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Human Library
Read a Human Book
Real People. Real Conversations

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“Sports and Exercise for your health”
6th November 2016
from 7.00 am - 9.00 am at Independence Square, Colombo 07
An initiative of the
Sri Lanka Library Association and GIZ

What is the Human Library?

The Human Library is designed to promote an inclusive way to challenge prejudice through social contact.

Just like in a real library, a visitor to the Human Library can choose a Book from a range of titles. The difference is that Books are people, and reading is a conversation. Social contact is known to be among the best ways to challenge prejudice, and the Human Library enables it to flourish. The Human Library provides a safe environment for people to engage in conversation within a framework of respect, and with the permission to respectfully ask questions and share experiences. The dialogue that the Human Library facilitates has the potential to challenge prejudice, stigma and discrimination (<http://humanlibraryuk.org/human-library/>).

Human Library at Independent Square, Colombo on 6th November on “Sports and Exercise for Health”

Five human books including a Senior Medical officer, Consultant physician Ayurvedic Medicine, Physiotherapist, Injury Manager, Tape Applicator attended this event along with the Council members and some members of the SLLA in despite bad weather. The staff of the Colombo Public Library served all attendees with a delicious hot ‘Kola Kenda’. This event was conducted in collaboration with the Colombo Public Library, University of Colombo Library and GIZ.

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SLLA COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016/2017.

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* Executive Committee Members

Nominated Members for Executive Committee:

Dr. (Mrs.) N.D. Wijayasundera

Mrs. V. Gangabadaarachchi

GROUP ACTIVITIES

School Library Program on “New Technical Knowledge and Sharing Experience for School Library Staff”

The School Library Group of SLLA organized a School Library Program on “*New Technical Knowledge and Sharing Experience for School Library Staff*”. Staff attached to School libraries of national schools in Colombo, Sri Jayawardanapura, Kurunegala, Kegalle and Rathnapura educational zones participated for this program.

This program was successfully held on 06th December, 2016 at the National Library and Documentation Services Board, Colombo. Mr. P.G. Premadasa (Senior Lecturer of NILIS) and Mr. M. Aravinda (Deputy Director of Training and Education of National Library) acted as resource persons and chief guests were Mr. W. Sunil (Director General of National Library) & Mrs. S. Bandara (Director of Library Promotion, Standardization & Publication). Council members of SLLA, Mrs. S. Weerasinghe, Mrs. P. Bandaranayake and Mr. N. Edirisinghe also participated in this event.



SLLA Open Day for DIPLIS Program

SLLA Open Day was held on 30th October 2016. Nearly 50 prospective students participated in the event, along with their parents to get a deep sense on the DIPLIS program. Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge (President), Dr. R. Gamage (Education Officer), Mrs. S. Weerasinghe (Past President), Miss. L. Amarasekera (Treasurer) and Miss. W. Kodithuwakku (Public Relations Officer) represented SLLA.

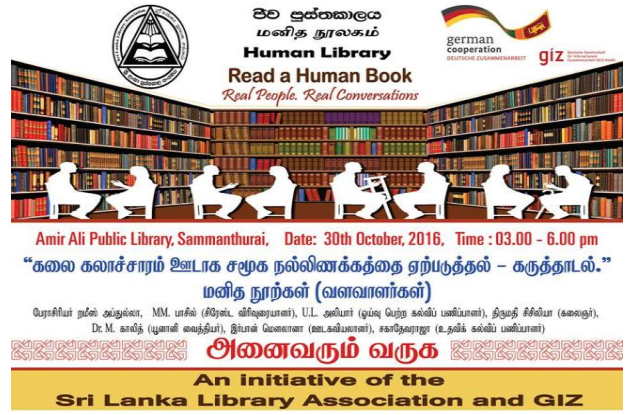


Mr. B.G.N. Kumarasinghe and Ms. K. Wickramasinghe shared their experience with the gathering, in following the course a long time ago. On-the-spot interviews were also held to enroll students for the 2017 academic year.

2016 ஓக்டோபர் 30ம் திகதி கிழக்குமாகாணத்தில் சம்மாந்துறையில் 'கலையினூடாக நல்லிணக்கச்சிந்தனை' என்ற தொனிப்பொருளில் மனிதநூலகநிகழ்ச்சித்திட்டம் நடைமுறைப்படுத்தப்பட்டது.

