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Absent :

Dr. R.Maheswaran (NACLIS/LIS Research), Ms. Thivya Janen (COMAISP).

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Message from the President of the SLLA 2024/2025



As the President of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for the 2024/2025 term, I am honoured to extend my warm greetings to all members and stakeholders on the occasion of the 65th Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 27th June 2025. We are deeply grateful to the University of Peradeniya for organizing and hosting this significant event, which provides an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and look ahead to future directions.

Over the past year, the SLLA, along with its Council and members, faced numerous challenges. Yet, through collective resilience, we continued key programmes from the previous term, launched new initiatives like the Sustainable Development Programme, and realigned many activities to better address current professional and practical demands.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the many scholars, experts, and LIS professionals whose support and contributions have strengthened the Association and propelled its mission forward.

The SLLA continues to play a vital role on both national and international platforms. We are a founding and executive member of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA), a founding member of the Commonwealth Library Association (COMLA), and an active member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

In addition to our local engagements, I had the privilege of representing the SLLA at two prestigious international events this year. The first was the Centenary Celebration of the Bengali Library Association, a landmark event commemorating 100 years of LIS advancement in the region. The second was the Global Library Summit-2025, where we shared insights on the evolving role of libraries in digital transformation. At both events, I proudly presented the work, values, and strategic vision of the SLLA, strengthening our international collaborations and reinforcing Sri Lanka's presence on the global LIS stage.

We continued organising Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Programmes, national conferences, and colloquiums, engaging local and international experts from diverse domains. A major highlight for this year is the upcoming International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS) 2025, co-organized by the SLLA and the Library Network of the University of Peradeniya, and National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. This esteemed conference will take place on 26th June 2025 at the Golden Jubilee Conference Hall, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. The theme, "Libraries as Pillars of Sustainable Socio-Cultural Capital," emphasizes the central role libraries play in promoting sustainable development, knowledge sharing, and the preservation of cultural values. The event will bring together LIS professionals, researchers, and policymakers to exchange ideas and explore innovative practices.

Recognizing the rapid advancement of digital and communication technologies, I encourage young professionals to expand their skills beyond traditional library science education. The information world is no longer confined to the library walls. To remain relevant and responsive, today's librarians must embrace evolving technologies and adapt to new user expectations.

SLLA remains committed to raising professional standards and enabling lifelong learning for its members. In addition to individual membership, SLLA now offers institutional memberships, inviting organizations to participate actively in our professional development initiatives and benefit from collective engagement.

Active involvement in a professional body like the SLLA not only fosters professional growth but also offers members a platform for recognition, collaboration, and skill development.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Prof. Saman Senaweera, Chairman, National Science Foundation, Dr. Sepalika Sudasinghe, Director General, NSF and Dr. R. Maheswaran, ICLIS-2025 Chair and Librarian, University of Peradeniya and Mr. Sunil Premarathna, ICLIS 2025 Secretary, Mr. Manuja Karunaratne, NSF and ICLIS 2025 all team members.

I also sincerely thank and my heartfelt gratitude to General Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, President Elect, Vice President, Education Officer, Asst. Education Officer, Asst. General Secretary, Publication Officer, IPRO and all Council members and all Executive Committee members for their unwavering commitment throughout my tenure. Special appreciation is extended to the conveners and committee members for their diligent efforts in executing key programmes and events. Finally, I am grateful to the entire SLLA membership and staff, whose continued support has been invaluable to the success of our efforts.

Let us move forward together with renewed purpose and collective strength to shape the future of librarianship in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Preethi Liyanage
President
Sri Lanka Library Association

Message from the General Secretary of the SLLA 2024/2025



It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I present this message as the General Secretary of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for the year 2024/2025. This reporting year has been both dynamic and transformative, reflecting the Association's steadfast commitment to advancing librarianship amidst evolving technological landscapes and societal needs.

The SLLA, as the apex professional body representing Sri Lankan library and information science professionals, has continued to uphold its mission to promote excellence in library services, enhance the competencies of LIS professionals, and foster inclusive access to knowledge. Guided by the principles of integrity, innovation, and collaboration, our Association has made significant strides in policy advocacy, professional development, research promotion, and international engagement.

Among the year's notable accomplishments is the expansion of our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes, which have addressed emerging themes such as artificial intelligence in library services, open science, research data management, and the role of libraries in combating misinformation. Through webinars, workshops, and collaborative sessions with national and international partners, we have facilitated cross-sectoral dialogue and knowledge exchange to strengthen the role of libraries as enablers of lifelong learning and social equity.

We are also proud of the increased visibility of the SLLA on the international stage. The active participation of our members in global platforms such as the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), as well as regional forums, has not only amplified Sri Lanka's voice in the global LIS discourse but also enriched our local practices through global best practices.

A key achievement during this period was the continued refinement of professional standards and accreditation mechanisms in line with international benchmarks. We have supported initiatives to modernize library curricula, advocated for the recognition of librarians as academic and research professionals, and provided platforms for scholarly dissemination through our publications and conferences.

The year 2024/2025 also witnessed strategic partnerships with academic institutions, governmental bodies, and civil society to promote reading culture, digital inclusion, and information literacy. Special emphasis was placed on rural and underserved communities, aligning our efforts with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

None of these achievements would have been possible without the collective dedication of our Council, Groups, Committees, Regional and Special Interest Groups, and the wider membership. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those who have contributed to the Association's vision and progress. Special thanks are due to the President and the Council and the Executive Committee for their unwavering leadership and support throughout this term.

As we look to the future, I am confident that the Sri Lanka Library Association will continue to be a beacon of professional excellence and innovation. Let us recommit ourselves to building a robust knowledge society where libraries are not just repositories of information, but transformative spaces for intellectual empowerment, cultural dialogue, and national development.

Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu

General Secretary

Sri Lanka Library Association

Treasurer's Report



It is my honour to present the Treasurer's Report for the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for the financial year 2024/2025. This report outlines the Association's current financial position, key challenges we face, and recommended actions to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience.

1. Financial Overview

Unfortunately, the Association has incurred a financial deficit this year. We have not been able to generate a surplus, and our expenditures have exceeded our income. The only consistent source of income has been the interest earned from our fixed deposits an income stream that is becoming increasingly unsustainable due to falling interest rates and rising inflation.

Primary Contributing Factors

Decline in Student Enrolment: Competition from universities and other institutions offering Library and Information Science (LIS) programmes has led to reduced enrolments in our own educational offerings.

- **Low Membership Fees:** Our current membership fee structure is among the lowest compared to other professional bodies, and it is insufficient to meet operational costs:
 - Fellow Members: Rs. 4,000
 - Corporate Members: Rs. 2,500
 - Non-Corporate Members: Rs. 2,000

2. Key Expenditures

- **Staff Salaries and Statutory Compliance:** These remain our largest financial obligations.
- **Utilities and Administration:** Monthly electricity, water, telephone, and office maintenance costs are substantial.
- **Recurring Operational Costs:** The Association requires an average of Rs. 300,000–400,000 per month (approximately Rs. 4 million annually) for basic operations, including honoraria for lecturers and costs associated with our educational programmes.

3. Loss-Making Activities

Several flagship activities are generating losses due to lack of cost-recovery mechanisms:

- Annual General Meeting (AGM): Funded entirely by membership fees, with no participation charges. Additional costs for providing complimentary meals and snacks exacerbate the financial burden.
- Annual Conference: No structured budgeting or revenue strategy has led to recurring losses.
- Award Ceremony: Insufficient planning and lack of participant fees have made this another loss-incurring event.

4. Declining Income Sources

- While our educational programmes still generate some revenue, it is declining steadily. Any small surplus is typically used for daily operations rather than reinvested.
- Over the past three years, no new contributions have been made to our fixed deposit accounts.
- We are increasingly reliant on interest income, a dangerous trend that places the Association's future at risk.

5. Recommendations for Financial Sustainability

To address the financial challenges and protect the future of the Association, I propose the following remedial measures:

a. Introduce Participation Fees

- Introduce a nominal fee for AGM participation, in addition to membership dues.

b. Increase Conference and Event Fees

- Implement a tiered increase in conference and event registration fees to better align with actual costs.

c. Budgeting and Cost Recovery

- Prepare detailed budgets for all major events (*i.e* Award Ceremony) and ensure adequate participant contributions.

d. Expand Revenue-Generating Programmes:

- Increase the frequency and scale of workshops, seminars, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes.
- Encourage committees to develop financially self-sustaining or profit-generating initiatives, supported by sponsorship where possible.

e. Review Educational Programme Fees:

- Conduct a market analysis and revise course fees to reflect current standards and demand.

f. Review Life Membership Policy:

- Currently, life members receive free membership after 20 years. Introduce a nominal renewal fee every five years to sustain income from this member segment.

g. Seek Sponsorships and Partnerships

- Actively pursue institutional and corporate sponsorships for key events and programmes.
- Explore cost-sharing partnerships with relevant organizations.

h. Establish a Financial Planning and Audit Sub-Committee

- Create a dedicated sub-committee to oversee financial planning, monitor budgets, and guide long-term financial strategies.

i. Digitize Administrative Functions

- Invest in automation and digital tools to reduce recurring operating expenses.

