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ADINET Wishes you all a very Happy Navratri!!



Pause & Ponder

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, love like you'll never be hurt, sing like there's nobody listening, and live like it's heaven on earth."

– William W. Purkey

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10 ways libraries are saving the world



Long before the dawn of Depop and Facebook Marketplace, before upcycling tips and sustainability tricks were pumped through our social media feeds, there were libraries. Libraries have long been about reducing, reusing, recycling. It's kind of their whole thing... but these days, books are just the beginning of the story at Suffolk Libraries. We're implementing all sorts of systems in our libraries to make them greener, and our carbon footprint smaller. So, in honour of Green Libraries Week, we're breaking down the 10 ways libraries are saving the environment, and how, you, a library user, are too...

Source: Suffolk Libraries, 07 Oct 2024

National Library hails Centre's decision to confer classical language status on Bengali and other languages



The Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3 decided to confer the status of Classical Language to Bengali, Assamese, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit languages

The National Library Advisory Board has hailed the Union Cabinet's decision to confer classical language status to Bengali language and four others during the Durga Puja festival.

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Source: The Telegraph online, 06 Oct 2024

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Libraries launch eco-friendly book collection



A collection of books designed to inspire people to become more ecofriendly is to be launched at local libraries.

The Go Green collection has been curated by Westmorland and Furness Libraries in Cumbria as part of the council's aim to tackle the climate and biodiversity issues.

The books cover a range of subject such as climate change, renewable energy, eco-friendly lifestyles and nature conservation.

Councillor Giles Archibald said the collection "empowered the community to embrace sustainable living".

The Go Green collection is made up of 22 books including The Eco Conscious Travel Guide by Georgina Wilson-Powell, Plastic Free by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz and Going Zero by Kate Hughes...

Source: BBC, 05 Oct 2024

New Statement ALA's Executive Board: "Libraries as Lifelines: Supporting Communities in the Aftermath of Hurricane Helene"

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, our hearts are with those whose lives have been profoundly impacted. We extend our deepest sympathies to individuals facing devastating loss and the challenges of recovery and rebuilding. We recognize the unwavering dedication of libraries to show up, to step in, and to serve their communities during this difficult time.



Libraries are not just buildings; they are vital community institutions that provide refuge, distribute essential resources, and connect individuals to the information they need to navigate crises.

As we reflect on libraries' essential role in society, the American Library Association affirms our commitment to supporting those affected by this disaster, the libraries serving as critical lifelines, and those communities with damaged or destroyed libraries to help provide funding for repairs...

Source: Library Journal, 03 Oct 2024

Will Al Kill Libraries? Pepperdine's Dean of Libraries Mark Roosa Remains Optimistic

Mark Roosa, dean of libraries at Pepperdine University, recently authored a thought-provoking opinion piece published last week in WORLD titled "Will AI kill libraries?" In the oped, Roosa challenges the idea that artificial intelligence and emerging technologies will spell the end of

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libraries as we know them and instead envisions a more optimistic future in which libraries and AI can coexist in harmony.



Throughout the article. Roosa discusses the evolving role of libraries in the age of AI, highlighting both the opportunities and concerns AI presents. While some fear that AI could render libraries obsolete, he believes AI can enhance librarians' ability to organize and provide access to information. However, challenges like maintaining scholarly integrity and the risk of profit-driven information ecosystems remain. Ultimately, Roosa argues, libraries must adapt to AI while preserving their core values of curiosity, morality, and knowledge stewardship...

Source: *Pepperdine Newsroom, 03 Oct 2024*

HC directs authorities to close library as it is unfit for use

Taking a serious view of the dilapidated condition of a government library building in Anandur village in Ramanathapuram district, the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has directed the authorities to close the building as it was unfit for use.

A Division Bench of Justices R. Subramanian and L. Victoria Gowri directed the closure of the government library building till the authorities take a decision on the restoration of the building. The court was hearing a public interest litigation petition filed by I. Kalantar Aasik Ahamadu of Ramanathapuram district.

