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Pause & Ponder

“If you believe it’ll work out, you’ll see opportunities. If you don’t believe it’ll work out, you’ll see obstacles.”

—Wayne Dyer

Heartfelt Tribute to Dr. H. Anilkumar on his 3rd Punya Tithi



**Dr. H. Anil Kumar
(17 Jul 1967- 17 Jul 2020)**



ADINET Librarian’s Day 2023

ADINET in Collaboration with INFLIBNET
Organising One Day Seminar
on
**Open Access Resources in Libraries &
Their Impact on Education**
in Conjunction with Librarian's Day 2023
Celebration of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan Birth
Anniversary

12th August 2023

Venue
INFLIBNET Centre
IUC of UGC, Infocity, Gandhinagar

Seminar Registration details

Last date for registration
is 31 st July, 2023.

The delegate registration fee is as follows:
Rs. 1000/- for Institution Sponsored
Rs. 500/- for Individuals
Rs. 400/- for Individuals (ADINET Members)
Rs. 200/- for Students

Additional late fee registration for all delegates
registering after 31 st July is Rs.100/-

Please avoid spot registration
Payment Mode by NEFT or by Cheque.

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**Sound of Silence: Editorial on the
silent reading movement**



The gentle art of reading is precisely that: both gentle and an art. The sense of this beauty was revived by the silent reading movement that began with the vision of two friends in Cubbon Park in Bengaluru and has now spread through many cities in India and even in the West, including London and Boston. Communities united by the love of reading in peace take over public parks for a few hours every week, with members bringing their own rugs or sheets or mats and their own books. The combination of quietness in the intimate act of reading with a sense of togetherness borne of a shared love is a unique feeling in the

modern urban space. There is no pressure to exchange niceties or interact; only the silence is not optional. This is different from the book club, where members gather on fixed dates to discuss a predetermined book or theme or author. Their reading has been done — the job is to analyse it and exchange opinions. But silent reading is an experience of the deeply personal aspect of reading, strengthened by the presence of others immersed in the same pleasure...

Source: [The Telegraph, 16 Jul 2023](#)

Employ CEO rank officer for library: HMs

The Tamil Nadu higher secondary headmasters association has demanded the state government to employ an official in the rank of a chief education officer as executive officer (EO) of Kalaingar library. At present, the state government has employed a chief librarian as administrative officer. In a statement, the association said that a CEO rank official has been employed as EO for the Thanjavur Maharaja

Serfoji Sarasvati Mahal Library. For better administration of the big libraries in the state, the state government should start employing a CEO as EO for libraries as they come under the department of education. In the first instance, the state government should employ a CEO for Connemara public library, Anna centenary library and Kalaingar centenary library...

Source: [The Times of India, 15 Jul 2023](#)

The library is the heart of the community



Shelly Mathis remembers one of her library science professors sharing the adage that “the library is the heart of the community.” He then amended it to say that “the community needs to be the heart of the library.”

For Mathis, they’re one and the same. Library science brings together two of her passions: lifelong learning and service to her community.

Mathis graduated in May with her Master of Science in library science in May 2023. She previously earned a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Studies: library science from PennWest Clarion. Both programs are fully online.

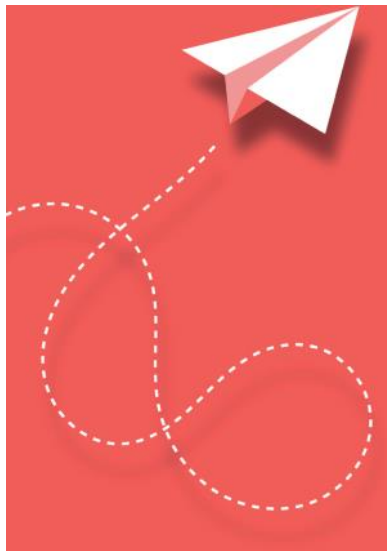
The path to her degrees took 10 years, but Mathis takes joy in knowing that she earned them in the way that worked best for her family. As a homeschooling mom, Mathis worked part time at her local library in Grand County, Colorado, while taking classes. It was important to Mathis to be available for her children, so she steadily chipped away at her schooling, the online classes making that possible.

In fact, it was having children that brought her back to the library in the first place. As a youngster, Mathis remembers having a fondness for the library, but being a mom and seeing

firsthand the impact libraries have on the community made her want to work at one....