6. Appreciation and Way Forward

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the committees and individuals who successfully organized events through sponsorships or in-kind contributions. Their dedication and resourcefulness have added significant value despite the financial constraints.

In conclusion, if immediate corrective actions are not taken, the Association risks depleting its interest income, ultimately eroding its fixed capital. Such a situation could lead to a financial crisis that jeopardizes the continued existence of the SLLA.

This Association belongs to its members. We must work together, as custodians of this profession, to restore financial stability and ensure that the SLLA remains a vibrant, effective, and sustainable institution.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Mr. Anton Nallathamby

Treasurer

Sri Lanka Library Association

1. Council, Professional Groups and Executive Committee 2024/2025

The SLLA council is composed of the office bearers, two nominated members, and the Conveners of Committees and Professional Groups. The Executive Committee (Ex-co) is composed of the office bearers and two nominated members as follows.

Members of the Council	
President	Dr. Preethi Liyanage
Immediate Past President	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
President-Elect	Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake
General Secretary	Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu
Vice President	Mr. Aruna Thilanka
Treasurer	Mr. Anton Nallathamby
Education Officer	Dr. (Ms) C. K. Gamage
Assistant General Secretary	Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe
Assistant Education Officer	Ms. W.A.J. Kaushalya Rathnasekara
Publication Officer	Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe
Information & Public Relations Officer	Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara
Nominated Member	Ms. Deepali Talagala
Nominated Member	Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe
Conveners of the Professional Groups	
Academic Libraries	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna
Public Libraries	Ms. Kalpani De Silva
School Libraries	Ms. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake
Government Libraries	Mr. D.M. Shanaka Madhushan Wijerathna
Special Libraries	Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi
National and Provincial Libraries	Dr. Udaya Cabral
COMAISP	Ms. Thivya Janen
NACLIS / LIS Research	Dr. R. Maheswaran
IT Convener	Mr. Anusha Yapa
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Nominated Member	Dr. S.K. Illangarathne
Nominated Member	Dr. (Ms) Kalpana Chandrasekar

1.1 Council and Ex-Co Meetings

The council of the SLLA conducted nine (09) regular meetings, including three special meetings in the year 2024/2025, and five (05) Executive Committee meetings were conducted. Most of these meetings were held both physically and online.

2. SLLA Membership 2024/2025

SLLA members are divided into two main categories: Non-corporate and Corporate. Corporate members, which include associate and fellow members, have full membership rights, including voting power. Non-corporate members do not have voting power. They can upgrade their membership to corporate members after having adequate experience in the profession. The total membership of the SLLA is 1249 as of 26th June 2025.

The Institutional membership category of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) was established to provide institutions with enhanced opportunities, access to professional resources, and collaborative potential within the library and information services community. Introduced under the SLLA bylaws and aligned with the SLLA (Incorporation) Law No. 20 of 1974 and amendment Act No. 7 of 2004, this membership category enables institutions to actively participate in the development and promotion of library and information services across Sri Lanka.

2.1 Non-corporate Membership

The non-corporate new membership is eighty (80)

2.2 Associate Membership

SLLA received thirty (30) applications. Out of them, the associateship was awarded to twenty (20) members for the year 2024/2025.

2.3 Fellowship Awardees

SLLA received four (04) applications, and no one was eligible for the fellowship 2024/2025. The total number of fellow members of SLLA remains at sixty-five (65).

2.4 Chartered Membership

Associates and fellows get chartered librarianship for a given year if their membership is active. There are four hundred and six (406) members in the chartered list for the year 2024/2025.

2.5 Life Membership

Long-standing SLLA members can apply for life membership of SLLA. Life membership was newly awarded to five (05) members for the year 2024/2025. This brings the total number of life members to two hundred and forty-one (241).

2.6 Institutional Membership

Institutional membership 2024/2025 offered to Swami Vivekanada Cultural Centre and National Science Foundation. The total institutional membership of the SLLA is two (02) as of 26th June 2025.

2.7 Vijita de Silva Research Award (VDSRA)

SLLA received three (03) applications, and no one was eligible for the Vijita de Silva Research Award for the year 2024/2025.

3. Highlights of the year 2024/2025

Highlights from 28th June 2024 to 27th June 2025 are indicated as follows.

S/N	Date	Item Description	No. of Participants	Responsibility
01.	28.06.2024	64 th Annual General Meeting and Graduation Ceremony	255	2023/2024 Council
02.	08.07.2024	1 st Council Meeting	16	General Secretary/ Assistant General Secretary (GS/AGS)
03.	22.07.2024	1 st Education Committee Meeting	17	Education Officer (EO)
04.	06.08.2024	25 th Sankathana	50	Information & Public Relations Officer (IPRO)
05.	11.08.2024	Discussion on Education Programme	04	Convener, School Libraries
06.	12.08.2024	1 st Ex-co Meeting	13	GS/AGS
07.	27.08.2024	1 st Examination Board Meeting (Releasing results of HDIPLIS- I 2023/2024)	03	EO
08.	27.08.2024	Special Education Committee Meeting	09	EO
09.	01.09.2024	Designed a logo for the Special Library Group.		Convener, Special Libraries
10.	01.09. 2024	NIE Programme - Launched Best Practice Competition 2024	32	Convener, School Libraries
11.	07.09.2024	Published the Names of the Council Members		IPRO
12.	27.09.2024	2 nd Council Meeting	21	GS/AGS
13.	28.09.2024	Inauguration of COLA 2024 Batch	14	COLA Coordinator/ EO

14.	12.10.2024	Visited the Law and Society Trust Library	07	Convener, Special Libraries
15.	12.10.2024	26 th Sankathana	58	IPRO
16.	16.10.2024	School Library Staff Empowerment Programme	34	Convener, School Libraries
17.	21.10.2024	2 nd Ex-co Meeting	11	GS/AGS
18.	26.10.2024	Zoom Meeting Programme "ලොවටම දැනුම බෙදන ජාතික පාරිසරික තොරතුරු මධ්‍යස්ථානය	31	Convener, Special Libraries
19.	30.10.2024	Zoom Meeting Programme-නීතිය අනුගමනය කිරීම සහ දැනුවත්ව සිටීම සුරක්ෂිත වෘත්තිය ජීවිතයකට මග	43	Convener, Special Libraries
20.	02.11.2024 to 03.11.2024	HDIPLIS - II Examination (2023/2024) Batch	82	EO
21.	04.11.2024	Webinar on "Role of the Libraries for Social Developments"	90	Convener, Academic Libraries
22.	05.11.2024	2 nd Education Committee Meeting	16	EO
23.	07.11.2024	Training Programme for Librarians of Sri Lankan Pirivenas	105	Convener, Academic Libraries
24.	08.11.2024	A panel discussion titled "Preservation Strategies for Library Materials in Tropical Climates"	70	Convener, National Library and Provincial Libraries
25.	09.11.2024	27 th Sankathana	50	IPRO
26.	10.11.2024	Inauguration of HDIPLIS-II (2024/2025) – Online	84	EO
27.	19.11.2024	Seminar on Modern Library Management	82	Convener, School Libraries
28.	24.11.2024	Workshop on Caring for Books and Paper Collection	13	PRE, GS, IPRO
29.	29.11.2024	Orientation Programme for SLLA Council Members	19	IPP, IPRO
30.	29.11.2024	3 rd Council Meeting	21	GS/AGS
31.	03.12.2024	Workshop on Caring for Books and Paper Collection	14	PRE, GS, IPRO
32.	10.12.2024	UDC Workshop	27	Convener, Special Libraries
33.	13.12.2024	Workshop on Challenges and Solutions in Physical Document Preservation for Libraries	40	Convener, Special Libraries
34.	13.12.2024	Visit to the J.R. Jayewardene Centre Library and Museum	25	Convener, Special Libraries
35.	13.12.2024	Webinar on "MYTHS and TRUTHS about Library Services"	60	Convener, Academic Libraries

