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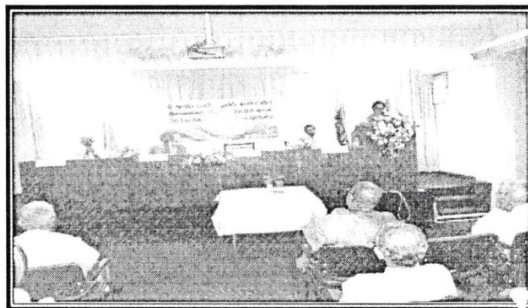
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50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SRI LANKA NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the Sri Lanka National Bibliography on 02.10.2013. The chief guest on the occasion was Mrs. Kanthi Perera, Secretary, Ministry of Education Services. The inauguration ceremony was followed by a seminar on Sri Lanka National bibliography. The seminar covered the areas of national bibliographic services such as national bibliographic tradition in Sri Lanka, the benefits of the national bibliography to its users and automation of the Sri Lanka National Bibliography. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe, Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Mrs. Amara Nanayakkara, Mr. Kavinda Kotuwegedara served as resource persons. A special award was presented in appreciation of service rendered by late Mr. N. Amarasinghe, former Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board to start the Sri Lanka National Bibliography. A commemorative volume was also launched to mark the 50th anniversary of the Sri Lanka National Bibliography.



NATIONAL READING MONTH - 2013

National Library and Documentation Services Board implemented a number of programmes to mark the National Reading Month 2013.

following are the programmes implemented :

1. conducting a press conference to make aware the media about the National Reading Month national ceremony and the survey report on reading habit in Sri Lanka on 25.10.2013 under the patronage of Hon. Duminda Disanayake, Minister of Education Services.
2. Organising national library study tours for school children. 34 schools participated for the programme.

3. Presentation of awards to libraries which implemented reading promotion programmes successfully last year.
4. Presentation of awards to 20 best municipal council, urban council and pradeshiya sabha public libraries.
5. Compilation of a commemorative volume to mark the National Reading Month 2013.
6. Providing free membership of the National Library to 2940 readers.
7. Printing 1000 stickers on the theme of reading.
8. Donation of books to libraries.
9. The National ceremony of the National Reading Month 2013 was held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 29.10.2013. Chief guest in the ceremony was Hon. Duminda Disanayake, Minister of Education Services. Hon. T. B. Ekanayake, Minister of Culture and the Arts was also participated the ceremony.

Organising a special lecture on importance of reading by Prof. Kusuma Karunaratna on 01.10.2013.

UNESCO MEMORY OF THE WORLD TRAINING WORKSHOP IN ASIA PACIFIC REGION

The above workshop was held from 26 to 29 2013 in Phenom Penh, Cambodia. The workshop was Jointly organised by the UNESCO and the Korean National Commission for UNESCO and Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea, with

support from the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of the Kingdom of Cambodia. 10 Asia Pacific countries were selected for this programme and the participants were made aware on how to prepare a nomination on **old**, rare document collections to be submitted to the Memory of the World programme. Mr Udaya Cabral, Head, Conservation and Preservation Division of the National Library and Documentation Services Board participated this workshop.

SAARC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHIVES IN SOUTH ASIA

The SAARC Cultural Centre, Colombo in collaboration with the Department of National Archives conducted the SAARC International Conference on Development of archives in South Asia from 3 to 5 December 2013 at the Department of National Archives, Colombo. The conference was attended by over 100 participants from Bangladesh, Butan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, the USA and the UK. The conference was convened with a view to providing a platform to the key stakeholders in the field of archives and record management in the region to assess their preparedness, share their challenges and problems and learn from the experts for effectively managing their existing and future collections. The chief guest in the inauguration ceremony of the conference was Hon. Jagath Balasooriya, Minister of National Heritage.

BOOK DONATIONS TO LIBRARIES

National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) donates books to underprivileged libraries. During the period from October to December 2013. NLDSB has donated 1924 books to 68 libraries and institutions. The value of the total books donated was Rs. 534585

WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop on Library Research Methodology on 09.12.2013. The workshop was organised by the Library Research Division of the NLDSB. The objective of this workshop series is to make aware the library professionals about the library research methodology. The main areas of library research such as types of research methods, data collecting techniques data analysis and compilation of research reports were covered by the workshop. Mr. H. M. Gunaratha Banda, former Assistant Director General, National Institute of Education, Dr. Swarna Ukwatta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Demography, University of Colombo and Mr. G. D. Amarasiri, Director, National Library and Documentation services Board Served as resource persons.



