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PAUSE & PONDER

"Magic is believing in yourself. If you can make that happen, you can make anything happen."

– Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

ADINET SIG-Special Libraries: Librarians Round Table held on 22 January 2022 [Online]



The poster for the ADINET SIG Special Libraries Librarians Round Table event features the ADINET logo at the top left. The main title is "ADINET SIG SPECIAL LIBRARIES LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE" in bold blue and white text. Below the title, it says "Innovative Services in select Special Libraries". The event date and time are "22 JANUARY 2022 (SATURDAY) 11 AM - 12 PM (VIRTUAL EVENT)". A "Panelists" section lists five individuals with their photos and titles: Dr. Nishtha A. (Head, LIS, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad), Dr. Lalitha P. (Head, KMC, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad), Mr. Saroj Das (Head, SIRC, Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar), Mr. Ganapathi B. (Librarian, EDII, Ahmedabad), and Dr. T. S. Kumbar (Advisor, Library & Institute Archives, IIT Gandhinagar). A "Moderator" section lists Dr. T. S. Kumbar. At the bottom, it says "REGISTRATION: NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED".

ADINET organized a **Librarians Round Table** under the Special Interest Group (SIG) Special Libraries, on the topic **"Innovative Services in select Special Libraries"**. The panel of Librarians included, Dr. Nishtha Anilkumar, representing PRL, Ahmedabad, Dr. Lalitha Poluru, representing NID, Ahmedabad, Mr. B. Ganapathi, representing EDII, Gandhinagar and Mr. Saroj Das, representing IPR, Gandhinagar. The discussion was moderated by Dr. T. S. Kumbar, Advisor, Library and Archives, IIT-Gandhinagar. Each panellist shared their **experiences in designing and providing specific**

services for their special libraries. The interactive learning session was attended by around 60 LIS professional from different parts of the country.

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Librarians Now Frontline Workers in Combating Covid-19



As public libraries across the nation begin handing out Covid-19 testing kits and N95 masks, librarians have become the latest frontline workers.

Melanie Huggins, president of the Public Library Association, said libraries and librarians are essential to combating the virus seeing as they are vital to their communities and have accessible hours of operation.

"Libraries are one of the most-trusted entities and organizations in communities since we're accessible, friendly, welcoming and all the things that you would want people to be during this crisis," Huggins told Route Fifty. "I think that it is a positive thing, and people are noticing how critical libraries are to responding to crises."...

Source: [Route Fifty, 26 Jan 2022](#)

Reading habit on the decline
Editor,
Is the habit of reading books gradually declining? The answer is simply 'yes'.

The decline is compounded by the Covid19 pandemic necessitating online mode of classes and examinations. This changing attitude and behaviour among students is worrisome for both parents and teachers. Reading is the gateway to success in education. The many advantages of reading have been well-documented. From exposure to a wealth of knowledge to enhanced language skills to improved understanding of the world and its many cultures. It has personal values too. It is a door to almost all knowledge and vocations. Failure to read paves the way for all kinds of catastrophes in society. However, nowadays, reading is considered a pressure inducing activity rather than a pleasurable one. This attitude towards reading has become a serious problem since a lot of people do not realize the value of reading for scholarly pursuit or pleasure in their lives. Both young and old prefer to spend time with their smartphones, watching TV, gossiping and many other things instead of reading which is important to their personal well-being and development, and enhances their knowledge.

In Dallas, Earning by Learning Programme is being implemented to encourage reading among school kids. Under this programme, the school pays two dollars for each book they read. To collect the cash incentive, students have to take a computerized quiz to prove they've read the book. This programme worked best with second-grader in an underachieving Dallas School.

Students who miss the chance to connect with books in their initial stages of life will find it difficult to obtain good reading habits in their later years. Let's build the affection for

books, read books and stay intellectually active.

Yours etc.,
Dr Omarlin Kyndiah
Via email....

Source: *The Shillong Times, 26 Jan 2022*

Patna has five original copies of Constitution in three libraries, one put on display



The Gandhi Sangrahalaya in Bihar's capital Patna has put on display one of the original 1,000 copies of the Indian Constitution, which was gifted to it in 2017 by former Governor of Tripura, professor Sidheshwar Prasad, who was elected to the Lok Sabha from Nalanda in the first parliamentary elections in 1952, the museum's joint director Asif said.

These copies were printed at Survey of India's printing facility in Dehradun using lithograph technique.

The Indian Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, and came into force on January 26, 1950...

Source: *Hindustan Times, 25 Jan 2022*

New intellectual freedom resource helps librarians address challenges to problematic authors

CHICAGO – Librarians face an increasing number of book challenges, with objections aimed specifically at the content contained in the books themselves, including LGBTQ+ content and critical race theory.

But today the objections are increasingly reaching beyond the books themselves, with the focus shifting to the personalities of the authors themselves based on activities that often go beyond the scope of what they commit to the printed page.

The American Library Association's (ALA) Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) is offering a new resource, Addressing Challenges to Books by Problematic Authors: Q&A, that will help librarians navigate this new and often intimidating terrain.

This new resource will guide librarians by providing detailed information about what it means when an author is labeled “problematic” and how such labels impact intellectual freedom...

Source: [ALA News, 24 Jan 2022](#)

Elderly man on mission to inculcate reading habit among people through his library on bicycle



Amid concerns being expressed over the decline in the book-reading habit in the present generation, 67-year-old Jeevan Ingale, a resident of in Khatav tehsil of Maharashtra's Satara district, has been on a mission to inculcate this

habit among the young and old alike in the surrounding areas as he pedals his library on bicycle to lend books to them.

