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**ADINET Wishes you all a very  
Happy Basant Panchami!!**



**May Goddess Saraswati fill your life  
with Knowledge and Wisdom!!**

**Pause & Ponder**

**“Librarians are tour-guides for all of  
knowledge.”**

**– Patrick Ness**

**\*Readers Please Note\***

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**Books alone will help us define our  
identity: Education minister  
Pradhan**



Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Saturday said that we need to nurture a book-loving society, as books alone will help us define our identity and navigate into the future.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the 52nd New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF), Pradhan

lauded India's rich heritage of books and literature.

Mankind has an uninterrupted love affair with books. Be it the scrolls of Egypt, the palm leaf and bhojpatra' manuscripts of India, humans have always found the written word irresistible. Books give us humans our peculiar identities, he said.

He added that book writing, publishing and selling should be seen as a labour of love instead of commerce...

Source: **Business Standard, 13 Feb 2024**

**Announcing a New Project:  
“Reasons to Love Libraries”**



In Dallas, two librarians are foregrounding d/Deaf (Deaf/Hard of Hearing) culture. Teaching American Sign Language in English and Spanish and spearheading public programs around National Deaf History Month in April are among the initiatives of Alicia Deal and -KayCee Choi. For their work at Dallas Public Library, -facilitating awareness and understanding in their community, the pair was named to Library Journal's 2023 class of Movers & Shakers.

Reading up on Choi and Deal and their cohort of honorees—or just about any program we cover in our reporting, for that matter—one is likely to come to a

singular conclusion: libraries and library people are pretty great.

Yet turn around, and the public discourse around these institutions is far less positive, if not downright vitriolic.

“We find ourselves confronting a loud and -angry narrative about libraries, library workers, and, yes, our library association, that runs counter to -reality,” writes Emily Drabinski, American Library Association (ALA) president, in the January edition of *American Libraries*...

Source: [School Library Journal, 12 Feb 2024](#)

### How journals are fighting back against a wave of questionable images



It seems that every month brings a fresh slew of high-profile allegations against researchers whose papers — some of them years old — contain signs of possible image manipulation.

Scientist sleuths are using their own trained eyes, along with commercial software based on artificial intelligence (AI), to spot image duplication and other issues that might hint at sloppy record-keeping or worse. They are bringing these concerns to light in places like PubPeer, an online forum

featuring many new posts every day flagging image concerns.

Some of these efforts have led to action. Last month, for example, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) in Boston, Massachusetts, said that it would ask journals to retract or correct a slew of papers authored by its staff members. The disclosure came after an observer raised concerns about images in the papers. The institute says it is continuing to investigate the concerns...

Source: [Nature, 12 Feb 2024](#)

### George Libraries celebrate World Read Aloud Day



**World Read-Aloud Day (7 February) is all about books and reading. It creates an awareness of reading as an enjoyable fun-filled activity that stimulates our intellectual curiosity.**

#### ...Why is reading important?

Williams said reading is important because it demonstrates to children that they are being cared for and it teaches them new words. It also exposes them to different experiences. She said in the case of story for the year the child learns to take care of

animals. Children can also become story active because they can be encouraged to draw a picture of their favourite part of the story, or their pet. Children can also be assisted to make a list of different kinds of pets and how to take care of them....

Source: [George Herald, 12 Feb 2024](#)

### **The complete library of Charles Darwin revealed for the first time**



Charles Darwin—arguably the most influential man of science in history, accumulated a vast personal library throughout his working life. Until now, 85% of its contents were unknown or unpublished.

This year, coinciding with Darwin's 215th birthday, The Complete Work of Charles Darwin Online, the scholarly project helmed by Dr. John van Wyhe at the National University of Singapore (NUS) Department of Biological Sciences, has released an online 300-page catalog detailing Darwin's complete personal library, with 7,400 titles across 13,000 volumes and items including books, pamphlets and journals.

Previous lists only had 15% of his whole collection. Darwin's library has also been virtually re-assembled with 9,300 links to copies of the works freely available online...

