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UNESCO WORKSHOP ON INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

The second workshop on Intangible Cultural Heritage organised by the Ministry of Culture and Arts and sponsored by UNESCO was conducted from 10th to 17th March 2013 at the Institute of Co-operative Development, Polgolla. Mr. Wasantha Ekanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Culture and the Arts was the chief guest of the inauguration ceremony. Mr Gamini Senaviratna, the District Secretary of Kandy, Mr. Preethi Perera, Secretary General of Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO. Mrs. H. D. S. Malkanthi the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Culture and the Arts also participated for the inauguration ceremony. Dr. Sajida Vandal of Pakistan and Dr. Rahul Goswamy of India served as resource persons. Mr. Pandula Endagama served as the interpreter and a resource person of the workshop. At the closing ceremony, a set of recommendations were submitted to be considered for implementation.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL SERVICE LIBRARIANS

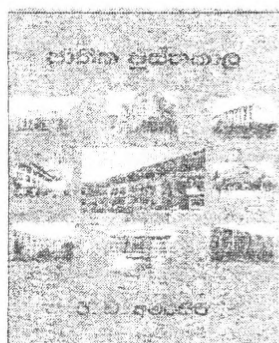
Sri Lanka Library Association organized an one day seminar for librarians of government and provincial service on 18.03.2013 at the auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The theme of the seminar was "Library is the centre of knowledge" Experts in the library and information field served as resource persons of the seminar.

DAYATA KIRULA EXHIBITION

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted an exhibition stall in the Dayata Kirula exhibition conducted in Ampara from 23 to 31st March 2013. In addition books were donated to 94 school libraries and 23 pirivena libraries.

A NEW BOOK ON NATIONAL LIBRARIES

A new book has been published by the National Library and Documentation Services Board titled "National Libraries". The author of the book is Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board. This book includes information on the national library concept, functions of national libraries, National Library of Sri Lanka, problems faced by the National Library of Sri Lanka in its development process and the national libraries in other countries. This book can be purchased from the National Library Book shop, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR LIBRARIANS CONDUCTED BY NLDSB

Following training programmes for librarians have been conducted by the National Library and Documentation Services Board :

1. Training programmes for public librarians of Baticaloa district. 29-30.01.2013
2. Training programme on conservation and preservation of library material 16-17.01.2013

3. Training programme on Information Communication Technology for librarians 29-30.01.2013
4. Awareness seminar for rural public library caretakers 15.02.2013
5. Training programme for Record Room keepers. 24-28.02.2013
6. Training programme on Information Communication Technology for Librarians 28.02.2013-01.03.2013
7. Training programme for Pirivena Librarians of Western Province 14-15.03.2013
8. Training programme for Record Room keepers 5-6 March 2013
9. Training programme for Record Room keepers 19-20 March 2013

MARTIN WICKRAMASINGHE ESSAY COMPETITION

National Library Friends organisation in collaboration with the National Library and Documentation Services Board and the Martin Wickramasinghe Trust, organized an essay competition on veteran author Martin Wickramasinghe. This competition was conducted among the school children in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages. The objective of the competition was to promote reading habit among school children. The prize giving ceremony of this competition was held on 22 February 2013 at the auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board.

23rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a number of programmes to mark the 23rd anniversary of the National Library. They are as follows :

The main ceremony of the anniversary was held on 9th May 2013 at the National Library auditorium. Chief guest on the occasion was Hon. Duminda Disanayake, Minister of Education Services.

Conducting a religious ceremony and an all night pirth ceremony in 29.04.2013

Conducting a books and information exhibition from 9 to 12 May 2013.

Conducting two training workshops for national library staff on 24th and 26th April 2013.

Conducting the National Library Memorial Lecture on 23.05.2013. The topic of the lecture was "Contribution of the National Library in National Development" The lecture was delivered by Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe of the Department of Library and Information science, University of Kelaniya.

Providing the free membership of the National Library during the week in which anniversary celebrations were conducted

Making aware the Sri Lankan community about the resources and services of the National Library through media

WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Library Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board organised one day workshop on library research methodology for library professionals on 27.06.2013 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The objective of the workshop was to make aware the library professionals on library research methodology. Mr. H. M. Gunarathna Banda, former Assistant Director General of the National Institute of Education, Dr. Swarna Ukwatta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board served as resource persons.

