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#### TSUNAMI NEWS

 Agreements were signed to provide financial assistance from UNESCO/IFAP to repair and lease the buildings for the following tsunami affected libraries.

#### Repair of buildings

Hambanthota public library
Kudawella public library,
R. Setar De Soysa Memorial library
Panama public library
Akkarai Pattu public library
Nilaweli Public Library
Chinnaulai public library
Kalawanchikudi public library
Kaludavale public library
Kaththankudi public library

#### Leasing of building

Kathaluwa public library

Mullaitive public library

Veragoda public library

Wellabada Branch library

- Financial assistance of Rs 173, 762 was provided from UNESCO/ IFAP fund to the Archives Department to conduct a survey on government documents damaged due to tsunami disaster.
- Habaraduwa public library reconstructed by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association under the guidance of NLDSB was opened for the public on 18.02.2006

- 41 book boxes were received from Book Aid International of UK to be distributed among tsunami affected libraries. The NLDSB plans to distribute these as indicated.
- A training programme for librarians of tsunami affected libraries and community development officers was conducted from 06 to 08 April 2006.
- A training programme for school librarians of tsunami affected libraries was held by the NLDSB in collaboration with NILIS from 03-05 May 2006.
- A training programme on library management and ICT for librarians of tsunami affected libraries in Northeast province was held from 03 to 05 May 2006 by the NLDSB in collaboration with SLLA.



Donation of books to a tsunami affected library

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## SEMINAR ON NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

A seminar on national library resources and services was held for the researchers of the Open University of Sri Lanka on 05.05.2006. About 60 researchers of the university participated this seminar. Mrs. Wathmanel Senavirathna, Mr. G.D. Amarasiri, Mrs. Amara Nanayakkara, Mrs. Jasintha Senavirathna and Mrs. Senani Bandara served as resource persons. This is the fourth seminar of the seminar series conducted for researchers of universities.



**Open University Seminar** 

#### **NATIONAL READING MONTH 2006**

A calander containing information on the NLDSB and reading promotion project was printed this year and distributed to government institutions and libraries.

A leaflet which includes information on programmes to be implemented during National Reading Month in 2006 was prepared. An advisory circular regarding the implementation of reading promotion programmes during National Reading Month 2006 was sent to public, school, pirivena and cultural centre libraries.

### THE CDNLO MEETING AND THE CONSAL-2006

The Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLO) and the Nineteenth General Conference of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) was held from 26 to 30, March 2006 in Manila, Philippnes. Mr. W S Punyawardana, Deputy

Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated the conference.



A session of the conference

## WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

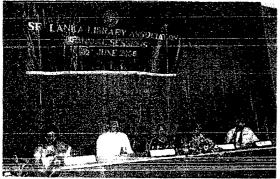
A workshop on National Union Catalogue was held on 13.06.2006 at the NLDC. Librarians of 20 subscribing libraries participated this workshop. The main objective of this workshop is to resolve the technical problems encountered in sending data to the National Union Catalogue by subscribing libraries. Mr. N U Yapa and Mrs. Nalini Mallawaarachchi, Deputy Director of the National Library and Documentation Centre served as resource persons.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (NACLIS) 2006

The Sri Lanka Library Association conducted the National Conference on Library and Information studies (NACLIS) on 29.06.2006 at BMICH, Colombo. The chief guest in the inauguration ceremony was Mr. Preethi Perera, Secretary General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNIESCO.

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 30th June 2006 at the BMICH. Hon DM Jayarathna, Minister of Post. Telecommunications and Udarata Development was the chief guest.



SLLA annual sessions

### N L D C NEW PIBLICATIONS SRI LANKA PERIODICAL ARTICLE INDEX 2006-1

This issue of Sri Lanka Periodical Article Index covers the period from January to April 2006. This quarterly publication covers periodicals published in Sinhala, Tamil and English. The index contains bibliographic information on 1001 articles.

