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Dear Friends,
On 29th August ADINET celebrated Librarian's Day by conducting a Seminar on Information Literacy & Changing Landscape of Libraries. The details of this Seminar are given in this issue.

ADINET in collaboration with INFLIBNET designed and conducted the second Modular In-Service Training Program on **Communication & Reporting Skills.** This issue contains a Report of this Program.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS

1.   **A Seminar on the Role of School Libraries in Education will be held on 15th of November 2009.** It is being Jointly organised by ADINET & Gujarat Granthalay Seva Sangh, in collaboration with JG International School. The sub-themes are:-

● **Developing Reading Habits.**
● **School Library Services.**
● **Using Open Access Resources.**
● **Collaborative Work & Networking**.

All participants are requested to send their papers in English ,Hindi or Gujarati,both hard & soft copy (MS Word) to ADINET **before the 20th of October.**

School Librarians play a crucial role not only in the teaching & learning process, but also in enhancing the quality of education and molding the character of children. We look forward to your active participation.

2.   **Second National Library Seminar & 26th Library Conference Of Gujarat Granthalay Seva Sangh** will be held from 11th to 13th December at Junagadh, Gujarat

Seminar Theme: Utilization of Library & Information Centres The sub-themes are:-

● **Maximum Utilization of Resources using ICT**
● **Role of Libraries in Learning, Teaching and Research**
● **Role of Public Libraries for the development of Society**
● **Changing Role of School Librarians**

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TRAINING PROGRAM (MODULE 2)

ADINET & INFLIBNET conducted Module 2 of In-Service Training Programme for Library Professionals on July 4, 2009 with the theme "Communication and Reporting Skills". This was the second in the series after Module 1 with the theme "IT Skills Enhancement". The following topics were covered during this programme:

1.   **Effective Communication**
       by Mr. Manoj Kumar K, Scientist-D(CS),
       INFLIBNET Centre.

2.   **Reporting Skills**
       by Ms. Pragnya J. Pathak, Librarian-SF, IPR.

3. **Preparing a PowerPoint Presentation: Guidelines, Demonstration and Hands-on experience**
   by Ms. Shweta Shroff, Library & Information Services Officer, CEE.

More that 30 enthusiastic working library professionals from across the Gujarat State participated in the program.

Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director of ADINET, welcomed all and briefed about the programme. She also introduced the Resource Persons and the Chief Guest Fr. Dr. Vincent Braganza, Principal, St.Xaviers College, Ahmedabad to the participants. He gave the guest lecture, informing about the importance of Communication in life.

Mr. Manoj Kumar K spoke a few words on behalf of the Director, INFLIBNET Centre on this occasion emphasizing the significance of communication skills. After a short tea-break, Mr. Manoj Kumar K, during his lecture-presentation, explained in detail communication skills. He informed the participants in a very interesting manner about need for enhancing communication skills, types of communication skills and communication process.

Participants of the Training Program

Mrs. Pragnya J. Pathak, gave her presentation on Reporting Skills. She covered what, when, why, where and how of report writing. She also gave some tips for effective report writing with special emphasis to reports for library professionals.

Ms. Shweta Shroff, during a post-lunch session, demonstrated how to prepare a presentation using MS PowerPoint. She started from the scratch showing how to open a PowerPoint presentation and gradually moved towards the advanced features like template designing using Slide Master, inserting tables, charts, pictures, clip art etc, using WordArt & AutoShape features, applying custom animation, providing hyperlinks and using action buttons etc. She also gave some useful tips for preparing and delivering an effective presentation.

Participants were also given an opportunity for hands on experience on preparing the presentations using MS PowerPoint.
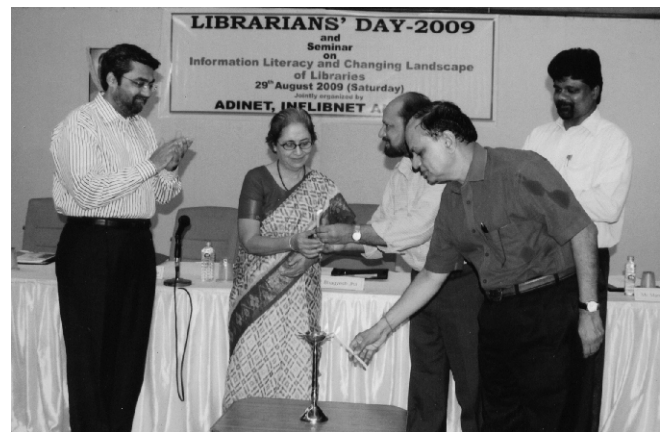
At the end of the programme, feedback was sought by Mrs. Bharucha and the certificates were distributed.

