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#### TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY NLDSB

- (1) Training Programme for Teacher Librarians of Wilgamuwa Education Zone Wilgamuwa Central College 26-27.02.2008
- (2) Training Programme for Pirivena Librarians of Galle District - Hikkaduwa Sri Janandanarama Pirivena-14-15.02.2008
- (3) Training Programme on Conservation and Preservation for Librarians - NLDSB 26-28.03.2008.
- (4) Training Programme on Information Communication Technology for Librarians-NLDSB 03-05.04.2008
- (5) Training Programme on Information Communication Technology for Librarians-NLDSB 08-10.05.2008
- (6) Training Programme on Information Communication Technology for Librarians 29-31.05.2008
- (7) Training Programme for Pirivena Librarians of Kurunegala and Anuradhapura Districts-Kurunegala YMBA Hall 03-04.06.2008
- (8) Training Programme for Public Librarians of Monaragala District-Buddhi Mandiraya of Monaragala Education Zone-13.06.2008
- (9) Seminar for Officers of Reader Circles of Colombo District-NLDSB 07.06.2008

#### NATIONAL READING MONTH

The award ceremony of the essay and short story competitions held to mark the National Reading Month 2007 took place on 21.01.2008 at the NLDSB auditorium. The special guest lectures were conducted by Dr. Praneeth Abeyundara, Senior Lecturer of the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura and Mr. S. T. Yogarajah, Senior Lecturer of the University of Kelaniya at this ceremony.

The public, school and pirivena libraries which carried out reading promotion activities successfully in regional level were awarded certificates. Book donations were also made to these libraries. The activities to be carried out during the National Reading Month 2008 were discussed and planned during this period

#### NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NLDSB

Mr W K M M K Weerasinghe was appointed new Director General of the NLDSB. He assumed duties of the post of Director General on 06.06.2008. Mr Weerasinghe served as a Senior Lecturer in Library and Information Science in the University of Kelaniya before his appointment.

He obtained his first degree in library and Information Science from the University of Kelaniya and masters degree from Panjab University, India. He has submitted the thesis for his PhD degree to the University of Antwerp,

Belgium under the title "A Comparative study on Leadership and Collaborative role of National Libraries with special Reference to the National Library of Sri Lanka and National Libraries of Europe." Mr Weerasinghe has compiled a number of publications in library and Information Science.



*New Director General assuming duties*

**SAARC BOOK EXHIBITION**

An exhibition of books of SAARC countries was conducted from 22 to 26 April 2008 at the National Library and Documentation Centre. This book exhibition was organised to mark the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Library and Documentation Centre. High commissiners of Pakistan and Maldives, Ambassador of Nepal and a representative of Indian High Commission, Mr E. A. Samarasinghe, Chairman, National Library and Documentation Services Board and a large number of professionals in library and information field participated the inauguration ceremony.



*Inauguration Ceremony of the SAARC Exhibition*

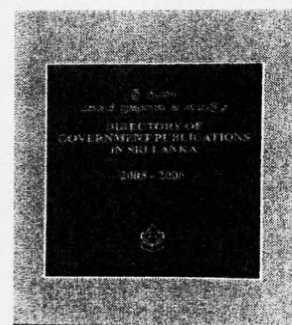
**NATIONAL LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES**

The lectures conducted under the National Library Monthly Lecture Series from January to June 2008 are as follow :

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Mr. Rathna Sri Wijesinghe (January)
- (2) සංගීතය හා ජීවිතය  
Mr. Sudath Samarasinghe, (February)
- (3) පැහැබර හෙට දිනක් උදෙසා ජීවිතයට සාරධර්ම  
Mrs R. S. Gunathilaka (March)
- (4) ජාතික පුස්තකාලයක කාර්ය භාරය  
Prof K N O Dharmadasa (April)
- (5) කලාකරුවාගේ සමාජ වගකීම  
Mr Somarathna Disanayake (May)
- (6) ලෝක අර්බුද හමුවේ රටක් වශයෙන් අප මුහුණ දියයුතු ආකාරය  
Mr Mohan Samaranayake (June)

**DIRECTORY OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS 2005/2006**

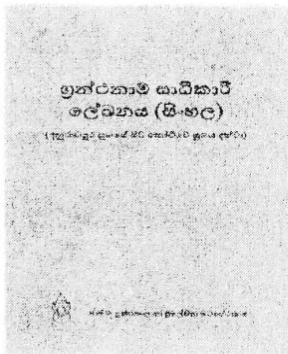
The Documentation Services Division of the NLDC has published the Directory of Government Publications 2005/2006. This Directory includes information on publications such as parliament acts, parliament bills, annual reports, annual plans, statistical hand-book etc. published by government institutions. This Directory includes 628 Sinhala entries and 593 English entries.





**AUTHORITY LIST OF TITLES (SINHALA)**

The Bibliographical Services Division of the NLDC has compiled the Authority List of Titles (Sinhala). This authority list covers the publications from Anuradhapura period to Kotte period. Authority list is a standardised list of book titles which can be used for cataloguing purposes. Authority list is a useful guide for librarians in cataloguing activities and it helps to create a uniformity in cataloguing activities.

