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EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear LIS Professionals,

PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT OF AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION:

The ADINET Team conducted the pilot project for a primary school library of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), Ambawadi. Based on this pilot project and ADINET's proposal, AMC sanctioned the project on February 24th, 2024, to organise its twenty-eight primary school libraries. Our Chairman, Shri P. K. Lehari, took a lot of interest in guiding us. We started the work with the Ramdevnagar Primary School library. ADINET approached Mr. Milan Kumar Pujara and began working for that library. Excel data entry is in progress per the metadata details given in the proposal and the three-digit broad classification number as per Dewey Decimal Classification.

Tejas Dabhi and Pareshbhai work in a team, averaging over 100 books daily. After entering book records and classifying the books, stickers on the spine tag will be passed out at the end. Mrs. Sangeetaben Bhatt and Shri Bansibhai Bhatt have visited to guide and motivate ADINET team members.

We have put this news in ADINET WhatsApp and requested those who want to work with this project they should apply. Seventy-five thousand books are to be processed. We have received around 20-plus applications. The ADINET team will take the call to complete the task at the earliest. Apart from organizing their libraries, ADINET will study the practice of cultivating reading habits in these schools and the usage of their libraries. These primary school libraries are the foundation of cultivating reading habits.

COLLABORATIVE LIBRARIES:

The outcome of the meeting with Dr. Sanjay Bhanavar and Shri Manish Mankad in the context of collaborative Library activities is to start with easily achievable objectives. It has been decided to start with the fourth and fifth objectives.

First Objective: Set up collaborative repositories in Ahmedabad city. ADINET will work with Government bodies to identify a commonplace to archive the rarely used reference resources.

An update has to be taken from Mr. Bhavesh Patel, IIM Library regarding space requirements, costs, and when we can access the data. Dr. Bharat Chaudhary, PDEU will give us which institutions contributed to this union catalog. Activate this at the earliest.

Physical space for unused materials is Occupied in each library. For this, we may look for CSR funds to purchase the physical space and the cost involved in construction, electricity, maintenance, staffing, etc. Most importantly, we need to find unused materials through a survey of each library.

Encourage each institution to take the institutional membership to strengthen the activities.

Second Objective:

To create a common platform for collaborative research, which will help the researchers identify the prevailing problems and needs of the local community. They have proposed a research problem repository.

Third Objective:

To propose a standard price for all the institutes for a subscription of databases or include private universities in the existing consortia. One nation and one Subscription will be applicable, so this item is on hold.

Fourth Objective: To prepare guidelines for collaborative events across the institutes in Ahmedabad city.

ADINET has a common sharing platform called **ADINET WhatsApp**. Activities include Book talks for all libraries and theme-based discussion, e.g., Exhibitions. ADINET can fix one day for theme-based

discussion followed by taking ideas from members. We keep it on the first Saturday

of the first week of every month so people get time on Saturday and Sunday to

contribute. Preparing the SOP will take one month. This activity will happen every

month. Dr. Sanjay Bhanavar and Shri Manish Mankand will monitor this.

Vendors' directory is from different areas related to libraries. Apart from booksellers and subscription agencies, there are many areas where librarians need contact details for software, hardware, library technology, furniture, design agencies, racks, display stands, chairs, tables, sofa sets, stationery, RFID tags, lamps, etc.

Fifth Objective: Reskilling of library professionals in collaborating institutes.

Invite people who have gone out of state and people who came to Gujarat and even abroad from Gujarat for the questionnaire session with the librarians of Gujarat. From the interaction, we will learn more. Even INFLIBNET can help us fill the gap. Suggested use of crowdsourcing and crowdfunding for problems, e.g., l'Oreal, ITC, HUL, etc.

SADVICHAR PARIVAR KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

A proposal has been given to Dr. Pankaj Shah and Shri P.K. Lehari to set up the "Sadvichar Parivar Knowledge Centre." They are working positively on it. They have shown a willingness to ADINET to develop a reading room on their premises in Naroda. Mrs. Ketaki Bhatia has volunteered to prepare the *Sadvaichar Development Weekly Newsletter* in six areas: Women Empowerment, Geriatric Care (Health

needs of the elderly), Youth and Skill Development, Community Service, Relief & Rehabilitation, and Prisoner Transformation. In line with CUCOLIS, ADINET will prepare CUCOMS (Current Content for Medical Science) from open-access journals published in India.

