ILA Newsletter

Organ of the Indian Library Association

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Andhra Pradesh Library Association organised an All India Library Meeting in 12 November 1912 in Madras. This meeting lead to the forming of Indian Library Association. Later ILA declared 14 November as National Library Day. Since 1968, 14–20 November has been celebrated as National Library Week all over India and various programs are organised to let the public know about the libraries.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS

Dear Professionals

News from different regions/states are solicited from ILA members and other LIS Professionals for inclusion in the newsletter. News from 26th of previous month to 25th of current month (Ex: 26th July to 25th August) with photographs and brief reports may kindly be sent to ilanewslettereditor@gmail.com on or before 26th of current month.

The news includes, success stories, important and significant current affairs, organisation of functions, conferences, seminars, webinars, planned future events, appointments/career advancements, awards, achievements, obituaries, noteworthy readings, forgotten writings, rare pictures, book reviews etc.

Seeking cooperation from all professionals.

Editor

How Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are Transforming Libraries services

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Library science is an emerging field that is constantly incorporating new technologies to improve its services and operations. This is an explanation of a new library science technique. By enhancing several facets of library services and resource management, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) have completely transformed librarianship.

Improve cataloguing: These innovations enable libraries to Boost Cataloguing Accurately classifying and labelling library resources is made easier by the automation of metadata management and cataloguing processes using AI and machine learning.

Improve user experience: Boost user satisfaction Recommendation systems make relevant content suggestions using AI to boost user engagement.

Understanding user behaviour: Recognizing user behaviour by analysing user interactions, machine learning creates collections and services that are customized to the preferences of the user.

Facilitate natural language conversations: Encourage talks in natural language Virtual assistants and AI-powered catboats help users with inquiries and navigation.

Enable text and data analytics: Turn on data and text analytics. Large text databases can be mined for information using these technologies, which aids in resource organizing and study.

Ensuring digital preservation: Preserving digital information by identifying preservation concerns in digital resources, machine learning helps to safeguard priceless content.

Optimize collection growth: Maximize growth in collections. Artificial intelligence informs resources and assists in identifying gaps and trends.

Optimized Search: enhanced Users gain from Search ML's increased search accuracy in library catalogue searches.

Automated text summaries: Autonomous text summarization Summaries produced by AI assist users in rapidly determining the value of various resources.

Digitization: Digitalization Artificial intelligence-powered OCR digitizes printed materials and opens them up digitally.

Metadata enrichment: Enhancement of metadata Discoverability is increased by resource metadata that is enhanced by AI and machine learning.

Security: While safeguarding library resources, security AI enhances access management and security. With the use of these technologies, libraries can adjust to the demands of the digital era and offer more effective, user-centred services while making well-informed choices on resource growth and management. AI and machine learning's place in library science is continually growing, with even more cutting-edge uses to come.

The Impact of Mobile Technology on Library Services

The impact of mobile technology on library services has been profound, transforming the way libraries function and how patrons access and interact with information. Here are some key points highlighting this impact:

Access to Information Anytime, anywhere: Mobile technology, particularly smartphones and tablets, has made it possible for library users to access digital resources and library catalogs from anywhere with an internet connection. This has greatly increased the convenience of library services, allowing users to search for and access materials without being physically present in the library.

Digital Libraries and eBooks: Mobile technology has facilitated the growth of digital libraries and the availability of eBooks. Users can borrow and read eBooks on their mobile devices, eliminating the need for physical book loans. This has expanded the reach of library collections and made them more accessible to a broader audience.

Mobile Library Apps: Many libraries have developed their own mobile apps, allowing patrons to perform tasks such as searching the catalog, renewing items, and accessing library resources seamlessly. These apps enhance user engagement and provide a more user-friendly experience.

Interactive Learning and Engagement: Mobile technology has enabled libraries to offer interactive learning experiences, such as educational apps, multimedia content, and online courses. Libraries can also use social media and messaging apps to engage with their patrons and promote events and services.

