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Image: Rangoli at IPR Library

ADINET Wishes you all a very Diwali and a Prosperous New Year!!

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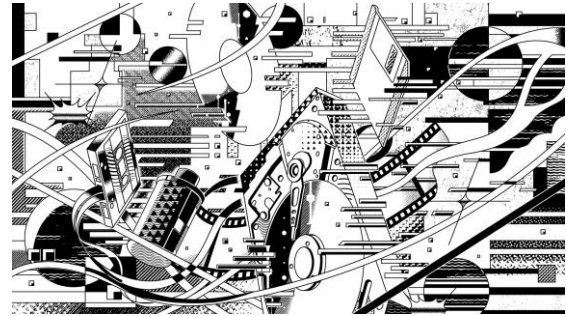
“Our joint call today is principled, lifesaving and urgent. Worldwide people need States, international bodies, science and medical institutions and practitioners to ensure the broadest possible sharing of scientific knowledge, and the broadest possible access to the benefits of scientific knowledge. This is key to any effective public health policy. It is essential to the combat against climate change.”

*Michelle Bachelet,
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights*

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Everything dies, including information



Everything dies: people, machines, civilizations. Perhaps we can find some solace in knowing that all the meaningful things we’ve learned along the way will survive. But even knowledge has a life span. Documents fade. Art goes missing. Entire libraries and collections can face quick and unexpected destruction.

Surely, we’re at a stage technologically where we might devise ways to make knowledge available and accessible forever. After all, the density of data storage is already incomprehensibly high. In the ever-growing museum of the internet, one can move smoothly from images from the James Webb Space Telescope through diagrams explaining Pythagoras’s philosophy on the music of the spheres to a YouTube tutorial on blues guitar soloing. What more could you want?...

Source: [MIT Technology Review, 26 Oct 2022](#)

Raj govt approves Rs 36 crore for digital libraries in 344 govt-run schools

The Rajasthan government sanctioned Rs 36.56 crore to set up digital libraries in 344 residential schools across the state, an official statement said.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the amount in compliance with the announcement made during the discussion of the Finance and Appropriation Bill 2022-23.

Gehlot had announced the financial provision for digital libraries and other necessary facilities for classes 9 to 12 in residential educational institutes and selected schools under various departments in view of the importance of digital learning in today's scenario, the statement said...

Source: [Business Standard, 26 Oct 2022](#)

What did lift-the-flap books look like in the 18th century?



If you thought children's lift-the-flap books were a modern phenomenon, think again!

The British Library recently acquired Mother Shipton: an exceptionally rare and early lift-the-flap book, with hand-coloured illustrations and a publication date of 1771. This type of book is known as a harlequinade or a turn-up book. Invented in the 1760s and inspired by theatrical pantomime, they took their name from the stock pantomime character Harlequin. They were produced specifically to amuse and entertain children, and were an important landmark in children's publishing...

Source: [Scroll.in, 26 Oct 2022](#)

How to Be a Better Reader



Want to sleep better, be smarter and more empathetic? Try picking up a book. There's a lot more between those pages than just stories. Were you once a voracious reader, but life got in the way? Do you long for the escape that comes with reading a good book? Or do you just feel that reading is a chore, not something you'd do for fun?

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions — and you'd like to get back to books — now is the perfect time to do it. Because "now" is always the right time to get back to reading. (If you think you don't have time, check out this article, "In the Time You Spend on Social Media Each Year, You Could Read 200 Books.")...

Source: [The New York Times, 26 Oct 2022](#)

Coffee Shops Over Libraries: Students Can Come Up With More Ideas In A Cafe, Study

There is an exciting update for students who frequent coffee shops. According to a recent study, undergraduate students with high

cognitive flexibility come up with more ideas in the presence of ambient noise.

It has traditionally been believed that ambient noise interferes with creative performance and is a distraction, but recent research suggests that ambient noise may enhance creativity.

As a natural background sound, ambient noise can be heard in everyday life, such as moving furniture, passing traffic, and overhearing conversations. According to the study, ambient noise experienced by undergraduate students while studying could include sounds from coffee shops, classrooms, and the home...

Source: [Boldskey, 26 Oct 2022](#)

Libraries in Odisha stare at uncertain future



There are 125 public libraries in the State besides 323 libraries that are operating under private bodies with grants from the State government. Under the Culture department, there are 30 public libraries including 17 district libraries and six ex-district board libraries.

According to information provided by the General Administration department, a total 398 librarian posts are vacant across all the departments. The empowered committee of the Finance department has this year,

however, approved appointment of only 60 posts.