Human Library held at Amir Ali Public Library, Sammanthurai on 30th October 2016 on "Reconciliation Trough Art"

இலங்கை நூலக சங்கம் GIZ நிறுவனத்துடன் இணைந்து ஏற்பாடு செய்த மனித நூலக நிகழ்ச்சித்திட்டத்தின் கீழ் கலை கலாசாரம் ஊடாக நல்லிணக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தல் எனும் தொனிப்பொருளிலான கருத்தாடல் சம்மாந்துறை அமீர் அலி பொது நூலக வளாகத்தில் 30.10.2016 அன்று இலங்கை நூலக சங்கத்தின் தலைவர் கலாநிதி பிரதீபா விஜயதுங்கவின் வழிகாட்டலில் நடைபெற்றது.



டென்மார்க் நாட்டில் முதல்முதலாக அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்ட மனிதநூலக செயற்திட்டம் 60க்கு மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளில் நடைமுறைப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வருகின்றது. அதிகமாக ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளில் நடைமுறைப்படுத்தப்பட்டு வந்த இத்திட்டம் இலங்கையில் இவ்வருடம் முதல்முதலாக அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டதுடன் அம்பாறை மாவட்டத்தில் சம்மாந்துறை அமீர் அலி பொது நூலகத்தில் அறிமுகம் செய்யப்பட்டமை குறிப்பிடக்கூது.

வளவாளர்களாகளாக மனிதநூல்களாக கலந்துகொண்ட தென்கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பேராசிரியர் றமீஸ் அப்துல்லா இலக்கியமும் நல்லுறவும் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், தென்கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் சிரேஸ்ட விரிவுரையாளர் எம்.எம். பாசில் பிறருடைய கருத்துக்களுக்கு செவிமடுத்து அவர்களைப் பற்றிச் சொல்வதனால் சமூக நல்லிணக்கத்தை உருவாக்கலாம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், ஓய்வ்பெற்ற கல்வி பணிப்பாளர் யூ.எல்.அலியார் பாடசாலை இணைப்பாடவிதான செயற்பாடுகளினூடாக சமாதானத்தைக் கட்டியெழுப்பலாம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், சம்மாந்துறை வலயக் கல்வி அலுவலக உதவிக் கல்விப் பணிப்பாளர் சகாதேவராஜா சமயங்களின் புரிந்துணர்வின் மூலம் நல்லிணக்கத்தைக் கட்டியெழுப்பலாம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், டாக்டர் எம். காலித் (யூனானி வைத்தியர்) ஓவியம் வரைதல், கவிதை மூலம் மன அழுத்தத்தை குறைத்து சமூக நல்லிணக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தல் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், ஊடகவியலாளர் இர்பான் மௌலானா பாரம்பரிய பண்பாட்டு ஊடகங்கள் மூலமாக சமூக நல்லிணக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தலாம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், ஜோதிராஜா கருணேந்திரா சமூக நல்லிணக்கத்தில் சமுதாயக் கலைகள் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், கலைஞர் செசிலியா நாடகங்கள், பாடல்கள் மூலம் சமூக நல்லிணக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தலாம் என்ற தலைப்பிலும் தமது சேவையை வழங்கிச் சிறப்பித்தனர்.

இந்நிகழ்வில் சம்மாந்துறை பிரதேச சபை செயலாளர் ஏ.ஏ.சலீம், இலங்கை நூலக சங்கத்தின் சார்பாக தென்கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழக நூலகர் எம். எம். நிபாயுடன், தென்கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் சிரேஸ்ட விரிவுரையாளர் எம்.ஏ.எம்.பௌசர், GIZ நிறுவனத்தின் நிகழ்ச்சி திட்ட உத்தியோகத்தர் ஆர். சிவதர்சன், சம்மாந்துறை அமீர் அலி பொது நூலகத்தின் நூலகர் ஐ.எல்.எம்.ஹனீபா, நிகழ்ச்சி திட்டத்தின் இணைப்பாளரும் நூலகருமான ஏ.எல்.எம்.முஸ்தாக், வாசகர்கள், பொது மக்கள் என பலரும் கலந்துகொண்டனர்.

இதன்போது வளவாளர்களுக்கு ஏற்பாட்டுக் குழுவினால் நினைவுச் சின்னம் வழங்கி கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டது.



