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PAUSE & PONDER

“Don’t limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.”

– *Mary Kay Ash*

[Reminder] 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. Download the [Seminar Brochure](#)

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Books (and libraries) were our great escape when we couldn’t go anywhere



The value of escaping into a book? Priceless.

There’s no way to quantify the vanishing act contained in a good book, the access to landscapes never seen or imagined, wanderings into the lives of people never met, the potential and possibility. Books teach us, move us, expand our worlds, wake our conscience. They help us briefly forget where we are and what’s happening around us. They can help us confront or heal from personal heartbreak, political and social upheaval, or even a global pandemic.

If there was ever a year to seek escapism, understand the lives of others, or be moved to action, we just lived through it. During the long months of COVID-19, books offered doorways out of the reality and fears of day-to-day life, as well as windows into new worlds...

Source: *The Boston Globe, 24 Jun 2021*

Dubai: Why not join a book club?

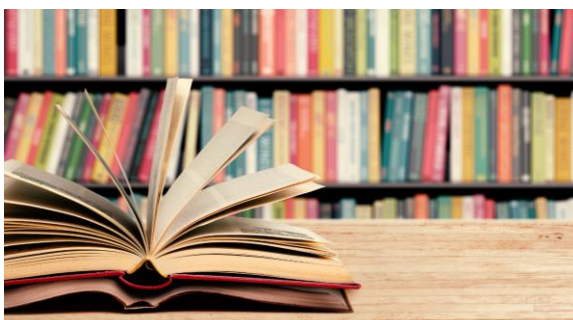


Growing up an avid reader, it was always satisfying to connect with like-minded individuals, whether friends, family members or later, office colleagues, over books we mutually loved. We would deconstruct intricate details of plotlines, discuss which characters we loved and/or hated, and much more. And if we were lucky, these conversations happened over a cup of tea or coffee in a favourite cafe, watching the world go by while we remained snugly wrapped up in our worlds of storytelling and imagination.

The best part of a book club is that it combines the joys of meeting fellow bibliophiles with a great ambience, and the takeaways are not only literary (perhaps some food for thought about that book you thought you knew so well?), but also social — isn't it a great way to make new friends, who love books as much as you do?...

Source: [Khaleej Times, 24 Jun 2021](#)

National Library to upload books on Indian culture on web



As part of its outreach drive for young generation readers, the National Library plans to upload on the web a select part of its voluminous collection, including books on Indian culture, a top official said Tuesday.

Of the 20 lakh odd books in its possession, 5,000 titles under the Indian Culture section will be uploaded on the web in the coming months, the new officiating director the general told reporters here. "In the era of information and communication technology, National Library strives to adopt world-class support and service for its users across the world to ensure access to the digital content," the new officiating DG Prof Ajay Pratap Singh said...

Source: [The Indian Express, 23 Jun 2021](#)

How a student in rural Bengal is defying the pandemic (and cyclones) with his libraries



In the intervals between severe cyclonic storms and lockdowns, a fairy tale is brewing on the horizon of a village in the district of South 24 Pargana, West Bengal. This particular district and its remote hamlets have made news in the recent past for being devastated by cyclonic storms like Amphan and Yaas.

While the rest of the country was grappling with the ideas of isolation centres and quarantine centres to break the Covid-19 transmission chain, these villagers had to resort to storm shelters to ward off immediate death. However, resilient times give rise to resilient dreamers. One such dreamer in Daria village has sought to turn his own and the neighbouring villages into a network of libraries. So far, he has been able to set up two libraries in two villages. Both the libraries have been started in homes which their owners offered promptly...

Source: [Scroll.in, 23 Jun 2021](#)

Library Science and How to Become a Librarian



Someone who enjoys sharing knowledge with others may like the idea of working in a library, since that is a place where visitors often seek answers to questions.

In those scenarios, librarians become sleuths, using their investigative skills to find whatever is sought after whether a particular fact or an amalgamation of all the credible scholarship on a specific topic.

There are also situations where librarians help people locate one-of-a-kind items such as authenticated historical manuscripts or genuine legal documents. Though it may not be

possible to gain direct access to the original versions of rare objects, reliable copies are often available via digital archives. Librarians are skilled at discovering valuable resources in places where others might not think to look...

Source: [U. S. News, 21 Jun 2021](#)

Kerala: College launches digital laughing library



To capture the joyful moments of students' college life, which they miss currently due to Covid-induced lockdown restrictions, the Yeldo Mar Baselios College in Kothamangalam has launched a digital laughing library for students on the occasion of World Sauntering Day on Saturday.