Source: [Phys.org, 11 Feb 2024](#)

**I thought I could conquer academic writing on my own—until I learned better**



The comments from reviewers on my first submission to an international journal were brutally honest. Grammar, punctuation, word choice—all fell short of academic standards. Many phrases were awkward or unclear. The writing was riddled with redundancies. “This paper ... doesn’t meet the criteria of academic writing,” one reviewer wrote. I knew my writing wasn’t perfect. I grew up in rural China, and English didn’t come naturally to me. But the words still stung, causing me to question whether my aspiration to become a clinician-scientist was out of step with my abilities. Only later did I learn a lesson that helped me on my writing journey: Academic English is a second language for everyone, even native speakers—and getting feedback is part of the learning process.

I began to study English when I was 10 years old. I learned what I needed to pass the tests, but the subject felt remote. Amid the serene landscapes of rural China, the rhythm of life harmonized more with the fields than with the flicker of computer screens.

Only later, during medical school in Beijing, did I realize that English would play a pivotal role in my future. I entered the program because of my desire to help patients as a clinician. But in time a passion for research emerged, inspiring me to embark on a research project...

Source: [Science, 08 Feb 2024](#)

## AI To Combat False Data In Education



Amidst rising concerns about academic institutions fudging data to boost their rankings, the Central government has formed a committee to develop an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based system. This system aims to identify and penalise those submitting false data. Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, National Education Technology Forum, and National Board of Accreditation, has detailed the severe consequences for institutions found guilty. These include barring accreditation for up to three years and withholding approval for one or two years...

Source: [Ahmedabad Mirror, 07 Feb 2024](#)

## 'Obviously ChatGPT' — how reviewers accused me of scientific fraud



I have just been accused of scientific fraud. Not data fraud — no one accused me of fabricating or misleadingly manipulating data or results. This, I suppose, is a relief because my laboratory, which studies how global change reshapes ecological communities, works hard to ensure that data are transparent and sharable, and that our work is reproducible. Instead, I was accused of writing fraud: passing off 'writing' produced by artificial intelligence (AI) as my own. That hurts, because — like many people — I find writing a paper to be a somewhat painful process. I read books on how to write — both to be comforted by how much these books stress that writing is generally slow and difficult, and to find ways to improve. My current strategy involves willing myself to write and creating several outlines before the first draft, which is followed by writing and a lot of revising. I always suggest this approach to my students, although I know it is not easy, because I think it's important that scientists try to communicate well...

Source: [Nature, 05 Feb 2024](#)

## Beauty of Books: The healing power of Bibliotherapy for Children



Childhood is an extraordinary phase characterised by the kaleidoscope of emotions, whimsical adventures, and the unfettered exploration of the world's wonders. It's a time when every discovery, whether in the form of a fluttering butterfly or a storybook's

enchancing narrative, ignites a fervour of curiosity.

Amid the innocent laughter and games, children begin to grasp the complexities of human relationships, gradually understanding the delicate balance between trust and vulnerability. However, this beautiful journey isn't without its intricacies. The pathway to growing up is often adorned with hurdles—from the heartache of misunderstood friendships to the daunting shadow of unknown fears. The tender hearts of children are not immune to the pangs of anxiety, the ache of disappointment, or the weight of uncertainty. These emotions form the mosaic of their early years, shaping their perceptions, responses, and coping mechanisms as they navigate the labyrinth of emotions that accompany their journey toward growing up...

Source: [YS Life, 27 Jan 2024](#)

**Media literacy is more than spotting fake news. How one librarian gives teens the tools to decide what to trust**



Along with the smell of old books and the shelves of trendy novels at the South Brunswick High School library are guides for accurately deciphering the digital world.

Poster after poster with “Smart Social Networking” tips and what “Good Digital Citizenship” looks like hang at

this New Jersey campus, where school librarian Lisa Manganello has made it her mission to teach teenagers to navigate the vast – often deliberately confusing – landscape of online information.

“Media literacy has absolutely nothing to do with which side of the debate you’re on,” the 17-year veteran of this still-emerging academic subject told CNN. “And I often say to my students, I don’t care if you are conservative or if you are liberal, it really doesn’t make a difference to me...”

Source: [CNN, 22 Jan 2024](#)

**The Transformative Power of Reading: Cultivating a Lifelong Habit**



In the fast-paced world of academia, where assignments, exams, and extracurricular activities demand constant attention, the value of cultivating a reading habit often takes a back seat. However, the benefits of embracing the written word go beyond academic excellence; they extend into personal development, critical thinking, and overall well-being. In this article, we explore the transformative power of reading and provide practical tips for students to cultivate a lifelong habit...

Source: [Campusvarta, 20 Jan 2024](#)

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