36.	16.12.2024	3 rd Ex-co Meeting	07	GS/AGS
37.	20.12.2024 to 22.12.2024	Presented a paper titled ‘The Role of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA): Advancing the Library’ at the Bengal Library Association (BLA) 100 th Anniversary, India		PER
38.	30.12.2024	3 rd Education Committee Meeting	14	EO
39.	07.01.2025	Workshop on Caring for Books and Paper Collection	15	PRE, GS, IPRO
40.	09.01.2025	4 th Council Meeting (Special)	09	GS/AGS
41.	11.01.2025	Special Education Committee Meeting	07	EO
42.	18.01.2025	Children’s Book Donation to the Thihagoda Public Library in Matara	05	Convener, Special Libraries
43.	18.01.2025 to 19.01.2025	Reorganization of Library Arrangements at the National Cinnamon Research and Training Centre, Department of Cinnamon Development, Pelopitiya, Thihagoda	05	Convener, Special Libraries
44.	20.01.2025	5 th Council meeting	20	GS/AGS
45.	24.01.2025	A zoom session on “The role of public libraries for social development”	65	Convener, Public Libraries
46.	25.01.2025	Selection Interview of DLIS (2024/2025) Batch	130	Interview Panel/ EO
47.	28.01.2025	Discussion with the Ministry of Education	04	Convener, School Libraries
48.	07.02.2025	Workshop on “Koha Technical Issues and Stock Taking”	60	Convener, Public Libraries
49.	05.02.2025 to 07.02.2025	Presented a paper titled ‘Promoting Inter-Religious Harmony Through Libraries: Some Prospective Thoughts’ at the Global Library Summit 2025, India		PER
50.	10.02.2025	Swami Vivekanada Cultural Centre offered Institutional Membership for the year 2024/2025		Council 2024/2025
51.	20.02.2025	Soft Skills Workshop: “Unlocking Your Potential”	25	Convener, Special Libraries
52.	22.02.2025	Workshop on Syllabus Revision	39	EO
53.	23.02.2025	28 th Sankathana	50	IPRO
54.	26.02.2025	4 th Ex-co Meeting	13	GS/AGS
55.	28.02.2025	29 th Sankathana	70	IPRO

56.	01.03.2025	Revision Seminar on DLIS 2023/2024 Sinhala-medium students – at the Colombo Public Library. while the Revision Seminar for Tamil-medium students Online mode – on the same day.	96	EO
57.	08.03.2025	30 th Sankathana	50	IPRO
58.	08.03.2025 to 09.03.2025	DLIS Examination (2023/2024 Batch)	96	EO
59.	12.03.2025 to 21.03.2025	Short Course on “Mastering Research: A Guide to Your Research Journey” (Five Sessions in Sinhala Medium)	62	Convener, Academic Libraries
60.	18.03.2025	6 th Council Meeting	16	GS/AGS
61.	21.03.2025	Workshop on “The usage of AI with cataloguing process in public libraries”	30	Convener, Public Libraries
62.	22.03.2025	Inauguration of DLIS (2024 /2025) Batch	117	EO
63.	24.03.2025 to 28.03.2025	Short Course on “Mastering Research: A Guide to Your Research Journey” (Five Sessions in Tamil Medium)	28	Convener, Academic Libraries
64.	24.03.2025	Webinar on “Women’s Contribution to a Happy Life”	50	Convener, Academic Libraries
65.	25. 03.2025	2 nd Examination Board Meeting (Releasing results of DLIS 2023/2024)	03	EO
66.	27.03.2025	Webinar on “Obtaining Membership in a Professional Association”	50	Convener, Academic Libraries
67.	28.03.2025	Webinar on the current practice of legal deposit law in Sri Lanka	71	Convener, National Library and Provincial Libraries
68.	28.03.2025	4 th Education Committee Meeting	12	EO
69.	30.03.2025	Webinar on “Emerging Trends in Library Management	32	SDG Group
70.	02.04.2025	Seminar on “Responsibilities, developing attitudes and new trends of public library professionals”.	85	Convener, Public Libraries
71.	07.04. 2025	Discussion on Problems in School Library Positions	117	Convener, School Libraries
72.	22.04.2025	Collaborative Discussion on Sustainable Energy Consumption in Library Premises	27	SDG Group

73.	23.04.2025	5 th Education Committee Meeting	12	EO
74.	24.04.2025	Best Practice Competition 2024	23	Convener, School Libraries
75.	28.04.2025	5 th Ex-co Meeting	13	GS/AGS
76.	18.05.2025	3 rd Examination Board Meeting	03	EO
77.	20.05.2025	7 th Council Meeting	19	GS/AGS
78.	30.05.2025	Graduation Ceremony 2025- for DLIS / HDIPLIS II and COLA Course	142	EO
79.	31.05.2025	31 st Sankathana	35	IPRO
80.	06.06.2025	Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Government Libraries	42	Convener, Government Libraries
81.	11.06.2025	National Science Foundation offered Institutional Membership for the year 2024/2025		Council 2024/2025
82.	14,15 and 21.06. 2025	HDIPLIS - I Examination (2024/2025) Batch	68	EO
83.	15.06.2025	8 th Council Meeting (Special)	12	GS/AGS
84.	18.06.2025	An evaluation of the SLLA Educational Programme	15	EO
85.	20.06.2025	6 th Education Committee Meeting	15	EO
86.	22.06.2025	9 th Council Meeting	21	GS/AGS
87.	26.06.2025	International Conference on Library and Information Science (ICLIS) 2025 at the University of Peradeniya		Convener, NACLIS / LIS Research
88.	27.06.2025	65 th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the University of Peradeniya		2024/2025 Council

4. SLLA Education Programme

In the year 2025, the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) marks a significant milestone, celebrating 65 years of excellence in Library and Information Science (LIS) education. Throughout its history, the SLLA has conducted two major professional educational programme: the Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) and the Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDIPLIS). The HDIPLIS programme comprises two academic years, namely HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II. These programmes are delivered in Sinhala, Tamil, and English mediums, primarily through an online learning platform. Students from all regional centers, Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Badulla, Jaffna, and Batticaloa are enrolled and participate in these courses via online mode. In addition, the Distance Education Programme (postal) is conducted in Sinhala medium for students who prefer distance learning modalities.

During the 2024-2025 academic year, several amendments have been made to the existing By-Laws governing these programmes. These revisions include updates to the procedures for releasing examination results, the submission of indexes and bibliographies, and significant

changes to the research project component. Notably, the research project, initially introduced as a pilot in the 2023-2024 academic year, has been made a compulsory component for all students commencing from the 2024/2025 academic year. Furthermore, a Distance Education Programme continues to be offered for students who are unable to attend regular lectures. Under this programme, all required course materials are dispatched to the students via postal service, enabling them to pursue their studies independently. The following courses were conducted by the SLLA in the academic year 2024/2025.

Courses Conducted by SLLA in the Academic Year 2024/2025

Course Code	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium
DLIS 2023/2024	Online	Online	Online
DLIS 2024/2025	Online	Online	Online
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	Online	Online	Online
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	Online	Online	Online
HDIPLIS II 2024/2025	Online	Online	Online
Distance Programme	Postal	---	---
COLA Course	---	---	Online

4.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) Programme

4.1.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) Programme 2023/2024

All lectures for the DLIS 2023/2024 batch were completed by mid-February 2025. The Revision Seminar for Sinhala-medium students was conducted on 1st March 2025 at the Colombo Public Library, while the seminars for Tamil and English medium students were held online on the same day. The examination for the DLIS 2023/2024 batch was conducted on 8th and 9th March 2025 across six examination centers. The examination results were released on 28th May 2025.

4.1.2 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) Programme 2024/2025

The selection interview for the Diploma in Library and Information Science (DLIS) 2024/2025 was held on 25th January 2025 at the Sri Lanka Library Association, Colombo 07. Following the selection process, a total of 117 students were registered for the DLIS 2024/2025 batch. Identity cards were subsequently issued to all enrolled students.

4.1.2.1 Diploma in Library & Information Science (DLIS) 2024/2025 Registration of Students

DLIS 2024/2025	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Distance (Postal)	Total
No. of Students	65	40	12	---	117

4.1.2.2 The Inauguration Ceremony of Diploma in Library and Information Science Course (DLIS) 2024/2025

The inaugural session of the Diploma in Library and Information Science Course (DLIS) 2025 was held on 22nd March 2025 at the OPA Auditorium. Ms. Raveendra Sumathipala, Attorney-at-Law and former Visiting Lecturer at the University of Peradeniya, participated as the guest speaker and delivered a special lecture titled "*A Good Person to Society Through Education.*" The event was graced by Dr. Preethi Liyanage (President), Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu (General Secretary), Dr. C.K. Gamage (Education Officer), Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake (President-elect), Mr. Anton Nallathamby (Treasurer), Mr. Aruna Thilanka (Vice President), and Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana (Administrative Secretary), as well as several members of the Education Committee, Council Members, and lecturers of the Lecturer Panel. The session was conducted with the support of Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara, Assistant Education Officer, and Mr. Siyath Ahamed, a Senior Lecturer of the lecturer panel, who facilitated the proceedings in both Sinhala and Tamil mediums.

Lectures for the Sinhala and English medium groups of the DLIS 2024/2025 programme commenced on 30th March 2025, while the Tamil-medium lectures commenced on 6th April 2025.

4.1.2.3 Library Practical Training Programme for DLIS - 2024/2025 Batch

The students of the DLIS 2024/2025 batch received the mandatory 10 days training from the following libraries.

