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Pause & Ponder

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”

– Sidney Sheldon

Happy Independence Day



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**‘A first step, but a significant step’:
Grant to help restore libraries in
Philly schools**



In a district with 218 schools, Philadelphia has only two full-time librarians following years of funding cuts and downsizing. But the district and a group of library advocates have been awarded a \$149,120 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant to study how big cities like Philadelphia can restore libraries to schools.

"We know that a lot of our elementary schools have no school library at all," said Deb Kachel of the Philadelphia Alliance to Restore School Librarians, or, PARSL. The grassroots group is joining the district in drawing up the library plan.

Even if students have internet access they still need guidance, Kachel said.

"Having access to so much information online is both a blessing and a curse," she told KYW Newsradio. "They have to understand how to search for really reliable and trustworthy information. So that is a big piece that school librarians teach."...

Source: [MSN, 17 Aug 2024](#)

Udupi press club institutes library for public, journalists



A library established at the Udupi Patrika Bhavan was inaugurated by Dr Y Sudarshan Rao, the administrative director of Udupi Inchara Hospital, as part of the 'Home as a Library' initiative. The event was organized under the joint auspices of the Udupi District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Udupi taluk unit, Udupi District Working Journalists' Association, Udupi Patrika Bhavan Committee, and the Udupi District Red Cross Society.

In his speech, Dr Y Sudarshan Rao emphasized the negative impact of computers and mobile phones on human cognitive abilities, stressing the importance of cultivating the habit of reading. He asserted that every household should establish a library, as reading books enhances language proficiency, unlike mobile phones and televisions...

Source: daijiworld.com, 17 Aug 2024

CM Mann inaugurates 14 ultra-modern libraries for rural areas



Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday inaugurated 14 ultra-modern rural public libraries across Punjab, aiming to inculcate reading habits among youth and empower them to contribute to the state's social and economic progress.

The CM was in Issru village of Khanna to mark the martyrdom day of Shaheed Karnail Singh Issru, the hero of Goa liberation.

Speaking about the newly inaugurated libraries, he said these are equipped with high-end facilities such as Wi-Fi, solar power and digital analogs, and have world-class books on contemporary literature and other topics, offering a rich learning experience for youngsters.

Mann said these libraries will prove to be a game-changer for students, enabling them to excel in various fields, thus producing bureaucrats, scientists, doctors and technocrats...

Source: [Hindustan Times](https://hindustan-times.com), 17 Aug 2024

Four bookstores, libraries run by public institutions



Metrolife has curated a list of places managed by city-based public institutions where one can read and purchase books. The reading material includes fiction, non-fiction, history,

autobiographies, and PhD thesis papers.

Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara

The institution, which comes under the aegis of the Kannada and Culture Department, houses more than 2,000 book titles...

Source: [Deccan Herald, 16 Aug 2024](#)

Every book finds its reader: A librarian's role has changed from being a gatekeeper to a guide



First, some facts:

- The National Librarian's Day is celebrated on August 12 – in the honour of librarian and mathematician SR Ranganathan (1892-1972), known as the father of library science.
- West Bengal possibly has the highest density – with nearly 2,500 public libraries (funded by the government in some way or the other);
- There are libraries in schools, colleges, universities and other academic institutions, in some hotels, and also in some offices;
- During the turn of the century, with mobile phones becoming popular, there were concerns that libraries will shut down, but that hasn't happened.

“Libraries are not going anywhere,” Debanjan Chakrabarti, director, British

Council East and Northeast India, told FE. “The format, however, is changing – it's less real estate and more digital books.”...

Source: [Financial Express, 12 Aug 2024](#)

What Is Librarians Day? Here's What You Need To Know



The Librarians Day aims to raise awareness about the evolving role of librarians in the digital age and their continued relevance in helping people navigate and utilise information effectively.

Librarians' Day, also known as Library Appreciation Day, is a day dedicated to recognising and celebrating the work of librarians and library staff. It's an opportunity to appreciate their efforts in promoting literacy, providing access to information, and supporting community learning.

National Librarian's Day is observed on 12th August every year to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Padmashri Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, who is also known as the 'Father of Library Science' in India.

S.R. Ranganathan who was born on August 9, 1892, in Shiyali, Madras, was an Indian librarian and educator who was considered the father of library science in India and whose contributions had worldwide influence. The concept of celebrating librarians and libraries has evolved. The modern

observance began gaining traction in the 20th century...