ADINET SEMINAR:

ADINET seminar will happen in Gujarat University in association with Gujarat University Library and Dept. of Library and Information Science in August 2024. Thanks to Dr. Yogesh Parekh and Dr. Atul Bhatt for the same.

ADINET ROLE FOR LIS STUDENTS:

ADINET has received a proposal from Dr. Chintan Pandya, Librarian MICA, for LIS students in Gujarat. Dr. Bhakti Gala and Dr. Atul are coordinators from LIS Schools and will guide Dr. Chintan in the best interests of students.

ADINET YUVA:

ADINET is trying to promote the ADINET YUVA, who are young and vibrant professionals willing to take the initiative and contribute new ideas and thoughts. Mr. Mallikarjun Dora and Mr. Viral Navik are taking the initiative to bring all YUVA on one platform. In this meeting, Dr. Banka Bihari Chand, Mr. Mallikarjun, Mr. Navik, and Dr. Shailesh Yagnik met at Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Library.

E-NEWS DIGEST:

Mr. Saroj Das is compiling e-news Digest regularly. He will include the quiz to generate more interest among the readers of the Digest, and winners will be declared in the next Digest.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

ADINET welcomes all the New Life members of 2024 to ADINET Family and looking forward to your active involvement in the field of LIS profession. The New Life members are:

- 1] Dr Priyanki Vyas from BAOU, Ahmedabad.
- 2] Dr Jaydeep Mehta from Navrachana University, Vadodara.
- 3] Ms. Nilam Chauhan from BMU, Surat
- 4] Dr Atul Bhatt from Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
- 5] Mr. Manish Singh Rathore from British Council, New Delhi.

Thank you for your interest in ADINET activities.

SIG LIS SCHOOL:

Prof. Atul Bhatt accepted the responsibility of being one of the Coordinators at SIG – LIS School. Prof. Bhakti Gala is another Coordinator at SIG-LIS School.

NEXT GENERATION LIBRARIES: EMBRACING CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION: BY DR. ATUL BHATT, AHMEDABAD UNIVERSITY: BY DR. ATUL BHATT

The evolution of libraries serves as compelling evidence of how technology can reshape our world, mirroring the larger shift towards a digital era across society. This transformation has turned libraries from quiet havens of book stacks to vibrant, technology-driven hubs of information and innovation. By exploring how libraries integrate advanced technologies like AI, Blockchain, Robotics, Augmented Reality (AR), RFID, and better space

management, we gain insight into how these innovations are coming together to form the foundation of modern, Next Generation Libraries.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to systems or machines that mimic human intelligence to perform tasks and can improve themselves based on the information they collect. Artificial Intelligence stands at the forefront of this transformation, bringing smart automation and data-driven insights to library services. In the library context, AI can revolutionize information retrieval, making it faster and more intuitive through natural language processing and personalized search algorithms. AI-driven chatbots can provide real-time assistance, guiding users efficiently through vast information resources. Beyond user interaction, AI can optimize library management, analysing usage patterns to inform strategic decisions about resource allocation and service offerings.

The Mohammed Bin Rashid Library, located in Dubai, will be the first-of-its-kind in the and the Middle East region, to employ artificial intelligence (AI) in its operations, including in choosing titles and borrowing and returning books. It has a comprehensive AI system that reduces reliance on human staff, streamlining the processes of title selection, and reading, borrowing and returning books. Transitioning from AI's data-centric capabilities to Blockchain's trust-enhancing features reveals another layer of innovation in library evolution. Blockchain is a system of recording information in a way that makes it difficult or impossible to change, hack, or cheat the system. Blockchain technology, often known for its security and transparency, offers libraries a robust mechanism for managing transactions and records. Within libraries, blockchain can be employed to authenticate user identities and manage lending histories, ensuring

data integrity and privacy. Furthermore, it can facilitate a new model of resource sharing among libraries, creating a decentralized network where digital assets can be securely exchanged without intermediaries, enhancing access and efficiency.

