**, 2. **Special displays of resources**, 3. **QR code stickers to subscribed e-resources**, 4. **Monthly bulletin of print and digital titles** of periodicals to provide current contents through hyperlinks of the periodicals across three campuses and delivering few contents on referencing, 5. **Reference Manager Software** (Zotero), 6. **Selecting journals for publishing articles**, 7. **Open Access Publishing** etc during the Research Orientation to PhD students and 8. **Research Methodology modules** for Postgraduate students, etc.

She had chosen to emphasize on **Resource guides** which is one of the highly appreciated services. This service was initiated in 2019 and till now they have prepared around 485 resources guides across three campuses. As a part of the service, the academic calendar for that respective academic year will be scrutinized for the various courses offered to the various semesters' students of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. They will be checked for duplication/repetition of courses on other campuses. On a monthly basis, a complete list of books, e-books, AV, Craft documents and Graduation projects dealing with each course across three campuses are being prepared by KMC staff members at respective campuses. The Resource guides are circulated through emails to the respective faculty members before the commencement of the course. Based on the received resource guides, the faculty members request resources from KMC or suggest resources to students.

During these days of pandemic and online education, it is a boon to the students to know about various resources available at KMC through these resource guides. It was noted that due to this service KMC is put into lot of demand and there is significant increase in

usage statistics of resources. Based on their requests, KMC is providing them the online copies following the copyright policy. KMC staff colleagues are able to handle the online requests very easily as they are aware about various resources as per the courses and their locations at KMC. With their information handling skills, they are able to offer quick **ready reference services** which is a value addition. They work united across three campuses to fulfill the information needs of users and most importantly users' feedback is positive with a lot of satisfaction. As resource guides reveal many resources to users, a lot of enthusiasm in students to read and use resources has been noted. Even some of them feel disappointed due to restricted access to KMC during these pandemic lockdowns/restricted access to campus. Readers may find more details about NID, Ahmedabad and KMC from [here](#) and [here](#)

**Mr. B. Ganapathi**, Librarian, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) Ahmedabad shared his experiences of the EDII Library. He exquisitely expressed the **specialized services** being designed and offered at EDII. He briefly introduced the EDII and its activities, he also mentioned how EDII Library is an important centre which is adding value to the various core Institutional activities.

Apart from providing the conventional library services, he highlighted that EDII Library has been providing the **Expression of Interest (EOI)** search, in which the library scans more than 25 daily newspapers for the relevant EOI for the institute. This is a highly valuable service of the library.

He also explained the role of the library as an intermediary between the publications and

the publisher. Library helps the author **connect to the right publisher for his/her publication** so that the publication has a greater impact.

**Mr. Saroj Das**, Head, Scientific Information Resource Centre (SIRC), Institute for Plasma Research (IPR), Gandhinagar Shared his experiences of the IPR Library. He ardently conveyed about the **specialized services** being designed and offered at IPR. He introduced IPR Library as a highly specialized library catering to a highly specialized user community focused in the area of Plasma Physics and Fusion Science & Technology. He also mentioned International scientific collaborations.

IPR SIRC has been providing all the regular library services, however, in the round-table discussions, he specifically emphasized on the **email based curated information services** provided to the user community. Especially the subjective **FYI Fusion Alert services** targeted to the scientific and technical community, and the non-subjective general **Recent Articles to Discover (READ) service** targeted to all user community.

The other very impactful service that SIRC is providing is the **Pre-Publication Broadcasting service**. A pre-publication broadcasting portal has been developed on the intranet in collaboration with the Institute's IT Team. Through the broadcasting portal the scientific publications generated at the institute are broadcasted to the user community before these are submitted for internal review and approval process. The system acts as a step towards bringing transparency and addressing ethical issues in the scientific publishing process.

