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Pause & Ponder

“Unsuccessful people make their decisions based on their current situations. Successful people make their decisions based on where they want to be.”

– Benjamin Hardy

ADINET QuizeND

ADINET QuizeND is a new initiative started with the April 2024 issue of the e-News Digest. Every issue of e-News Digest will have a link to the QuizeND. The names of **Fastest Five correct respondents** gets featured in the next issue.

Five questions were from the Issue no. 104, May 2024 e-News contents were asked. There were 11 responses for the Quiz from various parts of the country. Thank you for participating.

The **QuizeND June 2024 link** is at the end of this issue (p.6). **To know** the names of **Fastest Five** correct respondents of the ADINET QuizeND May 2024 go to the Result page (p.7).

Many Congratulations to the Fastest Five!!

Read the ADINET e-News Digest, **Participate** in the QuizeND, **Make it Exciting!!**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:
ADINET LIBRARIAN'S DAY 2024**

Seminar on “Role of Libraries in the Digital Era”, to be held on 24 August 2024 at Gujarat University Library

Last Date of Registration: 31 July 2024

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2024**

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**A writer in Wayanad sets a model
for setting up village libraries**



Harris Nenmeni, a Malayalam writer from Wayanad, is in an elated mood as he has accomplished his mission:

to collect maximum number of worthy books to set up a library in his village for the young generation.

The one-man army travelled nearly 2,642 km across the State to collect as many as 1,430 books, worth more than ₹4 lakh, from his literary circle, friends, readers, and well-wishers.

The lack of a library in his village, Malankara, prompted Mr. Nenmeni to undertake the mission, which lasted for nearly three months.

After setting up a collective of readers called 'Sradha' at Malankara, Mr. Nenmeni, a front office attendant at the taluk office at Sulthan Bathery, ventured into the mission of opening the library...

Source: [The Hindu, 08 Jun 2024](#)

Türkiye's libraries flourish with record numbers in 2023



The Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) released the 2023 "library statistics" on Friday, revealing that the number of operating libraries in Türkiye last year was recorded at 48,733. This includes 1 Presidential National Library, 1 National Library, 1,295 public libraries, 627 university libraries and 46,809 libraries in formal and non-formal educational institutions.

The total number of books saw a 32.6% increase compared to the previous year, with the Presidential National Library alone housing 2,532,299 books. The National Library's collection grew by 3.5%, reaching 1,689,166 books, while university libraries saw a 2.7% increase to 21,666,947 books. Public libraries experienced a 4.8% rise, totaling 24,204,501 books, and libraries in educational institutions surged by 56.9%, amassing 68,970,463 books.

Public library usage increased by 25.3% last year, with 33,561,919 people benefiting from their services. The number of registered members of public libraries rose by 11.2%, totaling 6,193,356...

Source: [Daily Sabah, 07 Jun 2024](#)

China-Russia Library Forum focuses on AI application in libraries



The second China-Russia Library Forum, themed on the application of artificial intelligence in libraries, concluded in Beijing on Wednesday.

In-depth exchanges and discussions on "professional libraries," "document preservation and protection," "social public service" and "smart libraries" were conducted during the two-day forum, which was co-hosted by the

National Library of China and the Russian State Library.

Digital transformation in the library sector is not a fad, but a necessary condition for success, said Vadim Duda, director general of the Russian State Library.

Libraries are faced with more diversified and complex user information needs and reading service scenarios, which requires us to think more deeply about how to use modern advanced technology, said Chen Ying, deputy librarian of the National Library of China.

The first China-Russia Library Forum was held in Moscow in July 2023.

Source: [Xinhua, 05 Jun 2024](#)

China's research clout leads to growth in homegrown science publishing



Over the past two decades, China has risen to become the world's largest producer of scientific knowledge. According to Digital Science's Dimensions database, last year there were almost 830,000 papers featuring researchers based in China, representing around 15% of the world's 5.4 million articles. In 2022, the country overtook the United States in the Nature Index for contributions to natural-sciences articles for the first time. The majority of this research was disseminated in journals published by companies based in Western

countries, rather than China's own domestic publishers. The biggest 20 international publishers by output published 83% of all research articles involving authors based in China from 2012 to 2021.

"China's journals are generally not that high-profile, so Chinese researchers tend to publish in international journals," says Nicko Goncharoff, managing director of the London-based company Osmanthus Consulting. Goncharoff co-authored a 2023 report on the scientific-publishing market in China...

Source: [Nature, 05 Jun 2024](#)

Reading for pleasure a dying culture



The competitive job market and high cost of living are just a few reasons contributing to a decline in reading culture.

Auditor Loon Kong Fei, 24, attributed the decline in reading habits to an individual's lifestyle and life commitments.

"People are more focused on picking up skills that have financial returns, so they have little time for leisure reading," he said.

Loon said books are also expensive, as they can cost up to RM50 per copy and even reach up to RM100.

“For the average income earner, it can be a financial strain as this amount of money can be spent on other things,” said Loon, who loves reading novels by Sidney Sheldon, Pittacus Lore and Nicholas Sparks. ...