Virtual Reference Services: Libraries have adopted virtual reference services, including chat and email support, which can be accessed via mobile devices. Users can receive assistance and information on the go, making it more convenient to get help with research and other library-related queries.

Location-Based Services: Mobile technology allows libraries to offer location-based services, such as push notifications about upcoming events or available resources when a user is physically near the library. This enhances the user experience and encourages more frequent library visits.

Enhanced Communication: Libraries can communicate with their patrons more effectively through mobile technology. They can send reminders, updates, and notifications about due dates, new acquisitions, and upcoming events, keeping users informed and engaged.
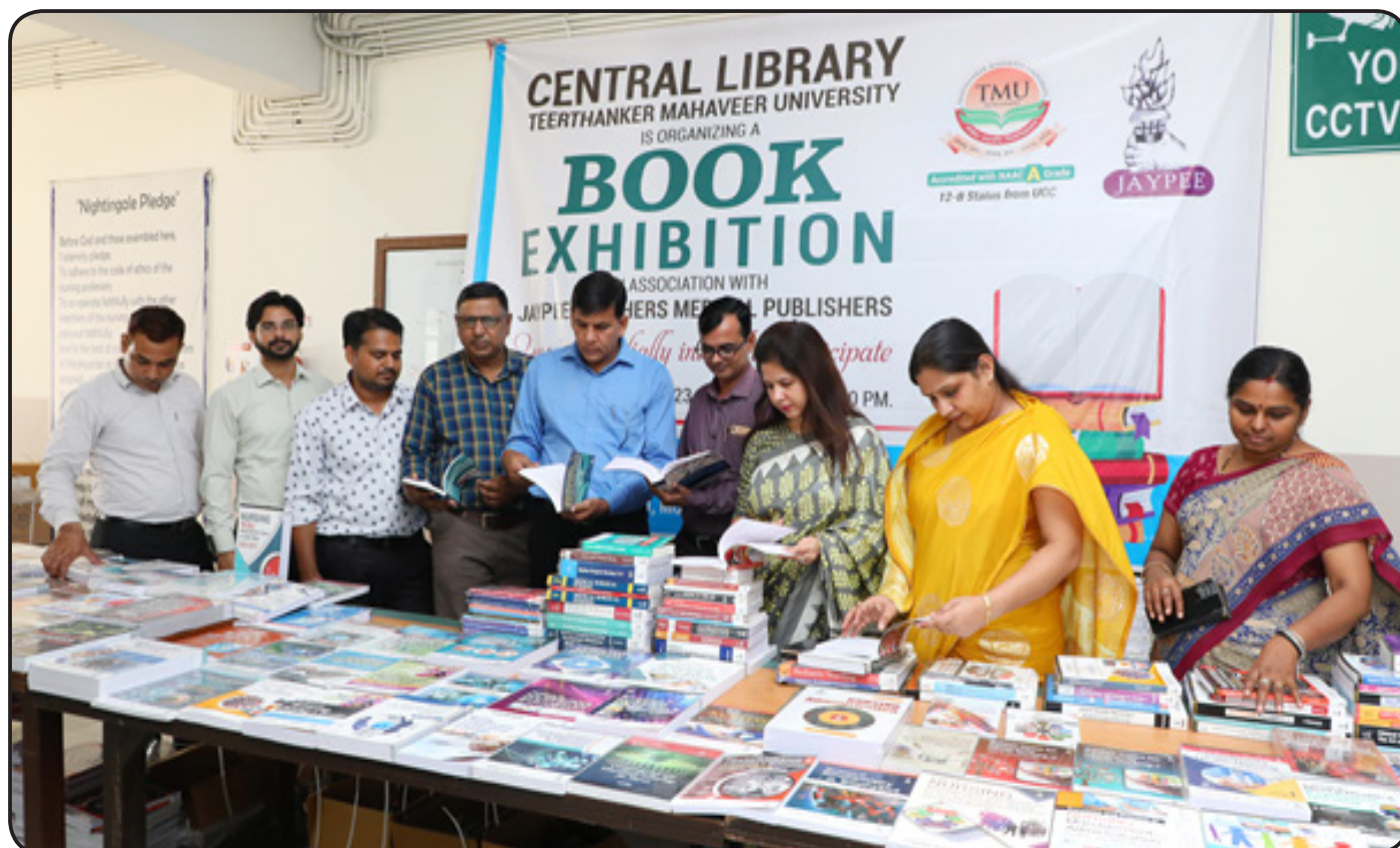
Data Analytics and Personalization: Mobile technology enables libraries to collect data on user preferences and behavior, which can be used to personalize recommendations and services. This enhances the user experience and ensures that patrons receive content and resources that align with their interests.

