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## PAUSE & PONDER

*“Work hard for what you want because it won’t come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.”*

– Leah LaBelle

## Librarian’s Day Seminar 2021 [Online Event] on 14 August 2021

ADINET in collaboration with National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad will be conducting the seminar on **14th August 2021** Online.

The seminar is held in the commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, Father of Library Science of India.

The theme of the seminar is **Current Trends in Academics: The Way Forward to Create Agile and Resilient Libraries**

**Sub-Theme 1:** *Current trends in imparting education*

**Sub-Theme 2:** *Role of libraries in supporting education during and post pandemic*

**Sub-Theme 3:** *Case studies of Agile and Resilient Libraries*

**Sub-Theme 4:** *Role of institutional archives in supporting academics and research*

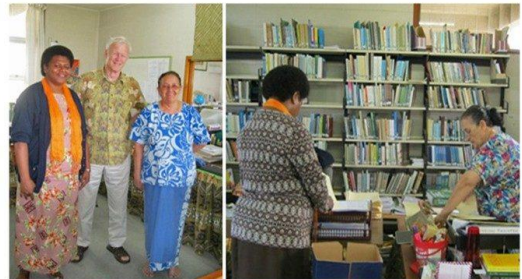
Registration Deadline: **25th July 2021**  
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## Virtual library boosts seminarians’ access to essential texts

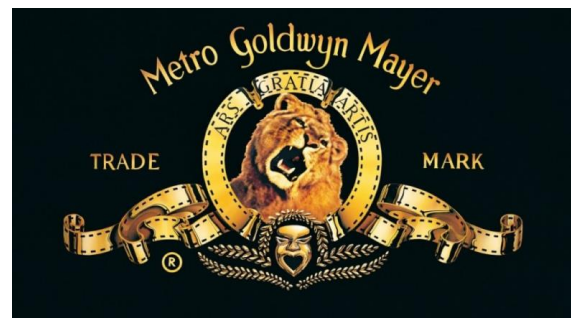


(left) Sharing the Word Co-ordinator for Asia and Oceania Mr Hans Arns with librarians at Pacific Regional Seminary, Suva, Fiji  
(right) Pacific Regional Seminary Library

Sharing the Word is a virtual library founded in 2013 and funded by the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle (POSPA). It is a tremendous help to seminarians, clergy, and pastoral workers who are not able to afford hard copy texts essential for their ministry. There are now over 1000 monthly users, with a single access point to the spiritual and intellectual riches of the Christian Faith...

Source: [Vatican News, 17 May 2021](#)

## Amazon Wants to Buy MGM for Its 4,000-Film Library



Amazon is looking to grow an even bigger presence in Hollywood. The tech giant is reportedly weeks into negotiations to acquire MGM for around \$9 billion, according to multiple reports.

MGM weighing acquisition comes as no surprise. Word broke in the fall that the studio was preparing for a sale, and came after months of rumors and speculation that Apple could make a bid as it pours billions into its fledgling streaming service.

But it turns out its another tech player could win MGM. The Information first reported the MGM-Amazon negotiations...

Source: [IndieWire, 17 May 2021](#)

### **COVID-19: University of New South Wales shows solidarity with India; lights up library in tricolour**



As India continues to grapple with the fatal second COVID-19 wave, Australia's University of New South Wales illuminated its main library tower with Indian tricolor in support of India's fight against coronavirus. It also displayed a message which read, "Stay Strong India... and all suffering from the pandemic."

The official Twitter handle of the University of New South Wales shared the image and wrote, "We've illuminated our main library tower in

support of our Indian students and friends (and others around the world) who are suffering from or affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you all stay safe, stay well, stay strong!"...

Source: [Business Today, 15 May 2021](#)

### **A New Zealander in London selling books from India**



In 1998, Ray McLennan, who had been importing from India musical instruments, saris, tilak, Tulsi malas and agarbatti etc., purchased Motilal Books, a small Oxford-based distributor focusing on academic bookshops and university libraries.

In 2014, he set up his own company, Rays Books of India Pvt Ltd, to broaden his accessibility. Between them, the two companies recorded a turnover of 1.7 million pounds in 2020, in spite of the Coronavirus pandemic, riding largely on online sales, informed McLennan, who is originally from New Zealand, in an interview from Hertfordshire, north of London...