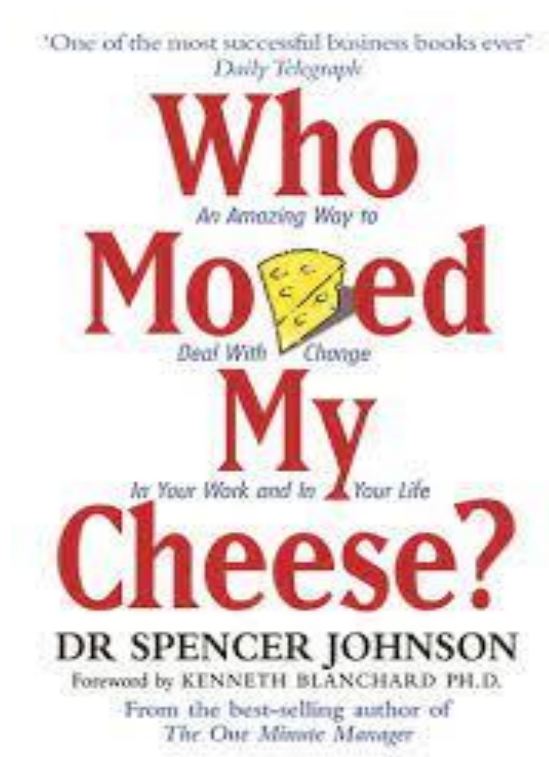


**Dr. T. S. Kumbar**, Advisor, Library and Archives, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar magnificently moderated the round table discussion. In the beginning he reflected on the purpose of the event being organized by ADINET and emphasized that such discussions could be highly valuable to the LIS professionals, especially the younger professionals as a learning process as they get to listen and learn from the experiences of the special librarian representing premier national institutes. He opened the discussions by allowing each panellist to introduce themselves and their libraries in the first round. In the second round, he resourcefully guided the discussions and interactions with the panellist. The interactive discussions were made lively by the question/answers. He then reflected on the experiences shared by each panellist in their specific domain and lucidly summarized the entire discussion and motivated the professionals towards getting more creative and innovative in the information dissemination process and achieving greater respectability and relevancy to the society. He finally reiterated that there are no shortcuts to Hard Work.

### **ADINET BOOK CLUB (ABC)**

#### **ABC READS - SESSION I**

The year 2022 marked yet another notable effort by ADINET under the guidance of Rhoda Bharucha Ma'am, Hon Director, ADINET to encourage the young LIS students and professionals of the state, to take up reading actively. ADINET has started a **Book Club (ABC)** as an enthusiastic initiative by **Dr Lagdhir Rabari**, Librarian, National Law University, Nagpur.



The first session was held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Dr **Nishtha Anil Kumar**, Librarian, PRL, Ahmedabad conducted the session. All the enthusiastic readers had read the 11 pages shared by Dr Rabari and were up for discussion. Rhoda ma'am welcomed the attendees. Dr Lagdhir shared the dynamics of this reading initiative and why the book '**Who Moved My Cheese?**' by **Dr Spencer Johnson** has been picked for group reading.

**Dr Nishtha** introduced the book to the audience and invited **Dr Manish Mankad** for giving an overview of the book. Dr Mankad gave his perspective of how this book given by their management helped him and his colleagues to adapt to the change brought about in the workplace by a shift to a new place, new colleagues, new way of life.

**Dr Shailesh Yagnik**, Advisor, KEIC in the context of the theme of the book, talked about

how life is nothing without a goal and the importance of perseverance.

**Dr Hayat Ahmad**, CEPT Librarian talked about how this book helped him to accept the hard reality of moving jobs and making relocating a pleasant experience.

**Prof Kokila Tank** lauded the efforts of ADINET to make the professionals read and suggested that various language resources can be included to encourage more participation from LIS students.

**Ms Sangita Bhatt**, ADINET staff talked about how this book was gifted to all the employees in their institution and how reading it again and again gives new perspectives.

**Mr Viral Navik** of Vikram Sarabhai Library related the story to the message of the holy book 'The Gita' which says 'Parivartan hi Jeevan hai' and accepting change as the way of life. **Ms Prajapati** talked about how important it is to ensure that nobody else moves our cheese (goals) but we ourselves should do so.

**Dr Rashmi Kumbar**, faculty at Central University of Gujarat shared her takeaways from the story. **Ms Anubha Arora**, Librarian at Udgam School, Ahmedabad discussed how this book exemplifies the art of storytelling for effective management. The purpose of the reading session was to generate interest in young participants to discuss the topic and it was successful to a great extent as some students shared their opinion.

**Mr Dharmveer Modi**, a first-year student of MLIBISC expressed that after listening to the sharing of the story, he could relate to the character Hem and his younger brother was the Haw in his life and he felt many Haw-like characters come in our lives to help us get out of tight situations.

**Ms Shilpi Dey**, a trainee at PRL library, talked about the book being shared in the classroom for understanding change management and how she feels learning new skills and new techniques are inevitable and moving to new places enables one to keep looking for new goals. **Ms Subhalaxmi Mohanty** a first-year student of MLIBISC at CUG shared her views by adding another piece of writing. 'True life is lived when tiny changes occur' by Leo Tolstoy. So, Change always gives you a new chance to feel young. But our brain has a default setting. What it is let it be... but we forget that changes are always happening but we never feel comfortable to face them or to fit ourselves in the zone. Accept the change and be happy that someone is giving you a chance to take a complete new work to start everything in a new style". Another student of MLIBISC at CUG, **Samarpita Dash** shared that 'Sometimes we feel like, if I jump one step more, it might be or will be difficult and what will others think about us, and maybe it will be risky and so and so on. Sometimes we are afraid to do something and fight with ourselves about what I'm doing here and so on. But before some days I realized whatever I did before, is past... we need to work upon today/present'.

**Dr Nishtha** summarized the discussion on the book by drawing our attention to one underlying fact that one may make a mistake but its perfectly fine if we can recognize that and move on just like Haw who laughed out at the folly of staying stuck at station C. She closed the discussion with the fact that it's essential to take the changing situation seriously rather than taking ourselves seriously.