S/N	Name of the Library / Institute
1.	University of Colombo
2.	University of Sri Jayewardenepura
3.	University of Ruhuna
4.	University of Vavuniya
5.	University of Jaffna
6.	Eastern University, Sri Lanka
7.	South Eastern University
8.	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
9.	National Library and Documentation Services Board
10.	Public Library, Colombo
11.	Public Library, Kandy
12.	Public Library, Galle
13.	Public Library, Badulla
14.	D.S. Senanayake Memorial Public Library, Kandy
15.	Public Library, Vavuniya
16.	Public Library, Mannar
17.	Public Library, Nuwara Eliya
18.	Public Library, Nawalapitiya
19.	Public Library, Bandarawela
20.	Public Library, Ukuwela

21.	Public Library, Jaffna
22.	National Institute of Co-operation Development
23.	Sri Padha National College of Education, Pathana
24.	Ruwanwella Central Library of Ruwanwella
25.	Public Library, Wattala, Mabola
26.	Department of Library and Museum, NIE, Maharagama
27.	Uva Provincial Library Service Board, Badulla
28.	Public Library, Rathnapura
29.	Sariputta National College of Education, Nittambuwa
30.	Public Library, Puttalam
31.	Public Library, Maharagama
32.	Swami Vipulananda Aesthetic Studies
33.	Buddhi Mandapa, Public Library Polonnaruwa

4.2 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS I) Programme

4.2.1 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS I) Programme 2023/2024

The HDIPLIS I (2023/2024) batch commenced their academic year in 6th June 2024, completed their examination on 18th, 19th and 26th May 2024, and awaited the results. The results of the HDIPLIS I (2023/2024) batch were released on 28th August 2024.

4.2.2 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS I) Programme 2024/2025

The HDIPLIS I (2024/2025) batch commenced their academic year 09th June 2024, via online. The students of this batch sat for their HDIPLIS I Examination on 14th, 15th, and 21st June 2025, and the examination was conducted across five examination centers.

4.2.2.1 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS I) 2024/2025 Registration of Students

HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Distance (Postal)	Total
No. of Students	51	55	06	-	112

4.3 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS II) Programme

4.3.1 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS II) Programme 2023/2024

A special series of lectures was conducted from 1st December to 10th December 2024, for HDIPLIS II students who selected the research project option. The following lecturers shared

their expertise with both the 2023/2024 research students and the entire HDIPLIS II 2024/2025 batch during sessions held from 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. covering the topics in the following table.

Research Sessions Conducted for HDIPLIS II 2023/2024

Date	Title	Resource Person
01.12.2024	පර්යේෂණයට ප්‍රවේශයක් (Introduction to research)	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
02.12.2024	Introduction, Statement of the Problem and Objectives of the Research	Dr. (Ms) Champa Alahakoon
04.12.2024	Literature Review and Referencing	Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu
06.12.2024	Research Methodology	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana
10.12.2024	How to Write the Final Report / Dissertation	Ms. Muditha Ankumbura

4.3.2 Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS II) Programme 2024/2025

The inauguration session of the HDIPLIS II 2024/2025 course was held online via Google Meet on 10th November 2024 for both Sinhala and English medium students, while the Tamil medium inauguration session was conducted on 18th November 2024.

The registration of students and commencement dates of the courses for the year 2024/2025 are as follows;

**Higher Diploma in Library & Information Science (HDIPLIS II) 2024/2025
(Registration of Students)**

HDIPLIS II 2024/2025	Sinhala Medium	Tamil Medium	English Medium	Distance (Postal)	Total
No. of Students	49	35	-	-	84

Commencement of Courses in the Academic Year 2024/2025

Medium	DLIS 2024 / 2025	HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	HDIPLIS II 2024/2025
Sinhala Medium	30 th March 2025	09 th June 2024	24 th November 2024
Tamil Medium	06 th April 2025	11 th August 2024	05 th January 2025
English Medium	30 th March 2025	09 th June 2024	-

4.4 Revision Seminars of DLIS, HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II Courses conducted During the Academic Year 2024/2025

The dates of the revision seminars conducted for DLIS, HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II courses for the year 2024/2025 are as follows;

Course	Date of Revision Seminar held	Mode of the Revision Seminar	Venue
DLIS 2023 / 2024 (Sinhala Medium)	01 st March 2025	Physical	Colombo Public Library
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025 (Sinhala Medium)	17 th May 2025	Physical	SLLA Auditorium
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025 (Tamil medium)	12 th ,13 th , 18 th & 25 th May 2025	Online	Online
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025 (English Medium)	17 th May 2025	Online	Online
HDIPLIS II 2024/2025	28 th October 2024	Online	Online

4.5 Distance Education Programme

Details of Workshops conducted for Distance Programme – 2023/2024 are as follows;

Course	Date of Workshops	No. of Student	Resource Persons
DLIS 2023/2024	31.08.2024 01.09.2024	19 14	Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana Mr. Sugath Gunathilake Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Mr. S.U. Amarasinghe
DLIS 2023/2024	09.11.2024 10.11.2024	13 12	Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana Mr. Sugath Gunathilake Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Mr. S.U. Amarasinghe
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	27.07.2024 28.07.2024	16 11	Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera Mr. Dhammadika Weerakoon Ms. Hiruni Kanchana
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	10.08.2024 11.08.2024	17 11	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam Dr. (Ms.) K.R.N. Harshani
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	24.08.2024 25.08.2024	20 13	Mr. Dhammadika Weerakoon Mr. H.N. Peiris Mr. M.K.C. Gnanasekara

4.6 Certificate Course on Library Automation (COLA)

The Certificate Course on Library Automation (COLA) is one of the well-recognized programme conducted by the SLLA. The primary objective of the course is to enhance the skills and competencies of librarians in utilizing information and communication technologies (ICT) for effective information dissemination and retrieval. The course, which has a duration of nine months, provides comprehensive training in key areas of library automation, including: Introduction to Information Communication Technology (ICT), Introduction to Library Automation, Library Automation using the Koha Integrated Library Management System, Electronic Library Resources and Services, and Web Designing, Hosting, and Maintenance. This programme continues to play a significant role in equipping library professionals with the technical knowledge required to meet the evolving demands of modern library services.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Certificate Course on Library Automation took place at the Colombo Public Library on 28th September 2024, with the participation of council members, the COLA lecture panel, and students. Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu, Ms. Hiruni Kanchana, and Ms. Muditha Ankumbura were the lecturers on the COLA course. Ms. Muditha Ankumbura was the coordinator for the 2024/2025 year. The classes were commenced on 12th October 2024, and 20 students successfully completed the course and qualified to receive the certificate of completion.

4.7 Examination Board

The Examination Board (EB) for the academic year 2024/2025 was appointed by the council to support the education committee in maintaining the integrity, fairness, and transparency of the examination process, ensuring that no student is subjected to discrimination. The Board was chaired by Dr. (Ms.) C.K. Gamage, Education Officer, with Dr. G. R. Padmasiri, Librarian at the University of Visual and Performing Arts, and Dr. (Ms.) T. Sritharan, Senior Assistant Librarian at the University of Colombo, serves as members of the board.

During the academic year 2024/2025, the examination board convened on three occasions, 28th August 2024, 25th March 2025, and 25th May 2025. These meetings were held to review and approve the results of the examinations conducted for the HDIPLIS I (2023/2024), HDIPLIS II (2023/2024), and DLIS (2023/2024) programmes.

4.7.1 Examinations Conducted During the Academic Year 2024/2025

During the academic year 2024/2025, three examinations were conducted by the SLLA. The details of these examinations are as follows:

Examinations Conducted During the Academic Year 2024/2025

Course	Mode of the Examination	Date of the Examination	Examination Centers
DLIS 2023/2024	Physical	08 th & 09 th March 2025	Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	Physical	14 th , 15 th & 21 st June 2025	Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Batticaloa, Jaffna
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	Physical	02 nd & 03 rd November 2024	Colombo, Kandy, Galle, Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna

4.7.2 Examinations Details (Students participated & Successfully Completed)

The examination participation and completion summary for DLIS, HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II courses for the year 2024/2025 are as follows;

Name of the Examination	Examination Participation			Completion Summary		
	Sinhala Medium	T a m i l Medium	English Medium	Sinhala Medium	T a m i l Medium	English Medium
DLIS 2023 / 2024	71	24	08	45	11	03
HDIPLIS I 2024/2025	29	35	04	-	-	-
HDIPLIS II 2023/2024	50	18	-	40	16	-

The SLLA successfully conducted examinations in physical mode at the following six regional centers. The individuals listed below serve as Coordinators and Supervisors for these examinations at each center.

Coordinators and Supervisors	Regional Centers
Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe	Colombo Center
Ms. K.P.N. Dharamasirirwardena	Kandy Center
Ms. H.K. Pathma	Galle Center
Ms. Inoka Nilmini Polgampola	Badulla Center
Ms. Thivya Janen	Jaffna Center
Mr. A.L.K. Rahuman	Batticaloa Centre

4.8 Education Committee

2024, the Education Committee is comprised of several members and is chaired by the Education Officer, Dr. (Ms.) C.K. Gamage. Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara, Assistant Education Officer, together with the Centre Coordinators, Teaching Faculty, and the SLLA Office Staff, collectively contributed to the development and continuous enhancement of the educational programmes. During the academic year 2024/2025, the Education Committee convened six meetings. Throughout the year, the committee accomplished several key initiatives aimed at improving the quality and effectiveness of the education programmes.