Cost Savings and Efficiency: Mobile technology has streamlined library operations by automating certain tasks, such as self-checkout and self-service kiosks. This has led to cost savings and improved efficiency in library services.

In conclusion, mobile technology has revolutionized library services by making them more accessible, convenient, and user-friendly. It has expanded the reach of libraries, improved engagement with patrons, and transformed the way information is accessed and delivered. As technology continues to evolve, libraries will need to adapt and innovate to provide the best possible services to their users in an increasingly mobile-centric world.

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Book fair in Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad (UP)

Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Knowledge resource center successfully hosted a vibrant three-day book fair from October 5 to October 7, 2023. The event was an educational paradise, bringing together book enthusiasts, teachers and students. Attendees had the opportunity to explore a variety of books from different subject, connect with renowned authors through exhibition and discussions, and discover the latest releases from a variety of publishers. Informative workshops and panel discussions were also held in the fair in which the interest of readers towards books was commendable.

ILA Conference

**69th Annual Conference of Indian Library Association
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
on
"Building the Future: Transforming Libraries for Sustainability"**

1-3 February 2024

Venue

**BKB Auditorium
Gauhati University**

Organized by

**Indian Library Association, (ILA), New Delhi
Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University,
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Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University
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About the Conference

Libraries have long been in the centre of society, acting of knowledge and secure places. However, libraries are expected to play an even more vital role in promoting sustainability in an era of environmental concerns as centres and geopolitical uncertainty. Library professionals play a crucial role in promoting sustainability within the communities and beyond. Their unique position as information specialists and community connectors allows them to have a significant impact on fostering environmentally conscious practices and encouraging sustainable behaviors.

Indian Library Association (ILA), New Delhi

The Indian Library Association (ILA) is a professional organization that promotes the development of Library and Information Services and the Library profession in India. It is one of the oldest Library Associations in Asia, having been established in 1933. It plays a vital role in advancing the field of Library and Information Science in India by providing a platform for professionals to collaborate, share knowledge, and work towards the betterment of libraries and information services in the country.

Department of library and information science, Gauhati University

The Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University is the first post graduate and premier department of library and information science in the entire North-East India established in 1966. At present the Department offers 2 Year Integrated MLISc and PhD in Library and Information Science. From the year 2023, the department has started Four Year Under graduate Program in Library and Information Science under NEP 2000. The endeavour of the department has been to build a pool of skilled and qualified library and information professionals to work in any type of library and information center.

Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, Gauhati University

The Krishna Kanta Handiqui Library, situated within the premises of Gauhati University in Assam, India, is a prominent academic library that plays a vital role in supporting research, learning, and teaching activities within the university community and beyond. Named after the illustrious scholar and educationist and the first Vice Chancellor of Gauhati University, Krishna Kanta Handiqui, the library serves as a hub of information and knowledge for students, faculty, researchers, and scholars. The library team consists of women who are capable in various fields of crops.

