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## PAUSE & PONDER

*“Librarians have always been among the most thoughtful and helpful people. They are teachers without a classroom.”*

– Willard Scott

## Librarian’s Day Virtual Seminar on Current Trends in Education: The Way Forward to Create Agile and Resilient Libraries held on 14 August 2021

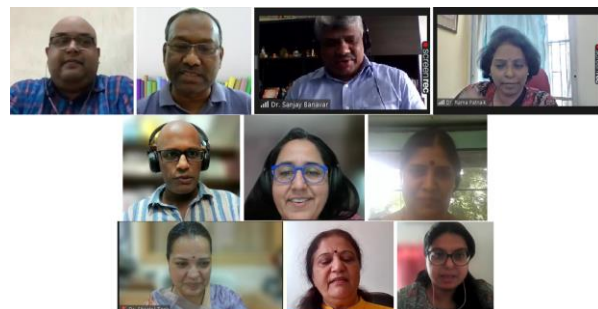


The seminar was jointly organized by **ADINET** and **NID** Ahmedabad. 162 participants and 17 panelists attended the Online Seminar.

**Shri Praveen Nahar**, Director NID, Ahmedabad presided the Inaugural session followed by **Ms. Rhoda Bharucha**, Director ADINET giving a brief introduction to ADINET and its activities. **Shri P.K. Lehari**, Chairman ADINET fondly remembered Shayajirao & Motibhai for their contribution in developing libraries in Gujarat. **Ms. Tanishka Kachuru**, Activity chairperson, KMC, NID expressed that the theme is extremely relevant in these one and half years, from the perspective of the demands from users to provide access despite challenges and to bring back the users to libraries. She detailed about the theme and sub themes of the seminar. **Dr. Lalitha Poluru**, Head KMC NID Ahmedabad proposed the vote of thanks.



Eminent Speakers, **Dr. Ravi Gor**, **Dr. Nabi Hasan**, **Dr. Sanjay Banavar**, **Dr. Rama Patnaik**, **Dr. Venkat Srinivasan**, **Ms. Tanishka Kachru** and **Dr. Lalitha Poluru** gave insightful talks on the Sub-Themes of the seminar. **Dr. Sheetal Tank** gave a crisp and concise summary of the seminar in the concluding session. **Ms. Sangita Bhatt** and **Ms. Anubha Arora** anchored the event.



The event report would be available on the [ADINET Website](#)

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### Library on bicycle attracts tribal kids to world of books

Nagpur: A cycle decked up with story books makes its way through narrow bylanes of a remote village in Gadchiroli district while kids look on with curiosity. This was the scene in November last year when Maharashtra state education department and Unicef

India launched the Firtay granthalaya (roaming library) and Goshtincha Shanivaar (Storytelling Saturday) in remote villages of districts like Gadchiroli, Palghar etc.



The deadly second wave and the monsoon did put a brake on the initiative, but it still continued in a handful of places in Gadchiroli. Teachers or some NGO volunteers would pick a book from their bicycle library and start reading out to kids in villages...

Source: [The Times of India, 12 Sep 2021](#)

### **New In Northwest Delhi: In urban village, first women's library gives many a room of their own**



In the heart of Northwest Delhi's Karala village is an airy room where young women have been spending their days for the last week, studying in a space of their own in the first women's only library in the district.

Swati Mathur (20), preparing for SSC exams, said she found studying at home full of distractions and frustrations. "I share a room with three of my siblings so I do not get my own space. There are people who keep coming and going throughout the day. In the village, if someone is idle, they just go and visit someone's home..."

Source: [The Indian Express, 11 Sep 2021](#)

### **How can libraries improve our lives? Do they even need books?**



What is a library? For a few weeks, as a young adult with considerably more chutzpah than nous, I set myself to read every significant book written. It didn't last. I'm not a fast reader, preferring to savour the good bits, but even if I were, the task would be Sisyphean.

Even so, I dreamt of a library-centric house. One version had a fabulous vertical stack that encompassed a fireplace (with reading nooks) at ground level and was encircled by a stair that wound down into the ground and up through the house to the sky....

Source: [The Sydney Morning Herald, 10 Sep 2021](#)



## Children's book authors bring joy of reading to those in need



NORTHBOROUGH – Kristen Wixted and Heather Kelly are passionate about all kids having access to books.

Knowing the disparity of book access for so many families, they have formed a non-profit, Little Book Locker.

Wixted is a Northborough Select Board member and children's book author. Kelly is also a children's book author.

Similar to the concept of Little Free Libraries, Little Book Locker offers free, new and gently used books. Unlike the libraries, though, Little Book Lockers are specifically placed in areas of vulnerability, containing books specifically geared to children in those areas.

Each site is monitored so books can be replenished as needed....

Source: [Community Advocate, 10 Sep 2021](#)

### Literacy campaign with library on boat!

This boat that houses a host of books, study material and activity stuff is drawing the attention of slum children

living on the banks of the River Gomti. This 'Library on Boat' moves to different ghats where volunteers engage slums and children to inculcate reading habits in children and engage them with fun-and-learn activities.



On the banks of Kudiya Ghat, young Laxmi says, "I am living with my mother here and I go to school but there we do not have such activities. I am having the best time here reading stories and making drawings."...

Source: [Hindustan Times, 10 Sep 2021](#)

### Dharwad a hub of 24x7 libraries

Libraries play a vital role in every student's life. Dharwad, which has emerged as a hub of 24x7 libraries, is now attracting students. There are a 100 libraries which run 24x7 for the benefit of students in the district. There are nearly 20 to 25 such libraries within a 2 km radius of Saptapur and Basavanagar in Dharwad.