4.9 Activities and Achievements of the Education Committee - Academic Year 2024/2025

The key activities and achievements of the committee during this period are as follows:

4.9.1 Revision of Course and Items Fees

The fee structure applicable to the academic programmes was reviewed and revised to ensure alignment with current academic and administrative requirements. The revision covered various components, including course fees, examination fees, re-correction fees, certificate awarding fees, and other related charges.

4.9.2 Establishment of a Research Pool

A research pool comprising suitably qualified lecturers currently affiliated with the SLLA lecturer panel was established to strengthen and in alignment with the HDIPLIS II Research Project. This initiative is intended to strengthen the academic and research components of the SLLA's educational programmes. Eligibility criteria for inclusion in the research pool require candidates to be: (i) currently serving as a visiting lecturer of the SLLA; (ii) holders of a postgraduate degree that includes both course work and a research component; and (iii) Associate Members of the SLLA.

4.9.3 Indexing /Bibliography Workshop and Development of a Guideline -HDIPLIS I

A workshop was conducted in 4th May 2025 by Dr. (Ms.) T. Sritharan and Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera for all indexing lecturers, supervisors, and examiners. The workshop was held in a bilingual format with the objective of addressing the differing views among supervisors and examiners, as well as the lack of clear understanding among students in the preparation of indexes. As an outcome of the workshop, an *Indexing Guideline* was developed. It was decided that necessary actions will be taken to print and circulate the guideline among HDIPLIS I students.

4.9.4 Cataloguing Workshop and Development of Guideline

A workshop for lecturers teaching cataloguing in the DLIS and HDIPLIS I programmes was conducted on 10th May 2025. The primary objective of the workshop was to establish a uniform method of cataloguing based on AACR2 and to address related concerns. Mr. Sugath Gunathilake and Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara conducted the workshop in English and Sinhala, while Mr. B. Prashanthan contributed by sharing his knowledge in Tamil. As an outcome of the workshop, a *Cataloguing Guideline* was developed, which will be printed and circulated among DLIS and HDIPLIS I students.

4.9.5 Development of a Guideline for Thesaurus Construction

It was identified that a guideline for Thesaurus construction is a compulsory requirement for the HDIPLIS II students. Accordingly, Mr. M.N. Ravikumar was assigned to develop the guidelines.

4.9.6 Syllabus Revision Workshop

The Education Committee decided that the existing syllabi of the HDIPLIS I and HDIPLIS II programmes required revision. As the initial step in the syllabus revision process, a workshop for the lecturers was held on 22nd February at the Bambalapitiya Vajiraramaya. The workshop featured contributions from Senior Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya, University of Kelaniya, Senior Lecturer (retired) Mr. T.G. Pemadasa, NILIS and Senior Lecturer, R.M. Nadeeka Rarhnabahu, University of Kelaniya, who shared their expertise and actively engaged in the discussions on syllabus revision. Subsequently, the lecturers involved in teaching the respective modules submitted their suggestions for revisions. The syllabus revision process is currently ongoing.

Lecturers Submitted Proposals (with Module-vise) for the Syllabus Revision of HDIPLIS I and II Courses

S/N	Lecturer	Module
01.	Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera	HDIPLIS I (Module C2 – Office Management)
		HDIPLIS II (Module C2 – Strategic Management)
		HDIPLIS II (Module C3 – Human Resource Management)
02.	Mr. Dhammadika Rathnayake	DLIS (Module 1 to 5 – Basic IT & Digital Literacy)
		HDIPLIS I (Module 1 to 5 – Advanced IT & Digital Systems)
		HDIPLIS II (Module 1 to 4 – Emerging Technologies & AI in Libraries)
03.	Rev. Pathekada Revatha Thero	HDIPLIS I (Module D3 – Computer Networks)
		HDIPLIS I (Module D4- Components of Internet)
04.	Ms. H.K. Pathma	DLIS (Module D2 – Collection Development)
		DLIS (Module D3 – Stock Management)
05.	Ms. H.S.U. De Silva	HDIPLIS I (Module C5 - Communication)
06.	Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam	DLIS (Module D5- User Services)
		HDIPLIS I (Module A4- Library and Information Services and Products)
07.	Ms. Komathy Murugadas	HDIPLIS II (Module A4 – Library and Information Services) - Organization of Information – Indexing and Retrieval

4.10 Evaluation of SLLA Courses through Student Feedback

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the courses conducted by SLLA, three separate questionnaires were distributed among the students who followed the DLIS, HDIPLIS I, and HDIPLIS II programmes in Sinhala, English, and Tamil mediums. Collecting feedback directly from students, as the primary stakeholders, is considered one of the most effective methods for course evaluation. The questionnaires focused on key aspects such as course content, teaching panel, teaching and learning process, and invited suggestions for future improvements.

4.11 Committees Appointed in Academic Year 2024/2025

4.11.1 Curriculum Development Committee – Course on Library Technician

The Education Committee decided to reintroduce the “Library Technician” course, a six-month programme designed for library workers with basic educational qualifications.

A committee comprising nine members namely Prof. Ruwan Gamage (Chairperson), Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Dr. (Ms.) M.M. Mashroofa, Dr. (Ms.) C.K. Gamage, Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne (Secretary), Ms. Thivya Janen, Mr. Sugath Gunathilake, Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardhane, and Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara was appointed to develop the curriculum.

4.11.2 Committee on Tamil Translators

The Education Committee appointed a panel of Tamil translators, comprising Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Mr. Santharoban, Dr.(Ms.) T. Sritharan, Dr. Shanmugadasan, Ms. Komathy Murugathas, Ms. Thivya Janen, Mr. B. Prashanthan, Mr. Rodney Fernando, Mr. Siyath Ahamed, Mr. M.S.M. Shiham, and Ms. Loshyni Vignashwaran, to support educational activities and ensure the credibility availability of course materials in Tamil medium.

4.12 TVEC Registration

The process of registration of the Sri Lanka Library Association in the Tertiary and Vocational Educational Commission is in progress.

4.13 Graduation Ceremony – 2024/2025

Certificate Award Ceremony for Library and Information Science (DLIS), Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science (HDILIS II) and Course on Library Automation (COLA) was held on 30th May 2025.

Diplomates of 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Course	Course Code	Duration	No of Students
Diploma in Library and Information Science - DLIS	DLIS	One year	65
Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science	HDILIS II	Two years	66
Course on Library Automation	COLA	One year	19

Scholarship and Awards for the Academic Year 2024/2025

Course	Scholarships/ Award	Medium	Name
DLIS 2023 /2024	S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarship	Sinhala	Not Awarded
		Tamil	Not Awarded
		English	S. Sarvanja
H D I P L I S - I 2023/2024	S.C. Blok Memorial Scholarship	Sinhala	H.G.I. Sewwandi
		Tamil	Not Awarded
		English	Not Awarded

4.14 Appointments and Resignations

4.14.1 Appointment of Lecturers

The following lecturers were appointed as new members of the Visiting Teaching Panel of the SLLA for the academic year 2024/2025.

Ms. D.R.C. Dissanayake

Mr. A.L. Rinos

Ms. T.H.C.K. De Silva

Ms. Vishaka Narmada

Ms. Priyangika Niroshini Herath

Ms. Thushara Wanasinghe

4.14.2 Course Coordinators – 2024 / 2025

The following two lecturers appointed as course coordinators

Ms. Muditha Ankumbura – Certificate Course on Library Automation

Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardhene - Distance Programme

4.14.3 Resignations

Dr. (Ms.) K.R.N. Harshani has resigned from the SLLA Visiting Lecturer Panel, effective 12th March 2025. The Sri Lanka Library Association sincerely appreciates her dedicated service and valuable contributions to SLLA courses. Her commitment has greatly supported the advancement of library and information science education in Sri Lanka.

5. Collaborations of SLLA with other Institutions and Organizations

The Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) has been one of the founding members of the Organization of Professional Associations (OPA) since its inception in 1975. As such, several representatives from the SLLA Council currently serve in key positions within the Executive Council and Forums of the OPA.

Dr. Preethi Liyanage, President of the SLLA, serves on the Executive Council of the OPA and participates actively in the Forum. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa holds the important position of Editor of the OPA for the current year, a vital role within the organization's structure.

Mr. Anton Nallathamby represents the profession of Librarianship in the OPA. He serves as both a member of the Executive Council and a participant in the Forum, contributing to professional representation and policy dialogue. Mr. Sugath Gunatillake, President-Elect of the SLLA, is also a member of the OPA Forum, representing the broader library profession. Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe, the Publication Officer of the SLLA Council, is a member of the OPA Forum, contributing to communication and outreach efforts. The active participation of these members in several committees underscores the SLLA's longstanding commitment to the advancement of the library profession and its strong engagement with the national professional community through the OPA.

