ADINET (Advance Information Network of Libraries in Gujarat)

NEWSLETTER

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FROM EDITOR'S DESK:

Dear LIS Professionals,

CONTENT IS KING:

The content is the king in each library. The most important challenge to the library profession is to connect the content with each user activity. It may be students, faculty, researchers, entrepreneurs, decision-makers, senior citizens, guiding for higher education, etc. In academics, how do we connect with classes, grades, placement, competition, assignments, values, research, etc.? This requires a considerable understating of the vision and mission of the organization, curriculum, faculty, and librarian relationships, economic scenario, sectoral understating, recruiters of students, research agenda, etc. You may consider this Return on investment, usage of resources, equilibrium point, and the optimum utilization of resources.

ADINET LIBRARIAN'S DAY SEMINAR 2024: A Report by Ms. Sheetal Tank.

The inaugural session commenced with a Saraswati Vandana performed by Ms. Sangita Bhatt and Ms. Swadha M. This was followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting, the introduction of guests, and a floral welcome. Dr. Shailesh Yagnik, the esteemed Director of ADINET, delivered the welcome address. Dr. Yagnik welcomed the participants and highlighted the contributions of both current and former office bearers of ADINET. He provided an overview of ADINET's ongoing initiatives in the public library sector and extended a warm welcome to Dr. Pankaj Goswami, representing the Public Library Sector of Gujarat. Dr. Yagnik also shared insights into future projects aimed at enhancing the image of libraries and the librarianship profession, urging professionals to consider not only what

the profession has given to them but also what they can contribute to it.

In his address, Chairman Shri P.K. Laheri, IAS, ADINET, commended the work accomplished by ADINET. He stressed the importance of staying relevant to users, particularly in the domain of competitive examinations, and the specific services that librarians can offer. He also advised on the necessity of upgrading and updating professional skills to meet current user needs, citing the example of how a social media reel on a book review can boost book sales.

Prof. Devika Madalli from INFLIBNET, in her keynote address, took the audience on a journey exploring the contributions of Ranganathan, the Father of Library Science. She noted that Ranganathan authored over 1,000 books, a collection showcased in the Ranganathan Museum at DRTC, ISI Bangalore, which she initiated. Prof. Madalli emphasized the importance of understanding Ranganathan's philosophical contributions, highlighting their continued relevance through her research and the European Union project, Living Knowledge.

Dr. Neerja Gupta, Vice-Chancellor of Gujarat University, delivered the inaugural address. She mentioned about Gujarat University's entering its 75th anniversary while welcoming the seminar participants. A voracious reader and writer, Dr. Gupta shared her experiences of visiting city libraries globally, both for pleasure and work. She emphasized the vital role of public libraries in preserving and communicating cultural heritage and their value as research resources. Dr. Gupta acknowledged the challenges posed by artificial intelligence and technological disruptions but asserted that the validation of knowledge remains rooted in physical evidence (Pratyaksh Praman).

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Atul Bhatt from the Department of Library and Information Science, Gujarat University. Dr. Bhatt expressed gratitude to the guests, participants, ADINET members, student volunteers, and the Gujarat University team for their contributions to the seminar's success.

Session 1- Technical Presentation: Chaired by Mr. Ganapathi B

Dr. Mitesh Pandya from NFSU presented on the topic "Technology Adaptation and Digital Divide: Disabilities and Accessibility." Dr. Pandya emphasized the vital role of technology adaptation within modern library and information centres, while also addressing the challenges associated with the digital divide.

Dr. Bhakti Gala from Central University Gujarat delivered a presentation on "Data Management, Privacy, and Digital Preservation." Dr. Gala focused on the data breach incident at the British Library, highlighting its implications for data preservation, protection, privacy, and management. She provided a comprehensive overview of the principles and practices of data management, data privacy, and data preservation, and offered recommendations to enhance these areas.

Mr. Saroj Das from IPR, Gandhinagar presented on "Shrink & Surge: The Challenges for Libraries." His presentation illustrated the dual challenges faced by libraries: the shrinking of spaces and finances, alongside surging user expectations for services and technologies. Mr. Das discussed the current state of public libraries in India, the impact of budget cuts, and the increasing sophistication of user expectations.