Reported by Ms. Shweta Shroff

REPORT ON :

Seminar on "Information Literacy and Changing Landscape of Libraries" organized on 29th August 2009 at Ahmedabad Management Association, Ahmedabad.

The one day seminar on the theme "Information Literacy and changing landscape of libraries" was held on 29th August, 2009 at Ahmedabad Management Association. This was part of librarian's day, celebrated annually, by the professionals and the event was organized jointly by ADINET, INFLIBNET and AMA. Well over 350 library and information professionals from all over Gujarat attended this seminar.
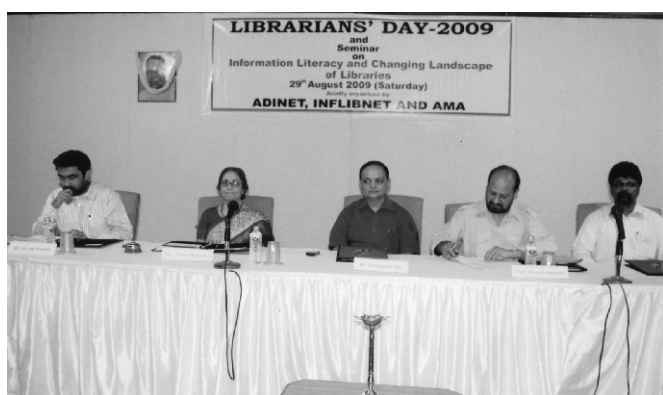

Inauguration of Librarians Day Seminar

The deliberations of this one day seminar began with an inaugural session in the intellectual and highly professional ambiance of AMA. Prof. Dinesh Awasthi, Director, EDI, Mr. Janak Parikh, President, AMA, Mr. Bhagyesh Jha, Commissioner of Information, Gujarat Information Bureau, Government of Gujarat, and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Senior Scientist at INFLIBNET graced the occasion. Mrs. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon. Director of ADINET welcomed the distinguished guests on the dais and participants, presented a brief report about the activities carried out by ADINET and also gave an overview of the seminar.

Prof. Awasthi, while giving his inaugural address talked about changing shape of libraries and needs of end users, brought about by information and communication technologies. He said Librarians are

facing an unprecedented challenge. He lauded their effort in coping up with these changes and for providing effective services. He shared his own pleasant and rich experiences of using different libraries. While he appreciated the kind of role Librarians play in the society, he also compared Librarian to " Bhagirath".

On this occasion, Mr. Manoj Kumar launched GujCat and Collaborative Virtual Reference Service (CVRS) of INFLIBNET through the hands of guests on dais and briefly presented the features and functions of both these new products. He requested all the major libraries to actively participate and contribute their holdings records to GujCat and use CVRS. He highlighted the benefits these two new services will bring to the libraries and users.

Mr. Janak Parikh while giving his guest of honour speech, shared his experience of working in the library as student assistant and how that has helped him, in getting insight into functioning of libraries, and enriching his knowledge. He also briefly talked about the transformation that the libraries are going through currently and value the technology is adding to extending library services. He put forth his vision of having a world class library for city of Ahmedabad. He suggested that professionals of the city should work out a proposal which can be taken up with the State Government and other bodies for seeking support. He assured that, AMA will extend all possible support for such a cause.

The Keynote speaker Mr. Bhagyesh Jha spoke very eloquently in Gujarati, Sanskrit and English. He said, we need to have libraries every where whether it be physical or virtual. Accessing information should become much more easier and convenient with the availability of new technologies and tools. He emphasized that, Information Literacy has become much more important than ever, as rapid changes are taking place in information domain. He briefly talked about BIG 6 methods used for information literacy.

The inaugural session ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Satish Deshpande.

The seminar was divided in to two technical sessions. The first session was held before the lunch. In this session, four technical papers were presented and four commercial presentations were also made. This session was chaired by Ms. Moumita Bhattachraya, British Library, Ahmedabad.

