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PAUSE & PONDER

“Unsuccessful people make their decisions based on their current situations. Successful people make their decisions based on where they want to be.”

– Benjamin Hardy

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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>

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An infinite library, at your fingertips



Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, Bengaluru is coming up with a virtual reality (VR) installation based on an entire library for citizens to explore this weekend. The Infinite Library, a VR Installation set up at the institute, will give visitors a feel of future libraries.

The experience will be through a gamut of high-end technologies such as QR code games, holograms, 3D-printed objects, audio-visual works, and the project’s central piece: a vast VR library set in a cave. The concept is inspired by the novel ‘The Library of Babel’ by Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges, who created a library that was infinite, representing the universe.

Visitors with a headset and hand controller can enter the virtual cave that houses the entire library and will get to experience a vast virtual reality space set in a cave with three virtual rooms. The three rooms are called Library of Shadows with puppetry from Karnataka, Library of Elements with European Alchemy, and Library of Navigation with Polynesian Navigation...

Source: [Bangalore Mirror, 21 May’22](#)

Stamp tribute, library-revamp call on Rammohun's 250th birth anniv

A PEEK INTO HISTORY



(Far L) Golden book of Tagore at Rammohun Library; (L) other rare collections

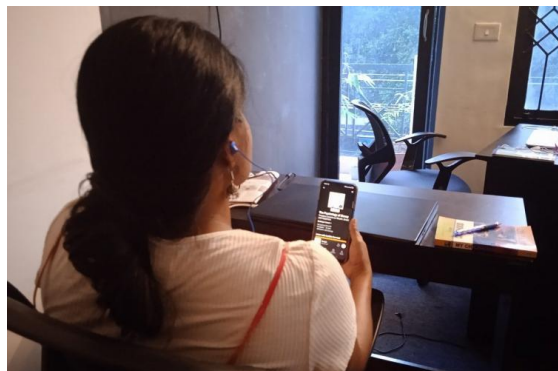
<p>Important events at Rammohun Hall</p> <p>February 1, 1914: Tagore was first felicitated after winning the Nobel Prize</p> <p>August 4, 1917: Tagore read his famous essay 'Kartar</p>	<p>ichchhay karma' to protest against the internment orders of Annie Besant. Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose presided over the meet</p> <p>September 17, 1918: Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose read his essay on 'Wounded</p>	<p>plants', the first scientific essay in Bengali</p> <p>July 25, 1922: Tagore read his drama 'Muktadhara'</p> <p>1940s: Prithviraj Kapoor performed during a programme of Indian People's Theatre Association</p>
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To mark Raja Rammohun Roy's 250th birth anniversary on May 22, the members of Rammohun Library and Free Reading Room have organised a unique philatelic exhibition on the Bengal Renaissance.

"Rammohun is said to be the pioneer of Bengal Renaissance, so on his birth anniversary we thought of revisiting the changing times of Bengal through postage stamps," said Sunish Deb, joint secretary of the Rammohun 250-year celebration committee...

Source: [The Times of India, 20 May 2022](#)

Audiobooks are helping people find their way back to books



The first time someone suggested an audiobook to me, I'd dismissed it, loudly tutted and given a ridiculous speech about the beauty of holding a book. Now, a year later, I have finished

44 books on multiple apps, turned into an enlightened convert, and pretty shamelessly been pushing others to 'try these audiobooks most urgently'. There appears to be an idea that those who take up audiobooks leave the physical ones behind, like discarding the old for the new. Not true, if you hear what many listeners, readers, writers, publishers, and persons with disabilities tell me about it.

A lot of them found their way back to books, having lost a precious reading habit in the years that life turned too busy. For quite many others, it has become a way to connect to the mother tongue they grew or lived apart from. And for those with disabilities, it has opened up whole new libraries...

Source: [The News Minute, 20 May 2022](#)

Gujarat's first 'Human Library' opens in Junagadh



HIGHLIGHTS

- Gujarat's first Human Library set up in Junagadh
- Library set up to encourage and facilitate healthy and emotional communication between employees
- This is the first initiative taken by a government body for emotional well being

For the first time in Gujarat, a 'Human Library' has been set up in Junagadh. The library will be a medium of

emotional conversation between people...

Source: [India Today, 19 May 2022](#)

NMMC to set up libraries in 10 slums in first phase under 'Library in Every Slum' concept



In order to preserve the reading habit and culture among common citizens, the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) has decided to set up a library in slums in the city. In the first phase, 10 slums have been chosen to set up libraries. There are 41 slums in the city and even civic schools run in slum areas.

