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Happy Diwali!!



ADINET Wishes you all a very Happy Festive Season!!

Conclave on Library Collaboration and Networking in the New Age of the Digital World



Session 1 - Dr. Sanjay Banavar, Prof Pankaj Chandra and Ms. Rhoda Bharucha during the Prospects of Library Collaboration: Conversation with Leaders

A One-Day Conclave on **Library Collaboration and Networking in the New Age of the Digital World** was held on 14th October 2023 at **Ahmedabad University**. The programme had three sessions, the first session, "*Prospects of Library Collaboration: Conversations*



Session 2 - Dimensions of Library Collaboration and Networking: A Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Shailesh Yagnik



Session 3 - Mind-mapping and group brainstorming to collate the ideas of collaboration and networking with Leaders," the second session, "Dimensions of Library Collaboration and Networking: A Panel Discussion" and third was a mind-mapping session and group brainstorming session to collate the ideas of collaboration and networking.

There were a total of 20 participants from the prominent Institutes within Ahmedabad and few were from outside Ahmedabad.



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How we are helping get a library into every primary



On Wednesday 8 November, we welcomed over 100 authors, partner organisations, funders, fellow charities, MPs, peers, and supporters, to Portcullis House in Westminster, to celebrate the anniversary of our Libraries for Primaries campaign.

Libraries for Primaries is a coalition of organisations united by a common purpose: to ensure that every primary school in the UK has a well-stocked school library. Currently, 1 in 7 state primary schools in the UK do not have a library – a figure that rises to a shocking 1 in 4 schools in the UK’s most disadvantaged communities...

Source: [The National Literacy Trust, 10 Nov 2023](#)

A new wave of support musters in the push for open access publishing



A new push for a more equitable scientific publishing system is in the making as the proponents of ‘diamond’ open access - under which neither authors or readers would pay the publishers – weigh up joining forces in a global federation.

The idea for a federation was first proposed last month when researchers, policymakers, publishers and research funders gathered at the Global Summit on Diamond Open Access in Mexico.

For a week, they discussed how to best support the fragile and thinly distributed diamond open access ecosystem. By the end of the summit, UNESCO representatives had given the impromptu plan to form a federation their backing. “We had no clear expectationsthis was going to be the outcome,” says Lidia Borrell-Damian, secretary general of Science Europe, the body representing national funding agencies and one of the organisers of the summit.

She fully supports the project. “This is an important sector that needs to be sustained. Moreover, it has to be reinforced, enhanced and, ideally, expanded,” says Borrell-Damian.

Alongside this move, a wider movement for speeding up the transition to open access scientific publishing is gathering pace. A week after the spontaneous plan came about, the group of leading research funding agencies in cOAlition S announced a draft plan for a more equitable and faster open access publishing ecosystem...

Source: [Science Business, 09 Nov 2023](#)

Protecting research integrity from predatory journals



As awareness grows of the risks of predatory journals, these questionable publishers are resorting to dirty tactics, including plagiarism and identity theft, to give their journals a veneer of respectability.

Professor Nicki Tiffin, formerly a University of Cape Town (UCT) researcher and currently at the South African National Bioinformatics Institute at the University of the Western Cape, was surprised to receive a notification in August 2022 that she had published a paper in the European Journal of Biomedical Informatics (EJBI). She had never submitted a paper to this journal.

When Professor Tiffin who had been based in UCT's Division/Dept, Faculty investigated, she discovered firstly, that the EJBI is a predatory journal. These are journals, some of which even fall under respectable publishers, which use the author-pays-model purely for profit. These journals have no proper peer review process and will accept and publish any manuscript, assuming the publication fee is paid over...

Source: [University of Cape Town News, 09 Nov 2023](#)

Libraries and community centres in Peterborough set to be sold off



A city council has named several community centres and libraries it is considering selling off.

Matley community centre, Stanground library and the Thorpe Wood registry office are among dozens identified in the Peterborough list.

Last month, the authority announced it had identified a further 79 buildings that could be sold to save money. They not yet been made public.

The council said it would work to "limit the impact" on affected groups.

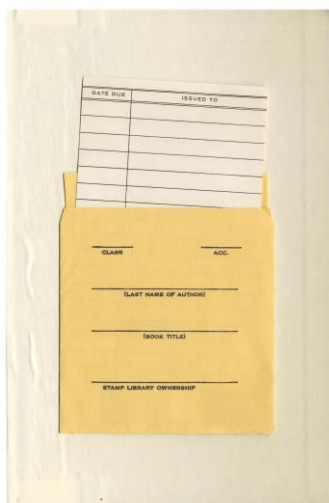
The community buildings are part of a list of council-owned properties at various stages of the disposals process.