Assam Library Association, Guwahati

The Assam Library Association (ALA) is a prominent professional organization that plays a significant role advancing the field of librarianship and promoting library services in Assam. It was established in 1st January, 1938, with the aim of fostering cooperation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among library professionals. ALA has been a driving force in advocating for the development and modernization of libraries in the region.

Theme

Building the Future: Transforming Libraries for Sustainability

Sub-Themes
- Digital Transformation for Sustainability
- Sustainable Collection Development
- Community Engagement for Sustainability
- Green Partnerships and Collaboration
- Resilience and Adaptation
- Sustainable Innovation and Technology
- Sustainable Architecture and Design
- Sustainable Data Management

Call for Papers

Original contributions based on practice, theoretical and empirical research, case studies etc. are invited on the theme and subthemes of the conference as mentioned above. All papers will go through a process of blind review by a panel of experts and accepted papers will be published in the conference volume (with ISBN). Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to General Secretary, Indian Library Association Through email at: ilaindiaoffice@gmail.com. Correspondence will be made with the principal author and therefore, the name, full address, email, and all (work, home, mobile) phone numbers of the principal author should be clearly indicated. Authors are requested to submit brief CV (only one paragraph) and colour photograph along with the paper. The last date of submission is 15thNovember, 2023.

Note:

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Important dates:

Date of Conference: 1 - 3 February, 2024
Last Date of submission of Full Text paper with Abstract: 15th November, 2023
Notification of Acceptance of Paper: 7th December, 2023
Last Date for Registration with accommodation: 31st December, 2023

Registration and Accomodation

Registration fees before 30 November, 2023	Registration fees before 31 December, 2023	Registration fees from 1 January, 2024 or on spot
Rs. 2500 without accomodation	Rs. 3000 without accommodation	Rs. 3500 without accomodation
Rs. 5000 with accommodation (three nights) (double sharing)	Rs. 5500 with accommodation (three nights)(double sharing)	
Research Scholars/students Rs.2000(without kits) without accomadation and Rs.4500 with accommodation (three nights) (double sharing	Research Scholars/students Rs.2500(without kits) without accomadation and Rs.5000 with accommodation (three nights)(double sharing	Research Scholars/students Rs.3000(without kits) without accommodation
Foreign Delegates US Dollar 150 with accommodation US Dollar 100 without accomodation	Foreign Delegates US Dollar 175 with accommodation US Dollar 125 without accomodation	Foreign Delegates US Dollar 150 without accommodation

- Accompanying person fees 50% of Registration fees + Rs.2500 Accommodation fees
- Accommodation for those Registering from 1 January 2024 and on spot will be arranged by participants themselves, however organizers will provide necessary assistance as far possible.
- To avoid accommodation problem, it is suggested to register on or before 31st December, 2023.

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The Prescribed forms are available at ILA Website https://ilaindia.co.in/pdf/award-forms.pdf Detailed C.V. along with duly filled in applications should reach to ILA General Secretary, Indian Library Association, A-40-41, Flat No. 201, Ansal Building, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009 and the soft copy of the same by email at ilageneralsecretary@gmail.com latest by 20th December 2023.

