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SLLA Corner at Jaffna Public Library

The fifth book donation ceremony for establishing a SLLA corner consisting publications of Sri Lanka Library Association and other reference materials has been inaugurated on 15th of June 2019 at the Jaffna Public Library. Mrs S. Arulanantham, President, SLLA was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. The program was attended by Mr. R. Kupeshan, Jaffna Center Coordinator of DIPLIS program, Mrs. Maithili Visakarupan, Lecturer and Mr. S. Navaneethkrishnan, Convener, NACLIS Group. Mr. R. Kupeshan formally welcomed all the participants and students. In his address, he emphasized the importance of establishing such a collection in the library. President/SLLA gratefully acknowledged the Chief librarian, Jaffna Public library for her prompt and immediate response for establishing the SLLA Book Corner. In addition to that, she appreciated the EXCO and Council members for their imperative support for the progress of this rewarding activity. Further, she directed the students to make the best use of the opportunities available in the library collection.



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SLLA Corner at Galle Public Library

A function was held at Galle Public Library on 2nd June 2019 to mark the occasion of establishing a SLLA Corner at the library. Mrs Sevewandi Jayasinghe, (General Secretary), Mrs K. R. N. Harshani, (Education Officer), Mrs K. N. Samanthi (Assistant Education Officer) represented the SLLA at the event. Mrs H. K. Padma, Chief Librarian, Galle Public Library, Mr M. A. Sawmar, Community Development Officer and the library staff attended the function on behalf of Galle Municipal Council and the Public Library. Mrs H. K. Padma delivering the welcome address, thanked the SLLA for instituting a library corner for the benefit of the DIPLIS students of the Galle centre and acknowledged the book donation from the SLLA. On behalf of SLLA, Mrs K R N Harshani appreciated the assistance extended by the Municipal Council and the Chief Librarian by providing valuable space to inaugurate the SLLA corner in the library. Students of level 1 and II of DIPLIS programme of Galle Center also participated in the event.



Inauguration of Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Level 1 – 2019 at Jaffna Center.

Jaffna Center Course inauguration was held at Jaffna Centre on 14.04.2019 at Jaffna University. Mrs. S. Arulanantham, President SLLA, Mr. R. Kupeshan, Center Coordinator, Mrs. M. Visakarupan, Lecturer participated in the inauguration ceremony. This year 45 students were enrolled for the course in Jaffna Center. In this occasion, center coordinator has explained about the course structure to the students and study materials were distributed to all students.



மட்டக்களப்பு கற்கை நிலையத்தில் நூலகம் மற்றும் தகவல் விஞ்ஞான டிப்ளோமா (DIPLIS) பாடநெறி- 2019, தரம் 1ற்கான வகுப்புகள் ஆரம்பம்.

இலங்கை நூலச்சங்கத்தினால் நடாத்தப்படும் நூலகம் மற்றும் தகவல் விஞ்ஞான டிப்ளோமா (DIPLIS) பாடநெறி-2019, தரம் 1ற்கான வகுப்புகள் மட்டக்களப்பு வின்சென்ட் மகளிர் தேசிய பாடசாலையில் 07.04.2019 அன்று ஆரம்பமானது. மட்டக்களப்பு கற்கை நிலைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு எம்.என்.ரவிகுமார் (சிரேஷ்ட உதவி நூலகர், கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழகம், இலங்கை), மற்றும் விரிவுரையாளர்கள் திரு. பி. பிரஷாந்தன் (சிரேஷ்ட உதவி நூலகர், கிழக்கு பல்கலைக்கழகம், இலங்கை), திரு. எம். ருமைஸ் (நூலகர், தொழில்நுட்ப கல்லூரி, சம்மாந்துரை), திரு. ஏ.சி.ஏ. சதாத் (நூலகர், பொது நூலகம், அட்டாளச்சேனை) மற்றும் மட்டக்களப்பு பொது நூலக நூலகர், திரு.சரவணபவான் ஆகியோர் இவ் நிகழ்வில் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இதன் போது நிலைய ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் டிப்ளோமா பாடநெறி தொடர்பான விளக்கங்களை மாணவர்களுக்கு வழங்கினார். அதுடன் அனைத்து மாணவர்களுக்கும் பாடநெறி தொடர்பான கற்கை பொதிகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. இந்த ஆண்டு மட்டக்களப்பு கற்கை நிலையத்தில் டிப்ளோமா தரம் 1 பாடநெறிக்காக 54 மாணவர்கள் இணைத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்டுள்ளனர்.



Inauguration of Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Level 1 – 2019 at Batticaloa Center.

Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Level 1 - 2019 Course was inaugurated at Batticaloa Centre on 07.04.2019 at Vincent Girls' High School (National School), Batticaloa. Center Coordinator Mr. M. N. Ravikumar (Senior Asst. Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka), Lecturers Mr. B. Prashanthan, (Senior Asst. Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka), Mr. M. Rumaiz (Librarian, Technical College, Sammanthurai), Mr. A. C. A. Sathath (Librarian, Public Library, Addalaichanai) and Librarian of Public Library, Batticaloa, Mr. S. Saravanabawan were participated in the inauguration ceremony. In this occasion center coordinator has explained about the course structure to the students and study materials were distributed to all students. This year 54 students were enrolled for the course in Batticaloa Center.