Dr. Atul Bhatt from the Department of Library and Information Science, GU, addressed the "Changing Role of the Librarian." Dr. Bhatt began by discussing the expectations outlined in NEP 2022 and reflecting on the Indian Knowledge System and historical examples such as Nalanda University, which emphasized knowledge dissemination, assimilation, and creation.
He also discussed future advancements in librarianship, referencing the OCLC Global Council Survey 2023.

Aditi Gupta, Engineering & Science Librarian at the University of Victoria, Canada, gave an invited presentation on "Libraries in the Digital Era." Ms. Gupta elaborated on changes in scholarly communication, the collection development policies at the University of Victoria Library, and the EBA (Evidence-Based Acquisition) model. She described her role as a Liaison Librarian and the advanced research services provided by her team, including support for entrepreneurship, publishing services, data management and preservation, library instruction, and workshops on AI and information literacy.

Session 2 Panel discussion- Topic: Role of libraries in the digital era -moderated by Dr. Banka Chand, Librarian, IIMA.
The panelists were Ms. Anubha Arora, Udgam School, representing the School Library, the College Library was represented by Dr. Hosamani, INFLIBNET,

University Library by Dr. Sheetal Tank, IITGN; Institution Library/ Specialised/ Corporate Library by Dr. Lalitha Poluru, NID, Ahmedabad and Public Library by Dr. Pankaj Goswamy, Pub. Libraries, GN.

The discussion was well guided by Dr. Chand while he addressed several key questions, with panellists sharing insights and experiences from their respective library domains:

How has the digital era facilitated wider access to information for institutions, both in terms of nature and scope?
Dr. Lalita, discussed the transformative impact of digital technologies on information accessibility, highlighting the expanded reach and diverse formats of digital resources.

How do you balance the requirements of a larger group, particularly concerning digital resources?
Dr. Tank emphasized on focusing on the University Vision, purpose statement as that percolates in the programme outcomes and eventually into the course outcome; she said that the focus on course outcomes will help one decide on the information needs and the level of resources to be provided. She also highlighted on Networking with libraries for effectively meeting the needs of the various groups.

In what ways can public libraries expand their services beyond traditional roles in the digital era?

Dr. Pankaj Goswami gave an account on the state of the Public libraries in Gujarat and the adoption of technologies and provision of digital library services; which also includes catering to blind users. He elaborated on the evolving functions of public libraries, emphasizing service expansions such as digital literacy programs, community engagement, and access to online resources.

How does INFLIBNET support college libraries in enhancing their capabilities with increased access to digital resources?

Dr. Hosamani detailed the initiatives and support mechanisms provided by INFLIBNET to provide digital resource access (NLIST) and library capabilities. He shared his experience with reaching out to colleges to avail the services of INFLIBNET with the support of KCG. He also shared the kind of challenges they face.

What types of digital resources are predominantly used in school libraries as digital presence for students increases?

Ms. Arora highlighted the adoption of digital technologies, online educational platforms, and multimedia resources in school libraries. She emphasized on the kind of resources and services library provided to both students and teachers during Covid.

What challenges do school libraries face when implementing digital projects, such as support, financial constraints, and lack of manpower?

Ms. Arora addressed several common challenges faced by school libraries, including budget limitations, technical support issues, and staffing concerns. She also highlighted the issue of restricted screen time for children, which parents have imposed post covid.

What should university libraries focus on to increase the return on investment in digital resources?

Dr. Tank emphasized the importance of understanding ROI in private university libraries due to their unique economic contexts. Strategic collection development is crucial. Additionally, user education, marketing of resources, and training programs are vital. Regularly presenting data and usage statistics to committees and deans, along with providing a research matrix to guide decisions on departmental and programmatic focus, helps ensure effective usage and a positive return on investment in digital resources.

What role should national agencies play in facilitating the wider adoption of digital technology?

Dr. Pankaj, gave a glimpse of the kind of support the state government and the central government has been providing in terms of funding and guidance for adoption of digital technologies in the Public library, for providing digital resources, e-library facilities, digitizing of rare collection, assistive technologies for blind and also additional funding for providing training and awareness to the staff and end users.

How do institutions select appropriate technologies, tools, or products for their user groups in the digital era?

Dr. Lalitha sharing her views shared that it is essential to understand what is needed and what is purpose of the service and then accordingly selecting the products and tools; this is purely based on the individual institutions requirements. Also the aspects of Digital preservation, privacy, security aspects need to looked into before deciding on the models of implementation.

What role will open access resources play in information access for college libraries in the digital era?

