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## Pause & Ponder

***“Librarians are almost always very helpful and often almost absurdly knowledgeable. Their skills are probably very underestimated and largely underemployed.”***

**– Charles Medawar**

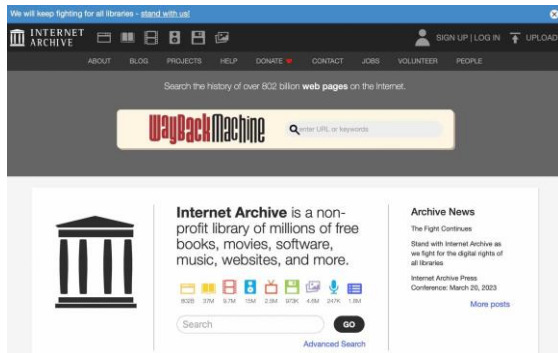


**ADINET Librarian's Day 2024: A Glimpse**  
Librarian's Day Seminar held on 24 Aug 2024 at Gujarat University, Ahmedabad

**\*Readers Please Note\***

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**Internet Archive loses appeal against publishers in e-library lawsuit**



A federal appeals panel on Wednesday affirmed a lower court's finding that a fair use defense doesn't protect Internet Archive's free digital book-lending platforms against book publishers' copyright claims.

"Is it 'fair use' for a nonprofit organization to scan copyright-protected print books in their entirety, and distribute those digital copies online, in full, for free ... all without authorization from the copyright-holding publishers or authors? Applying the relevant provisions of the Copyright Act as well as binding Supreme Court and Second Circuit precedent, we conclude the answer is no," a Second Circuit Court of Appeals panel wrote in an opinion made public Wednesday.

The three-judge panel's opinion was penned by U.S. Circuit Judge Beth Robinson, a Joe Biden appointee who appeared to signal her stance in support of the publisher plaintiff-

appellees during oral arguments last June...

Source: [Courthouse News Service, 04 Sep 2024](#)

**Public libraries in 'crisis' as councils cut services**



More than 180 council-run libraries have either closed or been handed over to volunteer groups in the UK since 2016, BBC analysis has found.

More deprived communities were four times more likely to have lost a publicly-funded library in that time, while 2,000 jobs have also been lost.

The figures "laid bare the scale of the crisis facing public libraries", a body that supports the institutions across the UK said.

A government spokesperson said it recognised "pressures" on library services and it was "committed to giving stability back to local councils".

Freedom of Information requests sent to every library authority in the UK and Arts Council England data show the country has lost one in 20 libraries since 2016, either by closing them completely or moving them over to volunteer-run groups.

About 950, a third of those remaining, have had their hours reduced and at least three councils have at least halved their provision since 2016.

The poorest areas were around four times more likely to lose a local venue than the richest when permanent closures were mapped to the government's Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) - a system which ranks areas according to income, living conditions and other poverty measures.

The BBC also found dozens more closures are possible in the coming year....

Source: [BBC, 03 Sep 2024](#)

### **24-hour libraries gain popularity across China**



As the sun sets and the city is enveloped in the peaceful cover of night, a new trend is gaining momentum across China: the 24-hour library. These well-lit havens provide a sanctuary for students, professionals, and anyone in need of a quiet place to read or study in the late hours.

In addition to staying open 24 hours a day, and featuring a wide variety of books, these libraries are equipped with comprehensive study facilities, including water, electricity, power outlets and restrooms. Some even offer beverage service and dining options.

According to a report by state broadcaster CCTV, these libraries remain bustling even on weekday

nights. White-collar workers, students attending online classes, and citizens taking a break are regular patrons...

Source: [Global Times, 03 Sep 2024](#)

### **To tackle social-media harms, mandate data access for researchers**

Despite calls for social-media platforms to increase transparency (see, for example, C. Budak et al. *Nature* 630, 45–53; 2024), researchers now have few tools to understand the potential harms of the online world. On 14 August, Meta shut down CrowdTangle, a tool that gave researchers and journalists easy access to data from Facebook and Instagram. Early last year, X, then known as Twitter, removed free access to its application programming interface, which allowed researchers to collect data.

Regulations must be put in place to require platforms to provide such access. The 2022 European Union Digital Services Act already mandates it for researchers studying systemic risks to the EU. This legislation could serve as a model for the United States and elsewhere...

Source: [Nature, 03 Sep 2024](#)

### **Upgraded tech, refined databases and improved reading spaces; libraries in Gujarat become harbingers of change**



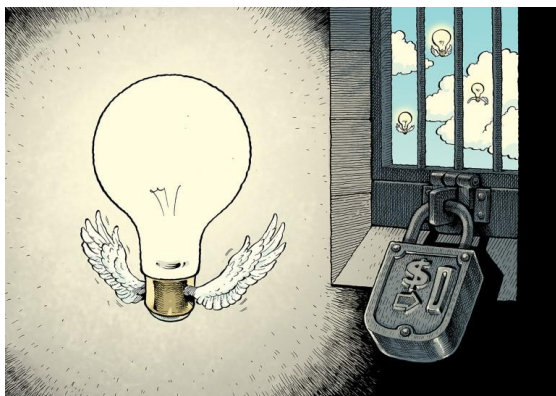
At one spot are students relaxing in a sleeping pod, some with their headphones on with eyes closed and feet stretched while the other spot is a witness to a vibrant discussion between a professor and the students. These scenes are unfolding at the Vikram Sarabhai Library (VSL) of the Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad (IIM-A).

The VSL has become a sought after spot since it was redesigned six years ago.

The premier management and architecture institutes in Gujarat are keeping up with the pace by catching up on technology and upgrading their libraries...