Inauguration of Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Level 1 – 2019 at Colombo Center

Inauguration of the short course Diploma in Library and Information Science in Level 1 was held on 06th April 2019 at Auditorium of the Thurstan College, Colombo. Vice President of the SLLA Dr. Ananda Thissa, Education Officer Mrs. K.R.N. Harshani Assistant Education officer Miss K.N. Samanthi, Assistant Secretary Mrs. Varuni Gagabadaarachchi, and Distance Coordinator Mr. Sugath Gunathilake lectures of the DIPLIS course Mrs. Soma De Silva, Miss Kamalambikai and center coordinators were participated in this event. Ms. P. M. Chamarika Erandi Pathiraja (Awardee S. Arulanantham Award for Best Performance - Diploma in Library and Information Science Level III 2017/2018) and Ms. Ms M Shamila (Awardee S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarships - Diploma in Library and Information Science Level I 2017/2018) shared their career path and DIPLIS course experience with the participants.



Inauguration of Diploma in Library and Information Science (DIPLIS) Level 1 – 2019 at Badulla Center

Baddula Center Course inauguration was held at Badulla Center on 07.04.2019 at Library Service Board, Badulla



Distance Education Programme in Library & Information Science

This year there are 58 registered students to follow Level I of the Distance Education Programme. This programme is especially convenient for those who are employed and also housewives who are unable to attend classroom lectures but are interested in becoming library professionals.

The interviews of DIPLIS Level I 2019 were held in Badulla, Batticaloa, Colombo, Galle and Jaffna on the 16th February 2019.

Two review seminars were held in June 2019 to appraise the progress of the projects launched under SLLA Strategic Plan 2016-22. Committee of Monitoring and Assisting in Implementation of the Strategic Plan (COMAISP) organized the events which were held at the SLLA Meeting Room.

Presentations at the seminar on 7th June 2019

- 1) Standards for Government Libraries (Miss Sumithra Meegasmulla)
- 2) Standards for Provincial Central Libraries (Mr Upali Amarasiri)
- 3) Standards for National Library (Mrs Padma Bandaranayaka)
- 4) Standards for Special Libraries (Mrs Priyadarshini Hemakumara)
- 5) Standards for Prison Libraries (Mrs Padma Bandaranayaka)
- 6) Guidelines for Prison Libraries (Mrs Padma Bandaranayaka)
- 7) Establishing a Model Prison Library at Welikada Prison (Mrs Padma Bandaranayaka)
- 8) Guidelines for Library services for the Institution for disadvantage Children (Mr Sunil Premaratna)
- 9) Develop a model library for Institutions for disadvantage Children (Mr Sunil Premaratna)
- 10) Revising the SLLA Rules to suit the present day needs (Mr G M P Gallaba)



Presentations at the 2nd seminar on 14th June 2019

- 1) Formulation of School Librarians' Service Minutes (Mrs Senani Bandara)
- 2) Developing a limited Open Access Policy for the National Library of Sri Lanka (Mrs Iromi Wijesundara)
- 3) Formulation of guidelines and a framework in developing the National Digital Library (Mrs Nadeeka Rathnabahu)
- 4) An Introduction to library software useful for Sri Lankan libraries and information services (Mrs Nadeeka Rathnabahu)
- 5) Guidelines for library building plans, interior design planning and library furniture designs for Academic Libraries. (Mrs K R N Harshani)
- 6) Preparing a compendium of library legislations in Sri Lanka (Dr R D Ananda Tissa)
- 7) Formulation of a Collection Development Policy for Provincial Central Libraries (Mr Wijaya Premadarshana)
- 8) Developing Information Literacy Programmes for Special Libraries (Mrs Priyani Balasooriya)
- 9) Library building plans, Interior designs and library furniture for small and mid-level School Library and Resource Centers (SLRCs) (Presented by the chair on behalf of Mrs Chandima Dissanayake)
- 10) Releasing DIPLIS Exam results through the web portal (Presented by the chair on behalf of Mr Norman Ravikumar)



Progress of majority of the projects was found to be satisfactory. At the end of each presentation, the areas to be improved and other drawbacks of the projects were discussed by the participants including the senior professionals who were present on invitation. The new culture of enabling SLLA members to contribute to the enhancement and progress of the library and information sector of the country introduced through the Strategic Plan was greatly appreciated at the seminars. Convener/COMAISP Mr Upali Amarasiri chaired the proceedings.