Source: [The Star, 05 Jun 2024](#)

Libraries Make Youth Progress Dreams Come True in India

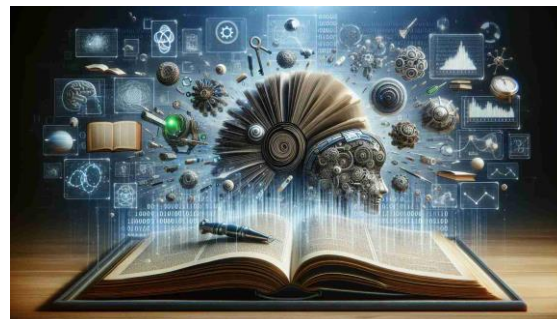
In South Gujarat's Adivasi areas, a network of community-funded libraries is helping bridge the gaps left by the education system.



The village of Galkuva lies deep in the heart of southern Gujarat, in the Tapi district. On July 16, light droplets of rain pattered down as we made our way to a spacious mud house amidst fields of freshly sown paddy and verdant sugarcane. On the porch, young children sat on the ground playing carrom, a local tabletop game. Inside were two rooms divided by a wall, with long tables and several chairs occupied by children playing chess or doing homework and older youth poring over heavy textbooks. The sides of the rooms were lined with large steel and glass cupboards containing scores of books. A lone portrait of Dr. BR Ambedkar from the back wall gazed down at the children...

Source: [FIJ.NG, 04 Jun 2024](#)

Artificial Intelligence Expansion in Scientific Publications Poses New Challenges



The scientific community's increasing reliance on AI is presenting new difficulties for academic journal editors who struggle to distinguish human-prepared works from those generated by sophisticated AI tools, as the latter's ability to mimic human language improves. Renowned publishing houses, such as "Science" and "Nature," have found that prohibiting the use of AI in submitted articles is a nearly impossible task due to the challenge of detecting machine-generated text...

Source: [ELBLOG.PL, 04 Jun 2024](#)

Open access to scholarly publications is essential, experts agree

Publishing models designed to shift journals to open access are failing to deliver change or reduce costs. A just and open scholarly publishing system should be steered by research communities and institutions, not by publishers or other service providers, an expert told a European University Association (EUA) webinar.

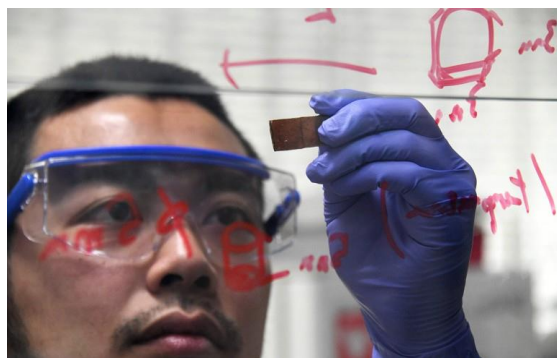
Researchers must be able to both read and publish scholarly outputs – such as journal articles, peer reviews, books, datasets, protocols and

software source codes – freely and without financial barriers, university academics and experts agreed.

The “Building a Just Scholarly Publishing Ecosystem” event held on 22 May was part of an EUA webinar series on the future of scholarly communication. The next webinar, taking place on 24 September, will focus on open access books...

Source: [University World News, 31 May 2024](#)

Japan's push to make all research open access is taking shape



The Japanese government is pushing ahead with a plan to make Japan's publicly funded research output free to read. In June, the science ministry will assign funding to universities to build the infrastructure needed to make research papers free to read on a national scale. The move follows the ministry's announcement in February that researchers who receive government funding will be required to make their papers freely available to read on the institutional repositories from April 2025.

The Japanese plan “is expected to enhance the long-term traceability of research information, facilitate secondary research and promote collaboration”, says Kazuki Ide, a health-sciences and public-policy scholar at Osaka University in Suita,

Japan, who has written about open access in Japan...

Source: [Nature, 30 May 2024](#)

Central and eastern Europe bites back at predatory publishers



John Oliver defended public libraries on Sunday's Last Week Tonight, as the local institutions have “become another front in the ongoing culture war” with attacks on their funding, their staff and their collections.

The American Library Association documented efforts to censor over 4,240 unique book titles in schools and libraries in 2023, the highest level they have ever recorded, up 92% from the previous year. Library staff have also experienced a huge increase in harassment, with some baselessly accused of pedophilia for allowing certain books to be checked out...

Source: [Science Business, 22 May 2024](#)

ADINET QuizeND – June 2024

Questions for the month of June 2024. [Click here](#) to participate

The Fastest Five correct respondents' gets featured in the next issue.

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Result of the ADINET QuizeND May 2024

Here are the names of Fastest Five correct respondents' for the May 2024 QuizeND

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Ahmedabad

Panna Chaudhari
IITGN
Gandhinagar

**Mantasha Nadeem
Siddiqui,**
IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

Shreya Joshi
Ahmedabad

Disha Dave
Gujarat Vidyapith
Ahmedabad

Here are the Questions and Correct Answers for the Issue 104, May 2024:

Q1: Name the project of a nascent e-book delivery platform for libraries backed by the James L. Knight?

Answer: The Palace Project

Q2: How many books does the The Huilongguan community library has?

Answer: 55,000 books

Q3: Who is the author of "Artificial Intelligence and Librarianship: Notes for Teaching"

Answer: Martin Frické

Q4: As per the article published in The Wire, the first Indian OA repository was launched by which Institute in India?

Answer: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

Q5: As per the new AI guidelines, how many guiding principles are mentioned?

Answer: Seven