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## PAUSE & PONDER

“Beauty is truth,  
truth beauty,  
- that is all ye know on earth,  
and all ye need to know”.

.....John Keats

**With archives closed, libraries out of reach, and travel stopped, how will writers research books?**



In 2013, I walked out of my office for the last time. I possibly should have felt slightly embarrassed at the fact that I had, unlike most of my colleagues, spent less than two years working as a research analyst specialising in Chinese foreign policy at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies. But I felt no such thing...

Source : [Scroll.in](https://scroll.in), 02 July 2020

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<https://scroll.in/article/964850/with-archives-closed-libraries-out-of-reach-and-travel-stopped-how-will-writers-research-books>

**How a Gujarati cookbook came to symbolise love and gratitude during the bubonic plague in Bombay**



As I joined the cricket fans milling out of the Brabourne Stadium on a crisp Mumbai winter evening in December 2009, I could sense its ebullient mood. They had been lucky to witness an innings of a lifetime – an almost-triple century (284 not out) in one day from VirendraSehwag against a hapless Sri Lankan bowling attack...

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**100 books donated to quarantine centre in Amritsar**



Dr Prabhjot Kaur, Chief Librarian, Musafir Memorial Central State Library, Patiala, and district librarian, Amritsar, along with Dr Naresh Chawla, JIYA Foundation, founder, donated 100 books for people quarantined at the rehabilitation centre

here. They said that these books will motivate and inspire them while they are away from their families and friends.

**Source : The Tribune, 01 July 2020**

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<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/100-books-donated-to-quarantine-centre-in-amritsar-107389>

## **COVID-19 and the Global Library Field**



### **Key Resources for Libraries in responding to the Corona virus Pandemic**

The information and resources below are provided on a non-exhaustive basis but will be updated regularly. It is based on publicly available information, and that submitted to [updates@ifla.org](mailto:updates@ifla.org). We welcome additional ideas, references, suggestions and corrections to this address. Please see also our [FAQs](#) specifically concerning IFLA.

**Source: IFLA, 30 June 2020 (Last Updated)**

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<https://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries>

## **Libraries turn the page on COVID-19 as readers are welcomed back**



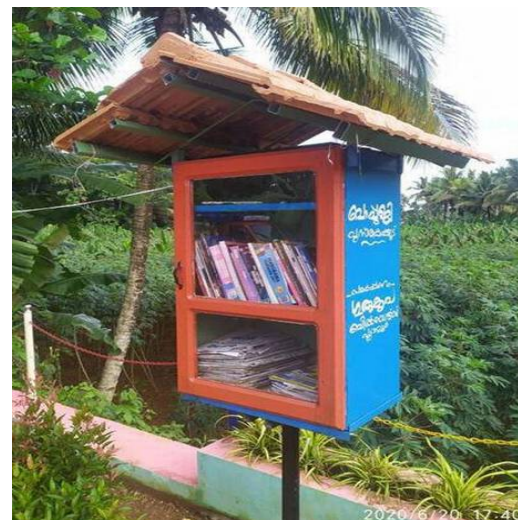
Libraries in Japan that were forced to close due to the corona virus pandemic have once again unlocked their doors, but now the onus is on them to provide a safe environment for their members while ensuring any potential outbreaks are traceable.

**Source :The Japan Times, 29 June 2020**

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<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/06/29/national/libraries-coronavirus/>

## **Perumkulam - Kerala's village of books**



Way back in 2017 when Bhilar, a village in Maharashtra's Satara district, was declared a 'village of books' (PustakanchGaav) by the State government, it sparked an idea in Kerala. The office bearers of BapujiSmarakaVayanasala, a library in Perumkulam, near Kollam, in Kerala were determined to replicate it, and they have finally achieved their goal...

**Source : The Hindu, 27 June 2020**

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<https://www.thehindu.com/society/a-library-in-keralas-perumkulam-has-added-public-book-shelves-and-becoming-a-village-of-books/article31933423.ece>

### **British Council Library in Bengaluru shuts down; moves online**



Libraries are becoming a thing of the past. The iconic British Council Library in Bengaluru has closed down, much to the dismay of book lovers in the city. However, it will continue to exist in virtual space.

"We want our focus to be on scale and a high-quality online experience for customers, with digital and mobile at the

heart of what we do... Our digital offer will bring the best of UK education, arts and culture to a much larger audience beyond our physical locations. We have invested in increasing and strengthening our digital offer so that our customers can access a vast range of educational and entertainment resources online," said Antonius Raghubansie, Director-Learning Services, British Council India...

**Source : The Week, 21 June 2020**

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<https://www.theweek.in/news/india/2020/06/21/british-council-library-in-bengaluru-shuts-down-moves-online.html>

### **School librarian uses drones to deliver books to children stuck at home due to Covid-19**

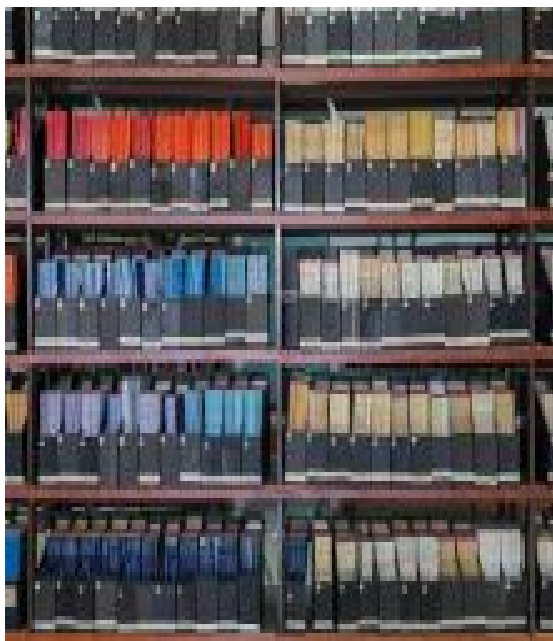
Kelly Passek, a librarian in Virginia, was concerned about students being unable to access books due to stay-at-home orders to slow the spread of [Covid-19](#). So she figured a way of getting the books to them, without human contact. Passek collaborated with Wing, the drone service from [Google's](#) parent company Alphabet, to deliver library books to students in Christiansburg's Montgomery County Public School district...

**Source : The Indian Express, 18 June 2020**

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<https://indianexpress.com/article/trending/trending-globally/school-librarian-uses-drones-to-deliver-books-to-children-stuck-at-home-due-to-coronavirus-6465168/>

## Publishers 'must drop fees in wake of Covid-19' – Jisc/UUK



Major academic publishers are being urged to reduce their prices by 25 per cent on all agreements in light of the severe financial impact institutions are facing because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In a joint letter on behalf of the sector, the Universities UK Jisc content negotiation strategy group says it 'recognises the tremendous support publishers have offered to institutions and colleges as they responded by opening up their content and collections during the start of the crisis'. It continues: 'The focus of institutions is now on preparing for online delivery in September and examining what digital content they can afford to maintain access to against the budgetary efficiencies they will need to deliver.'

**Source :** [Research Information, 17 June 2020](#)

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<https://www.researchinformation.info/news/publishers-must-drop-fees-wake-covid-19-jiscuuk>

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