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### **Pause & Ponder**

**“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”**

**– Sidney Sheldon**

### **ADINET QuizeND**

**ADINET QuizeND is a new initiative** started with the April 2024 issue of the e-News Digest. Every issue of e-News Digest will have a link to the QuizeND. **The names of Fastest Five correct respondents’ gets featured in the next issue.**

**Three questions** were asked from the Issue no. 103, April 2024 e-News contents. There were 16 responses for the Quiz from various parts of the country.

The **QuizeND May 2024 link** is at the end of this issue (p.6). **To know** the names of **Fastest Five** correct respondents of the ADINET QuizeND April 2024 go to the Result page (p.7).

### **Many Congratulations to the Fastest Five!!**

**Read** the ADINET e-News Digest, **Participate** in the QuizeND, **Make it Exciting!!**

**\*Readers Please Note\***

**Tap the Title to read the full article**

**Beijingers unwind in 'hush hour' as community libraries spread**

Amid the hustle and bustle of a big city like Beijing, sitting in the sunshine, sipping a cup of coffee and reading a

relaxing book — even on the weekend — can seem like a luxury.



To address the challenge of finding "hush hour", more community libraries, some built with funding from local governments and the ingenuity and dedication of residents, are mushrooming across the country's capital.

By 2021, more than 90 percent of the city's population had easy access to community libraries at 6,830 locations, according to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism. The bureau said its goal is to have complete coverage of the city by 2035.

Peng Yanshu, director of the Fangzhuang Art and Culture Center, is one local who took matters into her own hands. The 36-year-old helped set up a community reading center after moving from Beijing's northwestern Haidian district to southern Fengtai district in 2021. She was concerned the area near her new home lacked art and cultural facilities...

Source: [\*\*China Daily, 08 May 2024\*\*](#)

**How Libraries Can Lead the Way in Campus Decarbonization**

**Libraries have long since led the way in enabling student success; advancing research; and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion. With this critical role on the**

**campus, they are often among the largest and longest-open spaces on a university campus. Therefore, they demand outsized energy usage.**

With more scrutiny put on all forms of energy use and a focus on decarbonization across campuses, libraries can once again lead the way. See below, dear reader, for some considerations on why this matters for libraries, what should be measured, and how to begin your decarbonization journey.

### **I. Why This Matters**

Reducing carbon footprint has never been more relevant as local, state, and federal mandates coincide with an increased focus of students on the sustainable practices of a university in their choice of what institution to attend. University leaders have reflected this focus in strategic plans and signed on to large-scale climate commitments...

Source: [Buro Happold, 08 May 2024](#)

**A new intermediary: How AI may impact libraries, research and information retrieval**



Librarians have a lot to think about now that artificial intelligence has entered the picture. Not only could the technology fundamentally change the way they do their jobs, but it also

affects areas such as patron privacy and information literacy.

But librarians also see AI's potential for good. Cataloging and research are major areas in librarianship that artificial intelligence can automate and potentially improve.

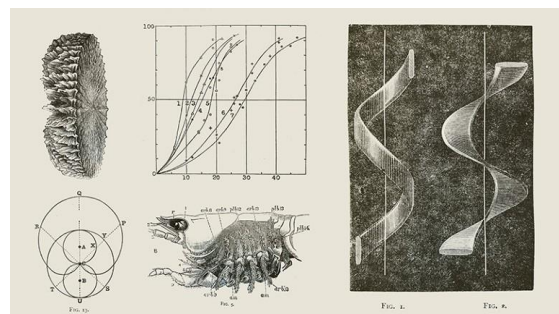
### **The promise of AI in libraries**

Kira Smith is a librarian who works with Ask a Librarian, a Florida-based virtual reference service where local residents can connect with librarians via text message, live chat or email. She said that some AI tools, like chatbots, can answer common questions from patrons, easing the workload on librarians....

Source: [Cronkite News, 07 May 2024](#)

**The dream of electronic newspapers becomes a reality — in 1974**

**Efforts to develop an electronic newspaper providing information at the touch of a button took a step forward 50 years ago, and airborne bacteria in the London Underground come under scrutiny, in the weekly dip into Nature's archive.**



### **50 years ago**

With newsprint scarcities the world over, this could be an opportune time to turn into reality the science-fiction dream of an electronic newspaper that flashes information into each home at

the touch of a button. And, as a result of a test programme currently under way that is exactly what could be happening in the United Kingdom within two years. These exciting plans stem from the realisation that almost every home has a data terminal for receiving visual transmissions — a television set. The broadcasting companies have decided to use this exciting facility to provide an extra service. By coding the electronic newspaper transmissions on normal television broadcasts, and incorporating a decoder in domestic television receivers, the system can be run without using any extra band space on the already crowded airwaves...

Source: [Nature, 07 May 2024](#)

### Inside libraries' battle for better e-book access



Librarians are mounting a fierce state-by-state battle against the high prices they pay to provide patrons with e-books — so far, with little to show for it.

**Why it matters:** The ongoing dispute threatens library patrons' access to e-books.

**Where it stands:** Publishers typically require libraries to renew the license to each e-book every two years, or after 26 loans — policies that libraries call prohibitively expensive.

