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Newsletter on Library and Information activities in Sri Lanka

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### NATIONAL READING MONTH 2013

Preliminary activities have been carried out for the National Reading Month programme 2013. National Reading Month programme is conducted in October every year since 2004. following activities have been planned for the National Reading Month - October 2013.

1. Presentation of award for the libraries which have carried out reading promotion programmes successfully in 2012.
2. Presentation of awards of public libraries which were selected as best public libraries in the public library competition.
3. Presentation of awards to public libraries with best library conservation centres
4. Conducting reading camps, seminars and workshops on reading
5. Make aware the Sri Lankan people about the importance of reading through mass media.

6. Obtaining the participation of other libraries in implementing reading promotion programmes
7. Conducting the national ceremony of the National Reading Month 2013 on 29.10.2013 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute auditorium.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY STUDY TOURS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

1. Study tour for 28 students and 07 teachers of Galgammulla Maha Vidyalaya on 25.07.2013
2. Study tour for 88 students and 09 teachers of Ranamure Junior school. 31.07.2013
3. Study tour for 27 students and 2 teachers of Kaluthara Nagoda Maha Vidayala on 01.08.2013
4. Study tour for 37 students and 04 teachers of Holly Family Convent of Bambalapittiya.

### BOOK DONATIONS TO LIBRARIES

National Library and Documentation Services Board donates books to underprivileged libraries in the country. Specially the poor rural libraries are much benefited through these donations. During the period from July to September 2013, National Library and Documentation Services Board has donated 2630 books to 106 libraries in the country. The total value to books donated was Rs. 6,76,475/-

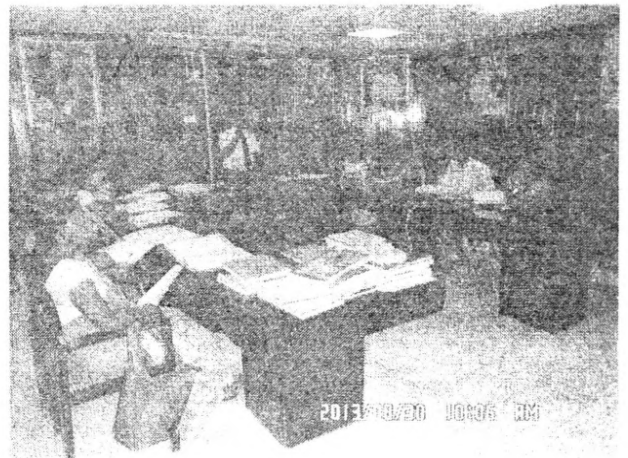
### PROVINCIAL LEVEL SURVEY ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Library Research Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board conducts a provincial level survey on public libraries in Sri Lanka. Under this survey basic information on public libraries are collected and directories are published in provincial basis. As the first step, National Library and Documentation Services Board has published the "Directory of Public Libraries in Western Province" National Library and Documentation Services Board expect to publish directories relevant to all other provinces in the future



### WORKSHOP ON COMPILATION OF DOCUMENTATION SOURCES

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop on Compilation of Documentation Sources on 30 August 2013. The objective of the workshop was to make aware the librarians about the compilation of documentation sources. The workshop consisted of presentations on introduction of documentation sources, compilation of different type of documentation sources database searching and group work. Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director, National Library and Documentation Services Board, Miss. Janaki Fernando, Library Consultant, Miss Chandima Wadasinghe, Mrs. Soma Siriwardana, Mr. Chandana Senavirathna and Mrs Wasantha Lakshmie served as resource persons.



**TRAINING PROGRAMMES  
CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL  
LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION  
SERVICES BOARD**

Training Programme on Documentation  
Conservation and Book Binding 30-31 July  
2013

Training Programme on Documentation  
Conservation and Book Binding 13-14 August  
2013.

Training Programme on Document  
Conservation and Book Binding 21-22 August  
2013

Training Programme on Information  
Communication Technology (ICT) for  
librarians 02-04 July 2013

Training Programme on Book Printing and  
Publication Standards 25-26 July 2013.

Training Programme for Pirivena Librarians of  
Kuruwita Vidyawardana Pirivena 26-28  
September 2013

Training Programme on Conservation of  
Library Materials for Librarians of  
Mawathagama Pradeshiya Sabha 26.09.2013

**COMPETITION FOR THE SELECTION  
OF BEST PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SRI  
LANKA**

National Library and Documentation Services  
Board conducted a competition for the  
selection of best public libraries in Sri Lanka.

The details of the public libraries selected as  
best libraries are as follows.