**Reported by  
Dr Rashmi Kumbar**

## **ADINET BOOK CLUB (ABC)**

### **ABC READS - SESSION II**

The second session of the ADINET Book Club (ABC) was held virtually on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Five enthusiastic readers shared their perspectives on the book 'Who moved my cheese?' by Spencer Johnson.

**Dr Lagdhir Rabari**, Librarian, National Law University, Nagpur coordinated the session and introduced the presenters as well as summarized the proceedings of the session. Hon. Director of ADINET, Rhoda Bharucha ma'am addressed the student attendees and the professionals highlighting the importance of reading and the role of books in our lives. Around 20 attendees joined the session and listened intently to the presentations and the discussion that followed.

**Dr Vipul Gandhi**, Librarian, S P Patel College, the first presenter related the parable to his own life and discussed how the lessons shared, help one to apply them in the environment of change and uncertainty.

The second presenter, **Mr Rohan Makwana**, a first-year student of MLIBISC at Central University of Gujarat, summarized chapters 2 and 3 of the book, while sharing as to how he relates to these chapters and overall, how reading of this book helps the library science students.

**Mr Jagdish Ayar**, Deputy Librarian at Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management, was the third presenter and he shared his review on how he connected the story with the changes in his life and how he realized that change is inevitable, and one needs to move out of their comfort zone and be prepared for uncertainty.

**Dr Nilam Chauhan**, another budding Librarian, from Surat joined the reading session and presented a comprehensive review of the entire book.

The final presenter, **Mr Chetas Bhagat**, Library Executive from Ahmedabad University discussed how reading this book helps in change management and his liking for this book due to the lucid language and gave an interesting analogy of The Gita from the Mahabharata in the context of this story. **Dr Rabari** initiated an interaction with the presenters and appreciated all the five presenters' efforts to portray the story from their perspectives. He requested the views of the senior professionals in improving the reading sessions to which **Dr Yagnik** suggested that a structure be given to the presenters to share their review. Other suggestions included involving faculty from LIS schools who in turn can encourage their students to participate in the reading sessions. Dr Rabari thanked all the attendees and requested more LIS professionals to join the reading club and engage in discussions about good books.

**Reported by**  
**Dr. Lagdhir Rabari**

## **ADINET BOOK CLUB (ABC)**

### **ABC READS - SESSION III**

The third session of ABC was held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 in continuation of the series of ABC meet with the objectives to promote reading habits among LIS students as well as professionals so that it can help them to improve vocabulary, generate new ideas and reduce stress.

**Ms. Rhoda Bharucha**, Hon Director, ADINET welcomed the members and very passionately highlighted the need & importance of positive thoughts & beliefs...fruits of good readings, help us to lead a contented life.

**Dr. Sanghamitra Pradhan**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Science, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda coordinated the session. Before initiating the book reads she lauded the enthusiasm and efforts of Ms. Bharucha to organize the meet for a noble cause.

The meet focused discussion on the very inspiring at the same time light hearted fable of Spencer Johnson's Who Moved My Cheese?...the literary marvel, which through wonderful depiction, simply teaches us to change as change is inevitable. Chapter 5 to 10 of this motivating book was discussed thoroughly and six speakers presented their ideas on what they have imbibed from the book reading.

The first speaker was **Mr. Manish Mankad**, Librarian, DA-IICT, Gandhinagar. While taking clues from the characters of the book he spoke that moving out of the comfort zone to adapt to the challenges of change brings positivity.

**Ms. Monita Shastri**, Chief Librarian, Nirma University, Ahmedabad quoted an example of how in the beginning, software implementation and digitization were perceived to be fearful by librarians, but they could overcome the fear and got successful by welcoming the change.

**Ms. Shilpi Dey**, Library Trainee, PRL, Ahmedabad presented her views on why we should read and what lessons she has learnt while equating herself with the characters of the book Who Moved My Cheese?

**Mr. Aakash Agrawal**, BLIS student, The M. S. University of Baroda citing the example of Covid-19 situation portrayed the four characters of the book and viewed that instead of resisting we need to be flexible to overcome the challenges.

**Mr. Deep Charadava**, BLIS student, The M. S. University of Baroda put in plain words his life example and expressed that one should take stern decisions while being fully accountable to its repercussions to move ahead rather than get stuck.

**Ms. Mrinalini Sahariya**, BLIS student, The M. S. University of Baroda minutely observed the four characters of the book and drew similarities of those characters to we people. After the scheduled talks the meet was open to all the members to reflect their ideas on the lessons learnt from the book. The meeting concluded with the remarks that we all should start changing the moment we realize our acts no longer are fruitful. To be happy one should keep life simple, flexible and let go of things easily in any eventuality

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Dr. Sanghamitra Pradhan**