Ingale, a bibliophile from a small village called Budh in Khatav tehsil and an ardent follower of Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts, started the initiative 12 years ago and now his mobile library project has become popular among children and adults in the area...

Source: [The Indian Express, 21 Jan 2022](#)

Librarians Fight Back Against Efforts to Ban Books in Schools

Outraged at the parents and politicians who are trying to rid school libraries of books they denounce as inappropriate or even pornographic, a band of Texas school librarians is fighting back.

Shortly after Texas state Rep. Matt Krause called for the state's school libraries to review a list of 850 books for possible removal, four librarians formed “#FReadom Fighters” to resist what they call “a war on books.”

“We became this little freedom-fighting team,” said Carolyn Foote, a former school librarian in an Austin suburb who is now a library consultant. “We just wanted the voices of librarians and students and authors to be heard.”...

Source: [Education Week, 18 Jan 2022](#)

A library the internet can't get enough of

On the first Tuesday of the year, author and political activist Don Winslow tweeted a photograph of an avid reader's dream library. Bathed in the buttery glow of three table

lamps, almost every surface of the room is covered with books. There are books on the tables, books stacked on mahogany ladders, and books atop still more books lining the shelves of the room. "I hope you see the beauty in this that I do," Winslow wrote in the tweet, which has been acknowledged with 32,800 hearts.



If you spend enough time in the literary corners of Twitter, this image may look familiar. It rises again just about annually, and the library has been attributed over the years to authors including Umberto Eco and buildings in Italy and Prague. As with other images featuring beautiful bookshelves, people go absolutely bananas for it. Winslow's post received 1,700 comments, including one from a professor at Pace University who has been using the photo as his Zoom background...

Source: [The Indian Express, 17 Jan 2022](#)

Meet the 2022 I Love My Librarian Award Winners



On January 10 the American Library Association (ALA) announced the 10 winners of this year's I Love My Librarian Award, nominated by patrons for their expertise, dedication, and profound impact in their communities. Three academic librarians, three public librarians, three school librarians, and one prison librarian are receiving the award this year.

"Even in these unprecedented times, our nation's librarians continue to empower their patrons, promote inclusion in their spaces and collections, and provide essential services for their communities," said ALA President Patricia "Patty" M. Wong in a statement. "Congratulations to this year's I Love My Librarian Award winners, who impact the lives of those they serve every day."...

Source: [American Libraries, 10 Jan 2022](#)

Librarians Help Students Navigate an Age of Misinformation — But Schools Are Cutting Their Numbers



School librarians hear the question all the time: Why do we need school libraries and school librarians when students have the internet?

The perception is that a computer and Wi-Fi are all students need for their informational and recreational needs.

Meanwhile, the number of school librarians in the U.S. has dropped

about 20% over the past decade, according to a July 2021 study funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Many states, including Arizona, Texas and Pennsylvania, do not fund or mandate school librarian positions. And an analysis from the National Center for Education Statistics revealed that Hispanic, nonwhite and nonnative English speakers are the students most affected by the decline in librarian positions...

Source: [The 74million, 05 Jan 2022](#)

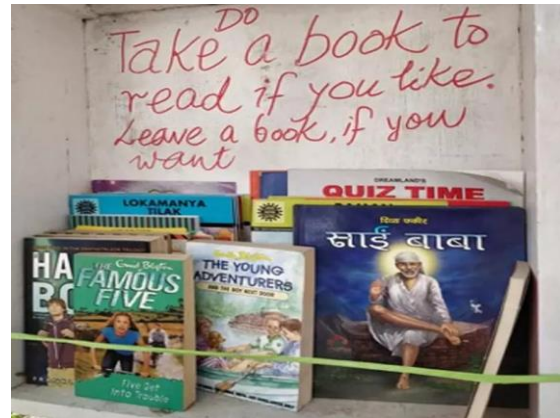
Borrow a book, return it at any library in state

Chennai: Soon, a reader can rent a book from a public library and return it anywhere in the state after reading it. Search for books, reservation and renewals too could be done through a mobile app and home delivery of books also could be a possibility, as Tamil Nadu government is keen on reviving libraries and book-lending in the state.

A centralised book-returning system will be made possible, as the Anna Centenary Library (ACL) along with Roja Muthiah Research Library, is preparing a union catalogue for all 35 lakh books in the 4,640 public libraries across Tamil Nadu. Roja Muthiah Research Library is curating the catalogue of all books in public libraries to the international standard like Anglo American Cataloguing Rules (AACR2) and Machine-Readable Cataloguing (MARC 21)...

Source: [The Times of India, 31 Dec 2021](#)

How a Gurugram colony set up open street side libraries to bring community closer



GURUGRAM: It was an image of a petrol pump running a small closet library, books to read and return that inspired Gurugram resident and designer, Maneesha Sharma to start a little neighbourhood library on the streetside in her colony.

Taking a cue from the image her husband showed her in 2019, Maneesha pulled out a couple of old drawers and hung them from a tree near her house in Malibu Towne where she lives.

A family of book lovers, she and her family were keen on sharing their books, particularly children's books. Her young son and she quickly arranged some books from their own collection. Shared the word on the neighborhood's WhatsApp group and soon enough, a small bunch of hesitant residents were reaching the spot to check out the books....

Source: [The Times of India, 31 Dec 2021](#)

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