WORKSHOP ON LIBRARY PEST CONTROL

National Library and Documentation Services Board in collaboration with the German Cultural Centre organised a workshop on library pest control. The workshop was held from 12th to 13th November 2013 at the auditorium of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Colombo. The main objective of workshop was to enhance the capacity of developing strategies for controlling pest in libraries. Identification of library pests, their behaviour signs of pest infestation, pest control methods are the main themes covered at the workshop. About 30 librarians of different libraries in the country participated the workshop. Dr. Pascal Querner of Austria served as the resource person of the workshop.

2013 FORUM FOR ASIA LIBRARY DIRECTORS, CHINA

The National Library of China and the Cultural Department of the people's Government of Yunnan province, China Jointly organised the forum for Asia Library Directors 2013 from 18th to 21st November 2013 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China. The forum was hosted by the National Library of China and Cultural Department, Yunnan province. The representatives from China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, South Korea, Phillipines, Japan Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Brunei, Darussalam, Laos, Mongolia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, USA and New Zealand.

GRADING OF LIBRARIES

National Library and Documentation Services Board has graded following libraries during the period from October to December 2013.

Name of Library	Grade
Seevali Public Library, Colombo	II
Kirulapana Public Library Boralessgamuwa	II
G. H. Perera Memorial Public Library	II
Amunugoda Public Library	III
Horana Public Library	I
Ahangama Public Library	II
Alahera Pradeshiya Sabha Public Library	II
Kahatagasdigiliya Public Library	II
Echchalanpattu Public Library	III
Padiyathalawa Public Library	III
Ampara Public Library	II

**NATIONAL LIBRARY USER
EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR
STUDENTS OF ACADEMY OF ART**

National Library and Documentation Services Board organised a library user education programme for students of the Academy of Art Institution, Bambalapitiya. The user education programme included an introductory lecture on the National Library and a video programme on national library. About 26 students of the Academy of Arts participated the programme.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
INFORMATION RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT**

Duration	: 21-23 May 2014
Venue	: Hochi Minh city, Vietnam
Theme	: Big Data – Revolutionsing How we live – work and think
Email	: levindhanh@tdt.edu.vn
Website	: www.conf-irm.org

**6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON QUALITATIVE AND
QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN
LIBRARIES**

Duration	: 20-30 May 2014
Venue	: Istanbul Turkey
E mail	: secretar@isast.org
Website	: www.isast.org

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATIVE
MANAGEMENT IN ACADEMIC
LIBRARIES IN THE AGE OF NEW
TECHNOLOGY**

Duration : 3-6 June 2014
 Vanue : Shanghai, China
 Organised by : Tongji University and
 American Library
 Association's international
 relation office
 Tel : (001) 631-444-3794
 Email : michael.bhung@storybrook.edu

Website : <http://ic2014.lib.tongji.edu.cn/>

**2014 3rd INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION AND
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

Duration : 17-18 July 2014
 Vanue : Bangkok, Thailand
 Tel : +86-28-86528758
 Email : icikm@iacsit.org
 Website : <http://www.icikm.org/>

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL LIBRARIANSHIP 2014
CONFERENCE**

Theme : The school library in the
 knowledge society : use of
 cognitive technologies form
 creative person
 Duration : 25-30 August 2014
 Vanue : Russian Federation, Moscow
 Email : rula@rusla.ru
 Website : <http://iasl2014.org/>

**5TH INTERNATIONAL M-LIBRARIES
CONFERENCE**

Organised by : The Open University (UK)
 Chinese University of Hong
 Kong
 Duration : 27-30 May 2014
 Email : mlib5@lib.cuhk.edu.hk
 Website : http://m_lib5.lib.cuhk.edu

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
OPEN REPOSITORIES**

Duration : 9-13 June 2014
Venue : Helsinki, Finland
Tel. : +35832330430
Fax : +358207701201
Email : or_2014@tavicon.fi
Website : <http://or2014.helsinki.fi/>

**THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON KNOWLEDGE AND COGNITIVE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES :
KCST 2014**

Duration : 15-18 July 2014
Venue : Florida, USA
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