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PAUSE & PONDER

"We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes – understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success."

– Arianna Huffington

Librarian's Day Seminar 2022 to be held jointly by ADINET & CEPT University, Ahmedabad on 27 August 2022

LIBRARIAN'S DAY 2022

Seminar held at CEPT University



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ADINET in collaboration with CEPT University, Ahmedabad is organizing the **Librarian's Day Seminar 2022 on 27 August 2022 (Saturday)**. The theme of the seminar is **"Redesigning Library Spaces & Services"** with the following sub-themes:

- 1: Redesigning Library Spaces
- 2: Rethinking Innovative Library Services
- 3: Sustainability in Libraries
- 4: Engaging User Community

Last date for registration is 15th August, 2022. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3HdeLbr>

New Feature: Focus Library



K.J. Choksi Public Library

KJ Choksi Public Library installs DG sets for a 24/7 power supply

Education has been widely at stake during the pandemic. However, the improving situation of COVID has now started making the students sincere in the exam preparations, especially competitive exams. K J Choksi Public Library's reading room is helping a lot of children prepare for competitive exams and is always 100% occupied.

Power cut-outs in the city sometimes make studies a bit challenging, making it uneasy for the students to concentrate on their studies. A power cut just before the exam would demoralise a student and also put him/her to a huge disadvantage.

As soon as the impact due to power-cut on studies got noticed by the Project Director of the Library, Mr Manan Choksi, he immediately made a decision to install DG sets in the library and soon the decision got into action. Students may not have power back up at home and with power outages common a 24/7 reading room facility would help improve academic results.

The library - largest and most well-equipped fully AC reading room in Bharuch, installed DG sets, so readers pose no disruption in studying due to power cut at all and use the library 24/7. This was done as the city of Bharuch has a lot of power cuts, making it difficult for the students to excel at exams.

About KJ Choksi Library

K J Choksi Public Library is the memorial of Late Shri Kantilal Jaikishandas Choksi, a freedom

Fighter and the Mayor of Bharuch City. The library is a non-profit set-up, fully funded by Kantilal J Choksi Charitable Trust. The motto behind setting up the library was to develop reading habits among the people.



The library holds a collection of over 45000 books available in different languages such as Gujarati, English, Hindi, as well as Marathi. It has an average of over 30,000 readers per year who take advantage of the same.

The library has always made sure to provide the best to its readers – be it providing a comfortable airconditioned seating place, clean drinking water facilities, safety & security systems or choice of thousands of books, either for reading pleasure or to prepare for competitive exams.

Narendra K Sonar
Librarian
K J Choksi Public Library

ADINET Book Club (ABC)

The year 2022 marked yet another notable effort by ADINET under the guidance of Ms. Rhoda Bharucha, Hon Director, ADINET to encourage the young LIS students and professionals, to take up reading actively. ADINET has started a Book Club (ABC) as an enthusiastic initiative by Dr Lagdhir Rabari, Librarian, National Law University, Nagpur.

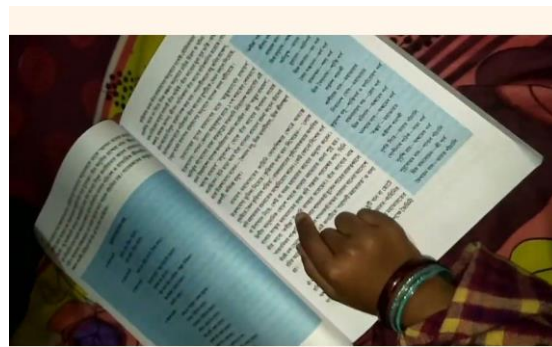
The first session of **ABC Reads** was held on Saturday, 29th January 2022

**To know more about the ABC,
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Readers Please Note

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The power of reading book



Reading is not a kind of habit that all of us want to perform but rather we avoid it as much as we can. The same held true for me until the middle of 2021 when I read something for the first time that changed the way I live my life. I'd like to start by providing some insights into my life and how I ended up reading more than I ever thought I possibly could. Ever since I was a kid, I've always seen my mother read books. We had (and still do) a great number of books which the only person who would read was my mother. Although we never had a book shelf, we had more books scattered in the house than that could even fit inside one. Despite such a huge number of books all the time I'd never developed the habit of reading. My younger sister started reading books at an early age but I didn't. I despised it and was so indifferent to it...

Source: [*The Financial Express*, 26 Mar 2022](#)

The tale of two libraries

Connemara is one of the four national depository libraries in India; Anna is one of the biggest in south Asia

After a parliamentary career of 18 years in Britain, Robert Bourke (1827-1902), later Baron Connemara, became Governor of the Madras Presidency in 1886.