Workshops on Promotion of Professional Conduct and Ethics among Library & Information Science Professionals in Sri Lanka

Two regional workshops on ***"Promotion of Professional Conduct and Ethics among Library & Information Science Professionals in Sri Lanka"*** were organized by Sri Lanka Library Association under the patronage of IFLA under its "Building Stronger Library Associations Programme (BSLA)" in Jaffna and Colombo. The main aim of these two workshops was to promote professional conduct and ethics among library professionals in Sri Lanka. At these two workshops, 'ethics in Library & Information Science sector', 'overview of professional conduct and ethics', 'ethical responsibility to the society' and also 'code of ethics responsibility to the profession' and 'responsibility to the Professional Association' were explained with presentations and group activities.

Workshop Held in Jaffna:

A regional workshop was conducted on 28th September 2016 at Jaffna Public Library and over 100 participants of LIS professionals from school library sector, public library sector and university library sector from Jaffna, Mullativu and Kilinochchi districts participated at this workshop. This workshop has been organized under the coordination of Mrs. S. Arulanantham (Librarian of University of Jaffna).

Mrs. S. Arulanantham (Librarian of University of Jaffna), Mrs. A.S. Siriwardhana (Librarian of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka), Mr. A. Sadath (Librarian of Public Library Attaalaichenai), Mr. S. Navaneethakrishnan (Senior Asst. Librarian of University of Jaffna) and Mrs. G.D.S. Malkanthi (Senior Asst. Librarian of Makandura Library, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka) were resource persons of this workshop.

Senior Asst. Librarians of University of Jaffna, Mrs. K. Murugathas and Mrs. L. Umashankar, Mr. S. Ketheeswaran, Dr. (Mrs.) M. Visakaruban, and Mrs. R. Hoole played facilitators roles for the group activities conducted by the resource persons.



Workshop Held in Colombo:

A similar workshop was held on 29th September 2016 at National Library & Documentation Services Board. Around 40 librarians and information managers in a multitude of sectors participated in this programme. Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya (Professor of Dept. of Library & information Science, University of Kaleniya), Dr. W. Seneviratne (Librarian of Open University of Sri Lanka) and Mr. P.B. Gallaba (Senior Asst. Librarian of University of Sri Jayawardenapura) and Mrs. K.R.N. Harshani (Senior Asst. Librarian of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka) were the resource persons of this workshop.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vijita de Silva Research Award 2016/17 in Library & Information Science

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) is pleased to announce the 'Vijita de Silva Research Award', the annual research award for the best completed research in Library and Information Science (LIS) field in Sri Lanka. The award comprises a cash grant of Rs. 50,000.00 and a certificate. In the event the award is given to two researches, each will receive Rs 25,000.00 and a certificate.

Application Procedure

The 'Vijita de Silva Research Award Application Form' can be downloaded from the SLLA website or obtained from the Administrative Secretary, SLLA by forwarding a self-addressed stamped envelope. The duly completed application together with the processing fee of Rs1,500.00 by way of a cheque made in favour of Sri Lanka Library Association (crossed A/C payee only), with two copies of the research work should be forwarded to the Administrative Secretary, SLLA **on or before 31st March, 2017**.

National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS) - 2017

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

"Social Impact of Librarianship: Scholarship towards Sustainable Development Goals"



Organized by:
Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA)

29th June 2017 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Library Association is proud to announce the call for papers for the upcoming National Conference on Library & Information Science (NACLIS 2017), to be held on **29th June 2017**. Further details could be found on the SLLA website (www.slla.org.lk).

Submission of Paper(s)

Authors are advised to send their contribution as extended abstract or full papers. The manuscripts can be accepted in Sinhala, Tamil and English. Those who wish to submit their articles in Sinhala or Tamil should attach a separate abstract in English. All the articles should be sent to Editor of NACLIS through email (editornaclis@gmail.com).

Contributors should adhere to the guidelines appearing on the website to prepare their manuscripts (<http://www.slla.org.lk/index.php/241-naclis2017>).

Contact: T. Ramanan, Convener / NACLIS 2017

Email: naclis2017convener@gmail.com

Committee on Monitoring and Assisting in the Implementation of the Strategic Plan - COMAISP

The Council appointed the following members to the Committee of Monitoring and Assisting in Implementation of the Strategic Plan – COMAISP in accordance with the Strategic Plan of the Association which was finalized and presented to the members at the AGM held in June 2016. The appointment of the conveners of priority areas identified in the strategic plan for implementation was also done in addition to the appointment of the conveners of the different sectors.