The best public libraries in Sri Lanka.

1. Jaffna Public Library
2. Navalapitiya Public Library
3. Wariyapola Public Library

**The best Municipal Public Libraries**

Jaffna Public Library (first place)

Moratuwa Municipal Council Public  
Library (second place)

Galle Municipal Public Library  
(third place)

**Best Urban Council public libraries**

Navalapitiya Public Library  
(first place)

Vavniya Public Library (second place)

Balangoda Public Library  
(third place)

**Best Pradeshiya Sabha Public Libraries**

Variyapola Public Library (first place)

Baddegama Public Library  
(second place)

Harispattuva Public Library  
(third place)

**Pradeshiya Sabha Public Libraries which  
received awards in provincial level.**

Demanhandiya Public Library, Katana  
(Western Province)

Wariyapola Public Library  
(North Western Province)

Yatyanthota Public Library  
(Sabaragamuwa Province)

Harispattuwa Public Library  
(Central Province)

Chunnakam Public Library  
(Valikamam – South)  
(Northern Province)

Baddegama Public Library  
(Southern Province)

Chenkalady Public Library  
(Eastern Province)

Bandarawela Public Library  
(Uva Province)

## GRADING OF LIBRARIES

National Library and Documentation Services Board grades libraries in to different grades such as grade III, II, I and supra grade. During the period from July to September, following libraries have been graded as grade III libraries

### Public Libraries

1. Lahugala Public Library
2. Kuruduwatta K. P. de Silva Public Library
3. Ampegama Public Library
4. Kalugasthanna Public Library
5. Hunnasgiriya Public Library
6. Madugalla Public Library
7. Thabalagamuwa Public Library
8. Komari Public Library

9. Pasari Channai Public Library

### School Libraries

1. St Anthony's College Library – Kandy
2. Sadam College Library – Trincomalee
3. Malliyakaithive College Library – Trincomalee
4. Kalaimagal Hindu College Library – Trincomalee

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Duration : 17-18 July 2014

Vanue : Bangkok, Thailand

Tel : +68-28-86528758

Email : [icikm@lacsit.org](mailto:icikm@lacsit.org)

Website : [www.icikm.org/](http://www.icikm.org/)

### 2014 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Duration : 21-23 May 2014

Vanue : Vietnam

Theme : Big Data – Revolutionising  
How we live, work and Think

Website : [www.conf-irm 2013.org](http://www.conf-irm 2013.org).

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF  
INDIGENOUS ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES  
AND MUSEUMS**

Duration : 9-12 June 2014  
 Vanue : California, USA  
 Organised by : Association of Tribal  
Archives, Libraries and  
Museums  
 Email : [atalminfo@gamil.com](mailto:atalminfo@gamil.com)  
 Website : [www.atalm.org](http://www.atalm.org)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE  
METHODS IN LIBRARIES**

Duration : 27-30 May 2014  
 Vanue : Istanbul, Turkey  
 Email : [secretar@isast.org](mailto:secretar@isast.org)  
 Website : [www.isast.org](http://www.isast.org)

**5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL M-LIBRARIES  
CONFERENCE**

Duration : 27-30 May 2014  
 Vanue : Hong Kong  
 Organised by : The open university (UK) and  
The chinese univesity of  
Hong Kong  
 Email : [mllib5@lib.cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:mllib5@lib.cuhk.edu.hk)  
 Website : [www.M-libraries-org/](http://www.M-libraries-org/)

**IFLA INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER  
CONFERENCE 2012**

Duration : 4-5 February 2014  
 Vanue : United States  
 Organised by : IFLA Newspaper Section and  
Family Search  
 Email : [bmaclenn@uvm.edu](mailto:bmaclenn@uvm.edu)  
 Website : [www.ifla.org/node/8005](http://www.ifla.org/node/8005)

**2014 INTERNATIONAL OPEN  
REPOSITORY CONFERENCE**

Duration : 9-13 June 2014  
 Vanue : Helsinki Finland  
 Organised by : National Library of Finland  
 Email : [program-chair@googlegroup.com](mailto:program-chair@googlegroup.com)

**APA 2014 INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON DIGITAL  
PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF TRUSTED DIGITAL REPOSITORIES**

Duration : 5-6 February 2014  
 Vanue : New Delhi, India  
 Organised by : Centre of Excellence for  
Digital Preservation, India  
 Email : [director@alliancepermanentaccess.org](mailto:director@alliancepermanentaccess.org)  
 Website : [www.ndpp.in/APA.DPDTR.2014/](http://www.ndpp.in/APA.DPDTR.2014/)

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