Interestingly, in 36 Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas (OAVs) under School and Mass Education department, there are 315 sanctioned posts of librarians but only one post was filled up in the Iconic OAV at Andharua, Bhubaneswar last year...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 18 Oct 2022](#)

'Assault' cry after varsity librarians' cadre shift from academic to non-academic



The University Grants Commission, the Union government arm that regulates universities, has changed the cadre of central university librarians from academic to non-academic, attracting accusations of "an assault" on the library administration on campuses.

The Indian Library Association (ILA) and independent librarians are livid at the move that they believe will demoralise librarians and affect research output at universities. They have underlined that librarians provide crucial guidance to researchers and their supervisors on the latest journals and books in their disciplines.

The UGC last month unveiled the Model Cadre Recruitment Rules for Central Universities, which will become

effective after the various central universities adopt them.

Under these rules, library cadre staff such as librarians, deputy librarians and assistant librarians will be considered non-teaching staff in a break from the past...

Source: [The Telegraph, 18 Oct 2022](#)

5 ways parents can help their kids build reading habits and turn them into a passionate reader



Reading regularly is one of the most valuable habits we can build in our lifetime. But in this tech-savvy world where children are more attracted to electronics, helping them develop this habit can present a challenge.

Even though it is one of the most overlooked activities, the habit of reading should be inculcated in children at an early stage as it can benefit their development and enhance their ability to 'think'. It helps them build concentration, curiosity, creativity, empathy, and a better vocabulary. It's, therefore, one of the most important habits parents can help their child develop...

Source: [India Today, 18 Oct 2022](#)

Why I think ending article-processing charges will save open access

When the Public Library of Science, a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, and other publishers popularized article-processing charges (APCs) in the mid-2000s, scholarly publishing in Latin America was already embracing open access (OA) using a different model: instead of charging authors, academic institutions published journals edited by faculty members. The approach is a type of 'diamond OA', which works without fees for readers or authors.

Over the same time period, APCs have become ubiquitous in the global north, embraced by for-profit journals and encouraged by many leading European and US funders. The vibrant publishing ecosystem in Latin America (and elsewhere in the global south) will not be left unscathed...

Source: [Nature, 12 Oct 2022](#)

Bibliophile Alert: Five Iconic Libraries In India You Must Visit



Nothing can be more exciting and therapeutic for bibliophiles than visiting a library. Spending hours in a hall full of books, navigating through all the different shelves—is a heavenly experience indeed. Here we have curated a list of five iconic libraries in India that you must visit...

Source: [Outlook Traveller, 01 Oct 2022](#)

What Is the Status of India's 'One Nation, One Subscription' Plan?



Last month, the US announced that all taxpayer-funded research should be made available to the people by the end of 2025. In India, nearly two years since the government proposed its 'One Nation, One Subscription' (ONOS) plan, there have been no public updates on its progress.

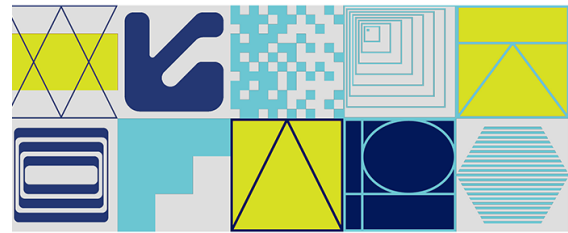
The proposal emerged in India's fifth draft Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020. If it is implemented, people in India will have access to scientific publications at a fixed and centrally negotiated cost that the government will pay publishers directly.

Typically, scientists publish papers in a journal, and the reader – an individual or an institute – pays a fee to the publisher to access a paper. At the institute level, libraries subscribe to journals at a fixed cost, making their contents available to the institutes' students and researchers.

As journal publishers jacked up their prices over time, librarians formed consortia to increase their bargaining power when negotiating with publishers for subscriptions...

Source: [The Wire Science, 28 Sep 2022](#)

Open Access Doesn't Need APCs: Our Progress To-Date



...PLOS was founded in 2001 with a mission to transform science communication. PLOS journals were some of the earliest Open Access titles in biology and medicine, and a key driver in proving all readers can and should have access to research without barriers. Today, many research funders, institutions, and governments now require research to be made available under Open Access licensing and provide funds that can be applied to authors' Open Access publication costs. But the ways in which Open Access is supported varies across different fields and global regions. There are gaps that leave many researchers who want to publish in Open Access journals without funding for APCs.

That's why we embarked on this journey nearly three years ago. We were the vanguard of publishers who demonstrated that Open Access publishing could be sustainable, but we only had half the equation right. In short, we weren't fulfilling our entire vision for an open and inclusive research ecosystem that facilitated the exchange of free and unrestricted knowledge. Anyone could read the research we published, but the cost of publishing in an Open venue was—and continues to be—a barrier for many authors.....

Source: [PLOS, 21 Sep 2022](#)

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