Dharwad is also known as Vidyakashi in North Karnataka region, where many students from backward districts, including Ballari, Raichur, Bagalkot and Vijayapura, come to study, since many coaching centres offer different types of courses, and coaching to prepare candidates to face IAS, KAS, PSI and other competitive exams. To facilitate students, many people have now started the 24X7 library concept, to enable candidates, who are

preparing to crack competitive exams, to study for long hours, in the day and at night....

Source: [The Times of India, 09 Sep 2021](#)

### **Women more likely to experience author disputes when publishing their research, finds study**



Female academics are more likely to have authorship disagreements when publishing their research than their male colleagues. That is according to a global survey of more than 5000 scientists, which also finds that women often feel that they receive less recognition for their work than they deserve.

Almost half of the respondents to the survey – conducted by researchers led by Cassidy Sugimoto, an information scientist at Georgia Institute of Technology – were from the natural sciences and engineering (which included physics). About a third, meanwhile, were biomedical scientists and a fifth came from the social sciences....

Source: [Physicsworld, 08 Sep 2021](#)

### **New Data Shows Building Knowledge Can Boost Reading Comprehension**



Kindergartners who got a literacy curriculum grounded in science topics had better reading comprehension than peers who got the standard approach focusing on general comprehension skills, according to new research.

Studies have repeatedly shown that readers who have knowledge of the topic they're reading about are better able to understand the text. There's also evidence that reading comprehension scores are highly correlated with general cultural knowledge, suggesting that the more knowledge you have, the better you can understand whatever you read...

Source: [Forbes, 08 Sep 2021](#)

### **Libraries get new shelf life**



You know I'm thriving when I'm flipping through the musky fragrance of an old, dusty book, says Prabhu Viswanathan. Until the pandemic struck, the Chennai businessman would be found at the Madras Literary Society almost every

week, or on a hunt for first editions, political biographies, and collectibles.

For steadfast bibliophiles like Prabhu – who "wouldn't touch a Kindle at 90," the pandemic has been a period of cruel withdrawal from the romance of that experience. With lockdown restrictions, many libraries have been forced to shut their doors forever. And those that have managed to stay afloat are struggling for subscriptions to survive...

Source: [The Times of India, 06 Sep 2021](#)

### How Do We Address Information Overload in the Scholarly Literature?

Information overload is a common problem, and it is an old problem. It is not a problem of the Internet age, and it is not specific to scholarly literature, but the growth of preprints in the last five years presents us with a proximal example of the challenge.



We want to tackle this information overload problem and have some ideas on how to do this – presented at the end of this post. Are you willing to help? This post tells some of the back story of how preprints solve part of the problem – speedy access to academic information – yet add to the growing information that we need to filter to find results that we can build on. It is written to inspire the problem solvers

in our community to step forward and help us to realise some practical solutions...

Source: [Science The Wire, 29 Aug 2021](#)

### J&K to get libraries-on-wheels soon

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir will soon get 20 buses designed as mobile libraries, equipped with all technological amenities like computers and other allied services, National Library of India director-general Prof Ajay Pratap Singh said on Wednesday.

The Department of Libraries & Research, and Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata, will be part of the novel initiative — Library-on-Wheels — in J&K. Prof Singh said the bus libraries would be launched in all districts to make quality reading material accessible to everyone, especially in areas sans public libraries...

Source: [The Times of India, 26 Aug 2021](#)

### Dust off the forgotten shelves



We all have fond memories of libraries — visiting the library, roaming among the different sections for hours and finally the joy of finding the book we want to read, which takes some skill. Libraries have served as the gateway



to knowledge, but somehow they are now finding it difficult to survive. It is time to remind everyone of the importance of libraries.

What started through the patronage of emperors and scholars in ancient India still exists. Ancient universities like Nalanda, Taxila and Vikramshila had magnificent libraries with massive collections of manuscripts. Mughal emperors were known for their contributions to art and literature, which provided further stimulus to the growth of libraries. Babur, Humayun and Akbar established new libraries and also developed the existing ones by appointing scholars as librarians...

Source: [The Telegraph, 23 Aug 2021](#)

### **Transforming print collections at academic libraries**

The trend in academic library collections is toward shared print collections and off-site storage. While that might seem to presage the death of print in academic collections, it also serves as a golden opportunity for innovation and experimentation—to develop a vision for a future in which the academic library print collection engages and inspires its communities as never before. “Transforming Print: Collection Development and Management for Our Connected Future,” published by ALA Editions in collaboration with Core Publishing, explores how to transform print throughout the collections lifecycle, from selection to management to disposition. Editors Lorrie McAllister and Shari Laster led Arizona State University’s Future of Print project, an initiative focused on fostering engagement with print collections by

emphasizing unique local holdings of interest to their community. In this collection they share their experiences alongside a range of contributors at other institutions, spotlighting the ways in which people and books are central to fulfilling the library’s educational mission...

Source: [ALA Member News, 18 Aug 2021](#)

### **'Library man' tribal official in Jharkhand establishes 25 libraries**



A tribal official in the agriculture department in Jharkhand has earned the moniker of Kolhan’s “library man” for establishing as many as 25 libraries, including 12 digital libraries, in over a decade to help underprivileged students pursue their dream of higher education.

Sanjay Kachyap, a 40-year-old market secretary of the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) in Parsudih (Jamshedpur), has used his own experience of struggles in pursuing higher education to provide the benefits of libraries to poor students in rural hinterlands, mostly in rebel-hit areas...

Source: [The Telegraph, 16 Aug 2021](#)

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