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Pause & Ponder

“Don’t limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.”

– Mary Kay Ash

Heartfelt Tribute on his 4th Punya Tithi



**Dr. H. Anil Kumar
(17 Jul 1967- 17 Jul 2020)**

ANNOUNCEMENT: ADINET LIBRARIAN’S DAY 2024

LIBRARIAN’S DAY
2024

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Centre, UGC launch 'ASMITA' project to produce 22,000 books in Indian languages



The Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC) on Tuesday unveiled a significant initiative aimed at bolstering the availability of educational resources in Indian languages. This ambitious project, named ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing), aims to develop 22,000 books over the next five years. The launch event was attended by Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of Higher Education, who highlighted the project's potential impact on the educational landscape...

Source: [India TV, 17 Jul 2024](#)

Mobile libraries playing important role 60 years on

A mobile library first appeared in Cambridgeshire at Longstanton in July 1964.



The county council is celebrating the diamond anniversary of the service this year.

Councillor Firouz Thompson, who represents Longstanton, said the mobile library was still "hugely valued".

A library van first drove into Longstanton in the year Beatlemania arrived in the United States, four months after Cassius Clay became world heavyweight boxing champion, and weeks after anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela was given a life sentence in prison in South Africa.

Villagers climbed aboard for the first time in the year Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published and *Mary Poppins* was released.

Ms Thompson, who represents Longstanton, Northstowe and Over, said bookworms living in the internet age still engaged with the mobile library...

Source: [BBC, 16 Jul 2024](#)

Shanghai Children's Library sees readership rise with expansion

Children and their parents from more than 40 countries have visited the two outlets of Shanghai Children's Library in the two years ago when the facility began dual-site operation, the library said on Tuesday.



More than 9 million books have been taken out by 1.3 million readers, and more than 4.6 million individuals have participated in nearly 1,700 events in the two years. Meanwhile, digital resources have been downloaded and viewed 8 million times, it added.

There has been a great improvement in the figures since the opening of the new Changfeng outlet, said the library.

Shanghai Children's Library first opened its gate in 1941 and was relocated as Nanxi branch to West Nanjing Road in Jing'an district in 1958. It opened its Changfeng branch on West Guangfu Road in Putuo district on July 19, 2022, marking the beginning of dual-site service.

With its attractive aesthetics, efficiency, and emphasis on experience, the library said that its two outlets have become beloved institutions for young readers and families...

Source: [ChinaDaily, 16 Jul 2024](#)

What Does a Library of the Future Look Like?

Chapman's Leatherby Libraries is using virtual reality and other advanced technology to support students and promote accessibility.



University libraries traditionally have been campus gathering places, the heart of both scholarship and camaraderie.

But with the rise of virtual reality and other advanced technology, what does the university library of the future look like?

Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries is answering that question.

The library system supports students, faculty and staff across two campuses. It is unique among academic libraries because it houses nine libraries in one building at the Orange campus and provides services at two locations at the Rinker campus. This configuration allows staff to be nimble and collaborate with Chapman's colleges, schools and departments, Dean Kevin Ross says...

Source: [Chapman News, 15 Jul 2024](#)

Importance of libraries in the digital age



While much information is available on the Internet, students must be

encouraged to use the libraries and find the information required from the books contained

Once, libraries in colleges were filled with students and teachers and much of the learning process happened in this place. However, with the advent of the Internet, libraries in colleges are almost empty and students spend most of their time browsing the Web. Apart from a lot of this being not useful or unproductive, it has also affected their attention span.

Browsing the Internet and reading a book in the library are very different from each other. On the web, one tends to get distracted by the many options on display and the suggestions for related sites. Whereas, a library offers a tranquil and serene environment conducive to concentration and focus and stimulates inherent learning skills. Reading the book in a quiet place and taking down important points helps enhance one's memory and learn effectively. This helps the student's performance in a test or exam...

Source: [The Hindu, 14 Jul 2024](#)

Library movement is robust in Tamil Nadu, says official



When grand old libraries across the nation, including Connemara Public Library in Chennai, were losing readers and were at the crossroads due to the onslaught of multimedia, Anna Centenary Library took a bold

step successfully with a paradigm shift by expanding it into place of learning through various channels to engage visitors, said S. Elango Chandra Kumar, Joint Director, Directorate of Public Libraries.