Members of the COMAISP

Mrs. D. Warnasuriya (Convener)
Dr. (Mrs.) P. Wijetunge
Mrs. S. Weerasinghe
Mrs. S. Arulanantham
Mr. M.S.U. Amarasiri
Mr. P.B. Gallaba

Several Groups were formed by the COMAISP to work in identified priority areas.

Digitization Group

Convener - Mrs. S. Perera
Council Nominee - Mrs. R. Kodikara

Membership Group

Convener - Mrs. I.M. Wijesundera
Council Nominee - Miss. K. Kamalambikai

Publicity Material Preparation Group

Convener - Miss. W. Kodituwakku
Council Nominee - Miss. L. Amerasekera

Operational Manual for the SLLA Office Group

Convener - Mrs. H.N.K. Dissanayake
Council Nominees - Mr. A. Nallathamby and Mr. P.B. Gallaba

Operation Manuals for Different Sectors Group

Convener - Mr. H.M. Gunarathnebanda
Council Nominee - Mr. P.B. Gallaba

Deadline extended till 28th February 2017

Sri Lanka Library Review

The Publication Committee wishes to receive articles from the members, to be published in the next issue in June 2017. Articles will be accepted ~~till 15th of January 2017~~. Please follow the SLLA website (<http://www.slla.org.lk>) for guidelines on submitting articles. You may submit articles written in Sinhala, Tamil or English. Please send your manuscript to the Publication Officer.

(pubofficer.slla1617@gmail.com)

Education Officer on Leave

Immediate past President, Mrs. S. Weerasinghe is temporarily Acting on the Education Officer post of SLLA, since Dr. R.C.G. Gamage, Education Officer is on leave to accept a Research Fellowship at the Tsukuba University, Japan till end of March 2017.

Facebook Group for DIPLIS Students & Alumni

With the approval of the SLLA Council, a new Facebook Page has been created for Current & Past Students, and for the Teachers of the DIPLIS course. This will enable sharing of relevant news, information sources, and the SLLA Newsletter among students. We request to be a member of the group by sending a mail to slla@slt.net, giving your details. Also, current members are requested to add others to the Facebook group. The address is www.facebook.com/groups/diplis/. You should first have a Facebook account to login.

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Notice for Students of DIPLIS Level II and III: The Council has given approval to allow for Students of DIPLIS Level II and III who have not completed their DIPLIS within 10 years due to SLLA's inability to commence the required course due to lack of student registrations to complete their Diploma within 6 years from the date of announcement.

DIPLIS Coordinators

This year, the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) openly called for applications for the post of Center Coordinator to coordinate the Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) program in six Provincial Centers. It was to avail many professionals to hold the office and extend their services to the professional association. Accordingly, Coordinators of the Six Provincial Centers for 2017-2019 are as follows.

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| Badulla - Mr. T.G. Padmasiri | Batticaloa - Mr. M.N. Ravikumar |
| Colombo - Mr. J.P.C. Wedasinghe | Jaffna - Ms. P. Sriranjani |
| Kandy - Mr. B.N.G.S. Premaratne | Galle - Mrs. P. Kariyawasam |

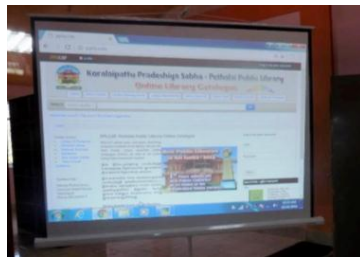
Request for News Items

SLLA Newsletter is a bulletin intended to cater to the SLLA membership, students of SLLA and all others connected with Library and Information Services. Its main aim is to exchange and disseminate news and views among the membership. The contents include SLLA activities, professional and educational matters, international training events, conferences, seminars, workshops etc. Please co-operate with the Publication Officer by sending articles, news items, new appointments etc. related to the Library and Information Science field to be published in the next issue of the SLLA Newsletter, and henceforth. (pubofficer.slla1617@gmail.com)

First Sri Lankan Full Featured Public Library OPAC using KOHA Live on Web

The Pethalai Public Library, which comes under the authority of Koralaipattu Pradeshiya Sabha, has successfully installed and customized KOHA - Integrated Library Management System. The OPAC of the Library was officially launched by Mr. K. Sithriavel (Regional Asst. Commissioner of Local Government) and Mr. S.M. Shihabdeen (Secretary of Koralaipattu Pradeshiya Sabha) on 11th October 2016. The OPAC can be accessible at <http://www.pplib.info>.