WORKSHOP ON DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION (DDC)

The Department of Library and Information science, University of Kelaniya organised an one day workshop on new trends in Dewey Decimal Classification at the University of Kelaniya on 14th May 2013. The topics covered in the workshop were new trends in Dewey Decimal Classification with special reference to 22nd and 23rd editions, new trends in Dewey Decimal Classification, composition of subject headings and the role of the Dewey Decimal Classification in computer Environment. Prof. M. P. Satija of the Gurunanak University Panjab, India, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe and Mr. J. A. Amaraweera served as resource persons.

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Library and Information Science Department of the University of Kelaniya in collaboration with the Special Students' Association of the Library and Information Science Department conducted a workshop on research methodology in the Department of Library and Information Science on 10.06.2013. The workshop was organised in preparation for a survey intended to be done by the Department of Library and Information science from 17th to 20th June 2013 at the public library and the provincial council area of Wakare in Eastern Province to identify the information needs of the residents of the area.

NEW COURSES ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Department of Library and Information science of the University of Kelaniya is going to introduce two new courses to mark the 40th anniversary of the Department of Library and Information Science. The two courses are the "Postgraduate Diploma Course in Library and Information Science for Education" and the "Diploma course on Information Literacy and Information Communication Technology". The inauguration of the course on Information Literacy and Information Communication Technology will take place on 15th September under the patronage of Prof. Sarath Amunugama, Vice Chancellor and Prof. A. H. M. H. Abayarathna, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. University of Kelaniya.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE : THE FUTURE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES

Duration : 9 – 11 November 2013
 Venue : Zagreb.Croatia
 Theme : Information Sciences and e-society
 Email : infuture@infoz.hr
 Website : <http://infoz.ffzg.hr/infuture>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Duration : 1- 2 November, 2013.
 Venue : Montreal, Canada
 Organised by : Association of Information Science and Technology
 E mail : meetings@asis.org
 Website : www.asis.org/conference/lckm

**3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ADVANCED INFORMATION SYSTEM.
E-EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Duration : 2-3 November 2013
Venue : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Organised by : Open Learning Society
Email : info@icaised.com
Website : www.icaised.com/

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
WORKSHOP ON KNOWLEDGE
DISCOVERY, KNOWLEDGE
MANAGEMENT AND DECISION
SUPPORT**

Duration : 6-8 November 2013
Venue : Mazatlan, Mexico
E mail : euveka2013@udo.mx
Website : [www.posgrado.und.
mx/eureka2013](http://www.posgrado.und.mx/eureka2013)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
NETWORK AND INFORMATION**

Duration : 2-3 November 2013
Venue : Macan, China.
Organised by : International Association of
Computer Science and
Information Technology
E mail : icni@lacsit.com
Website : www.icni.org

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
ASIA – PACIFIC DIGITAL LIBRARIES**

Duration : 9-11 November 2013
Venue : Bangalore, India
Organised by : International school of
Information Management
Tel : + 91-821-2514699
Fax : + 91-821-2519209
E mail : office@isim.ac.in

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SOFTWARE AND INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT**

Duration : 2-5 November 2013
Venue : Macan- China
E mail : icsim@iacsit.com
Website : www.icsim.org

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN
THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY**

Duration : 19-20 December 2013
Venue : Chandigarh, India
Tel : 07124090900
E mail : suman.nandi@chitkara.edu.in
Website : www.ieee.org/conferences

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SECURITY OF INFORMATION AND
NETWORKS**

Duration : 26-28 November 2013
Venue : Aksaray - Turkey
Tel : + 90212 705 62 23
Fax : +90212 284 6999
E mail : travel@nonreturizm.com
Website : www.monreturizm.com

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
DIGITAL LIBRARIES**

Duration : 27-29 November 2013
Venue : New Delhi
Organised by : Enegy and Resource Institute
Tel : (+9111)24682100
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E mail : mailbox@teri.res.in
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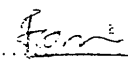
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