The shift from Blockchain's digital security to the tangible benefits of Robotic automation illustrates the wide array of technologies that are advancing library operations.

Robotics involves the design, construction, operation, and use of robots. Robotics introduces an important dimension to library innovation, handling repetitive and labor-intensive tasks to improve service quality and efficiency. Robots in libraries can undertake a variety of roles, from sorting and shelving books to assisting visitors with navigation and information retrieval. This not only accelerates operational processes but also allows library staff to dedicate more time to engaging with users and curating enriched experiences. As we delve into the realm of augmented experiences through Augmented Reality (AR), the interplay between physical and digital library services becomes even more pronounced.

Augmented Reality (AR) is an interactive experience of a real-world environment where the objects that reside in the real world are enhanced by computer-generated perceptual information. Augmented Reality in libraries offers a unique blend of the real and virtual worlds, creating immersive and interactive learning environments. AR can bring static library materials to life, offering 3D visualizations and interactive experiences that enhance comprehension and engagement. For instance, historical archives can be explored in vivid detail, and complex

scientific concepts can be demonstrated through interactive AR models, transforming the way users interact with information. The thread of technological integration extends into RFID and smart space management, optimizing library logistics and user environments.

Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects. RFID technology revolutionizes inventory management and user services in libraries, enabling quick and accurate item tracking and self-service facilities. This reduces wait times and improves user satisfaction, allowing for a more fluid library experience. Complementing RFID, smart space management leverages data analytics and IoT sensors to optimize library layouts and resource

distribution, ensuring spaces are utilized efficiently and adapted to user needs.

The culmination of these technologies embodies in the user-centric design, emphasizing accessibility, convenience, and engagement in library spaces.

At the heart of Next Generation Libraries is user-centric design, which prioritizes the needs and preferences of library users in the design and deployment of technologies. By ensuring that technological advancements enhance user accessibility and engagement, libraries can create inclusive, responsive, and welcoming environments for all users.

In conclusion, the synergy of AI, Blockchain, Robotics, AR, RFID, and Smart Space management is not merely reshaping library operations and services; it is redefining the essence of libraries as dynamic, inclusive, and innovative community hubs. These technologies bring a more interactive, efficient, and user-focused library experience, promising a future where libraries continue to serve as vital pillars of learning, creativity, and community engagement. As libraries

embrace these technologies, they are poised to become more than just repositories of knowledge, evolving into key enablers of information democracy and lifelong learning in the digital age.

**BOOK REVIEW:
BY MS. SANGITA BHATT**



Title: THE SECRET

Author: Rhonda Byrne

Published by: Simon & Schuster, UK

Genre: Non-Fiction/Self Help

“Your life is in your hands. No matter where you are now, no matter what has happened in your life, you can begin to consciously choose your thoughts, and you can change your life. There is no such thing as a hopeless situation. Every single circumstance of your life can change!” — **Rhonda Byrne (The Secret)**

This book is based on the belief in the Law of Attraction, which claims that thoughts can change a person's life directly. It says we can use the law of attraction to attract anything and everything into our lives. We need to believe our thoughts and act under that belief. The author wrote several sequels to the book, including **The Power** and **The Magic**.

THE SECRET REVEALED

Numerous people read and understand this book and express their point of view in words like-

Bob Proctor says: **The Secret** gives you anything you want: happiness, health, and wealth. Dr Joe Vitale says you can have, do, or be anything you want. This book revolves around the **Law of Attraction-Affirmations-Issue/Problem.**

Law of Attraction:

The law of attraction is a law of nature. It says if you see it in your mind, you will hold it in your hand, which is the Law of Attraction. Everything that's coming into your life, you are attracting into your life. Thoughts and emotions are very powerful, so every thought of yours is a real thing - a force. Your power is in your thoughts; whatever you believe comes to reality. Thoughts and emotions make the belief, and it becomes the reality, and that's the law of attraction. **Like attracts Like**, see yourself living in abundance, and you will attract it. It works every time with every person. The law of attraction is the law of creation. Whenever you think, creation always happens. Every time an individual has a thought, the creation process will manifest out of that thought.

