Mr. Manoj Singh, BARC Mumbai, gave the fourth presentation on **"Networking walkthrough in a typical digital library"**. He gave an historical flashback of technologies used in BARC Library, from Punched cards during 1970's to today's Web 2.0 technolgy. He also discussed in detail about the Digital Library projects and the Network architecture and infrastructure of BARC.

Mrs. Dharmista Patel, Librarian, SAC Ahmedabad, chaired the **fourth and final Technical Session** on **"Open Source Technologies".** The first presentation in this session was by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar, IIM Kozikode, on **"Open Source Technologies for Libraries"**. He talked about the different Open Source Software (OSS) and advantages of using OSS in libraries.

Mrs. Nishtha Anilkumar, PRL Ahmedabad, gave the second presentation on **"Linux for Librarians".** She gave an historical evolution of Linux and discussed various aspects of Linux OS and criteria for choosing the right Linux distribution.

Mr. Vivek Singhwal, Pyther Innovation Ahmedabad, gave the third presentation on **"KOHA: A Customizable Open Source ILS".** He gave a detailed overview of KOHA and its application in library management.

Finally, Mr. K. Thyagrajan, Mott MacDonald Ahmedabad, gave his presentation on **"Libraries as an Ideal Workplace".** He shared his love for books and the librarians. His presentation was so inspirational and motivating that the participants could not resist but to give a standing ovation. Nothing better could have concluded the workshop.

This was followed by a brief summarizing of the workshop by Dr. M. G. Sreekumar prepared with the help of inputs from the workshop rapporteurs, Mr. Saroj Das, IPR Gandhinagar and Ms. Rachana Patnaik, SAC Ahmedabad. The workshop coordinator, Mrs. Nishtha Anilkumar then delivered the vote of thanks.

The workshop was attended by more than 80 participants out of which 36 were from outside Ahmedabad.
(Report by Mr. Saroj Das, IPR Gandhinagar and Ms. R. Patnaik, SAC Ahmedabad)

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Current Contents for Librarians (**CuCoLib**): A Current Awareness Service for Librarians

CuCoLib is a web based current awareness service for Librarians, created using Web 2.0 tools. It is created in Free

AJAX based personalized start page called Netvibes, which is organized into Tabs, with each tab containing user-defined modules.

In CuCoLib, a Tab with LIS Journals contains a list of 58 LIS Journals, arranged alhpabetically. The contents of these journals are automatically updated through RSS Feeds. Any one can share the Feeds either through Social Networking sites or email.

This service is designed and created by Mr. Saroj Das, IPR Gandhinagar. LIS professionals are welcome to add new feeds to the list.

Bookmark CuCoLib to keep yourself updated with the latest in LIS research.
CuCoLib URL: http://www.netvibes.com/adinet

Announcement
LIBRARIANS' DAY 2009
ADINET Librarians' Day 2009 will be celebrated in the month of August.
• Information Literacy Standards, Guidelines and Implementations
• Information Literacy & Libraries: Case Studies
• Information Literacy and Information Technology (Library 2.0)
• Recent Trends and Future Directions in Information Literacy
We request your contibution and participation.

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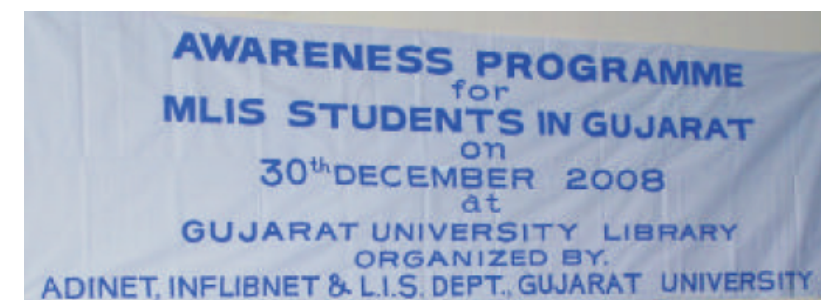**Hope you had a wonderful start to the year 2009.**

For the year 2009, we have planned a few programs, besides the Monthly Lecture Series & the Librarians Day Seminar. Two Modules of the **In-Service Training Program** will be held during the month of May 2009 for (1) I.T.Skills Enhancement, (2) Communication & Reporting Skills. During the month of October a Seminar for **School Librarians** will be held.

We are happy to announce that the INFLIBNET Centre and ADINET are jointly launching a new service called **"Collaborative Virtual Reference Services (CVRS)** for academic community in colleges and universities. All Librarians requested to kindly register as Volunteers on CVRS website at http://www.inflibnet.ac.in/cvrs Please specify your **field of specialization.** The web-based service would be available from the INFLIBNET website.