Architectural designs for School Libraries

SLLA School Libraries group has developed a set of architectural designs for small and mid-level School Library and Learning Resource Centers (SLLRCs). Convener of the School Libraries group Mrs Chandima Dissanayaka with the professional help of Chartered Architect Nadeeshan Vijayanga has prepared 2 sets of attractive, high quality, economical designs for small and mid-level SLLRCs. It includes designs for the library building, interior design and designs for library furniture. The Consultant Architect has performed the task on honorary basis without charging a fee. This project derives from the SLLA Strategic Plan. These designs will fulfill a long felt need of School Library sector in Sri Lanka.



VIEW FROM ENTRANCE LOBBY



CORE STRUCTURE



VIEW FROM STUDY AREA

In Focus



CA Sri Lanka Library goes digital giving thousands of professionals and students 24/7 access

The library of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) heralded a new era in digital transformation on 03rd May 2019, as it launched its e-Library for the benefit of its vast membership. The e-Library will provide thousands of Chartered Accountants, corporate clients and CA students a range of eBooks with the convenience of accessing the digital publications anywhere and anytime via any electronic device including laptop, tab or mobile.

(A section of the invitees including officials and staff of CA Sri Lanka at the event)



The e-Library was officially launched by CA Sri Lanka President Mr. Jagath Perera in the presence of institute staff and officials. Speaking on the importance of the unique initiative, Mr. Perera said that in this day and age it is increasingly important to offer facilities of convenience not only to professionals but also to students. He also emphasized the increasing need for professional bodies to stay relevant and be on par with global bodies by launching initiatives in line with the continuing IT transformation which has impacted everyday life.

(CA Sri Lanka President Mr. Jagath Perera officially launching the Institute's e-Library which can be accessed by Chartered accountants, non-finance professionals as well as students)



“The e-Library is an excellent platform as it will provide our members and even students access to a range of eBooks on a diverse range of subjects at a click of a button,” he said.

Mr. Perera noted that students who have to gain knowledge on a certain subject for their next lecture, will no

t need to come to the library physically anymore, and instead they can access the relevant publication digitally. “As a progressive institute, we have always been at the forefront in offering our multiple stakeholders a wide range of services which are modern and technologically savvy. The e-Library is one such effort in this continuing endeavor, as we compete to stand shoulder to shoulder with our global counterparts,” he added.

The CA Sri Lanka e-Library offers a range of eBooks including accounting, finance, business, strategic management, human resources management, marketing management, and organizational management. Active members of the CA Sri Lanka Library will gain automatic access to the e-Library service and can access the range of eBooks by administering a unique username and password which will be provided to active library members by the Institute. The fully fledged CA Sri Lanka Library located at Colombo 7 stocks over 10,000 books, newspaper articles, journals, periodicals and as well as around 100 CDs. The library is frequented by Chartered Accountants, non-finance professionals and CA Students.

Digital Literacy Programme

Public Libraries Group of Sri Lanka Library Association organized a Digital Literacy Programme for the youths, school leavers, housewives and business community in collaboration with the Community Development Unit, Municipal Council of Gampaha. The aim of the project was to improve digital literacy skills among the target group. Community Development Officer, Mrs. Deepika Samarasinghe coordinated the program.

Resource person is Mr. Nalin Dhammika, IT Manager, District Secretary Office Gampaha, Chief Guest Mr. Eranga Senanayake, His Worship the Mayor, Municipal Council, Gampaha, Guest of Honor Mrs. S. Arulanathan, President, SLLA, Chief Librarian, University of Jaffna.

The programme is scheduled to be held on 21st June 2019 at the Gampaha Public Library Auditorium at 9.30 a.m.

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Study Tour

16 students of Kandy Center visited National Archives, National Library and Library of National Science Foundation on 17th August 2018. Ms. Chamila Yapa coordinated the programme.

12 students of Galle Center visited National Archives, National Library and Library of National Science Foundation on 17th August 2018. Mrs. H. K. Pathma coordinated the programme. Lecturer of Galle Center Mrs. Soma de Silva participated to the programme.

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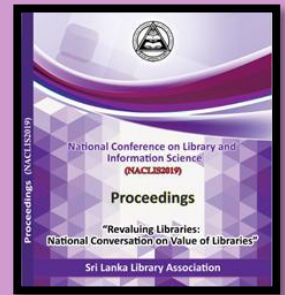
ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Conference on Library & Information Science 2019

The 15th National Conference on Library & Information Science 2019 will be held at the Sri Lanka Foundation in Colombo 07 on 27th June 2019 the day prior to the Annual General Meeting of SLLA.

The theme of the NACLIS is

“Revaluing Libraries: National Conversation on Value of Libraries”.



SLLA 59th Annual General Meeting 2019

The 59th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Library Association will be held on Friday 28th June 2019 at the Sri Lanka Foundation in Colombo 07.

Obituaries

Mrs. Ishvari Corea

Mrs Ishvari Corea, former Chief Librarian of Colombo Municipal Library (1961-1985), President, Sri Lanka Library Association (1967-68) and former Chairperson, NLDSB (1989-1994) has passed away. She also served as a visiting lecturer of the Department of Library and Information Studies, Kelaniya University. May she attain Nibbana.



Mrs. G. Nanda Fernando

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