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### NATIONAL READING MONTH – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2014

The main ceremony of the National Reading Month – 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The theme of the National Reading Month 2014 was “Read Forever”. In this ceremony, awards and certificates were presented to libraries which contributed for the reading promotion for the last ten years and libraries which implemented reading promotion programmes successfully in 2013. In addition, presentation of prizes to the winners of various competitions held in 2014 and presentation of awards to the institutions and individuals contributed for the reading promotion also took place in the main ceremony. The commemorative lecture titled “Time and the Library” was delivered by Prof. Darshana Ratnayake of the

Department of Sinhala, University of Kelaniya. In conjunction with the National Reading Month, a number of other programmes such as organizing reading promotion programmes in regional level, conducting posters, essay and literary criticism competition, printing banners and posters for displaying in libraries, providing free membership of the National Library to the readers, starting an information service for the blind and visually handicapped readers, organizing national library study tours for school children were also carried out. Rotary Club, Battaramulla, Neptune Publications, Lions Club, Pelawatta, Martin Wickramasinghe Trust, Sri Lanka Book Publishers’ Association sponsored for the National Reading Month 2014.



### NILIS SYMPOSIUM – 2014

The National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS) conducted its annual research symposium on 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014. The theme of the symposium was information literacy: Global challenges, Local solutions. 30 papers and eight posters on various topics related to library and information science were presented. Chief Guest on the inauguration ceremony was Prof. Dilgit Singh, Library and Information Technology Department, University of Malaya, Malaysia.



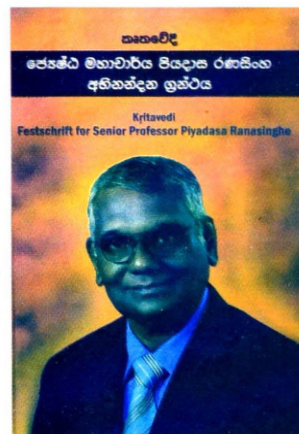
## SEMINAR ON NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

National Library and Documentation services Board conducted a workshop on National Union Catalogue on 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2014. Librarians of libraries which contribute to the National Union Catalogue participated the workshop. Miss Janaki Fernando, Library Consultant and Mrs. Sunethra Kariyawasam, Librarian of the National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency serviced as resource persons.



## PROF. PIYADASA RANASINGHE FELICITATION CEREMONY

The felicitation ceremony of Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya was held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at the J. R. Jayawardana Centre, Colombo 07. The ceremony was held under the patronage of Ven. Valamitiyawe Kusaladamma Nayaka Thero, Chancellor, University of Kelaniya. Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe felicitation volume was also launched on this occasion. In this ceremony, Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe was presented the Asian Library Leader Lifetime Achievement award. The award was presented to Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe by Prof. M. P. Satija of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India.



## WOKSHOP ON DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION FOR LIBRARIANS OF GALLE DISTRICT

National Library and Documentation Services Board conducted a workshop on Dewey Decimal Classification for librarians of Galle district on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The workshop covered the areas such as introduction to Dewey Decimal Classification, auxiliary tables, number buildings, etc. Mr. U. P. Alahakoon, Assistant Librarian of the National Institute of Library and Information Science served as the resource person of the workshop.

## A LECTURE ON PLAGIARISM BY PROF. M. P. SATIJA

Professor M. P. Satija of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India delivered a lecture on "Plagiarism: A Pervasive Unethical Practice". The lecture was delivered at the board room of the Faculty of Social Science, University of Kelaniya on 04<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. A. H. M. H. Abayaratna and other members of the academic staff participated the lecture.

## WORKSHOP ON CURRENT TRENDS OF DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

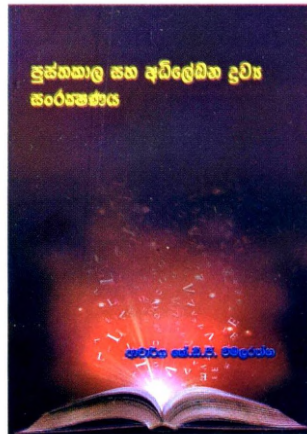
National Library and Documentation Services Board in collaboration with the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya and Sri Lanka Library Association conducted a workshop on Current Trends in Dewey Decimal Classification System on 09<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at the auditorium of the NLDSB. The resource persons of the workshop were Prof. M. P. Satija of the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India and Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe of the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya.