Source: [PennWest University, 14 Jul 2023](#)

The future of academic publishing



Academic publishing is the backbone of science dissemination — but is the current system fit for purpose? We asked a diverse group of scientists to comment on the future of publishing. They discuss systemic issues, challenges, and opportunities, and share their vision for the future.

A large portion of traditional academic publishing is unequal, exclusionary, unsustainable and opaque¹. Nearly 70% of scientific journal articles are locked behind paywalls². The publishing industry has sequestered and commoditized scientific literature. It is a scandal...

Source: [Nature Human Behaviour, 13 Jul 2023](#)

Mobile library service scrapped due to costs



Devon County Council has voted to scrap its mobile library service due to costs.

The council said it was not "cost-effective" to replace the four ageing vans in its mobile library fleet.

A report said the vehicles were nearing the end of their serviceable life and estimated it would cost up to £800,000 to replace them.

Cabinet members voted on Wednesday to decommission the vehicles despite opposition from users....

Source: [BBC, 12 Jul 2023](#)

Rewriting Libraries: Challenging the past in Kenya



Turning the page on the past by transforming colonial public libraries in Nairobi.

In Nairobi, Kenya, Wanjiru Koinange and her co-founder of Book Bunk, Angela Wachuka, are dedicated to

restoring and transforming some of the city's oldest public libraries, which date back to colonial times – and attitudes.

Working together with the city council, and engaging the public directly, they ensure these libraries and their contents reflect today's Kenyans and make way for future readers...

Source: [Aljazeera, 12 Jul 2023](#)

119 years and sharp eyes of a librarian help book find its way back to Massachusetts library



On Feb. 14, 1904, someone curious about the emerging possibilities of a key force of nature checked out James Clerk Maxwell's "An Elementary Treatise on Electricity" from the New Bedford Free Public Library.

It would take 119 years and the sharp eyes of a librarian in West Virginia before the scientific text finally found its way back to the Massachusetts library.

The discovery occurred when Stewart Plein, the curator of rare books at West Virginia University Libraries, was sorting through a recent donation of books.

Plein found the treatise and noticed it had been part of the collection at the New Bedford library and, critically, had not been stamped "Withdrawn," indicating that while extremely overdue, the book had not been discarded.

Plein contacted Jodi Goodman, the special collections librarian in New Bedford, to alert her to the find.

"This came back in extremely good condition," New Bedford Public Library Director Olivia Melo said Friday. "Someone obviously kept this on a nice bookshelf because it was in such good shape and probably got passed down in the family..."

Source: [The New Indian Express, 10 Jul 2023](#)

Free textbooks and other open educational resources gain popularity

Given a choice between paying \$200 for a textbook or taking an equivalent course with a free textbook, what would you do?



The prices of college textbooks have skyrocketed: From 2011 to 2018, they went up by 40.6% in the US, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index. That can add up to as much as \$1000 for a single semester. So it's no surprise that freely available, openly licensed textbooks, lectures, simulations, problem sets, and more—known collectively as open

educational resources (OERs)—are having a moment.

Last year, for the first time, more than half of US college faculty reported “some level of awareness” of OERs, finds Bay View Analytics, a company that conducts research at the intersection of technology and education.

A major player on the OER scene is OpenStax. Based at Rice University, the initiative currently has more than 60 titles focused mostly on large introductory college courses. “They have revolutionized the OER market,” says Jeff Seaman, Bay View’s director. OpenStax put out its first textbook in 2012, for algebra-based physics. In spring 2022 OpenStax announced that its introductory astronomy textbook was the US leader. In less than a decade, several OpenStax textbooks have risen to third through fifth place in their markets, says Seaman. “No other publisher has had that growth.” From its origins in introductory-level college classes, OpenStax is moving down to the high school and up to upper-division levels...

Source: *Physics Today* 76 (7), 01 Jul 2023

Extraordinary Libraries in Unexpected Places



The digital craze has made people infinitely more dependent on their phones and other devices, but

incredibly enough, libraries continue to hold a sacred place in people’s hearts. Pew research shows, for instance, that Americans steadfastly believe that libraries are important to their community, and 65% of people aged 16 and over feel that closing their public library would have a major impact on their community. What’s more, around 46% of people aged 16 and over visit a library in a given year, with many doing so as a means to relax from the stressors of daily life. Of course, library visits don’t always have to be quiet, relaxing, or typical. They can be adventurous, mysterious, or even downright scary. If you’re planning on travelling soon, consider popping into one of these unique word oases...

Source: *Princh*, 22 Jun 2023



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