Speaking at the first year anniversary of Kalaignar Centenary Library (KCL) in Madurai on Sunday, he said this library is also a trend-setter in these parts. K.P. Sathiamoorthy, Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, who was the brain behind the whole edifice, said that students of architecture and structural engineering can learn a lot from the 17 types of false ceilings, nine types of flooring and even from the skeletal structure of pillars, columns and beams. The structure has astounded even the brilliant minds of IITs in many cities...

Source: [The Hindu, 14 Jul 2024](#)

Pick a book, share a book| Know about Ahmedabad's FIRST free Library Box



If you're taking a leisurely stroll through Ahmedabad's Parimal Garden and stumble upon an unlocked library box, don't be surprised! This

commendable initiative by Your Reading Circle is something you'll want to be part of.

Imagine a box library, or a public bookshelf, where you can exchange one book for another, fostering a shared space for the community to swap stories and culture. Intrigued? So were we! We chatted with the founders to learn more about this innovative concept. And here's what we learned!

Om Thakkar and Heet Doshi, the driving forces behind Your Reading Circle (a book club and community), drew inspiration from Kerala's Perumkulam village. Heet recalled, "I came across a reel showcasing how this small village has over 15 to 20 small libraries. These little boxes in public spaces encourage people to pick up a book and read." Inspired by this thriving reading culture, Om and Heet envisioned a similar project for Ahmedabad...

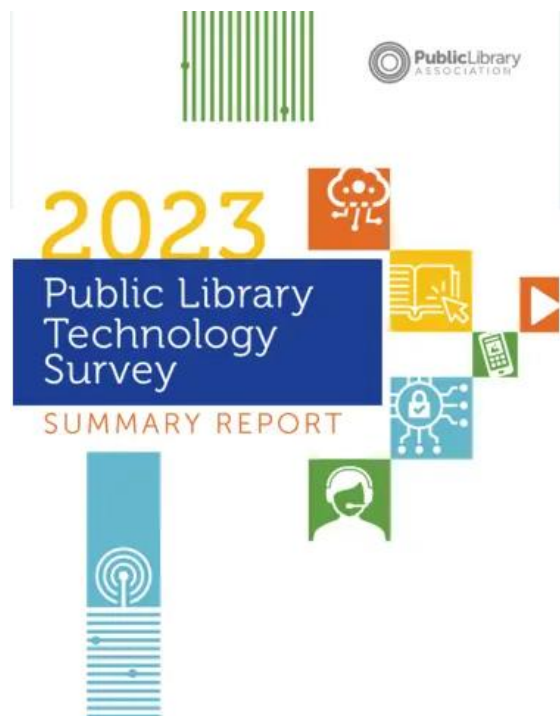
Source: [Knocksense, 11 Jul 2024](#)

New Public Library Technology Survey report details digital equity roles

The Public Library Association (PLA) today published the 2023 Public Library Technology Survey report. The national survey updates emerging trends around technology capacity, resources for patrons, infrastructure, digital literacy, and staffing in U.S. public libraries. This data is vital to understand how libraries serve as hubs of knowledge and innovation in our communities and continue to evolve to meet patron needs.

The report addresses questions such as: How are library professionals advancing digital equity in their communities? What types of

technology devices do libraries loan to patrons, and are more or fewer libraries offering these items compared to in 2020? What are the primary challenges libraries face in providing technology resources and services?



Key findings include:

Almost half of libraries (46.9%) offer hotspots for checkout, an increase of 14.4% from 2020.

About a quarter of libraries (24.6%) have digital media production equipment and over one-third (39.5%) have maker production equipment.

95.3% of public libraries offer some kind of formal or informal digital literacy training, and almost 30% report they offer a digital navigator program to assist patrons...

Source: [ALA New, 9 Jul 2024](#)

Information Literacy for Societal Resilience



A new creative intervention about the effects of AI on our online lives

Over the past few years, our media landscape has become increasingly populated with AI-generated content. From chatbots to deepfakes, it is becoming even more difficult to tell what is real and authentic online versus what's been designed to deceive us. New tools powered by artificial intelligence are being released that make it easier, faster and cheaper to generate all types of content, while regulations struggle to keep up. In turn, the harms that have always existed online – from scams and harassment to social polarisation – are now being “supercharged” by AI...

Source: [IFLA News, 25 Jun 2024](#)

ADINET QuizeND

The only correct answer for the QuizeND June 2024

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Due to very low response, there will be NO ADINET QuizeND from Jul 2024.

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