Dr. Hosamani, Shared about the initiatives taken by INFLIBNET and the availability of OER from INFLIBNET. He

made appeal to Librarian Professional colleagues and also ADINET to work together to support the professionals and optimally using the services of INFLIBNET. The panel discussion provided valuable insights into the evolving role of libraries in the digital age and the strategies needed to navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by digital technologies.

Post-Lunch Commercial Presentation by Edzter (Magzter):

Following lunch, a commercial presentation was conducted by the vendor Edzter (Magzter). The presentation covered the product's features, including the Crop Share feature for emails and social media, Smart Reading Zone (providing remote and IP-based access), and Geo-Fencing technology (with a 30-minute implementation time). Key benefits of the product highlighted were its rich content, usage reports, archives, daily engagement, and environmental friendliness. Magzter is part of the Digital India Initiative and is utilized by leading government firms, corporates, and PSUs across India.

Session 3: Technical Presentation: Chaired by Dr. Bhakti Gala, Central University Gujarat

Topic: "Access to Technology and Digital Literacy" by **Dr. Kausik Rao, Marwadi University,Rajkot.**Dr. Rao's presentation focused on emerging technologies in libraries, with use cases from his university.

He discussed AI, AR/VR, data privacy/cybersecurity, and responsive, personalized user interfaces. Additionally, he elaborated on data literacy and skill development, addressing various aspects of these technologies.

Topic: "Community Resources & Support" by **Dr. Pankaj Goswami, Directorate of Public Libraries, Gandhinagar.** Dr. Goswami detailed initiatives and resources aimed at enhancing community engagement and library services. He highlighted the availability of databases and online resources across central libraries, state archives, and institutions in Gandhinagar and Junagadh. Efforts include digitizing rare books, managing copyright issues, and projects like Shishth Sahitya, which provides competitive exam collections. District libraries are developing e-corners with prestigious eBook subscriptions and creating reading e-zones. Special provisions for the visually impaired include eBook and Braille collections, with specialized devices and weekly transportation for students. Significant investments, such as a ₹1 crore grant, support library awareness programs and cultural initiatives like "Sarjak Sathe charcha" featuring authors and poets. A bhavai , the folk play on the libraries itself and its importance was well received by the rural community and enhanced the use of rural libraries. The upcoming "Vache Gujarat 2" event, scheduled for September 10th, aims to further promote reading habits, with additional focus on ICT for research assistance and exploring partnerships to support library services.

Topic: "Policies and Regulatory/Library Governance" by **Mr. Viral Navik, IIMA** Mr. Navik's presentation addressed challenges in library governance and

explored potential solutions. Governance was defined as the decision-making process implemented through established structures and systems. Key objectives include effective decision-making, accountability, transparency, ethics, stakeholder involvement, and compliance. Historical milestones such as HH Sayaji Rao Gaekwad III's efforts in 1910 and the formation of the All India Library Association in 1933 were reviewed. Current governance structures, roles of governing authorities, and the policy cycle's importance were discussed. The presentation emphasized the role of evidence-based policymaking (EBP) in improving governance practices in libraries.

Topic: "Collaboration and Patron Assessment" by Dr. Sanjay Banavar, Ahmedabad University. Dr. Banavar outlined five key action items from the Conclave on Library Collaboration and Networking held on October 14, 2023, under ADINET's aegis. These included establishing collaborative repositories, creating a common research platform, proposing unified pricing for database subscriptions, setting guidelines for collaborative events, and reskilling library professionals. He distinguished between library cooperation and collaboration, discussed key strategies for collaboration, and explored avenues for research collaboration. Additionally, he emphasized patron assessment methods such as asset mapping, ethnographic studies, data visualization, and design thinking to enhance collaboration effectiveness.

Session 4: Technical presentation Chaired by: Dr. Manoj Kumar, INFLIBNET
"AI in Library Services" by Dr. Bharat Chaudhury, PDPU. Dr. Chaudhury's presentation provided a comprehensive overview of artificial intelligence (AI) and its integration into library services.

He began with an introduction to machine learning and the impact of ChatGPT's launch, tracing AI's origins to John McCarthy and the development of Lisp. The presentation covered key concepts such as digital transformations, computer vision, IoT, and the progression from Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI) to Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), with predictions for Artificial Superintelligence (ASI). Applications of AI in libraries, including cataloging, classification, acquisition, indexing, and reference services, were discussed.

