

KLA National Seminar on New Information Technology Interfaces in Library and Information Centres (NITLIC)

12 - 13 July 2013. Seminar Hall, Kerala State S & T Museum, Thiruvananthapuram

A Report

It gives me immense pleasure to present before you a brief report of the proceeds of the two-day KLA National Seminar held from 12 to 13 July 2013 at Seminar Hall of Kerala State Science & Technology Museum, Thiruvananthapuram.

The seminar on **New Information Technology Interfaces in Libraries and Information Centres** was organized by Kerala Library Association, supported by Raja Rammohun Roy Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata and co-sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), Government of Kerala. It was aimed at reviewing the current scenario of information technology, new strategies for better management of information, ensuring best practices by fully utilizing the ICT systems.

132 professionals working in academic libraries, R & D libraries, corporate libraries, public libraries as well as academicians across the country participated in the two-day national seminar. In addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions there were six technical sessions in all, spread over two days. Each session was chaired by an eminent personality in the library & information science field and had a lead paper presented by an expert. A total of 27 papers were presented on various topics.

Day 1: 12 July 2013 10.00 a.m. - Inaugural Session

The national seminar was inaugurated by **Dr. V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai**, Executive Vice-President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Engineering. Dr. A. Gopikuttan, President, KLA welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by **Dr. G. Balamohanan Thampi**, Former Vice-Chancellor University of Kerala & President, Kerala State Library Council. In his presidential address, Dr. Balamohanan Thampi stressed the importance of libraries and emphasized the need for library professionals and research community to be well acquainted with the latest technology.

Dr Rajasekharan Pillai inaugurated the seminar by lighting the lamp in the traditional manner. In his inaugural address, Dr Rajasekharan Pillai opined that libraries have to expand the range of their resources by fully exploiting the IT to assist in collective learning and social learning. He also emphasized that technology has actually boosted publishing.

The souvenir brought out in connection with the seminar was released by Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai and the first copy was received by Smt. Lalitha Lenin. Smt. Lalitha Lenin, former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala and Dr. K.P. Vijayakumar, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala offered their facilitations. The inaugural session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by Shri S. L. Faisal, General Secretary, Kerala Library Association.

This was followed by the keynote address by **Dr A. Neelameghan**, Former Head, Documentation Research and Training Centre, Bangalore on the topic "*Knowledge Management 2.0 in the Inclusive Knowledge Society Environment*". It set the tone of the seminar. Dr Neelameghan outlined the various dimensions of new ICT systems and stressed the importance of their incorporation in the day to day operations of Library and Information Centres. He also explained about the various web 2.0 tools and the need to preserve indigenous knowledge in order to create inclusive knowledge society.

The technical sessions that followed focused on new ICT systems. The papers presented through six technical sessions were grouped as **Web 2.0 Applications in Libraries, Online Resources and Access Technologies, Software Applications for Information Management, Library Designing in the Digital Era, Human Resource Development in Libraries, and Technology interfaces in Libraries.**

12.00 p.m. – 01.30 p.m. Session 1: Web 2.0 Applications in Libraries

The first session had five paper presentations and was chaired by Prof. C. A. Augustine (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala). Shri. N. Narayanankutty (Scientist SF, VSSC Library) presented the theme paper, where he explained how various Web 2.0 / Lib 2.0 tools can be effectively used to 'inspire patrons' by citing the activities of VSSC Library.

Ms. Resmi Sara Thomas presented the merits and demerits of using social networking sites by children based on a study of users of Kerala State Central Library Children's Section. **Mr. Shihab I.** traced out the areas where social networks can be applied in academic libraries. **Mr. Vimal Kumar V.** presented the findings of a survey that he and **Mr. Anish G.** had conducted to examine the use of 'LIS-Forum', and suggested several new tools/applications/plug-ins to improve the same. **Ms. Divya L. R.** explained different Web 2.0 applications used for managing personal information. **Mr. Arun V. R.** in his study explored the extent of use of library resources and services through Facebook by the users of Kerala University Library.

2.15 p.m. – 03.30 p.m. Session 2: Online Resources and Access Technologies

The second session was chaired by **Smt. Lalitha Lenin** (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala) and the lead paper was presented by **Shri K. Ravindran Asari** (Former University Librarian, M. G. University, Kottayam). Shri Asari traced the history of publishing, digital resources and modern online access technologies.

Five papers were presented in this session. **Ms. Aswathy S.** provided an overview of 'Indian Citation Index'. **Dr. Beena S.** analyzed the contents, nature, access, and technology of 'e-theses and dissertations' database of higher learning institutions in India. **Ms. Jinu S. Rajan** presented the results of the survey of free / open access online information resources in library and information science. **Ms. Manya R. Gopal** gave a picture of the e-resources in Bio-Informatics. **Dr. Sarala K. R.** presented her evaluation of open access journals in library and information science.