Publications of Indian Library Association

Sr. No.	Publications
1	67th ILA Conference Proceedings International Conference on Open Access and Information Services during Post Covid Times : Challenges and Opportunities Chief Editor Prof B Ramesh Babu, Editors Dr M Doraswamy, Dr O N Chaubey, Dr Raavi Sardada during 24-26 March 2022
2	66th ILA Conference Proceedings International Conference on 'Visualizing Libarianship in the 21st Century : Connecting Minds and Creating the Future, Chief Editor Prof AshuShokeen, Prof B Ramesh Babu, Editors Dr O N Chaybey, Dr Dharam Kumar, Dr Pardeep Rai, Dr Suresh Jange at Gulberga University Library, Kalaburagi, Karnataka during 27-28 September 2021 Rs 3500, US$ 175
3	65th ILA International Conference Proceedings, International Conference on 'Digital Landscape: Re-invention and reengineering of Libraries: Issues and Challenges', Chief Editor Dr.O.N.Chaubey, edited by Dr.Dharam Kumar, Dr. Pradeep Rai, Dr. Mohan R, Kherde, Dr. Rishi K Tiwari and Dr.Gururaj S Hadagali, at SantGadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati (Maharashtra) during 26th – 28th February. 2021. Rs. 3500, US$ 175
4	64th ILA Conference on 'Transforming Libraries and Information Centres in Digital Era', Chief Editors Dr. Pradeep Rai and Dr.Dharam Kumar, Editors Dr. N. S. Shokeen, Dr.O.N.Chaubey, Dr. Rishi K Tiwari,Dr. Pravin K. Choudhary and Dr.G.H.S.Naiduat Shri VaishnavVidyapeethVishwavidyalaya, Indore(MP) during 14-16 March 2019. Rs.3500, US$ 175
5	63rd ILA International Conference on 'SustainableDevelopmentof Library and Information Science Profession' Chief Editor Dr.D.V.Singh Editors Dr.Pradep Rai, Dr.Dharam Kumar, Dr . N.S. ShokeenDr.O.N.Chaubey and Dr. M.P. Singh at BabasahebBhimraoAmbedkar University, Lucknow during 23rd– 25thNovember, 2017. Rs.3500, US$ 175
6	62nd ILA International Conference on'Gearing up for the future LibraryInitiatives for Digital India' Chief Editors Prof.AshuShokeen and Dr. D.V. Singh; Editors Dr.Pradep Rai, Dr. Tariq Ashraf, Dr.O.N.Chaubey, Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary and Prof. P.G. TadsadatKarnataka State Women's University,Vijayapura, Karnataka during 9th-11th February, 2017. Rs. 3500, US$ 175
7	61st ILA International Conference on 'Sustaining the Excellence: Transforming Libraries through Technology,Innovation and Value added Services in Google Era' Chief Editor Prof.B.Ramesha; Editors Dr. D.V. Singh, Dr.Pardeep Rai, Dr.Nilesh N. Soni, Dr. N. S. Shokeen, Dr.Hemavathi B.N., Dr.O.N.Chaubey and Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary at Saurashtra University Library, Rajkot (Gujarat)during 12th-15th March, 2016. Rs. 2500, US$ 150

8	60th ILA International Conference Proceedings on ,Embedded Librarianship and Technological Challenges of the Digital Age' edited by Prof.B.Ramesha, Dr.Pradep Rai, Dr. Raj Kumar, Dr.Hemavathi B.N., Dr.O.N.Chaubey, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary and Dr.N.S.Shokeen, Rs.3500, US$ 175
9	59th ILA International Conference Proceedings on ,Managing Libraries in the changing information world.....'' edited by Dr B. Ramesha, Dr N.S.Shokeen, Dr O.N.Chaubey, Dr.Pravin Kr. Choudhary, Dr.Pradeep Rai, Yogander Singh, Rs3000/,US$175
10	58th ILA International Conference Proceedings on ,Next Generation Libraries: New Insights and Universal Access to Knowledge, Edited by Dr B. Ramesha, Dr B.D. Kumbar, Dr N.S. Shokeen , Dr O.N. Chaubey, Dr. Pradeep Rai, Dr. Pravin Kr. Choudhary, Ms. Hemavathi, Dr.Abhijeet Sinha, Rs3000/-, US $ 175
11	57th All India Library Conference Proceedings on ,Knowledge Society : Innovations in Librarianship (ILAKSIL 2012), Edited by Dr B. Ramesha, Sh Sanjeev Dutt Sharma, Dr O.N. Chaubey, Dr N.S. Shokeen, Dr B.K. Vishala, Dr Anuradha Gupta, Rs.3000/-, US $175
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