"User Experience" by Dr. Hayat Ahmed, CEPT University. Dr Ahmed explored the concept of user experience (UX) in libraries, beginning with an overview of UX design principles and its key components: usability, accessibility, satisfaction, engagement, and personalization. The importance of digital transformation was emphasized, with a focus on expanding digital collections, implementing cloud-based services, and enhancing online access. Key initiatives included redesigning library websites, integrating single sign-on (SSO), and offering advanced search capabilities. The discussion also covered improving digital literacy through programs and accessible technology, integrating physical and digital experiences with hybrid services, and employing augmented and virtual reality.

"Data-Driven Decision Making in Libraries" by Dr. Mallikarjun Dora, IIMA.

Dr. Dora's talk introduced Data-Driven Decision Making (DDDM) and its significance for libraries. He illustrated how data informs decisions and outlined the DDDM model in five steps: identifying data needs, collecting and preparing data, mapping and visualizing data for analysis, drawing actionable conclusions, and reviewing the process for continuous improvement. Dr. Dora also introduced the RSCVD App, a tool for resource sharing, and discussed his involvement with the RSCVD Steering Committee, IFLA.

"Adaptability and Standards", by Ms. Panna Chaudhury, IIT Gandhinagar.

Ms. Chaudhury discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its capacity to perform human-like tasks through technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, and computer vision. She highlighted the shift from BlackBox to GreyBox models in Explainable AI, stressing the importance of data and model explainability. Case studies of AI applications in libraries, such as the Consensus tool at Singapore Management University, were presented.

Learning Reflection & Conclusion by Dr. Chintan Pandya, MICA

Dr. Chintan Pandya, MICA, provided a summary of the day's presentations and discussions in his report titled "Learning Reflection & Conclusion." He offered insights into the key takeaways from the seminar and shared his experiences visiting libraries in Illinois, USA. Dr. Pandya highlighted best practices for shared storage, the application of technologies for improving user experience, and the use of assistive technologies to ensure accessibility and equity.

ADINET ACTIVITIES: COLLABORATIVE WISDOM:

This is a monthly webinar activity jointly organised by Dr. Sanjay Banavar and Mr. Manish Mankad. In the month of July 2024, the webinar was on Growth and Challenges for Public Libraries Dr. Sapan Shah, Librarian, Narmad Public Library, Surat Municipal Library, Surat, Dr. Bipin Modi, Librarian, M. J. Library Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad, and Directorate of Public Libraries Office, representative had participated form the public libraries. All of them have contributed to the various services they offer to their users. It was a good awareness webinar for the participants to know what public library librarians do for society in Gujarat. This includes cultivating reading habits, using mobile libraries, serving senior citizens and sick patients at their homes, providing competitive exam support, children's libraries, etc.

In the August Open Science webinar, we explored how Open Science is changing the traditional roles of libraries, promoting greater access to knowledge, and fostering collaboration across academic and research communities. Learn how libraries are evolving to support Open Science initiatives, ensure data accessibility, and drive the development of open resources. Dr. T.S. Kumar, Dr. Sanjay and Dr. Yagnik contributed to this webinar.

AMC PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY PROJECT:

ADINET team has completed 20,000 books out of 75000 books. Five team members are working on the project. ADIENT needs more professionals to work on this project. This is one of the prestigious projects of the ADINET. The main objective of ADINET is to strengthen the primary section of libraries of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, where librarians are not recruited to look after the libraries. If students see the libraries scientifically organised, the chances are higher that their utility will increase at present and in the long run.

Those who are professionally committed can join the project. The ADINET will give you an honorarium and certificates to contributors.

IMAGE BUILDING SEMINAR AT MARWARI UNIVERSITY, RAJKOT:

ADINET and ADINET Yuva team have initiated a joint collaboration with Marwari University to organise a seminar. It will announce the one-day seminar titled "Reimagining Libraries, Library Services, and Librarianship in the 21st Century" in November/December 2024. This targets librarians from schools, colleges, universities, public libraries, special libraries, institutional libraries, and corporate libraries because all are involved in servicing the community, which leads to image building.

ADINET has planned to organize multiple seminars/conferences in different cities of Gujarat. Mr. Mallikarjune Dora, Mr. Vrial Navik, Dr. Yagnesh Parekh and Dr. Kaushik Rao working on Rajkot seminar.