--Editors

Awareness Programme for
MLIS Students
of Gujarat: **A Report**

The tremendous developments especially in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) have contributed significantly in posing new challenges to the field of Library and Information Science. Ahmedabad Library Network (ADINET) realized that there is a strong need to make LIS students aware about the relevant developments in the fields of ICT and Management to enable them to cope with the changing times. This realization gave birth to the idea of having such **an awareness program for MLIS students** that can help them bridge the gap between the theoretical aspects taught to them during their BLIS and MLIS studies, and the practical skills required to serve the user community efficiently.

Thus, an Awareness Program for MLIS Students in Gujarat was organised by ADINET on 30 December 2008 at Gujarat University Library, Ahmedabad. The first of its kind in Gujarat and probably in India, this programme was jointly organised by LIS Department of Gujarat University and Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre. It was

attended by about 125 students from six LIS departments of various universities of Gujarat. The **objectives** of this program were:
- To make students aware about the relevant advancements in the field of ICT related to LIS
- To inject managerial and librarianship skills in the participating students
- To enhance the understanding about the required Information Literacy Skills
- To inform the students about the necessity of supplementing traditional learning with e-learning
- To create awareness about the importance of quality work, especially information products and services, and the need for an attitudinal change
- To infuse the requisite qualities required by Library Science professionals

The program started with a warm welcome to all invitees, guests and students. This was followed by a prayer by Ms. Rashmi, MLIS student of Gujarat University. The function was formally inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais – Dr. Jagdish Arora (Director, INFLIBNET Centre), Smt. Jyotsana Pandit (Librarian, Guj. Univ.), Mrs. Geeta Gadhavi, (Head, LIS Dept., Guj. Univ.), Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha (Hon. Director, ADINET) and Mrs. Shweta Shroff (LIS Officer, CEE).

A key-note address on **Importance & Value of Information** by Dr. Jagdish Arora was very instructive. He talked mainly about the information requirement of the researchers, their search behaviour, their expectations from a library and the changing role of the libraries and the Librarians in the changing times. He also gave an overview of the economics of the INDEST-AICTE Consortium with a remark that library consortium can be instrumental in getting access to digital libraries at an affordable cost.

Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha then gave an overview of **ADINET's activities and the web-based Student Group** that ADINET has started on its Website for all MLIS students in Gujarat. She earnestly appealed to all present for the programme to actively participate and get benefited from this group. She also made an announcement of the topic for the elocution competition that was to be organised that day soon after the lunch.

The post-tea session started with a very informative talk on **Information Literacy Skills** by Mr. Anilkumar, Librarian of IIM, Ahmedabad. While appreciating the efforts done by the students towards short-term gains like clearing examination etc., he requested students to put in sincere efforts for long-term gains also as these would help polish themselves and yield them Differentiation in the field in the long-run. He also gave understanding about the concepts like Family of the 21st Century, **Survival Literacy and Information Literacy Life Cycle** based on UNESCO's publication Understanding Information Literacy: A Primer which is available full-text online.

In the post lunch Elocution Competition, nine students from five universities participated and expressed their views on the topic **"Future Libraries"**. Three prizes were announced to encourage their participation. The winners of the first, second and third prizes were Ms. Shamim Vora of S.P. University, Ms. Minakshi Parmar of Gujarat Vidyapeeth and Ms. Kajal Patel of Gujarat University respectively.

Mr. Kanubhai Shah, Mr. Shailesh Yagnik and Ms. Daksha Vaja judged the competition. This whole session was efficiently conducted by Mrs. Shweta Shroff in a very lively manner.

Immediately after this competition, Ms. Daksha Vaja, Manager, Mass Communication at Gujarat Energy Development Agency, Gandhinagar gave her talk on **New Trends in ICT**. She gave insight into the new role of ICT in the changing times with special emphasis on ICTs in development agenda.

Mrs. Shweta Shroff discussed another very important aspect of **Supplementing traditional learning with e-learning**. She comprehensively described e-learning and also informed many useful online courses relevant to LIS community. She discussed in detail IMARK, an e-course developed by FAO and supported by UNESCO. She also demonstrated material available on **www.merlot.com** (MERLOT = Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) that can be easily incorporated into faculty designed courses.

Mr. Shailesh Yagnik, Librarian of MICA, Ahmedabad, in his very enriching lecture-presentation, emphasized on the **Need for attitudinal change and quality information products and services** in changing times. He gave very useful information on **Code of Library Ethics by American Library Association (ALA)** and explained how important this code is for LIS professionals.

Immediately after this lecture-presentation, Feedback Forms were distributed to the participants and an honest feedback was requested from them. Out of all those who attended, 52 participants submitted the feedback form. The overall topic wise evaluation of the Programme was mostly either Excellent or Good. An evaluation of the fifteen objective type questions showed that about half the Students need to update their knowledge about new developments.

Mrs. Bharucha gave a Vote of Thanks at the end of this very eventful programme. She thanked all speakers, volunteers and participants of this programme for making it an enriching experience for all.

Mr. P.C. Shah, Former Hon. Director of ADINET, gave away the prizes to the winners of the elocution competition and then the Certificates of participation were distributed to the participants.