Unlike many of his predecessors and successors, he interacted freely and cordially with people of all classes. In no time did he develop an admiration for Indian students and realised not many were able to afford the books they needed. As part of his efforts to address this need, he laid the foundation in March 1886 on Pantheon Road in Egmore for, what he called, a “free public library”, which later came to be called Connemara Public Library...

Source: [The Hindu, 24 Mar 2022](#)

Karnataka to get 340 new libraries

Chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday announced the opening of 340 new libraries in the state.

“The necessary orders in this regard would be issued immediately,” he declared.

Speaking at the inauguration of ‘Grama DG Vikasana-2022’ organised by Shikshana Foundation, Dell International Services, and Rural Development, and Panchayat Raj Department, the CM said, “Gram Panchayats need to be formed in the new Taluks. They would be started in

the current year itself. Digitisation of 3409 libraries needs to be completed this year itself,” he said...

Source: [Hindustan Times, 22 Mar 2022](#)

Single network: 56 Kerala University libraries linked



Various libraries of the University of Kerala have been linked through a single network under the ‘One University, One Library’ project, which was launched by Higher Education Minister R Bindu at a function held at the university’s Senate Hall recently.

Fifty-six libraries — including the university’s main library at Palayam, libraries on Kariavattom campus, 44 departments, seven inter-university centres and study centres in Kollam, Pandalam and Alappuzha — have been linked through the project...

Source: [New Indian Express, 22 Mar 2022](#)

‘Sundargarh Bahi Padha’ to Encourage Book Reading among the Students and People of the District

Various programmes are being undertaken to create interest for book reading among students, youth and people of Sundargarh. Taking a step ahead in this direction, the district administration has resumed the ‘Sundargarh Bahi Padha’ Abhijan in the post pandemic time.



Under the initiative, along with book reading, various creative activities were organized at the residential office of the Collector Sundargarh to engage children of various age groups. The event which was being held every Sunday in pre pandemic is resumed now...

Source: Orissadairy.com, 22 Mar 2022

Ways to encourage reading habits and increase imagination power among kids



The COVID-19 pandemic has tested and continues to test us (as individuals and parents) and our children in ways we didn't even imagine existed. Flexibility and quick adaptation to each curveball that the pandemic has thrown our way has been taxing on everybody.

Children are the silent sufferers. The parents went back to school with online classes and the kids quickly fell in love with the screen. Currently, children and youngsters are

experiencing reduced attention span and refuse to sit down and read. Over the years, while talking to parents and learning with my daughter, I have managed to make a list that might help you boost your child's imagination power thus enabling them to be better readers...

Source: The Indian Express, 06 Mar 2022

As Ukraine Battles Russia, Librarians Are Forming Their Own 'Internet Military' Against Fake News



Wars are fought by soldiers with arms. But in Ukraine, which was invaded by Russia last week, resistance is taking many forms with even academics and staid librarians joining the fight, albeit unarmed. Libraries are repositories of knowledge and cultural wisdom. And the librarians of Ukraine have emerged as firm custodians of the nation's heritage and public image.

Since the start of (and even before) the active Russian invasion, librarians of Ukraine have been actively participating in the resistance. Libraries under the Ukrainian Libraries Association (ULA) have been helping civilians and military personnel alike by providing training in home care for the injured and also doubling as temporary asylums for civilians displaced by war. According to statements issued by ULA chief Oksana Bruy in the past few days, the libraries are also at the

forefront of defending Ukraine in cyberspace by countering a barrage of misinformation...

Source: [Outlook, 02 Mar 2022](#)

A first-of-its-kind rural library



Deepshikha Deshmukh, a producer, entrepreneur, and mother, has launched a first-of-its-kind initiative called 'Read Latur,' which she describes as "a small effort to set up libraries across the rural schools of the region and instil reading, not just textual but of fables, stories, and tales that help children dream and fire their imagination."

She is an avid reader herself, and she believes that reading for 10 minutes every day can change your life.

Deepshikha, as a mother, instils the habit of reading in her children and understands the difference it makes in one's life.

When she noticed that Latur's children had limited access to reading material, the majority of which consisted of curriculum and textbooks, she devised a plan to spread the joy of reading to as many children as possible...

Source: [The Tribune, 27 Feb 2022](#)

Book reading helps to build healthy society: Karimnagar Collector



Collector RV Karnan on Saturday said that besides enhancing knowledge, book reading will help building a healthy society. He emphasised the need to educate the students about it. He released wallposters of a book fair to be organised on the occasion of International Women's Day from March 2 to 8 at Jyothibha Phule grounds here.

Speaking on the occasion, Karnan instructed officials to display books in big numbers in the book fair wherein 50 stalls would be arranged. He wanted the organisers to conduct a book fair, which would be held from 11 am to 8 pm, to attract book lovers and advised to display the books of different subjects...

Source: [Telangana Today, 26 Feb 2022](#)

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