The concept "Library in Every Slum" has been coined by the municipal commissioner Abhijit Bangar. He said that book reading plays a vital role in the progress of any person as it provides knowledge of the world and promotes holistic personality development...

Source: [The Free Press Journal, 18 May 2022](#)

Author-Reader Meet Sees Many Happy Moments

The author, Dr. Sudha Murty, met her readers last evening in Mysuru where she happily autographed many books

loved by her readers. While many young children proudly displayed their autographed books, Sudha Murty asked them never to give up their reading habit. "Reading is one of the most beautiful habits. The more we read, the more we will understand about others. Books are one of the best sources of knowledge. If you don't read, you are really missing something in your life," she said.



The former Chairperson of Infosys Foundation and the current Chairperson of Murty Foundation, Dr. Sudha Murty was in city yesterday as the chief guest at the 93rd Graduation Day of MMC&RI. After the event, she went to Crossword Book Store at Forum Mall where the author-reader event was organized...

Source: [The Star of Mysore, 16 May 2022](#)

125 libraries, 73 reading corners sets up in SDMC primary school



The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has set up 125 libraries and 73 reading corners in its schools to inculcate a habit of reading among

students, the civic body said on Sunday...

Source: [India Today, 15 May 2022](#)

Predatory journals feed on incentives, not ignorance



A one-size-fits-all approach to research evaluation helps exploitative publishers, warns Emanuel Kulczyck

Research evaluation and scholarly publishing are two of the dominant issues in European research policy. As the February announcement of the Paris Call on Research Assessment shows, there is a strong desire to move away from a publication-oriented research culture and from highly metricised systems towards recognising quality and diversity.

The risk, though, is that the result of this effort to reform and harmonise evaluation will be to take the norms and processes of older, 'central' nations with strong research systems and impose them on countries, research systems and disciplines ill-suited for such approaches.

To see the pitfalls of such an approach, one need only look at the national systems that have already taken it. Of the perverse incentives and unintended consequences created in the process, the most striking is the interaction with predatory forms of scholarly publishing...

Source: [Research Professional News, 12 May 2022](#)

Children's delight: New-look library to revive love for books in India's easternmost tip



Ease into a hammock and peruse the autobiography of Charles Chaplin or sit up with a straight back and prepare for examinations, students in the Miao subdivision of India's eastern-most Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh will love the New Age Learning Centre (NALC).

Inaugurated on May 7 by Minister Kamlung Mossang but made officially functional from Thursday (May 12), it doesn't look or feel like the old university or school libraries...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 12 May 2022](#)

Experts scan Ahmedabad's manuscript wealth



A two-member team of the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) is in Ahmedabad to discover, and offer help to preserve the vast manuscript wealth available with several private trusts in

the city.

On Monday, the team visited BJ Institute, Sarkhej Roza Trust, Pir Mohammed Shah Library, and two unique Jain trusts to contribute towards documentation, preservation, conservation, digitization, critical addition, and publication of research work...

Source: *The Times of India*, 10 May 2022

A public library with a pleasant ambience for reading



Miyawaki, a children's section with a forest theme, is the new addition to the Visakhapatnam Public Library (VPL), which has undergone a total transformation and looks like a corporate office. With an aim to bring children back to books, the Miyawaki section has been developed.

Children can visit the Miyawaki section and read books of their choice, besides taking part in various other activities like story-telling and drawing in a forest like ambience, DS Varma, secretary of VPL, told TNIE...

Source: *New Indian Express*, 24 Apr 2022

Oxford University Press India Launches Campaign To Encourage Reading Among Kids

Oxford University Press (OUP) India has launched a campaign to foster love of reading among children. "The

REaD campaign is designed to support students, teachers and parents to come together as a community to help children read, engage and develop," an OUP India statement said. OUP India Managing Director Sumanta Datta said the purpose of REaD campaign is to create an enabling ecosystem that supports and encourages young readers.



"Our vision is to be a part of the national mission of National Education Policy 2020 and equip learners with reading skills so that they become motivated readers of quality content and thrive in the 21st century as lifelong learners," he said.

Reading allows children to embark on a journey of imagination and creativity, and transport themselves to locations and times that are sometimes beyond the realm of the physical world, he added....

Source: *NDTV*, 23 Apr 2022

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