Source: [National Herald, 15 May 2021](#)

### **How Books in a Box is encouraging children in India's villages to develop a love for reading**





Every three months, the children of Chintapalli village in Andhra Pradesh await the arrival of a special delivery — a unique trunk of 100 books. The children share the books amongst themselves, and once they are read, they package and send them to children in another village, while awaiting their next delivery of pre-loved books.

This unique exchange programme was launched by SOS Children's Village in 2019 to encourage a love for reading and learning among children in rural communities who have no access to libraries. Books are collected through friends of SOS at each project, and by donors and sponsors. SOS has also helped to purchase the trunks and some storybooks...

Source: [Yourstory.com](http://Yourstory.com), 14 May 2021

### **A Visakhapatnam boy creates libraries for disadvantaged children during the pandemic**



Back in May last year when 15-year-old Dhruv Advait Kolagatla returned

home to Visakhapatnam from his boarding school during the nationwide lockdown, books were constant companions. A bookworm since childhood, he was convinced of the power books can wield. Holed up at home, he wondered how children in orphanages and shelters would spend their time when schools were closed. It was then that he started working on the Book Drive project for the US-based not-for-profit organization, PURE (People for Urban and Rural Education).

Founded in 2016, PURE works to bring educational and livelihood opportunities for economically disadvantaged children, at-risk youth and special populations in the US and India...

Source: [The Hindu](http://TheHindu.com), 13 May 2021

### **The Library Employment Landscape**



Mindy Moran\* planned on a career as an academic librarian. Since graduating with her MLS in 2016, however, she has not found a permanent position in a university or college library. She also has realized: "I may or may not actually end up working in a library" at all.

Even before COVID-19 struck early last year, the LIS job market was a competitive one. Now, with the pandemic's one-year anniversary

behind us, the employment landscape for librarians has become even rockier and more unstable for entry-level candidates...

Source: [American Libraries, 03 May 2021](#)

### Going by the Book: Kerala and Telangana men crowdsource libraries to connect bookworms



A few years ago, the poster girl of child education rights, Malala Yousafzai, told the UN that one child, one teacher, one book, and one pen could change the world. The pandemic changed the world of books digitally, but die-hard bibliophiles in India have taken her advice seriously.

Book activists such as Shankar Reddy Patlolla in Telangana and Vijesh in Kerala are establishing local, crowdsourced libraries in their towns and villages to combat the reading famine caused by the COVID-19 wave.

Twenty-nine-year-old Patlolla, a farmer-poet-activist, started a local library with his pocket money last year. During the peak lockdown period last summer, he had stayed for over a month at a migrant camp on the outskirts of Hyderabad where over one lakh labourers were preparing to leave for home...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 02 May 2021](#)

### Habits to Make You a Better Reader



No matter why you read, there is always a nagging voice at the back of your mind that tells you to become a better reader. And simply reading every day is not enough.

First things first, drop the book if you don't enjoy it. Normalise abandoning a book and not feeling guilty about it – it is no sin. Instead of torturing yourself with a bad book, use the time to find a better read. Bad books kill time and keep you from discovering the richness of the literary world.

But when should you quit a book? Basically, whenever reading becomes a chore and you'd pretty much rather do anything but face that book. That being said, it doesn't mean once you drop it, you can never go back. Maybe you feel bad about not liking the classic everyone raves about. You may not understand a book the first time; give the author the benefit of the doubt. And if things still don't work out, there's something called the "rule of 50" where you read the first 50 pages before you decide to give up or commit...

Source: [The Daily Star, 29 Apr 2021](#)

### Children read more challenging books in lockdowns, data reveals



Children read longer books of greater difficulty during lockdown periods last year, and reported that reading made them feel better while isolated from the wider world, according to new research.

The annual What Kids Are Reading report from Renaissance Learning, which studies the reading habits of more than one million pupils in the UK and Ireland, found that while the number of books read overall dropped 17% in the year to July 2020, compared with the previous year, children read more during lockdowns and school closures. The data showed that the books read during lockdowns were more challenging, with primary school children and those in year seven reading more demanding texts in particular...

Source: [The Guardian, 26 Apr 2021](#)

**NIT Srinagar library to be made one of the best libraries in India: Director**



Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal on Friday said that their efforts are underway to make the campus library among the best libraries in the entire country.

To mark the World Book Day at NIT Campus, Prof. Sehgal along with Registrar NIT Prof. Kaiser Bukhari visited Library and Information Resource Centre on the campus and reviewed the progress and arrangements, the Institute said in a statement...

Source: [Greater Kashmir, 24 Apr 2021](#)

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