The petitioner said that the library was constructed in 1998 and it has over 1,000 books. People from Anandur and nearby places visited the library frequently. However, the building was in a dilapidated condition and posed a threat to the visitors, he said and sought a direction to the authorities to construct a new library building in its place...

Source: The Hindu, 03 Oct 2024

7 things to know about open science at Stanford



Over a decade ago, a crisis was unfolding in the field of psychology that had been brewing for years - a crisis of replication. One of the core tenets of the scientific process is that the results found in а study should be reproducible. meaning another scientist can conduct the same experiment with the same conditions and get the same or similar results.

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But many studies in psychology were coming into question, prompting a need for a solution. One of those solutions here at Stanford – pushed for by Russell Poldrack, the Albert Ray Lang Professor in Psychology in the School of Humanities and Sciences – was "open science."...

Source: Stanford Report, 02 Oct 2024

'LibraryTok' is building school-age nostalgia on the internet. Fans can't get enough



Jen Miller doesn't run a typical school library.

There's no scolding kids for turning in books late or shushing noisy students. She carries books of every genre, for every reader at her middle school; beyond paperbacks, there are graphic novels and audiobooks. Her library is full of chess boards, art projects, puzzles and kids who eat their lunch quickly so they can spend the rest of the period in the library.

And Miller isn't your typical librarian, because she's also a TikTok star.

There are stacks of dozens of books piled on top of her shelves, waiting to be processed and shelved or to have their spines and covers repaired. She'll broadcast that process for her more than 450,000 followers once students leave the library and the school day is done...

Source: CNN, 29 Sep 2024

Libraries will only exist for as long as we borrow from them. Consider it your civic duty



As an author, I often have readers apologise to me when they divulge that they borrowed my book from a library. That's when I tell them about the lending rights scheme, a federal government initiative that pays Australian authors and illustrators a commission every time their book is borrowed.

So if you're a book borrower, don't feel guilty. You're tangibly supporting authors with every loan. And you're supporting your community by using and bolstering a safe and accessible public space.

In Tasmania the literacy rate is one of the lowest in Australia - just under 50% – and yet our statewide library service is flourishing as it works hard to support all members of society. Beyond the bookshelves and photocopiers (usually fickle) are gathering half-finished spaces: а puzzle is a magnet for those with time on their hands, men sit in armchairs reading newspapers, feet shuffle and fingers type...

Source: The Guardian, 26 Sep 2024

We Underfunded Our Libraries Once. It Almost Lost Us World War II



2024 has seen many devastating budget cuts to libraries. Earlier this year, New York City's Mayor Eric Adams proposed to cut more than \$58 million from the city's libraries. (After public protests, Adams walked back his statement and the city's libraries were spared-for now.) The National Archives and Records Administration has its slimmest budget in nearly three decades, relative to its holdings. The American Library Association recently wrote to its members, "Every librarian knows that funding is under threat for libraries in communities of all sizes and all across the nation."

The fact is that the health of the nation's libraries is a national security issue. We learned this lesson once, and profoundly, during World War II. The story of how underinvesting in our libraries almost lost us the war is worth retelling—especially because what we're losing by cutting back on acquisitions—or, worse, digitizing and then throwing out archives—is exactly what we had to send spies to acquire overseas during that war...

Source: Time, 25 Sep 2024

Enriching Communities: Libraries more than just custodians of books: KU VC



To explore the transformative role of libraries in encouraging societal development and providing a platform for exploring how libraries can leverage new technologies to drive progress and community societal University development, the of Kashmir (KU) Tuesday inaugurated a two-day national seminar here.

Titled 'Enriching Communities: The Role of Emerging Technologies & Techniques in Libraries Towards Societal Advancement & Upliftment', the event is being organised by the varsity's Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with the Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Ministry of Culture...

Source: Brighter Kashmir, 10 Sep 2024

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