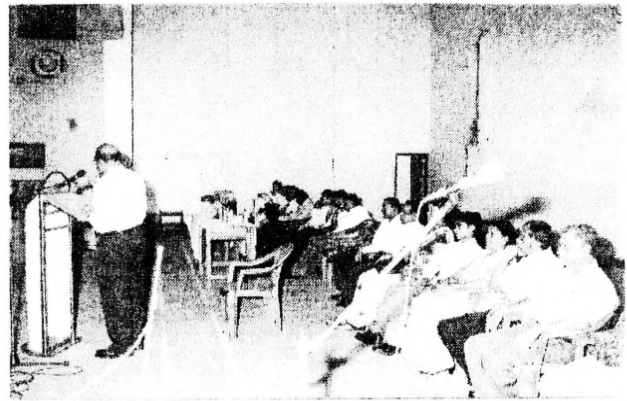


**BOOK DONATIONS**

Donation of books to libraries is a main project maintained by the NLDSB. From January to June 2008, NLDSB has donated books to 394 public school and other libraries. The total value of books donated was Rs. 2, 214,000.

**SEMINAR FOR GRADE FIVE STUDENTS**

The Kesbewa Urban Council Public Library organised a seminar on 17.07.2008 for grade five students who sit for the grade five scholarship examination. These students are members of the Kesbewa Urban Council Public Library. Mr Lenard Karunarathna, Chairman of the Kesbewa Urban Council, members of the Urban Council and other distinguished guests participated the inauguration ceremony. Presentation of awards to the member students of the library who obtained highest marks in the grade five scholarship examination conducted last year also took place on the occasion. About 400 students participated the seminar.



*Section of the students*

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

The Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute auditorium on 25.06.2008. Prof. Sumanapala Galmangoda, Director, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies was the chief guest on the occasion. Mr. Punchi Banda Gallaba, Acting Librarian of the University of Sri Jayawardanepura was elected as the new president of SLLA.





*Annual sessions of the SLLA*

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (NACLIS) 2008**

In conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association, the National Conference on Library and Information Studies was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008. 57 librarians participated the conference. Ms Edwina Smart, Ms I Mudannayake, Ms P K Perera, Ms R A A S Ranaweera, Mr T M Senavirathna, Mr A D H Suraweera, Ms P Wanigasooriya, Dr Watmanel Seneviratna and Mr W A Weerasooriya presented papers in this conference.

## **SLLA SEMINARS**

A seminar on Library and Information Research was conducted at the National Library Auditorium on 09 May 2008. Dr Wathmanel Seneviratna, Ms Shirani Dharmaratna, Mr H M Gunarathna Banda and Mrs Deepali Talagala served as resource persons. The topics of the lectures were as follows :

- (1) Introduction to Library and Information Science Research
- (2) Literature search
- (3) Writing a project proposal
- (4) Funding for Library and Information Science Research

CPD workshop on Current Awareness Products and Services was held at the SLLA from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Mr G R Padmasiri, Mr Kamal Perera, Mrs Pushpamala Perera\* and

Mr Chandrajith served as resource persons. CPD workshop on Planning and Designing Current Awareness Product and Services was conducted at the Open University of Sri Lanka from 30.01.2008 to 01.02.2008. Dr. Watmanel Seneviratna served as the resource person.

Workshop on WINISIS (Basic Applications) for library and information professionals was held on 25 and 26 April 2008. Ms P A S E Perera, Ms A Thennekone and Ms R. P. Sugathadasa served as resource persons.

## **FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

- Theme : Shaping the future of special libraries
- Duration : 26-28 November 2008
- Venue : India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi
- Organised by : Special Libraries Association  
Society for Library Professionals  
Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centres
- Tel : +91-11-43535353
- Fax : 91-11-27667463
- E-mail : [asiansla@gmail.com](mailto:asiansla@gmail.com)
- URL : [www.units.sla.org/](http://www.units.sla.org/)

### **THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (ICDIM 2008)**

- Duration : 13-16 November 2008
- Venue : London
- Email : [conference@icdim.org](mailto:conference@icdim.org)
- URL : [www.informatik.uni-trier.de/](http://www.informatik.uni-trier.de/)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DUBLIN CORE AND METADATA APPLICATIONS**

Duration : 22-26 September 2008  
 Venue : Berlin, Germany  
 Email : neuroth@sub.uni-goettingen.de  
 URL : www.allconferences.com

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ICEIT08)**

Duration : 22-24 October 2008  
 Venue : San Francisco, USA  
 Email : wcecs@iaeng.org  
 URL : www.laeng.org/WCECS2008

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES, INFORMATION AND SOCIETY (ICOLIS) 2008**

Theme : Towards an Information Literate Society  
 Duration : 18-19 November 2008  
 Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
 URL : http://xrl.us/icollis2008

**THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE BOOK**

Duration : 25-27 October 2008  
 Venue : Washington, USA  
 Organised by : Common Ground Publishing  
 Tel : +12173280405  
 Fax : +12173280435  
 Email : mail@commongroundpublishing  
 URL : www.b08.cypublisher.com

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJECT LIBRARIANSHIP**

Duration : 14-16 October 2008  
 Venue : Beijing, China  
 Organised by : Library Society of China Academic Library and BALIS University Net Library of Beijing  
 URL : www.information-literacy.blogspot.com/

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GENESIS**

Duration : 6-9 September 2008  
 Venue : Kerala, India  
 Organised by : Mahatma Gandhi University and Kottayam and Marian College Kuttikkanam  
 Tel : 91-481-2731080  
 Email : Mgulibrary@gmail.com  
 URL : www.genesis.net.tc?target

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