## BOOK ON CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

Dr. K. D. G. Wimalaratna, former Director of the Department of National Archives has compiled a book on the 'Conservation of Library and Archival Material'. This book has been published by the National Library and Documentation Services Board. This book contains information on introduction to library and archival material, historical background of conservation of library and archival material, enemies of library and archival material, environmental problems of conservation of library and archival material, restoration of library and archival material, conservation of books and documents damaged by water and conservation of library and archival material damaged by fire. This is a very useful book for librarians, archivists as well as students of Library and Information Science and Document Conservation.



## LIBRARIES GRADED BY NLDSB

Following libraries have been graded by NLDSB during the period October – December 2014

Name of the Library	Grade
1. <i>Ranjith Nandalal memorial public library, Divlapitiya</i>	III
2. <i>Kiridivela public library, Dompe</i>	II
3. <i>Panchaliya public library, Imaduwa</i>	III
4. <i>Wattegama public library, Wattegama</i>	II
5. <i>Rambukpitiya public library, Rambukpitiya</i>	II
6. <i>Veera Dencil Kobbekaduwa public library, Yatinuwara</i>	II
7. <i>Allauwa public library, Allauwa</i>	II
8. <i>Mawathagama public library, mawathagama</i>	I
9. <i>Sumana Kusumgama public library, Nattandiya</i>	III
10. <i>Arugampe public library, Pottuvil</i>	III
11. <i>Karative public library, Karative</i>	II
12. <i>Kalmunai public library, Kalmunai</i>	II
13. <i>Pethalai public library, Walaichchenai</i>	II

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ASIAN SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Duration : 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
 Venue : Seoul, Korea  
 Organized by : Special Libraries Association  
 Fax : +82428691769  
 E-mail : ksla@ksla.info  
 Website : lcoasl2015.com/

### 60<sup>TH</sup> ILA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMBEDDED LIBRARIANSHIP AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGES OF THE DIGITAL AGE

Duration : 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
 Venue : Chandigarh, India  
 Organized by : A. C. Joshi Library, Pu, Chandigarh and Indian Library Association  
 Tel : +91-0172-2534 551  
 E-mail : 2015.ila.conf@gmail.com  
 Website : <http://lislinks.com/events/60th-ila-international>

### 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADVANCES IN INFORMATION PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Duration : 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
 Venue : Rome, Italy  
 Organized by : Institute of Research Engineers and Doctors  
 Tel : +1-(21)901-3781  
 Fax : +1-(212)901-3786  
 E-mail : ipct@theired.org  
 Web : <http://ipct.theired.org/>

### THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON KNOWLEDGE EXTRACTION AND SEMANTIC ANNOTATION

Duration : 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
 Venue : Barcelona, Spain  
 Fax : 1-302-397-2096  
 E-mail : Annemarie@vicov.com  
 Website : [iaria.org/conference2015](http://iaria.org/conference2015)

**7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE  
METHODS IN LIBRARIES**

Duration : 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Venue : Paris, France  
E-mail : [conf@qqml.net](mailto:conf@qqml.net)  
Website : <http://isast.org/>

**4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
AFRICAN DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND  
ARCHIVES**

Duration : 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Venue : Ghana  
Organized by : Ghana Library Association  
Department of Information Studies  
University of Ghana,  
Ghana Library Authority  
Theme : Strategic Framework and Action  
roadmap for Africa's digital libraries  
and Archives  
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conference/](http://www.wits.ac.za/newsroom/conference/)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
INFORMATION MODELLING AND  
KNOWLEDGE BASES**

Duration : 03<sup>rd</sup> – 06<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Venue : Maribor, Slovenia  
E-mail : [chen@ic.kanagawa-it.ac.jp](mailto:chen@ic.kanagawa-it.ac.jp)  
Website : [tut.filen/ejc](http://tut.filen/ejc)

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON LIBRARY  
AND INFORMATION SCIENCE EDUCATION  
AND RESEARCH**

Duration : 04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Venue : Barcelona, Spain  
Organized by : Faculty of Library and Information  
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E-mail : [liser@ub.edu](mailto:liser@ub.edu)  
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