TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NLDSB

(1) Training Programme on Information and Communication Technology, NLDSB, 22-24.02.2007.

(2) Training Programme for Community Library Caretakers of Hambanthota District, International Centre for Training of Rural Leaders, Embilipittiya 23-24.02.2007.

(3) Seminar on Library Advisory Committees and Readers circles for Public Librarians and Community Development Officers of Colombo District, NLDSB, 29.03.2007.

(4) Training programme for Pirivena Librarians of Kalutara District, Kalutara Bhikku Vivekasramaya, 22-24.03.2007.

(5) Training Programme on Information and Communication Technology, NLDSB 29.03.2007

(6) Training Programme on Conservation of Library Material ; NLDSB 08-09.03.2007

(7) Training Programme on Conservation of Library Material, NLDSB 26-27.03.2007

(8) Seminar for Upcoming Writers, NLDSB, 27.03.2007

(9) Seminar for Public Library staff and the Readers Circles of Madadumbara pradeshiya shaba 28.05.2007

An Inauguration of a training programme

An inauguration of a seminar

NATIONAL READING MONTH

The award ceremony of the poster competition conducted to mark the National Reading Month 2006 was held on 15.03.2007 at the NLDSB. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Ariyaratna Hewage, Secretary, Ministry of Education. Ten winners each from the school and open section

received their awards at the ceremony. The award winning posters were exhibited at the exhibition hall of the NLDSB. In conjunction with this ceremony, a lecture on Reading and Intellectual Development was deliverd by prof. Anura Wickramasinghe of the Depratment of Sinhala, University of Colombo.

FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The forum titled 'The friends of the National Library' was formed on 30th March 2007at the National Library. The objective of the forum is to assist the National Library to attain its objectives. About 25 librarians, publishers, writers and academics participated at the first meeting.

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

A seminar on national library resources and services was held for the staff and students of of Makandura Agricultural Faculty of the Wayamba University on 02.02.2007. Mrs. Padma Bandaranayake, Mrs. Amara Nanayakkara and Mrs. Senani Bandara of the National Library served as resource persons.

Another seminar on national library resources and services was held for the researchers of Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) on 27.03.2007. Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Mrs Padma Bandaranayake, Mrs Amara Nanayakkara served as reso.rce persons.

VISIT OF THE KOREAN DELEGATION

A Korean delegation visited Sri Lanka for planning the activities of the training workshop on Preservation of Documentary Heritage in Sri Lanka scheduled to be held in July 2007 in Sri Lanka. This delegation consisted of Dr (Mr) Chan ho CHOI, Presevation Researcher, Preservation Management Team, National Archives and Record Service, Dr. (Mr) Yong Tae CHUNG, Researcher, Conservation Science Division, National Research Institute of Cultural Heritage, Ms. Sunkyung LEE. Programme Specialist Korean National Commission for UNESCO. During their visit they met the senior management of the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the Sri Lanka Memory of the World Committee . They also visited several main libraries in the country including National Museum Library, National Archives, Royal Asiatic Society Library, Kelaniya University Library and Vidyalankara Pirivena Library.

Korean delegation with the senior management of NLDSB

WIPO-ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EMERGING ISSUES OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS

The Wipo-Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium on Emerging issues of Copyright and Related Rights in the library sector was held from 13 to 15 February 2007 in Vientiane-Lao people's Democratic Republic. This symposium was organised by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in cooperation with the government of Lao peoplel's Democratic Republic and with the assistance of the Japan copyright office (JCO). The venue of the symposium was the Lao plaza Hotel in vientiane, Lao PDR. Mr. W. Sunil, Librarian of the NLDSB Participated at the symposium.

A session of the WIPO symposium

RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TSUNAMI AFFECTED LIBRARIES

The furniture and equipments purchased with the financial assistance of UNESCO/IFAP grant were distributed to 11 public libraries in January and February 2007.

The books received under UNESCO/IFAP and BAI assistance were distributed to 31 public libraries in January and February 2007.

The new public library building constructed in Ahangama was ceremonially opened on 08.03.2007.

The books donated by Sri Lankan Librarians Group of New Zealand were donated to following tsunami affected libraries.

(1) Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya - Hikkaduwa

(2) Madampagama Madya Maha Vidyalaya

(3) Balapitiya Siddhartha Madya Maha Vidyalaya

BOOK DONATIONS

From January to June 2007, NLDSB has donated 20,880 books to 319 libraries in the island. The value of the books donated during the period was Rs 2,199,000. In addition 10,031 English books received under the Book Aid International Programme of UK have been donated to 38 libraries.