This is the first full featured OPAC of a Public Library using Koha live on web in Sri Lankan history. Koha - Library Management System has been installed and customized by Mr. M.N. Ravikumar (Senior Assistant Librarian of Eastern University). He achieved this task with the minimum resources available in the Public Library. The project was initiated by Mr. M. Pragash (Library Assistant of Pethalai Library). In this event Mr. M.N. Ravikumar was honored by the Regional Asst. Commissioner of Local Government for his valuable service and providing continuous support to automate the library.



Awards Received by Athurugirya Public Library

Best Public Library Award

The Athurugirya Public Library was awarded 1st Place as the **"Best Public Library - 2016"** in Colombo District. The award ceremony was held on 30th November 2016 and it was organized by Local Government Department of Western Province.

The Athurugirya Public Library received the same award for the Years 2014 and 2015 as well.



National Productivity Award

The Athurugirya Public Library received a Special Commendation in micro category level in the **"National Productivity Award - 2015"** by National Productivity Secretariat. The award ceremony was held on 30th December 2016 at the Auditorium of Chief Secretary's Office, Western Province and it was organized by the Local Government Department of Western Province.



Story Day – A Program Organized by Athurugirya Public Library

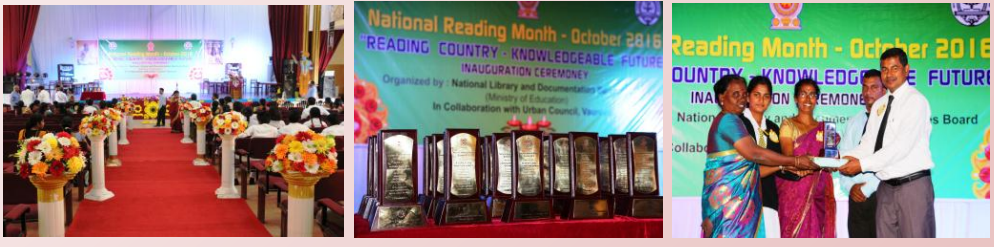
Athurugirya Public Library organized another extension service to improve the reading habits among children who are living in rural areas. The Library staff carried out this programme at the Thaldiyawala Community Centre on 9th October 2016 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Skilled library staff guided readers on how to read books correctly and narrated some story books in the three languages using expressions.



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පුස්තකාල සඳහා පොත් සහ උපකරණ පරිත්‍යාග කිරීම
 උතුරු පළාතේ තෝරාගත් පාසල් පුස්තකාල 02ක් හා මහජන පුස්තකාල 02ක් සඳහා පුස්තකාල පොත් සහ ලී බඩු උපකරණ පරිත්‍යාග කෙරිණ. ඒ යටතේ එක් පුස්තකාලයක් වෙනුවෙන් පොත් රාක්ක 01ක්, මේස 01, පුටු 06ක් සහ රු. 50,000.00ක් වටිනා පොත් ප්‍රමාණයක් ද පුස්තකාල සඳහා අවශ්‍ය වෙනත් ලිපිද්‍රව්‍ය ආදිය ද පරිත්‍යාග කෙරිණ. එක් ලී බඩු උපකරණ කට්ටලයක වටිනාකම රු. 105,300.00 කි.

මීට අමතරව උතුරු හා නැගෙනහිර පළාත්වල තෝරාගත් පුස්තකාල 100ක් වෙත රු. 10,000.00ක වටිනාකමින් යුත් පොත් කට්ටල (සිංහල පොත් කට්ටල 20ක් සහ දෙමළ පොත් කට්ටල 80ක්) පරිත්‍යාග කෙරිණ.



කියවීමේ වැඩසටහන් සංවිධානය කිරීම
 මෙම සමාරම්භක උත්සවයට සමගාමීව වවුනියාව ප්‍රදේශයේ කියවීමේ කඳවුරු 02ක් සංවිධානය කරන ලද අතර එකක් සිංහල මාධ්‍යයෙන් හා අනෙක් කඳවුරු දෙමළ මාධ්‍යයෙන් සංවිධානය කෙරිණ.