Mr. H. Anilkumar, Chief Librarian, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad spoke on "Information literacy as a life skill". He said that survival literacies included the six categories that are Core literacy, computer literacy, distance education and e-learning, cultural literacy and information literacy. He also said about need and objectives of IL programmes, IL standards and indicators, Life cycles of IL and suggested tips of IL. IL example online and IL Web resources were also described by him.

Dr. Gayatri Doctor of ICFAI Business School (IBS), Ahmedabad in her paper entitled "Information Literacy at a Management Institution; A Case Study on the Summer Internship Project Reports System" described tool literacy and resource literacy in present times. She described her experiences of the importance of Summer Internship Projects in Management Education in the ICFAI Business School (IBS), Ahmedabad. Mentioning about the Summer Internship Project Reports Digital Library Project she said that the project enables sharing and learning information literacy and provides faculty and students an insight on various aspects. An Information technology tool, open source software has been used for the development of the digital library by the IBS.

Need for the IL was stressed in the presentation "Libraries as Catalyst of Information Literacy the Benefits & Outcomes" by Mr.Suresh Narayanan of The Institutions of Engineering & Technology, Bangalore. He narrated basic stages in achieving IL, standards of literacy, Channels to propagate IL and also showed how resource literacy can be achieved. Mention was also made about benefits & outcomes of the IL.

Dr. P. Lalitha, Librarian of Institute of Pharmacy and I/c Librarian at Institute of Science, Nirma University of Science & technology, Ahmedabad in her paper "Information Literacy Programmes: Building a new Service Module for Academic Libraries" stressed the need for Information Literacy in present scenario. Depicting models of IL, she mentioned her experiences of Information Literacy Programme at Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University of Science & technology. She stressed upon the great need to conduct IL programme to enable the users understand and recognize information needs and make use of authentic information available in different formats.

In the second technical session held immediately after the lunch, two technical papers were presented and also presentations by INFLIBNET and ADINET were made. Another commercial presentation was also held during this session. This session was chaired by Mr. Shailesh Yagnik, Librarian, MICA.

A paper entitled "Essential Understanding of Information Literacy (IL) for Successful School Libraries" was presented by Mrs. Rashmi T. Kumbar. She described the need and importance of IL in school libraries. She also said that there is a strong need to teach IL skills in school libraries and when this should be taught. Mentioning about where to start and look up to for developing an IL programme, she narrated the framework for IL for a school library and said that Students were the ultimate beneficiaries of the IL in school libraries. She concluded her paper stating that ADINET as a city based network needs to introduce workshops or training programmes for school librarians with the concept of imparting IL skills as part of the school curriculum.

Participants, attending the Seminar

Mrs. Geeta G. Gadhvi, Sr. Lecturer and Coordinator (I/c) DLIS, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad presented her paper "Digital Information Literacy Programme for the Users of Gujarat University Library". She described that there is a strong need for library professionals to develop ICT skills in order to provide efficient library and information services to their clientele. She presented the case study of Gujarat University Digital Information Literacy Programme (DILP). She mentioned about the main objectives of the Digital Literacy Programme for Gujarat University Library Users and the beneficiaries of DILP. In relation to the IL programme, she said that Gujarat University Library will be well-equipped with Digital Resources so as to cater to the users in a better manner.

At the concluding session, Dr. T. S Kumbar, DA-IICT, presented summary of entire day's proceedings. Also, he read out recommendations prepared based on the days proceedings and deliberations for consideration of the house.

Recommendations

- Initiate a systematic campaign to create awareness among the librarians about the need, importance of IL & the impact that the IL can make on a user.

- Organize intensive workshops & training program for librarians to impart the necessary skills to equip themselves to initiate IL programs in respective libraries (Involve Users – Faculty/Research Students).

- Adapt suitably various national & international IL standards & tools and design frame work for IL program for Academic, public, research & school libraries.

- Compile & place on Adinet website the best practices of IL followed in different libraries in Gujarat.

- Compile and create an online "Guide to Resources on Information Literacy" and make it available through Adinet website.

- Identify, recognise, reward and promote the best & innovative IL program delivered by member libraries, so that others can follow and implement suitably in their libraries.

- Facilitate development of subject, resource and service specific IL programs for it's member libraries

Dr. Manish Pandya and Ms. Renuka Dave acted as rapporteurs for the seminar and Mrs. Shweta Pandya anchored the program.

Reported by Dr. T.S.Kumbar & Dr. Manish Pandya

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