A NEW BOOK ON CONSERVATION

Mr. D. A. Dharmasena, Library Assistant of the NLDSB has compiled a book titled 'Sanraksanaye Ek Pathikadak'. This book contains information on factors affecting the damage of documents, deacidification of documents, document repair, book binding, etc. This is a useful guide for librarians as well as library science students. This book has been published by the NLDSB.

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SLLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held on 29 June 2007 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The chief guest on the occassion was Dr. S. Namasivayam, Director, Arthur C. Clarke Centre for Modern Technologies. Mr. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniy was elected as the new president of SLLA.

SLLA annual sessions

SLLA WORKSHOPS

The following workshops were conducted by SLLA from January to June 2007.

(1) Regional Workshop on Creating a Digital Library using WINISIS - from 11th to 13th January 2007.

(2) Workshop on Research Methodology on 10th March 2007

(3) Training programme on Audio-visual Material Management and Digital Conversion-from 26 to 27 March 2007.

LAUNCHING OF THE DIGITAL LIBRARY OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The launching ceremony of the Digital Library of the National Science Foundation (NSF) took place on 18 May 2007 at the auditorium of the NSF. The ceremony was attended by heads and representatives of Science and Technology related institutions and librarians in the country. The chief guest on the occasion was prof. Tissa Vitharana, Hon. Minister of Science and Technology. Mrs. Sunethra Perera, Head, National Science Library and Resource Centre, NSF demonstrated the following databases offered through the Digital Library.

♦ NSF Publications database (covering the full text of NSF publications)

♦ SLAAS database (covering abstracts of SLAAS proceedings)

♦ Sri Lanka Science Index (covering full text of selected papers of local scientists)

WORKSHOP ON GREENSTONE DIGITAL LIBRARY SOFTWARE

A workshop on Greenstone Digital Library Software (GSDL), organised by the National Science Foundation (NSF) in association with Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode of Calicut, India was held at the school of computing, University of Colombo from 21-24 March 2007. The objective of the workshop was to make aware library and media personnel in the country on the application of the Greenstone Digital Library Software in building up digital libraries and repositories of scholarly literature. This workshop was sponsored by UNESCO. Mr Preethi Perera, the Secretary General of the UNESCO National Commission for Sri Lanka inaugurated the workshop.

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WINISIS WORKSHOPS

The National Science Foundation under its library development programme conducted two workshops on the basic applications of the WINISIS software on 12th and 13th January and 9th and 10th March 2007 respectively. A total of 19 librarians were trained during the two workshops.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY, KNOWLEDGE AND SOCIETY

Duration	:	18-20 January 2008
Venue	:	Boston, USA
Organised by	:	North Eastern University, Boston
Tel	:	+12173280405
Fax	:	+12173280435
E-mail	:	mail@commonground publishing.com

IADIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-SOCIETY

Duration   :   09-12 April 2008

Venue   :   Algarve-Portugal

Organised by: International Association for Development of the Information Society

Email   :   secretariate@e-society-conf.org

URL   :   www.esociety-conf.org

WORLD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL MULTIMEDIA, HYPERMEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Duration   :   30 June to 04 July 2008

Venne   :   Viena, Austria

Tel   :   757-366-5606

Fax   :   703-997-8760

Email   :   conf@aacc.org

URL   :   www.aace.org/conf/edmedia

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON E-EDUCATION AND E-LEARNING

Duration   :   06-08 February 2008

Venue   :   Cairo, Egypt

Organised by   :   World Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences

E-mail   :   info@wahss,org

URL   :   www.enformatica.org/

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Duration   :   18-20 May 2008

Venue   :   Ontario, Canada

Organised by   :   Information Resource Management Association

URL   :   www.sprott.carletion.ca/conf.irm/index.htm

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE MINING

Duration   :   06-08 February 2008

Venue   :   Cairo, Egypt
Organised by   :   World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology

URL   :   www.enformatika.org/ickm08

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DATA, INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Duration   :   25-27 April 2008

Venue   :   Rome, Italy

Organised by   :   World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology

URL   :   www.enformatika.org/dikm08/

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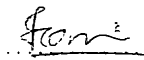
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