- This restricts the number of e-books — particularly popular bestsellers — that they can lend out to patrons, who are angry and baffled by the limitations.
- Readers love the free (to them) apps that allow them to borrow countless e-books and audiobooks: Libby (the dominant one, run by OverDrive) and hoopla.
- But some libraries say that the cost of renewing their contracts with OverDrive and hoopla are prohibitive, so they're dropping the apps — hoopla in particular.

**The other side:** The Association of American Publishers argues that it must protect the rights of copyright owners — that is, authors — to be fairly compensated for their work...

Source: [AXIOS, 06 May 2024](#)

### John Oliver on public libraries: 'Another front in the ongoing culture war'



John Oliver defended public libraries on Sunday's Last Week Tonight, as the local institutions have “become another front in the ongoing culture war” with attacks on their funding, their staff and their collections.

The American Library Association documented efforts to censor over 4,240 unique book titles in schools and libraries in 2023, the highest level they

have ever recorded, up 92% from the previous year. Library staff have also experienced a huge increase in harassment, with some baselessly accused of pedophilia for allowing certain books to be checked out...

Source: [The Guardian, 06 May 2024](#)

### **In memory of policeman, martyred during militancy, Sardar Patel library inaugurated in Ambala**



Khajani Devi, wife of head constable (HC) Tara Chand of Haryana police, who sacrificed his life in line of duty during the time of militancy in the region, inaugurated an e-library developed in the memory of martyred policeman namely Sardar Patel Police Library at police line in Ambala on Monday.

Director general of Haryana police (DGP) Shatrueet Kapur was also present on the occasion of inauguration ceremony of the library, besides Ambala range IGP Sibas Kabiraj and SP Jashandeep Singh Randhawa.

The DGP also gave a message of environment preservation by planting a sapling in the police line.

As per Indian police website of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, HC Tara Chand, designated as martyr by MHA, got martyred on April

12, 1989, when he was shot dead by 'anti elements young Sikh persons'...

Source: [The Times of India, 06 May 2024](#)

### **New AI Guidelines Aim to Help Research Library**



A research library association has issued new AI guidelines to help librarians deal with an onslaught of inquiries related to generative artificial intelligence.

In the two years since the debut of ChatGPT, librarians have often been tapped to head up research and development of emerging AI technology, fielding questions on copyright and citation concerns. Librarians at some institutions have made their own AI guides or launched pilot projects to address academic anxieties.

The seven guiding principles from the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) focus on the development and deployment of generative AI, which usually refers to large language models such as OpenAI's ChatGPT. The association said the principles aim to "promote ethical and transparent practices, and build trust among stakeholders, within research libraries as well as across the research environment"...

Source: [Inside Higher Education, 01 May 2024](#)

## How reliable is this research? Tool flags papers discussed on PubPeer



A free online tool released earlier this month alerts researchers if a paper cites studies that are mentioned on the website PubPeer, a forum scientists often use to raise integrity concerns surrounding published papers.

Studies are usually flagged on PubPeer when readers have suspicions, for example about image manipulation, plagiarism, data fabrication or artificial intelligence (AI)-generated text. PubPeer already offers its own browser plug-in that alerts users if a study that they are reading has been posted on the site. The new tool, a plug-in released on 13 April by RedacTek, based in Oakland, California, goes further — it searches through reference lists for papers that have been flagged. The software pulls information from many sources, including PubPeer's database; data from the digital-infrastructure organization Crossref, which assigns digital object identifiers to articles; and OpenAlex, a free index of hundreds of millions of scientific documents...

Source: [Nature, 29 Apr 2024](#)

**India's Path to Open Access: A Journey Towards Accessible Scholarly Research**



India has a long history of disseminating knowledge through writing books, articles and other forms of scholarly work and now India is the third largest contributor of scholarly research followed by China. As on April 11, 2024, India has contributed 3,372,588, scholarly publications; 7,77,500 publications are published in various open access platforms.

The Indian government has made efforts to promote Open Access (OA) and adopt an open access policy at the national level. The plan is to make all central and state government-funded research available to the public through free access. The government is also contemplating to adopt “one nation one subscription” to make scholarly research accessible to every Indian without any cost and has started discussions with 70 publishers...

Source: [The Wire, 15 Apr 2024](#)

### [ADINET QuizeND](#)

**Questions for the month of May 2024. [Click here](#) to participate**

**The Fastest Five correct respondents' gets featured in the next issue.**

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## Result of the ADINET QuizeND April 2024

Here are the names of Fastest Five correct respondents' for the April 2024 QuizeND

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IIM -A  
Ahmedabad

**Rajakumar A**  
Welingkar Insitute  
of Management  
Banaglore

**Mantasha Nadeem  
Siddiqui,**  
IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

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**Here are the Questions and Correct Answers for the Issue 103, April 2024:**

**Q1:** What is the average collection of books in Indian public library as compared to the developed world?

**Answer: 5700**

**Q2:** Hyderabad-based Food4Thought Foundation has helped setting up how many libraries in Bengaluru?

**Answer: 250**

**Q3:** Name the president of Library Readers Circle

**Answer: K Lenin Barathi**