Source: [The Indian Express, 02 Sep 2024](#)

### How can I publish open access when I can't afford the fees?



#### The problem

Dear Nature,

I'm a paediatrician based in South Africa. Last year, my colleagues and I were invited to submit an editorial to a medical journal. We felt that the article, about medicine in resource-limited settings, should be published open access (OA) because it contains information that health-care workers

and researchers in sub-Saharan Africa need access to. The problem is that the OA fee for that journal is US\$1,000, which is more than most doctors earn per month in, say, Uganda. Now, we're not sure whether we can move forward with the editorial. Are there any resources or funds available to authors in low-income countries to cover OA fees? — A paediatrician on a budget

#### The advice

Nature reached out to three researchers for tips on article processing charges (APCs). These fees can range from several hundred to thousands of dollars, and are requested by journals in return for making their articles OA — free for everyone to read.

According to a study published in 2023, the average fee for publishing an OA article is close to US\$1,400. OA fees can create significant barriers to publishing and sharing one's work, especially for researchers based in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). For instance, among the top 40 journals in ecology, the average OA fee was \$3,150, according to a 2021 study<sup>2</sup>. The authors described it as a hardship for African scholars, who typically do not receive grant funding and whose monthly salaries at the time of the study ranged from \$365 to \$2,300...

Source: [Nature, 02 Sep 2024](#)

### Life in the day of a librarian in Chennai

**S. Kamatchi, Chief Librarian of the Anna Centenary Library, recalls the time she first came to Chennai and says how she is always on the**

## lookout to fill the library with books that readers will enjoy



It is 3 p.m. on a sleepy weekday but Anna Centenary Library is busier than ever, with students and candidates preparing for competitive examinations. Some people peruse books while others have fallen asleep in the comfortable couches with a book in their hand. While the first seven floors of the library are a picture of calm, the eighth floor is abuzz with activity as Chief Librarian prepares to hold events during the weekends, looks at membership charts, and attends meetings...

Source: [The Hindu, 27 Aug 2024](#)

## How libraries have transformed through 25 years of digital innovation



The early years  
When ScienceDirect.com opens in new tab/window launched in 1999, its consolidation of discovery and access to a wide body of digitized research arrived on a wave of internet-enabled digital innovation. This wave has continued to transform the spaces,

capabilities, and role of research libraries ever since.

Imagine a librarian at work in a university library during the 1990s, surrounded by stacks filled with scholarly journals, books, maps, and other printed materials. There are also microfilm machines, CD-ROM collections, and a few computer terminals...

Source: [Elsevier Connect, 26 Aug 2024](#)

## South India's first adivasi library 'Kaanu' opens on August 25 in Karnataka's Chamarajanagar



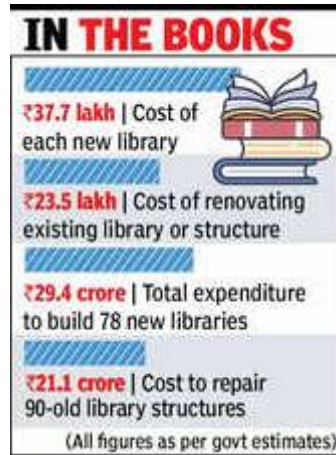
South India's first adivasi library, 'Kaanu', will be inaugurated at BR Hills in Chamarajanagar district on August 25. 'Kaanu' means evergreen forest in Soliga language. It will be the first South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre.

There is no institution dedicated for research on various aspects related to adivasis in South India.

Scholars from tribal communities held talks with Prashanth N Srinivas, a medical doctor and public health researcher at BR Hills, and Wraner from Germany last year and decided to set up this exclusive library to showcase works and promote research on Jenu Kuruba, Kadu Kuruba, Betta Kuruba, Soliga and other forest-based tribes...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 24 Aug 2024](#)

### Centre's 50cr plan to build 78 libraries, renovate 90 in state



To get children to read, Union govt will fund the construction of 78 libraries in Goa as well as provide assistance to renovate 90 existing libraries. The Union finance ministry has approved the project, estimated at Rs 50 crore.

Goa govt hopes that setting up of libraries at the village-level will encourage children to read books and build a culture of reading, which was affected due the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The Union ministry of finance’s department of expenditure has approved state govt’s request for scheme for special assistance to states for capital investment — approval of capital projects under Part-VII (Children and Adolescents’ Libraries and Digital Infrastructure) of the scheme,” said a govt note.

The libraries, which could have computers and other reading devices will be built on not more than 500sqft of land in villages and in municipal areas. The directorate of art and culture will identify the locations for the libraries, while the Info Tech

Corporation of Goa will oversee the design and project management...

Source: [The Times of India, 13 Aug 2024](#)

### Schools to have separate reading period every day

Identifying reading as a waning habit in the age of digital technology, the govt, under Vanche Gujarat 2.0 campaign, is proposing a separate reading period of at least 20 minutes every day in schools to encourage students pick up books outside their curriculum. The govt is aiming for a wider reach under the campaign, expected to be launched shortly, to also cover colleges.

The education department will primarily implement the campaign while the sports, youth and cultural activities department will handle its planning, govt sources said.

“Under Vanche Gujarat 2.0, schools will plan for each child to read for at least 20 minutes every day to inculcate the habit of reading among primary and secondary school students. Schools will also allocate a separate period for extracurricular reading. The state govt will organize reading training camps for teachers and students,” a note by the govt for the campaign said. Surveys have been conducted to identify books that teachers and children prefer. Children will be provided with books appropriate to their age, officials said...

Source: [The Times of India, 09 Aug 2024](#)

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