The SLLA works in partnership with other institutions for the betterment of the profession. This includes representation in the Board of Management of the National Library Documentation and Services Board (NLDSB) and the National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS) at the University of Colombo. Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa and Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana serve as the representatives of the Central Province Library Services Board and Uva Province Library Services Board respectively. In addition, SLLA collaborated with Swami Vivekanada Cultural Centre during the year.

6. Reports of Professional Groups, Regular Committees & Special Committee

6.1 Publications Committee

Quarterly Newsletter of the Sri Lanka Library Association: A Landmark Publication

The *Quarterly Newsletter* of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), now in its 41 volume, stands as a significant milestone in the professional communication and knowledge-sharing

efforts of the Association. With the timely release of Issues I to III and the upcoming publication of Issue IV featuring insights from the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this volume collectively represents a landmark in SLLA's ongoing commitment to advancing the library profession in Sri Lanka. Each issue of the newsletter offers a rich repository of updates, professional discourse, and community engagement. Notably, Volume 41 provides in-depth coverage of educational programmes, strategic developments in public and school library sectors, and comprehensive reports from various SLLA committees and library groups. Furthermore, the newsletter highlights the diverse and dynamic contributions of academic, public, and special libraries across the country, showcasing workshops, training initiatives, and outreach activities. It serves not only as a record of accomplishments but also as a platform that fosters dialogue, collaboration, and continuous learning among LIS professionals. In essence, Volume 41 of the *Quarterly Newsletter* is more than a periodic publication it is a vital instrument of professional development and institutional memory. It reinforces the SLLA's pivotal role in shaping the future of librarianship in Sri Lanka and underscores its dedication to excellence, inclusivity, and innovation in the field.

6.1.2 Sri Lanka Library Review

Volume 39 Issue I has already been published and Volume 39 Issue II of the Sri Lanka Library Review will be released via the Association's website (<https://www.slla.lk>) and all the published Journal articles can be accessed via the Sri Lanka Journal Online platform(<https://sllr.sljol.info>).

6.1.3 Member of Review Panel

Snr. Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya	Prof. Shyama Weerakoon
Prof. Ruwan Gamage	Dr. (Ms) Wathmanel Seneviratne
Dr. (Ms) Nayana Wijesundara	Dr. Ranjith Padmasiri
Dr. (Ms) Priyanwada Wanigasooriya	Dr. Dhammadika Kumari Manatunga
Dr. (Ms) Chiranthi Wijesundara	Dr. (Ms.) D.C. Kuruppu
Dr. (Ms.) C. Gunasekera	Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa
Dr. (Ms.) Wathsala Athukorala	Dr. S.K. Illangarathne
Dr. (Ms.) Geethani Atthanayake	Ms. Shirani Ranasinghe
Mr. Nishan Punchihewa	Mr. A.M.S. Angammana
Mr. M.N. Ravikumar	Mr. S. Santharoban
Mr. Uditha Alahakoon	Ms. R.A.P.S Senevirathna
Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi	Ms. Padma Bandaranayake
Ms. Thivya Janen	Mr. Y.K. Tissa Bandara
Mr. Ajantha Dharmarathne	Ms. T C Ranawella

6.2 Information and Public Relations Committee (IPRO)

List of the newly appointed SLLA council members for 2024/2025 term was published in the 'Daily News' paper on Saturday, 7th September 2024, ensuring transparency and public awareness of the leadership of SLLA.

An orientation programme for the SLLA council members was successfully held on 29th November 2024 at the SLLA auditorium. The session, conducted by Immediate Past President (IPP) Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, aimed to enhance members' understanding of the history of SLLA and to provide an overview of the various services offered by the association. Additionally, it clearly defined the expectations and responsibilities of the conveners.

Flyers and notices, including those related to membership renewal and obituary announcements, were designed and disseminated. WhatsApp groups for the council, the SLLA membership, and the Sankathana group were actively maintained to ensure a consistent flow of information. Social media updates specially through the SLLA Facebook page was regularly maintained including posts on educational and other events, achievements, and important notices. Detailed write-ups accompanied major activities to enhance engagement and visibility.

In collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India in Colombo, SLLA organized a lecture and demonstration titled "Difference Between Western and Eastern Theatrical Singing." The committee sponsored one artist by contributing Rs. 5,000.00 towards the event.

Three workshops on "caring for books and paper collections" were successfully organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA). These sessions were conducted by Ms. Hiranthi Fernando, the Curator and Conservator of the National Art Gallery, who served as the resource person for all three workshops. A total of 42 participants from various professional backgrounds attended the sessions, demonstrating a strong interest in the preservation of books and paper-based materials. Special thanks should go to Dr. Preethi Liyanage, President of the Sri Lanka Library Association, for introducing the income-generating course.

Seven Sankathana programmes were conducted via Zoom. Each session had approximately 60 participants and lasted for nearly two hours. The themes and resource persons for each session are listed below. All programmes were held on Saturdays at 8.30 pm, except for one.

- Sankathana No.25: School Librarianship and the Role of the National Institute of Education (NIE) (ජායාලි ප්‍රස්තකාලයාධිපතිත්වය සහ ජාතික අධ්‍යාපන ආයතනයේ කාර්යාලය) on 06th August 2024 at 8.00 pm. The main resource person was Mr. Sarath Nanda Kumara, the Director, Department of Library and Museum at the NIE.
- Sankathana No.26 : Sustainable food production and consumption(නිරෝර ආහාර නිෂ්පාදනය හා පරිභෝෂනය) on 12th October 2024 at 8.30 pm. The main resource person was Mr. Gemunu Saliya Perera, the Public Health Inspector, Dehiwala -Mt Lavinia Municipal Council.
- Sankathana No.27: U turn from Actress to Yogini(නි ලියකගෙන් යොග්ගි නියකට ආ ගමන්මග) on 9th November 2024 at 8.30 pm. by veteran actress Kala Keerthi Anoja Weerasinghe.
- Sankathana No.28: 'Journalist and Usage of Libraries'(මාධ්‍යම්වේදීන් සහ ප්‍රස්තකාල හාවිතය) on 23rd February 2025 at 8.30 pm. by the eminent journalist Mr. Asoka Dias, the Director of MTV/MBC.

- Sankathana No.29 : “Can We Improve the Efficiency of Library Cataloguing Through AI?”(කංතුම බුද්ධිය මගින් ප්‍රස්ථකාල සූචිකරණ කාර්යක්ෂමතාව ඇතිකර ගත හැකිද?) on 28th February 2025 Prof. Ruwan Gamage, Professor of Library Science at NILIS.
- Sankathana No.30 : The Contribution of Women in the Library Field (ප්‍රස්ථකාල ක්ෂේත්‍රයෙහිලා කාන්තා දායකත්වය) on 8th March 2025 at 8.30pm by Immediate Past President of SLLA , Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa.
- Sankathana No.31: Let us lead our professional life healthy(වෘත්තිය ජීවිතය නිරෝගීව ගතකරමු) on 31st May 2025, at 8:30 pm. by Dr. Harris Pathirage, Consultant Paediatrician, Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital & Senior Lecturer of Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

6.3 IT Committee

Mr. Anusha Yapa, a lecturer in IT at the Sri Lanka Library Association and an experienced IT consultant, was appointed as the IT convener at the first council meeting. Under his leadership, the IT committee has undertaken several key activities to enhance SLLA's technological infrastructure and services:

- **Google Meet Support and Lecture Programme Troubleshooting**
The committee has actively worked on resolving issues related to Google Meet access and login problems for SLLA lectures and programmes, ensuring smooth online learning and meeting experiences for members and students.
- **Computer Maintenance and Service Provider Appointment**
The committee is responsible for checking, servicing, and repairing SLLA's office computers. This includes appointing a suitable service provider to maintain and repair office IT equipment, ensuring operational reliability.
- **Redesign and Development of the SLLA Website**
Under the direction of Mr. Anusha Yapa, the IT team initiated and successfully completed the redesign and development of the SLLA website. The project aimed to enhance functionality and improve the user experience for all stakeholders.

6.4 SDG Group

1st Webinar “Emerging Trends in Library Management”

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) group of the Sri Lanka Library Association successfully conducted a virtual lecture titled “Emerging Trends in Library Management” on 30th March 2025 at 8.30 p.m., as part of its ongoing efforts to promote the integration of sustainable development principles into library and information services in Sri Lanka. The session, held via Zoom, featured Dr. Elavazhagan Kannan, Chief Librarian of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirappalli, India, as the keynote speaker. The session was moderated by Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe.