# SRI LANKA NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY (RETROSPECTIVE) 1911-1920 AND 1921-1930

Sri Lanka National Bibliography (Retrospective) covers Sinhala publications from 1911-1920. Only the Sinhala publications published during the releveant period are included in this bibliography. It consists of (1) subject section (2) author, title index and (3) subject index. Sri Lanka National Bibliography Retrospective (English) covers publications from 1921 to 1930.



#### **AUTHORITY LIST OF TITLES**

The Bibliographical Services Division of the NLDC has commenced compiling Sri Lanka authority list of titles. The Authority list of Sri Lankan authors was published last year. The objective of this project is to assist librarians in cataloguing activities. The first part of the authority list covers books published from Anuradhapura period to Kotte period. NLDSB has appointed a committee comprising Prof. K N O Dharmadasa, prof. Jayasiri Lankage, prof. Ratna Wijetunga, Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe and Mr. M S U Amarasiri for the task, Mrs. Amara Nanayakkara, Head National Bibliographical Services Division acts the Secretary of the committee.

#### "VIDYARATHI" JOURNAL

The Alumni Association of Department of Library and Information Science of University of Kelaniya launched the Scholarly journal "Vidyarthi" on 02.04.2006 at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya.

#### TSUNAMI CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Under tsunami children's books project 15 children's books were published by the National Library and Documentation Services Board in first half of this year. Of these books, 10 books are in Sinhala and 5 books are in Tamil. The objective of this project is to restore the mentality of tsunami affected children in the country.



Tsunami children's books

#### **GENISIS CD SOFTWARE**

According to Mrs Irangani Peiris the CARP library has downloaded Genisis CD (for CD-ROM publishing) software and manual (French Language) from UNESCO website. After studying it developed a CD-ROM interfaces for CDS/ISIS databases (National Agricultural Bibliography). This can be used to distribute its bibliographic databases on CD base from among NARS scientists.

# LIBRARY CONNECT SEMINAR BY NSF

The National Science Foundation (NSF) in collaboration with Elsavier Science Publishers organised a library connect seminar on 17.02.2006 at NSF. The seminar covered the topics such as publishing process, digital resources, 'Science Direct' full text journal database and Scopus data base.

### SEMINAR FOR SLISTINET MEMBERS

The NSF conducted a seminar for SLISTINET members on 03.04.2006 at the NSF. The seminar consisted of lectures on e-money order system, Sinhala and Tamil e-mail communication system, Emerging Technological Trends in Libraries and 'Helawadana' - Sri Lanka unicode compatible software.

#### FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS: 73rd IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL

Theme : Libraries for the future

Progress, Development

and partnership

Duration : 19-23 August 2007

Venue : Durban, South Africa

Tel : +31703140884

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E-mail : ifla@ifla.org

URL: www.ifla.org/

#### SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONCEPTIONS OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Organised by: Swedish School of Library

and Information Science

Duration: 13-16 August 2007

Venue : Boras, Sweden

Tel : +46(0)33-435/42687

Email: rebecca.landme@hb.se

URL: www.hb.se/colis/

#### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL **LIBRARIANSHIP** ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Cyber space, D-world,

E-learning: Giving libraries and

schools the cutting edge

Duration

Theme

16-20 July 2007

Venne

Taipeil, Taiwan

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www.iasl.slo.org/

#### 10th INTERLENDING AND DOCUMENT SUPPLY (ILDS) INTERNAIONAL **CONFERENCE**

Theme

: "Resource sharing for the

future, Building Blocks for

Success"

Organised by

: International Federation of

Library Associations

National Library Board

Singapore

Duration

29-31 October 2007

Venue

Singapore

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: Jenny@singex.com.sg

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: www.nlbconference.com/ilds

#### SAARC DOCUMENTATION CENTRE

SHORT **TERM** COURSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** 

Duration

: May 23 - June 27, 2007

Venue

: New Delhi, India

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