(This report has been prepared by Mrs. Shweta Shroff, LIS Officer, CEE, Ahmedabad)

A Report on National **Workshop** on **Library 2.0:** A Global **Information Hub**

The two days "National Workshop on Library 2.0: A Global Information Hub" was organized by Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) Ahmedabad during February 5-6, 2009.

The workshop began with the introduction of the workshop and the dignitaries on dais by Mrs. Nishtha Anilkumar, Coordinator of the workshop.

Prof. J. N. Goswami, Director PRL, gave the welcome address, he spoke about the changing context of libraries and stressed on the need for librarians to keep themselves updated. He also gave a thoughtful insight into using Web 2.0 and Library 2.0 in different types of libraries and in Indian context where there is a big technological divide that exists. He shared his point of views as an outsider. He also cautioned on Googlism and the authenticity of Google search results. His speech was lively and thought provoking.

Chief Guest Prof. B. H. Jajoo, Dean IIM Ahmedabad, delivered the inaugural address. He started with a lighter note, "bole toh, Munnabhai style" and shared his affection toward the library professionals. He gave a philosophical view and narrated the rapid technological developments and historical perspectives on the stages of developments from Advances in Microelectronics and Miniaturization, Multimedia Technology and Digital Convergence, Networking Technology and Open Standards, GUI Technology, and Software Applications to the latest technologies like Web 2.0 and AJAX. He also **emphasized on the need for innovation** and keeping oneself updated.

In his Vote of Thanks Dr. K. P. Subramanian, Chairman, LOC PRL, thanked the Chief guest, other speakers, participants, volunteers, and all those involved in organizing the workshop.

There were four Technical Sessions, two each for a day. Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director ADINET chaired the **first Technical Session** on **"Understanding Web 2.0".** There were four presentations in this session. The first presentation on **"Library 2.0: Innovative Technologies for Building Libraries of Tomorrow"** by Dr. Jagdish Arora, INFLIBNET was very informative. He gave a comprehensive picture of the tools and techniques of Library 2.0 and provided a clear understanding of Web 2.0. He also mentioned that application of Web 2.0 technologies will improve image of the library and the library professionals.

The second presentation was given by Dr. Dhanashree Date, TCS Mumbai on **"Unleashing Library Services with Web 2.0".** She shared a practical overview of application of Web 2.0 in her organization and also spoke about the impact of Web 2.0 in library context. She gave some thought on SWOT associated with Web 2.0.

The third presentation in this session on **"Web 2.0: Implications for Library Services"** by Dr. Usha Munshi, IIPA New Delhi, was very informative and she emphasized on Folksonomies and its application in libraries. She also opined on formulating some policies before using Web 2.0 technologies in libraries.

Mr. Sukhdev Singh, NIC New Delhi, gave the fourth presentation on **"RSS and its use in Libraries".** He gave a very lively and practical overview of RSS and application of the technology in libraries.

Shri P. C. Shah, Head, NICTAS (Retd.) chaired the s**econd Technical Session** of the day on "Standards and Protocols". The first presentation in this session was by Dr. Harish Chandra, IIT Madras on **"Quality Assurance for Users in Libraries through ISO-9001:2000 Standard".** He narrated the importance of standards in libraries and shared his own experiences in achieving ISO certification. He also emphasized on the need for librarians to exploit ICT and fearlessly work towards a common cause and improve the image of library profession.

Dr. Shailendra Kumar, Delhi University, gave the second presentation on **"Interoperability Protocols & Standards in LIS".** He gave clear understanding of interoperability and an exhaustive overview of the LIS Standards and Protocols such as Z39.50, SIP2, OAI-PMH, etc. and its importance.

All the contributory papers were presented as posters. There were two poster sessions of half an hour each on both the days for participants to interact with the authors. The day's programme concluded with sumptuous dinner in a wonderful ethnic ambience at **Rajwadu**

On day two there were four presentations for the **third Technical Session** chaired by Shri R. S. Sharma, Librarian, SAC (Retd.) on **"Networking & RFID Technologies".** Mr. H. Anilkumar, IIM Ahmedabad, gave the first presentation on **"Networking with Users in the Library 2.0 Scenario".** He spoke about the emerging technological trends in libraries and took all the participants to the virtual world of Second Life. The presentation was very interesting and inclusive.

Mr. M. Manoj Kumar, INFLIBNET Ahmedabad, gave the second presentation on **"Networking of Indian Universities for Resource Sharing".** He gave a very comprehensive perspective of INFLIBNET's UGC INFONET programme and detailed Network architecture behind the ambitious programme.

The third presentation on **"Social Networking: Tools and Technologies for enhancing user interaction"** was given by Ms. Sangeeta Kaul, DELNET New Delhi. She presented a clear understanding of Social Networking and its application in libraries. The talk encompassed the overall social networking tools.