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ජාතික කියවීමේ මාසය - 2016 වැඩසටහනේ සමාජිකී උත්සවය 2016.12. 14 දින ගරු අධ්‍යාපන අමාත්‍ය අකිල විරාජ් කාරියවසම් මැතිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් ජාතික ලේඛනාරක්ෂක දෙපාර්තමේන්තු ශ්‍රවණාගාරයේ දී පැවැත්විණ. මෙම අවස්ථාවට පුස්තකාල ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ විද්වතුන් මෙන්ම දිවයිනේ විවිධ ප්‍රදේශ නියෝජනය කරමින් පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරු රැසක් සහභාගී වූහ. මෙම උළෙලේ ප්‍රධාන අවස්ථා අතර,

- **පුස්තකාලයාධිපතිවරු ඇගයීමට ලක් කිරීම**
 2015 වර්ෂයේ ප්‍රාදේශීය වශයෙන් කියවීමේ ප්‍රවර්ධන වැඩසටහන් ඉටු කළ පුස්තකාල 40ක් ඇගයීමට ලක් කිරීම මෙම සමාජිකී උත්සවයේ දී සිදු විය.
- **ග්‍රාමීය පුස්තකාල සඳහා පොත් සහ උපකරණ පරිත්‍යාග කිරීම.**
 දිවයිනේ තෝරාගත් ග්‍රාමීය මට්ටමේ පුස්තකාල 10ක් වෙනුවෙන් පුස්තකාල ලී බඩු උපකරණ, පොත්පත් සහ පුස්තකාල ලිපි ද්‍රව්‍ය පරිත්‍යාග කිරීම සිදු කෙරිණ. එක් පුස්තකාලයක් වෙනුවෙන් මේසයක්, පුටු 6ක් සහ රාක්කයක් ද රු. 50,000/=ක් වටිනා පොත් ද පරිත්‍යාග කෙරිණ.



IN FOCUS

Colombo Public Library

Colombo public library is the pioneer public library in Sri Lanka, established in 1925 by amalgamating the “Colombo Library” & “Pettah Library” under the purview of Colombo Municipal Council. The Colombo public library operates 6 days a week, 11 hours a day and 9 service points including mobile library service. In addition is also providing other services such as study hall facilities, auditorium facilities, and act as a community gathering place.

Lending Library: The lending library has a wide selection of books on practically every subject in Sinhala, English & Tamil languages. Nearly 150,000 books are available for borrowing.

Reading Rooms: Reading rooms include the newspaper reading room & the periodical reading section. Public library subscribes to 62 newspapers and 100 periodical titles and 22 foreign magazines.

Children’s Library: Colombo public library has a separate collection of books for children in all three languages. Story telling hour, literary competitions, guest lectures, study tours to important institutions have been introduced in order to encourage children for reading

Reference Library: Reference library is open to all library members & non-members. Considerable coverage of books in all fields in Sinhala, Tamil & English media are available for readers. Further there is a separate collection for school leavers, who follow professional courses. Such as CIMA collection and BIT collection etc.

Mobile library Service: The city dwellers who are unable to visit central library or any of the branch libraries are served by the mobile library service. There is another mobile library service called “The box library project” provides library facilities to the under privileged children of low income groups of slum & shanty dwellers.

Branch Libraries: The public library has grown into a library system with 11 branch libraries scattered throughout the city.

In-service Training: Public Library provides guidance & practical training in librarianship for the students of Department of Library and Information Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka Library Association and the trainees of the National Library & Documentations Services Board.



The Literary Festival of Colombo Public Library - 2016

The Colombo Public Library organizes literary competition among the children of the main & branch libraries as an annual event. This year, the literary competition was held during the month of July. Essays, hand writing, drawing, folk song, & speech competitions were held in Sinhala and Tamil mediums for four age categories. First three places of each category were selected for awards.

Awards ceremony for the winners of the literary competition was held on 20th October 2016 at the Public Library auditorium. Dr. W. A. Abeysinghe, veteran author and the Chairman of the National Library and Documentation Services Board delivered the key note address. Certificates and prizes were distributed among 107 children who won at different competitions.

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