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WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE NLDSB

- ◆ **Workshop on organization of library material for the school librarians of the Kalutara district.**
14-15. 05.2005.
- ◆ **Workshop for users of the National Union Catalogue** 02.06.2005.
- ◆ **Training programme on ICT for public librarians of the North Western Province** 26-27. 02.2005.
- ◆ **Training programme for pirivena librarians of Uva Province**
09-12. 03.2005
- ◆ **Training programme on conservation and preservation of library material**
02-04. 03.2005.



*Training programme on ICT
09-11.02.2005*

NATIONAL READING MONTH 2005 INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony of the National Reading Month 2005 was held at the NLDSB on 23.06.2005. The awarding of prizes and certificates to the institutions which carried out 2004 - reading promotion programmes at regional level also took place at this ceremony.

A CIRCULAR ON REGIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL READING MONTH

An advisory circular on the activities to be carried out during the National Reading Month 2005 was sent to all Commissioners of Local Government, Provincial Secretaries of Education and Provincial Directors of Education, Heads of the Departments and Librarians on June 2005.



*Training programme on
conservation - 02-04.03.2005*

BOOK EXHIBITIONS

The NLDSB organised an exhibition of biographies of national heroes from 28th to 30th April 2005 at the NLDSB. Another book exhibition to mark the literary festival of Monaragala district was conducted from 26th to 23th June 2005 at the Youth Services Centre, Monaragala.

TSUNAMI NEWS

TSUNAMI AFFECTED LIBRARIES

A large number of libraries have been affected by the Indian Ocean Tsunami occurred on 26th December 2004. According to available information 70 public libraries, 11 temple libraries and 08 special/Institution libraries have been destroyed or damaged by the Tsunami. In addition, 182 schools have been damaged. Most of these schools had libraries too. The NLDSB has launched a special programme in association with UNESCO, SLLA and other organisations to assist the tsunami affected libraries. For further information please refer the NLDSB web site www.natlib.lk.

TSUNAMI AFFECTED LIBRARIES IN SRI LANKA - PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

A photographic Exhibition on the theme "Tsunami affected libraries in Sri Lanka" was held from 4th March to 4th April 2005, at the Exhibition Centre of the National Library of Sri Lanka. This exhibition was organized by the Library Development Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB).

TSUNAMI SEMINARS

Three seminars have been conducted under the theme **Tsunami affected libraries in Sri Lanka: What next?** By the NLDSB

Seminar 1 - Rebuilding the Tsunami affected school library sector - on 05.04.2005
41 librarians participated at the seminar

Seminar 2 - Rebuilding the Tsunami affected public library sector on 06.04.2005
59 librarians participated at the seminar



The Seminar on tsunami affected school library sector 05.04.2005

DISTRIBUTION OF LIBRARY FURNITURE AND BOOKS TO TSUNAMI AFFECTED LIBRARIES

- ◆ Sets of library furniture and books have been donated to 4 school libraries and 6 public libraries on 05.04.2005 by the NLDSB
- ◆ Further sets of library furniture and books have been donated to 5 school and 5 public libraries on 23.06.2005. 33 participants including librarians, Chairmen, secretaries of the local authorities participated at the seminar.

NEW ICT TRAINING UNIT OF THE NLDSB

A new ICT training unit of the NLDSB was ceremonially opened by Hon. Vijitha Herath, Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage on 04.01.2005



SLSTINET

- ◆ Two training programmes on basic application of the WINISIS software was conducted in January and May 2005 respectively. 14 library professionals attended these programmes. The NSF organised the programme
- ◆ Mrs. Renuka Sugahadasa, Information officer of NSF attended a training programme on digital library software at the Indian Statistical Institute in Bangalore, India from 3th to 8th March 2005.
- ◆ Two seminars on Digital Library and Health Information Resources were conducted at the NSF on 25th February and 12th May 2005 respectively.
- ◆ Mr. Pradeep Kumar from Elsevier publishers, India conducted a workshop on Science and Technology databases including the scopus database on 30th May 2005. About 75 librarians and scientists in the country attended this workshop. Scopus is one of the largest Abstracting and Indexing databases on Science and Technology literature.
- ◆ A Seminar was organised by the National Science Library and Resource Centre of NSF for SLSTINET member librarians and information professionals on 28th April 2005 at the NSF auditorium.

EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

THE 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Theme : Implementing strategies and sharing experiences

Duration : 12-15 December 2005
Bangkok, Thailand

Organised by : Asian Institute of Technology, Thai Library Association, Chulalo-

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COGNITION AND EXPLORATORY LEARNING IN DIGITAL AGE

Duration : 14-16 December 2005

Organised by : International Association for Development of the information Society

Venue : Porto, Portugal

URL : www.ladis.org

9th WORLD CONGRESS ON HEALTH INFORMATION AND LIBRARIES

Duration : 20-23 September 2005

Organised by : BIREME / DAHO WHO and Brazilian Ministry of Health

Venue : Salvador, Bahia Brazil

URL : www.icmia.org/

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIAN SHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Duration : 8-12 July 2005

Venue : Hong kong

Organised by : International Association of School Librarian ship

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR
INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE
PROFESSIONALS**

Duration : 13-15 November 2005

Venue : Singapore

Organised by : National Library Board
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