Affirmations:

Always be aware of your thoughts and emotions. In any situation, thoughts and feelings are responsible as they make the belief become your reality, as we saw earlier. Whether we realize it or not, we think most of the time. LOA doesn't understand good or bad thoughts, so make your last thoughts before going to bed the good thoughts. To become aware of your thoughts, you can set an intention that "I am the master of my thoughts" and say it often, meditate on it, and as you hold to that intention, you will be that. This law doesn't compute the words of negation like don't, not, no, etc. It works only through your thoughts and feelings. You cannot harm others with your thoughts; you only hurt yourself. So, watch your thoughts and, based on them, make

your affirmations. Your Affirmations need to be positive, In the present tense, personal, and short in nature.

Problem:

As you think of yourself living in abundance, you are powerfully and consciously determining your life through the law of attraction. it's that easy, but then the most obvious question becomes, why isn't everybody living the life of their dreams?

Here is the Problem. Most people are thinking about what they don't want, and they are wondering why it shows up over and over again.

Think - what is the issue? person/ situation/ object, and how do I manage it? Here comes your very important feelings. Your feelings are responsible for your thinking and your thoughts. We cannot control our thousands of thoughts, but there is an easier way, and it's our feelings. So, become aware of your feelings and get in tune with those feelings to know you're thinking. During the day, ask this question- How do I feel? It's not possible to feel bad and have good thoughts simultaneously. Your thoughts and your feelings create your life. When you feel good, you must think good thoughts to be on track with your desires.

HOW DO I USE THIS BOOK? ASK-BELIEVE-RECEIVE

Ask-Faith

Just so you know – the first step is to ask. Could you let the Universe know what you want? The Universe responds to your thoughts. Be clear about what you want, and then you can ask.

Believe-Act

Step two is to Believe. Believe that what you have asked is already yours. Start believing in the unseen. Believing involves acting, speaking, and thinking

as though you have already received what you have asked for.

Receive-Feel

The final step is to receive. You begin to feel fantastic about it. Feel the way you will feel once it arrives. Feel it now.

SECRET MADE SIMPLE- POWERFUL PROCESSES

Gratitude is a robust process for shifting your energy and bringing more of what you want into your life. Begin your day with the thoughts and feelings of Gratitude. Be grateful for what you already have, and you will attract more good things. It is impossible to bring more into your life if you feel ungrateful about what you have.

Visualization is the process/ tool of creating pictures in your mind of yourself enjoying what you want. When you visualize certain things, you generate powerful thoughts and feelings about having them now. The law of attraction reverts your thoughts into reality.

In conclusion, three teachings from The Secret –

*The law of attraction is a three-step process: ask, believe, and receive.

*Give attention to what you want instead of what you do not wish to.

*Lastly, you attract what you are attracted to. I recommend this book to people from all walks of life. It is a life-changing book explaining the power of positive thinking, daily gratitude, and visualizing our goals or dreams to bring them to reality. The importance of self-love is beautifully presented in this book, and it is the best self-help book that everyone should read to turn their thoughts and goals into reality and live a dream life.

INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION SOURCES ON GUJARAT 2024

ADINET is working for all libraries and related areas. This compilation is on Industrial Information Sources for Gujarat. These 14 sectors contribute more than 70% of Gujarat's GDP. ADINET directly or indirectly helps Gujarat's economy by providing users with an appropriate direct source of information.

Link: <https://www.alibnet.org/public/event/85.pdf>

ADINET DIRECTORY:

ADINET is in the process of updating the Library Directory in Gujarat.

Please complete this Google form, which will take a few minutes.

Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetclXLEaerpXLrfuo7lpzJca5HSiNKR-C1jAeq73GFd5G3uA/viewform?usp=sf_link

ADINET INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

You can apply for this **membership**

Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3TQVjRdmMEXx9TpBz-PsP1g2Zw13LUrKSuc6Un6nAUaQ5cw/viewform?usp=sf_link

ADINET LIFE MEMBERSHIP

For any library professional to show pride and commitment to the profession, they are requested to take a Life membership and, at the same time, support ADINET.

Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPywpWWwZbn32NlorDybhKEzEpfGLq8ulZBrcNev9B7l6sMA/viewform>

Let us continue to Connect & Collaborate for Creating an Informed Society.