2nd Webinar - Collaborative Discussion on Sustainable Energy Consumption in Library Premises

The SDG group of the Sri Lanka Library Association in collaboration with the Sustainable Development Council, successfully conducted a focused discussion on the theme “*Sustainable Energy Consumption in Library Premises*” (ප්‍රස්තකාල පරිගණ තුළ තිරයර බලකෙන් පරිභේදනය) on 22nd April 2025, at 8.30 p.m. The session provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange among LIS professionals, sustainability experts, and key institutional stakeholders. It addressed the best practices, challenges, and strategic approaches for enhancing energy efficiency within library environments. This collaborative initiative significantly contributed to the ongoing efforts of aligning library operations with national and global sustainability goals, particularly in the areas of climate action and responsible energy consumption.

6.5 Special Libraries Group

Over the past year, the Special Library Group of the Sri Lanka Library Association (2024/2025) has accomplished a significant number of activities through the collective efforts and dedication of its members. Through strong teamwork and commitment, the group successfully organized and completed many initiatives, contributing actively to the development and promotion of special libraries in Sri Lanka. The work over the past year stands as a testament to their enthusiasm, professionalism, and shared vision for strengthening the library profession.

The following programmes and tasks conducted by the group.

- A WhatsApp group was launched to share ideas, exchange information, and foster collaboration among librarians. With nearly 51 members already joined, it has become an active platform for professional networking and support.
- A distinctive and vibrant logo was created to represent and unite the members of the group. It was collaboratively designed by Ms. Manoha Prasadi, Ms. Arosha Wasala, and Ms. Vishaka Narmada, reflecting the group's spirit and identity.
- A Zoom programme was conducted on 26th October 2024 by the Special Library Group, featuring a session on the Central Environment Authority. The theme of the session was (ලොවටම දැනුම බෙදන ජාතික පාරිසරික තොරතුරු මධ්‍යස්ථානය). The resource person was Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali Tennakoon, Librarian at the Central Environment Authority. A total of 31 participants attended the session. Ms. Vishaka Narmada introduced the resource person, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi.
- On 12th October 2024, the Special Library Group visited the Law & Society Trust Library at Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 08. The group received a warm welcome from Librarian Ms. Arosha Wasala, who provided an informative introduction to the library. Following the introduction, a discussion was held on strategies to enhance library services within a multi-disciplinary institutional setting.
- A Zoom programme was organized on 30th October 2024 on the topic (නීතිය අනුගමනය කිරීම සහ දැනුවත්ව සිටීම සුරක්ෂිත වෘත්තිය ජීවිතයකට මග) (Following the Law and Staying Informed: Key to a Secure Professional Life). The session was conducted by Mr. Vidura Munasinghe, a Senior Researcher, Activist, Translator, and Lawyer at the Law & Society Trust, with 43 participants in attendance. The programme was opened by Ms. Arosha Wasala, and the resource person was introduced by Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara. Mr. Munasinghe emphasized the importance of complying with legal frameworks in the workplace, maintaining professionalism, and effectively managing others through proper rules and regulations.



The session was highly interactive, with active participation and insightful guidance provided throughout.

- A one-day physical workshop on the Universal Decimal Classification (UDC) system was organized for librarians on 10th December 2024 at the Colombo Public Library, Colombo 07. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Dharmika Rathnayaka, Senior Assistant Librarian at the University of Kelaniya. A total of 27 librarians participated in the workshop, which commenced at 8.30 a.m. and concluded at 1.30 p.m. Refreshments and certificates were provided to all attendees. A participation fee of Rs. 1,500.00 per person was charged. The workshop was primarily practical in nature, offering an engaging and hands-on learning experience. Mr. Rathnayaka delivered insightful training on the UDC system, which was highly appreciated by the participants.
- The J.R. Jayewardene Centre, in collaboration with the SLLA Special Library Group, organized a physical workshop on document preservation on 13th December 2024 at the J.R. Jayewardene Centre Auditorium. The workshop was held under the theme “Challenges and Solutions for Preservation Faced by Library Directors.” Dr. Udaya Cabral, Director of the National Library and Documentation Services Board, served as the main resource person, while Mr. Nuwan Chandradasa, Assistant Preservation Officer at the J.R. Jayewardene Centre, conducted the practical sessions. A total of 40 participants attended the workshop, which covered key topics such as document preservation techniques, digitization, environmental control, and hands-on preservation methods. The event was coordinated by Ms. Ashani De Alwis, Librarian at the J.R. Jayewardene Centre.
- The Special Library Group organized a library tour to the J.R. Jayewardene Centre Library and Museum, where Librarian Ms. Ashani De Alwis conducted a guided tour. Nearly 25 librarians participated, gaining valuable insights into promoting special libraries and their services to the public.
- The SLLA Special Library Group voluntarily participated in the reorganization of the library at the National Cinnamon Research and Training Center, Department of Cinnamon Development, Palopitiya, Thihagoda, on the 18th and 19th of January 2025. The team successfully completed several key tasks, including library design, accessioning, cataloguing, classification, automation, labeling, and staff training. The initiative was coordinated by Ms. Manoha Prasadi. Automation tasks were managed by Mr. M. Fahir, while classification work was carried out by Mr. Aruna Dinesh Gunarathna. Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi and Mr. Vajira Prasad also made valuable contributions to the successful completion of the project.
- A children's book donation was organized for the Thihagoda Public Library in Matara, led by Special Library Group member Ms. Manoha Prasadi. Nearly 100 children's books, generously donated by Ms. Nisini Manamperi and Mr. Dilmin Hus Manamperi, were officially handed over to the Librarian of the Thihagoda Public Library by Ms. Manoha Prasadi. This donation aims to enrich the library's children's collection and promote a love for reading among young learners in the community.

- The Special Library Group of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA), in collaboration with the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), organized a soft skills workshop titled “Unlocking Your Potential” on 20th February 2025, at the BCIS Library. The session was conducted by Dr. P. H. Vitharana, a respected expert in the field. The workshop was coordinated by Ms. Chamila A. Gamage (Librarian, BCIS) and Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi, Ms. Priyanthi Fernando, Executive Director of BCIS, delivered the welcome speech and introduced the resource person. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Vajira Prasad. This collaborative initiative aimed to empower participants by enhancing their soft skills and was well-received by all attendees.

6.6 Academic Libraries Group

The Academic Library Group of the Sri Lanka Library Association successfully conducted a Workshop, a Short Course, and four Webinar Series via the physical and Zoom platforms. Details as follows;

6.6.1 Training Programme for Librarians of Sri Lankan Pirivenas

Focusing on “Effective Library Management and Collection Development”, the training programme was successfully conducted on 7th November 2024, organized by the Academic Library Group of the Sri Lanka Library Association in collaboration with the Library of Bhiksu University Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura and Pirivena Division of the Ministry of Education. The event was held at the auditorium of the Faculty of Languages and Cultural Studies, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.

A total of 105 librarians from Piriven institutions participated, representing the districts of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, and Mullaitivu. This initiative marked a significant step in enhancing the professional competencies of Piriven librarians and strengthening library systems across the country. Esteemed resource persons for the programme included, Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Acting Librarian, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine , Dr. S.K. Illangarathne, Librarian, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Mr. Uditha Alahakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian, National Institute of Library and Information Science, University of Colombo, Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna, Mr. Y.K. Tissa Bandara, Senior Assistant Librarian, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka and Ven. Demunnewe Upali, Lecturer, Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka.

6.6.2 Short Course on “Mastering Research: A Guide to Your Research Journey”

The Academic Library Group successfully organised a short course titled “Mastering Research: A Guide to Your Research Journey”. The course was aimed at equipping participants with essential research skills and was conducted in both Sinhala and Tamil medium.

Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna moderated the Sinhala medium session, which involved 62 participants, while Ms. Thivya Janen led the Tamil medium session with 28 participants. All attendees were awarded e-certificates in recognition of their participation and successful completion of the course.