04.00 p.m. - 05.15 p.m. Session 3: Software Applications for Information Management

Six papers were presented in the third session on Software Applications for Information Management which chaired by **Dr. K. S. Chandrasekar** (Professor, IMK, University of Kerala). The lead paper was presented by **Shri. M. Varghese** (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala), in which he gave a brief overview of different categories of software used for information management.

Ms. Lijina P. presented the results of a survey on use of search engines by the post graduate students of Kannur University. **Mr. Anandraj K. C.** presented a review of the reference management software 'Zotero'. **Ms. Soumya Rani G. L.** highlighted the features and uses of some popular bibliometric software. **Ms. Seena S. T.** gave an introduction of cloud computing and explained different types and models of cloud computing applications. **Ms. Vrinda J. Benegal** tried to assess different aspects of cloud computing services useful for libraries. **Ms. Midhula Soman V. S.** analysed the contents of web-sites of National Institutes for differently – abled in India that are meant for people who require special attention.

Day 2: 13 July 2013

09.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Session 4 : Library Designing in the Digital Era

This fourth session focused on the theme “Library Designing in the Digital Era”. **Dr. Sreenivasa Raghavan** (Professor & Head, Bharatidasan University, Tiruchirappalli) chaired the session and **Dr. K. P. Vijayakumar** (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala) presented the lead paper. The lead paper highlighted the trends in designing of library buildings from the Middle Ages / Renaissance Period onwards, explaining the different stages of changes in designs.

Five papers were presented in this session. **Ms. Divya P. I.** presented modern trends in green library designs. **Ms. Suma P. B.** proposed a model for establishment of Curriculum Resource Centres to support teacher education programme. **Ms. Chriss Thomas** presented the infrastructure issues and challenges faced by medical college librarians in Kerala. **Mr. Radhakrishnan S.** gave an overview of the Information Commons as a promising model for libraries. **Mr. Satchithanantham S.** presented his views on reference services within digital atmosphere.

11.35 a.m. – 01.30 p.m. Session 5: Human Resource Development in Libraries

The fifth session was chaired by **Shri M. Varghese** (Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kerala). Prof A Sreemurugan (Former Professor and Head, Department of Library and Information Science, Madurai Kamaraj University) delivered an inspiring talk on the importance of human resource development activities in libraries.

Three papers were presented in this session. **Dr. Mehaboobullah K.** introduced the concept of quality of work life and tried analyze its status among the library professionals in Kerala. **Ms. Sabitha Kandu** analysed the approach to the total quality management in e-libraries. **Mr. Rautmale Anand S.** (could not present the paper in Session-1 due to ill-health) explained the impact of Web 2.0 on library resources and services.

02.00 p.m. – 03.45 p.m. Session 6: Technology interfaces in Libraries

The sixth session was chaired by **Shri N. Narayanankutty** (Scientist SF, VSSC Library and presented the lead paper, in which he explained various steps from planning to sign-off involved in implementation of technology in libraries.

Three papers were presented in this session. **Mr. Eldho Joy** presented an overview of the important tools techniques for effective knowledge management in academic libraries. **Dr. Lopita Mukherjee** presented a model for application of ICT in school

libraries. In the final paper presentation of this seminar **Dr. Suresh Kumar P. K.** gave an excellent overview of mobile technology for providing library services.

04.00 p.m. – 05.00 p.m. Valedictory Session

The valedictory session was inaugurated by **Dr. Pulapre Balakrishnan**, Director, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram. In his address; Dr. Balakrishnan opined that research community and non-library professionals usually take librarians for granted, without understanding the noble work done by them day by day. He was also of the view that government should take interest in modernizing the public library systems with the help of ICT so that common man is greatly benefitted. He also gave away the Best Paper Award to Ms. Resmi Sara Thomas and Dr. Beena S.

Shri. N. Parameswaran, former Deputy Librarian-in-charge, Kerala University Library welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by **Dr. A. Gopikuttan**, President, Kerala Library association. **Dr. P. Mohanachandran Nair**, Syndicate Member, University of Kerala offered felicitation. The valedictory session came to a close with vote of thanks proposed by **Shri N. Sukumaran Nair**, Former State Librarian, Kerala.

Corporate presentations

These were presentations by four corporates, namely M/s Digi Systems, Elsevier Publishers, ProQuest India and Rapid Radio Solutions during the two-day seminar.

Conclusion

Resolutions are being framed and would be intimated to the participants in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of my team **Dr. Beena S, Dr. Nair Remadevi Appukuttan, and Ms. Divya P. I.** who helped me tremendously in compiling this report.

Thank you,

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