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WORKSHOPS ON COMPILATION OF DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

The Documentation Services Division of the National Library and Documentation Centre conducted four workshops on compilation of documentation sources on 30th June, 02nd September, 11th November and 17th December 2010 respectively. The main objective of this workshop series is to make aware the library professionals about the compilation of documentation sources such as bibliographies, indexes, directories etc. in print form as well as computer databases. Mr. G.D. Amarasiri Director, NLDSB, Miss Janaki Fernando, Library consultant and visiting lecturer in Library and Information science, University of Kelaniya, Mrs. Sunethra Kariyawasam, Librarian of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency and Mrs. Kusum Ekanayake Head, Documentation Services Division of the NLDC served as resource persons.



LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE NORTHERN AND EASTERN PROVINCES

National Library and Documentation Services Board has started a preliminary survey of the libraries in the Northern and Eastern provinces affected by war. Under this survey information on the libraries is being collected through CLGs and Directors of Education of the respective provinces. In addition, observation tours were made to inspect the damaged public libraries in Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Vavunia and Mannar in November and December this year. The damaged libraries in Mullaitivu, Trincomalee and Batticaloa districts are expected to be inspected within the next few weeks.



WINDOW TO CHINA

The National Library and Documentation Services Board opened a China Corner in the

National Library under the Window to China programme with the assistance of the Embassy of the people's Republic of China in Sri Lanka. China Corner consists of books, periodicals and electronic sources on China and in Chinese language. The China Corner was inaugurated on 16th December 2010. Chief guest on the occasion was Mr. Han Tao, Political Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Sri Lanka. Mr. H.M. Gunasekara, Secretary, Ministry of Education participated as the Guest of Honour of the inauguration ceremony. Professionals in the library and information field also participated at the ceremony.



WORKSHOP ON CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

National Library and Documentation Services Board in collaboration with the German Cultural Centre and Department of National Archives conducted a workshop on preservation and conservation of photographic material from 18th to 20th October 2010. Chief resource person of the workshop was Dr. Mogens Koch (academic restorer of photographs) a specialised freelancer and Lecturer at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The content of the workshop included introduction of photographs conservation, deterioration factors in general, deterioration process in general, tropical environmental factors and collection management.

Common problems in photograph collections treatment in general, material and chemical use in conservation processes and storage in general.



NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NLDSB

Mr. Asoka Senani Hewage former Principal of D.S. Senanayake Vidyalaya assumed duties as the Director General of the National Library and Documentation Services Board on 23.09.2010. He is a class 1 officer of the Sri Lanka Education Administration Service.



NATIONAL READING MONTH 2010

The National Reading Month 2010 main national ceremony was held on 3rd November 2010 at the NLDSB. Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,

Minister of Education was the chief guest of the ceremony. National Reading Month 2010 programmes included essay and poster competitions on reading promotion, free membership of the national library, national library visit for school children, book donations etc. In conjunction with the programmes of the NLDSB, other libraries in the country implemented various reading promotion programmes such as conducting lectures, acquisition of books, display of banners, information literacy seminars for children, book exhibitions, launching mobile services etc.... National Reading Month main ceremony was sponsored by Room to Read Sri Lanka organisation.

Development Agency served as resource persons.



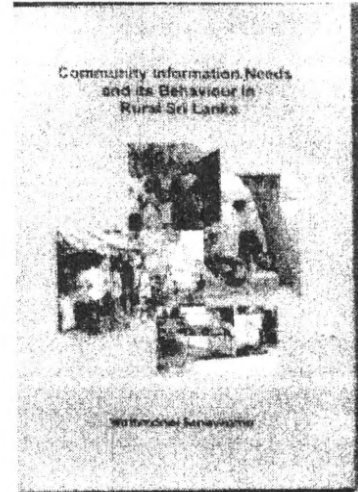
SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

A seminar for the library professionals of libraries which contribute to the National Union Catalogue (NUC) was conducted on 12th December 2010 at the NLDSB. The objective of this seminar was to make aware the library professionals about the importance of the National Union Catalogue and discuss the problems in sending information to the NUC. About 20 library professionals of contributing libraries participated the seminar. Miss Janaki Fernando, visiting lecturer of the University of Kelaniya, Mrs. Sunethra Kariyawasam, Librarian of the National Aquatic Resources Research and

NATIONAL LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

Month	Topic	Resource Person
July	බන්ධනාගාර රැඳවියන් සමාජානුගත කිරීමේදී සමාජයට ඇති වගකීම	Mr. M.B. Ratnayake Commissioner of Prisons (welfare)
August	සට්ටේශික ආහාර සංස්කෘතියේ උරුමය හා එහි අනන්‍යතාවය	Dr. T. Pabilis Silva, Director Mount Lavinia Hotel
September	නූතන සිංහල ප්‍රබන්ධ සාහිත්‍යයේ භාෂා භාවිතය	prof. Rathnasir Arangala University of Sri Jayawardana Pura