Council-owned land, parts of its rural estate, offices, car parks and larger buildings such as TK Maxx, Herewards Cross and North Westgate are also listed.

It also includes Thorney community centre and library, Eye youth centre and library, the Showman's Guild and Thistle Drive community centre, the Herlington Centre and the Hodgson Centre...

Source: [BBC News, 08 Nov 2023](#)

How a library card can radically transform your life

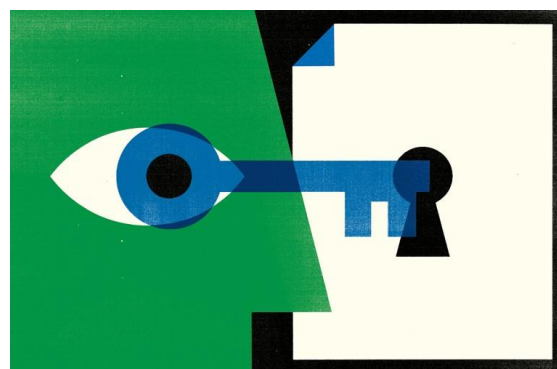


When I was 11, I filled out my school library card to the rafters, meaning that I'd borrowed more books than the school's idea of a reasonable literary ration per student. There was all kinds of stuff: those illustrated by Quentin Blake (*The Twits*, *The TV Kid*), those with more zany illustrations (a surprising copy of *Molesworth*, a series from the 1960s that chronicled the life of a meddlesome young Briton, who misspelt words very millennially—he went to skool, not school, and had to deal with fules, not fools), books about studying (*How to pass exams: and prepare for them with less anxiety, a marvellous book with such futuristic techniques as playing recordings of lessons while you sleep*), an unusual supply of abridged classics (I remember *Great Expectations* most profoundly because I found it most groan-worthy), and a crispy, sun-baked copy of *The Wizard of Oz*. In the end, they just gave me a new card. And to think it all happened because I listened to the librarian and let go of my preoccupation with the *Goosebumps* books, which, frankly speaking, I was too old to read by then. In the years since I have had the fortune to read lots, but some crucial players—librarians, teachers of both

Hindi and English literature, the book pages of *The Hindu*, where they used to paste *The New York Times* bestseller's list verbatim—have played a role so big I could cry. *What You Are Looking for is in the Library*, the latest book by Japanese author Michiko Aoyama, is an ode to the magical power of recommendations from a person who has mastered their craft, and the serendipity of life's big transformations...

Source: [Vogue India, 07 Nov 2023](#)

Open-access reformers launch next bold publishing plan



The group behind the radical open-access initiative Plan S has announced its next big plan to shake up research publishing — and this one could be bolder than the first. It wants all versions of an article and its associated peer-review reports to be published openly from the outset, without authors paying any fees, and for authors, rather than publishers, to decide when and where to first publish their work.

The group of influential funding agencies, called cOAlition S, has over the past five years already caused upheaval in the scholarly publishing world by pressuring more journals to allow immediate open-access

publishing. Its new proposal, prepared by a working group of publishing specialists and released on 31 October, puts forward an even broader transformation in the dissemination of research...

Source: *Nature*, 31 Oct 2023

Leadership Practice Session For Library Professionals At MICA



In a bid to enhance leadership skills among library professionals, MICA hosted a workshop — ‘Libraries Unleashed: Empowering Leadership Through Liberating Structures’ — for nearly 50 library professionals from across the state. The workshop, conducted by expert speakers, was designed with a framework for inclusive collaboration and participation, introducing participants to various leadership practices...

Source: *Ahmedabad Mirror*, 05 Oct 2023

The Sabarmati Ashram Preservation And Memorial Trust Has Also Helped Digitise Rare And Selected Works Of Gandhiji At These Sites

The content and technology team of the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust (SAPMT) has helped five libraries and museums at

Gandhian sites across the country digitise rare and selected works of Mahatma Gandhi available with them. It has also helped in the automation of the libraries at these sites.



How it started

Concerned Gandhians across India including Gopal Krishna Gandhi had felt the need to safeguard authentic information about Mahatma Gandhi and ensure its easy accessibility. Meanwhile, the Centre established the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission (GHSM) to provide financial aid and other support to conserve Gandhi's legacy. The Centre formed a committee headed by Gopal Krishna Gandhi to execute projects under the same. Most of the projects under GHSM were conceptualised and executed by SAPMT, one of which was the automation of libraries at the five Gandhian sites...

Source: *Ahmedabad Mirror*, 20 Sep 2023



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