Source: [ETV Bharat, 12 Aug 2024](#)

Floating libraries help rekindle reading habit among boat passengers in Kerala



More passengers in Kerala who commute on boats operated by the State Water Transport Department (SWTD) will soon be able to enjoy their rides by reading short stories, novels, poems, and other literary works.

The department, which first introduced a floating library on the S52 passenger boat on the Muhamma-Kumarakom route in November 2022, is in the process of launching libraries on more passenger vessels in its fleet.

“After receiving an overwhelming response from passengers to the library on S52, we have set up floating libraries on a few more vessels under the ‘Pusthakathoni’ project. The initiative helped passengers, especially students, rekindle their reading habits. We are now working on expanding the project across the State,” says Shaji V. Nair, director, SWTD, adding that Transport Minister K.B. Ganesh Kumar has offered full support for the project...

Source: [The Hindu, 05 Aug 2024](#)

AI is complicating plagiarism. How should scientists respond?



From accusations that led Harvard University’s president to resign in January, to revelations in February of plagiarized text in peer-review reports, the academic world has been roiled by cases of plagiarism this year.

But a bigger problem looms in scholarly writing. The rapid uptake of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools — which create text in response to prompts — has raised questions about whether this constitutes plagiarism and under what circumstances it should be allowed. “There’s a whole spectrum of AI use, from completely human-written to completely AI-written — and in the middle, there’s this vast wasteland of confusion,” says Jonathan Bailey, a copyright and plagiarism consultant based in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Generative AI tools such as ChatGPT, which are based on algorithms known as large language models (LLMs), can save time, improve clarity and reduce language barriers. Many researchers now argue that they are permissible in some circumstances and that their use should be fully disclosed....

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

Department of Atomic Energy inaugurates ‘One DAE One Subscription’

ODOS to enable Department of Atomic Energy and all its units/subunits for Read and Publish Access to National and International Research Papers and Scientific Journals



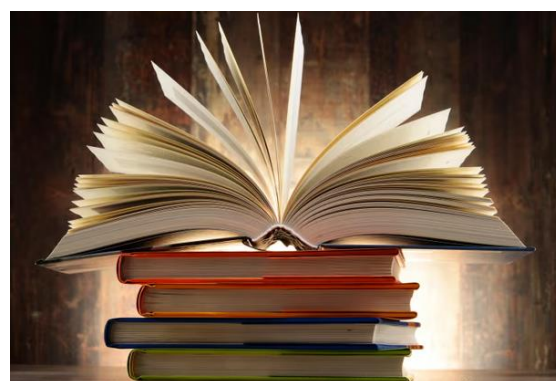
The inaugural ceremony of 'One DAE One Subscription' (ODOS) took place today at Tata Memorial Hospital, in Mumbai today. ODOS is a unique idea enabling Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) & all its units/subunits (about 60) together under one umbrella for read and publish access to national and international research papers as well as scientific journals. With this initiative it is now possible to share the resources digitally and evolve collectively. DAE has signed consortium agreements with M/s. Wiley India Private Limited and with M/s. Springer Nature Group in furtherance of the same.

On the occasion of the inauguration, Secretary, DAE and Chairman AEC, Dr. A. K. Mohanty conveyed a congratulatory message to and stated, "The ODOS Transformative Agreement is a significant milestone for synergizing the read access and publishing requirements of DAE. I am sure ODOS will benefit thousands of scientists, engineers, young students of HBNI and researchers of aided institutes to have access to much larger knowledge platform and also publish in open access journals. The

ODOS will later get merged with a bigger national initiative, called One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) which has been initiated by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India. ONOS is currently under various stages of implementation."...

Source: [PIB, 29 Jul 2024](#)

Academic journals are a lucrative scam – and we're determined to change that



If you've ever read an academic article, the chances are that you were unwittingly paying tribute to a vast profit-generating machine that exploits the free labour of researchers and siphons off public funds.

The annual revenues of the "big five" commercial publishers – Elsevier, Wiley, Taylor & Francis, Springer Nature, and SAGE – are each in the billions, and some have staggering profit margins approaching 40%, surpassing even the likes of Google. Meanwhile, academics do almost all of the substantive work to produce these articles free of charge: we do the research, write the articles, vet them for quality and edit the journals...

Source: [The Guardian, 16 Jul 2024](#)

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