October	අධ්‍යාපන සංවර්ධනය සඳහා කියවීම	ආචාර්ය උපාලි එම්. සේදර මහතා, අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල්, ජාතික අධ්‍යාපන ආයතනය
November	රූපවාහිනී වාර්තා වැඩසටහන් සඳහා තොරතුරු වල වැදගත්කම	හේම නලින් කරුණාරත්න මහතා
December	සිනමාව, රසවින්දනය හා වීදු	අශෝක හඳුගම මහතා



POTHGULAILS LIBRARY AUTOMATION SOFTWARE

National Library and Documentation Services Board in collaboration with the Ministry of Education introduced the pothgula library automation software for libraries of national schools. A training programme was also conducted by the NLDSB to train the librarians of national schools which receive this software.

A BOOK ON COMMUNITY INFORMATION NEEDS AND ITS BEHAVIOUR IN SRI LANKA

Dr. Wathmanel Senaviratna, Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka has compiled a book on community information needs and its behaviour in rural Sri Lanka. This book contains information on community information needs of rural Sri Lanka, information provision in rural Sri Lanka etc. This book has been published by the National Library and Documentation Services Board.

NATIONAL LIBRARY VISITS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

National Library and Documentation Centre organised National Library visits for school Children. During July to December 2010, 863 students of 115 schools have visited the National Library. During these visits students get the opportunity to see the national library collections and services and vedio shows on National Library.

LIBRARY MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR LIBRARIANS - MALAYSIA

The library management course for librarians under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme was conducted from 4th to 17th July 2010 in Malaysia. Mrs. Priyanga Bandara, Library Development Assistant of the NLDSB participated the course.

WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES USING OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

The workshop on digital libraries using open source software was conducted at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute from 13 to 17th December 2010. This workshop was organised by the Centre for Development Information, Department of National Pnning, Ministry of Finance

and planning and SAARC Documentation Centre, New Delhi. The objective of the workshop was to support growing needs for learning software which can be useful to build institutional, digital libraries and repositories. The topics covered by the workshop are digital libraries - current trends and status, overview of IR, DL, open source concept and technology overview and installation of Linux, Metadata standards, Open Source software for digital library, Dspace and Greenstone, installation and Administration customisation, OAL - PMH and case studies. Mr. Udaya Prasad Kabral, Document Conservator of NLDSB participated the workshop.

SLLA GOLDEN GUBILEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) conducted an international conference from 6th to 8th October 2010 to mark the 50th anniversary of the SLLA at the Ceylon Continental Hotel, Colombo. Hon. D.M. Jayaratna, Prime Minister participated as the Chief Guest of the inauguration ceremony. Dr. Ellen Tise, president, International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and Hon. John Senaviratna, Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs participated the inauguration ceremony as guests of honour.

The theme of the conference was Libraries Access to information and empowering people. The conference consisted of presentations from senior professionals of Sri Lanka and foreign academics.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES (ICOASL 2011)

Duration : 10 - 12 February 2011

Venue : Tokyo, Japan

Tel : 09899110787

Website : www.goingtomeet.com

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISATION

Duration : 14 - 16 February 2011

Organised by * Management Development Institute

* Indian Association of special libraries and Information Centres

* INDEST - AICTE consortium

* Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi

Venue : India

Tel : +94-121-4560324

Email : a.jose.mdi@gmail.com

Website : www.mdi.ac.in/ICDK/Home.html

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION VISUALIZATION THEORY AND APPLICATION

Duration : 5 -7 March 2011

Venue : Algarve, Portugal

Tel : +351265520184

Fax : +442030145434

Email : ivapp.secretariat@insticc.org

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
INFORMATION RESOURCES MAN-
AGEMENT**

Duration : 12 - 14 June 2011

Venue : Seoul, South Korea

Theme : Services Management and
innovation with IT

Email : Jioh@dankook.ac.kr

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
WIRELESS INFORMATION NET-
WORKS AND SYSTEMS**

Duration : 18 - 21 July

Venue : Seville, Spain

Tel : (+34) 954556817

Email : info - eii@listas.us.es

Website : www.winsys.lcete.org

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
WEB INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND
TECHNOLOGIES - WEBSIT 2011**

Duration : 6 - 9 May 2011

Venue : Noordwijkerhout, the
Netherlands

Tel : +351265520184

Fax : +442030148817

Email : Websitsecretariat@insticc.org

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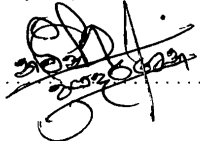
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