KNOWLEDGE CENTRE OF SADVICHAR PARIVAR- NARODA:

Skill Development is the primary objective of providing knowledge to support skilled workers. ADINET has identified the links from the authentic orgainsation. Along with this, the links are provided for Competitive exams and papers. Mr. Bhavesh Patel is extending technical help.

SADVICHAR PARIVAR DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER:

Every week, ADINET compiles a Newsletter for Sadvichar Parivar. Ms. Ketki Bhatia does this work very consistently with quality. Here is the link for your perusal.
Link: https://sadvicharparivar.org/

ADINET RECOMMENDED READS: OPEN ACCESS BOOKS/JOURNALS

1) **Learning in Action: Designing Successful Graduate Student Work Experiences in Academic Libraries,** edited by Arianne Hartsell-Gundy, Kim Duckett, and Sarah Morris

2) **Undergraduate Research & the Academic Librarian: Case Studies and Best Practices, Vol. 2** edited by Merinda Kaye Hensley, Hailley Fargo, and Stephanie Davis-Kahl

3) **Digital Humanities in the Library, Second Edition**, edited by Arianne Hartsell-Gundy, Laura Braunstein, and Liorah Golomb

4) **Owning and Using Scholarship: An IP Handbook for Teachers and Researchers** (PDF 2,297 KB) Kevin L. Smith, J.D.

5) **Getting the Word Out: Academic Libraries as Scholarly Publishers** (PDF 3.35 MB) by Maria Bonn and Mike Furlough

6) **The Identity of the Contemporary Public Library** Pérez Pulido, Margarita; Vivarelli, Maurizio (2016)

7) **Navigating Copyright for Libraries** Coates, Jessica; Owen, Victoria; Reilly, Susan (2022)

8) **Open Access and the Library**

Oberländer, Anja; Reimer, Torsten (2019)
9) Open Science: the Very Idea
Miedema, Frank (2022)
10) Beyond the Library Collections
Renaville, François; Prosmans, Fabienne (2023)
11)New Libraries in Old Buildings
Hauke, Petra; Niess, Robert; Latimer, Karen (2021)
12)Invisible Search and Online Search Engines
Haider, Jutta; Sundin, Olof (2019)
13)Digital Libraries
Vancauwenbergh, Sadia (2021)
14)Libraries, Archives, and Museums in Transition
Rydbeck, Kerstin; Hvenegaard Rasmussen, Casper; Larsen, Håkon (2022)
15)Academic Libraries
Janse van Vuren, Anette (2022)
16)Altmetrics for Digital Libraries
Nuredini, Kaltrina (2021)
17)Access to Online Resources: A Guide for the Modern Librarian
Botyriute, Kristina (2018)
18)Open Access in Theory and Practice
Pinfield, Stephen; Wakeling, Simon; Bawden, David; Robinson, Lyn (2020)

LIBRARY QUIZ AND GAMES

1) **Master Librarian: Can you pick the books that have been carelessly placed under the wrong authors?**

2) **Plagiarism Game**

THE LINKS OF ADINET FORMS have been shared to become a Life Member and make your library an institutional member to make ADINET self-sustainable. If you need any help, please get in touch with us. Please take ownership of ADINET, become a member, and make intellectual contributions to the LIS profession.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP LINK:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIp QLSdPywpWWwZbn32NlorDybHKEzEpfG Lq8ulZBrcNev9B7I6sMA/viewform

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP LINK:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIp QLSd3TQVjRdmMEXx9TpBz-PsP1g2Zw13LUrKSuc6Un6nAUaQ5cw/vie wform?usp=sf_link

E-CERTIFICATE:
ADINET has started issuing an E-certificate to a new member who takes the life membership.

ADINET DIRECTORY:
We are in the process of updating the library Directory in Gujarat. Please fill out your library details and forward the form link to your friends and colleagues so our network becomes strengthen in Gujarat.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIp QLSetclXLEaerpXLrfuo7IpzJca5HSiNKR-C1jAeq73GFd5G3uA/viewform

LINK OF ADINET WEBSITE
https://www.alibnet.org/

ADINET OFFICIAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHG Dkuff1bIQsd6u5kLbWMQ/videos

ADINET team has finalized the Slogan. Thank you all for contributing 110 slogans, and from it, we could create the new slogan **"Empowering Libraries, Empowering Librarians."** Thank you all for helping ADINET.

Let us Continue to Connect & Collaborate for Creating an Informed Society.