The library is a digital platform where three-minute long videos capturing joyful moments in the life of each student will be uploaded on the college Website...

Source: [The Times of India, 20 Jun 2021](#)

Developing reading habits in your child

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are"- These profound words by Mason Cooley are the most relevant,

especially over the last one year, where we were mostly confined to the four walls of the house. Reading is one of the best adventures you can embark upon.

It has the ability to transport us to incredible places, unearth and explore new cultures, languages, and experiences that can shape the way we look at the world. Above all, it opens up a world of imagination – not just for children, but also adults. From my own experience as a mother, I have noticed that the more my child reads, the better he writes, the better his diction, writing, and understanding. In today's fast, tech-driven world, it is more important than ever to inculcate in children the value of reading books — be it virtual or physical — in their path to become change-makers and trendsetters...

Source: [The Times of India, 19 Jun 2021](#)

National Reading Day: Occasion marks death anniversary of 'Father of Library Movement' PN Panicker; all you need to know



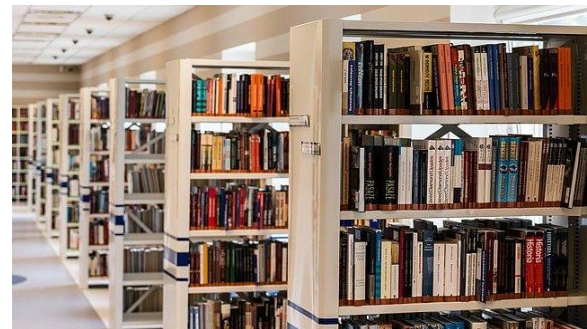
India celebrates 'National Reading Day' on the death anniversary of social reformer PN Panicker. Known as the Father of the Library Movement in India, Panicker passed away on 19 June in 1995 after revolutionising the practice of reading in the country.

Born on 1 March, 1909, Panicker contributed to the literacy movement in Kerala. It became the first total literate state of the country in 1991.

According to a blog by the PN Panicker Foundation, the activist promoted Kerala Association for Non-Formal Education and Development (KANFED), a non-formal education movement and institutions like Kerala Grandhasala Sangam (Kerala State Library Council)...

Source: [FirstPost, 19 Jun 2021](#)

Rs 3 cr model district library coming up in Baramulla



A state-of-the-art Model District Library with a capacity of thousands of books and world class system that disperse information, fosters reading habits and facilitates reading habits besides research work is coming up at Carriapa Park Baramulla at a cost of Rs 3 crores.

The director libraries, Rafi Ahmad, while confirming the development said that the project will be conceived by department of PWD Baramulla and first instalment had been issued to the executing agency...

Source: [Greater Kashmir, 16 Jun 2021](#)

Stanford researchers champion open and reproducible science



Open science is a broad goal that includes making data, data analysis, scientific processes and published results easier to access, understand and reproduce. It's an appealing concept but, in practice, open science is difficult and, often, the costs seem to exceed the benefits. Recognizing both the shortfalls and the promise of open science, Stanford University's Center for Open and REproducible Science (CORES) – which is part of Stanford Data Science – hopes to make the practice of open science easier, more accessible and more rewarding...

Source: [Stanford News, 16 Jun 2021](#)

How public libraries have evolved to sustain low-income communities amid pandemic



After more than 40 people died in Bansa, a village in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi district, within two weeks in

April, the workers of Bansa Community Library and Resource Centre immediately decided to shut all operations. With minimal support from the administration, they began relief work for the villages around their library — sanitising public areas, distributing thermometers, oximeters and corona kits, providing dry ration, and so on. Overnight, their work expanded to areas beyond what they had perceived their library would be doing...

Source: [The Indian Express, 15 Jun 2021](#)

Library Academy joins HelpLIS-Mission

The Odisha Library Academy (OLA) has joined the HelpLIS-Mission to help the families of librarians who are Covid affected or have died due to the disease.

It will coordinate mission in the eastern region of India. In this regard a virtual meeting was organised by the Odisha Library Academy on May 31. OLA president Dr Banamber Sahoo said, "The HelpLIS-Mission is the first mission in India which specially stands by the librarian community during Coronavirus pandemic. Hope all the library associations in India will be coming together and exhibit their solidarity with the librarian community."...

Source: [The Pioneer, 04 Jun 2021](#)

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