The course was conducted on a fee-paying basis, with a charge of two thousand rupees (Rs. 2,000.00) per participant. The income details are as follows:

Medium	No. of Participants	Course fee per person	Income
Sinhala Medium	62	Rs. 2000.00 (62 x 2000)	124,000.00
Tamil Medium	28	Rs. 2000.00 (28 x 2000)	56,000.00
Total income			180,000.00

The course featured a panel of experienced resource persons are as follows:

Topic	Resource Person	Medium	Date & Time
Fundamentals of Research	Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu Senior Lecturer, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya	Sinhala	2025.03.12 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Dr. (Ms.) K. Chandrasekar, Deputy Librarian, University of Jaffna	Tamil	2025.03.24 2.00 - 4.00pm
Conducting a Literature Review	Ms. Manjula Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Kotelawala Defense University	Sinhala	2025.03.14 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Dr. (Ms.) T. Sritharan, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Colombo	Tamil	2025.03.25 2.00 - 4.00pm
Research Methodology	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana, Deputy Librarian, Kotelawala Defense University	Sinhala	2025.03.17 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Mr. S. Santharaooban, Deputy Librarian, Eastern University, Sri Lanka	Tamil	2025.03.26 2.00 - 4.00pm

Effective Writing of Research	Ms. Muditha Ankumbura, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of the Visual and Performing Arts	Sinhala	2025.03.19 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Dr. T. Pratheepan, Deputy Librarian, Uva Wellassa University	Tamil	2025.03.27 2.00 - 4.00pm
Presentation of your Research Findings Effectively	Mr. Ajantha Dharmarathna, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Peradeniya	Sinhala	2025.03.21 2.00 - 4.00pm
	Dr. (Ms.) M. M. Mashrofa Senior Assistant Librarian South Eastern University of Sri Lanka	Tamil	2025.03.28 2.00 - 4.00pm

6.6.3 Webinar Series

The Academic Library Group conducted four Webinar series in different fields via the Zoom platform. Details as follows;

Topic	Resource Person	Date & Time	No. of Participants
Webinar on “Role of the Libraries for Social Developments” (සමාජ සංවර්ධනය සඳහා ප්‍රස්තකාලවල කරුයනාරය)	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Acting Librarian, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	4.11.2025 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Nearly 90
	<i>Moderated by Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna</i>		
Webinar on “MYTHS and TRUTHS about Library Services” (ප්‍රස්තකාල සේවා මිලිබර මිත්‍යාවන් සහ සත්‍යයන්)	Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo	13.12.2024 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Nearly 60
	<i>Moderated by Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna</i>		
Webinar on “Women’s Contribution to a Happy Life” (පුඩාවික ජීවිතයට කාන්තාවගේ දායකත්වය)	Dr. (Ms.) Chandima Gayathri Wijesundara, Senior Lecturer, Head, Department of Sociology Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna	24.03.2025 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Nearly 50
	<i>Moderated by Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna</i>		
Webinar on “Obtaining Membership in a Professional Association”(විද්‍යාත්මක ආයතනයක සාමාජිකත්වය ලබාගැනීම)	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa, Acting Librarian, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine	27.03.2025 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm	Nearly 50
	<i>Moderated by Ms. R.M.Nadeeka Rathnabahu</i>		

6.7 ICLIS & LIS Research Committee

The Research Committee of SLLA conducted the International Conference on Library & Information Science (ICLIS-2025) in collaboration with the Library Network of the University of Peradeniya at the Diamond Jubilee Conference Hall, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka on 26th June 2025. ICLIS-2025 served as a global platform for researchers, academics, library professionals, and information specialists to exchange knowledge, explore emerging trends, and discuss innovations in Library and Information Science (LIS). Themed “Libraries as Pillars of Sustainable Socio-Cultural Capital,” the conference focused on critical areas.

Details of the ICLIS 2025 are as follows.

Description	ICLIS 2025
Conference Advisors	Dr. Preethi Liyanage, President -SLLA Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu, General Secretary-SLLA Dr. Ananda Tissa, Immediate Past President -SLLA
Conference Chair	Dr. R. Maheswaran, Convener of SLLA Research Committee, Librarian, University of Peradeniya
Conference Secretary	Mr. B.N.G.S. Premarathne, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Peradeniya
Conference Proceedings	Ms. Sureni Weerasinghe (Editor in Chief) Ms. Chamika De Silva (Co- Editor)
Editorial Board Members & Editorial Assistants	Dr. (Ms.) Champa Alahakoon Mr. B.N.G.S.Premarathne Ms. W.G.A. Dharmarathne Dr. S. Shanmugathasan Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne Ms. Thivya Janen Ms. Nisha Rathnayake Ms. Surandika Rajathilake
Conference Proceedings	82 papers
Speakers	Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Chief Guest Professor Liyanage Amarakeerthi, University of Peradeniya, Special Address Rev. Dr. Isabella Rajakumari, Guest of Honor Professor R. Balasubramani, Bharathidasan University, India, Keynote Address Dr .Pradeepa Wijethunge, Librarian, University of Colombo

6.8 Committee on Monitoring and Assigning in the Implementation of Strategic Plan (COMAISP)

The Strategic Plan of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) for the period 2016–2022 was originally formulated by the Strategic Planning and Strategic Directions Committee (SPSDC). Due to the pending implementation of many strategic actions, the current SLLA council has extended the validity of this strategic plan for an additional five years, until 2027. The council appointed Ms. Thivya Janen as the convener of the Committee on Monitoring and Assigning in the Implementation of the Strategic Plan (COMAISP). During the year, COMAISP focused on two ongoing projects. Additionally, the committee submitted a proposal to conduct a

brainstorming session on the strategic plan, intended for newly appointed council members, committee conveners, and committee members. However, due to time constraints, the session could not be held. Three new projects have been identified, pending council approval. The details are as follows:

Projects	Key Action Area	Strategy No	Responsible Person
Preparation of stock verification guidelines for the School Libraries	KA 4- School Library Sector	5.4.2 (VI)	Ms. H.W.K.S. Pushpakanthi
Develop Reading promotion action plan for the public libraries	KA 4-Public Library	5.4.2 (II)	Mr. H.U.C.S. Kumara
Preparation of video clips for the LIS students for their to develop their professional skills	KA 4.2- Improve Access to Information and facilitate knowledge creation	5.2.2 (X)	Ms. Thivya Janen

6.9 Public Libraries Group

- A Zoom session organized by the Public Library Group was held on 24th January 2025 at 8.00 p.m. on the topic “The Role of Public Libraries in Social Development.” The session was attended by 65 library professionals and Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, former President of the Sri Lanka Library Association, as the resource person. The session contributed significantly to enhancing the quality of services provided by public libraries and helped address several professional challenges faced by public library staff.
- A one-day workshop on “Koha Technical Issues and Stock Taking” was held on 7th February 2025 at the Kurunegala Public Library. The resource person for the session was Ven. Paluwakande Seewali Thero from the University of Kelaniya. A total of 60 public librarians from libraries across the North Western Province participated in the programme. The success of this workshop marked a significant step toward fully leveraging the potential of Koha in public library systems. The event was coordinated by Ms. Priyantha Rathnayaka, Chief Librarian of the Kurunegala Public Library.
- Discussion with the Chief secretary of Southern province regarding some professional issues in Public Libraries on 27th March 2025. A one-day workshop on “The Usage of AI in the Cataloguing Process in Public Libraries” was organized by the Public Library Group and held on 21st March 2025 at the Gampaha Public Library. The programme was facilitated by Professor Ruwan Gamage from the National Institute of Library and Information Science, University of Colombo. A total of 30 public librarians participated in the workshop, and certificates were issued by the Sri Lanka Library Association to all attendees. The event was funded by the Gampaha Municipal Council and was coordinated by Ms. Aravindi Gajanayaka, Librarian of Gampaha Public Library. This workshop was instrumental in enhancing the skills and knowledge of public librarians, particularly in integrating AI tools into cataloguing processes, thereby improving the overall efficiency of public library services.

- A seminar on “Responsibilities, Developing Attitudes, and New Trends in the Public Library Profession” was held on 2nd April 2025 at the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Auditorium in Galle. A total of 85 public library professionals from the Southern Province participated in the programme. The resource person for the session was Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa, former President of the Sri Lanka Library Association. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Wijayanthi Wijesinghe, Librarian of Akmeemana Public Library. Through this seminar, participants gained valuable knowledge about their professional responsibilities, strategies for developing positive professional attitudes, and insights into emerging trends in the public library profession.

6.10 School Libraries Group

The School Library group set out with a clear mission: to promote best practices in school library services, foster a vibrant reading culture among students, and elevate the role of school libraries in Sri Lanka’s educational landscape. Central to this vision was the implementation of programmes that encouraged innovation, professional development, and policy dialogue. A key initiative the Best Practice Competition served as a platform for librarians to showcase effective and creative strategies for utilizing school libraries to improve reading habits and student engagement. Through nationwide collaboration, training, and recognition, the group aimed to build a sustainable culture that values libraries as essential hubs of learning and literacy.

The group conducted seven significant programmes that contributed to the professional development of school librarians, improved library infrastructure, and strengthened advocacy efforts for the recognition of school libraries in Sri Lanka. These programmes spanning training, dialogue, and competitions had a notable impact on library services across the country.

6.10.1 WhatsApp Group

The Sri Lanka Library Association School Library Group 2024/2025 has initiated the creation of WhatsApp groups to strengthen communication and collaboration among school library staff across the country. This initiative includes one main group encompassing school librarians island-wide, along with nine additional groups representing each of the nine provinces. All groups consist of nearly 350 members, ensuring broad representation and active engagement. These platforms aim to promote effective information sharing, foster professional networking, and support coordinated efforts for the development and advancement of school libraries throughout Sri Lanka.

6.10.2 Best Practice Competition 2025 – Launch a National Campaign

This initiative was launched at the National Education Institute Auditorium in 16th September 2024 and was subsequently promoted at the national level. It encouraged school librarians to submit innovative best practices. A large number of schools participated, submitting comprehensive reports and paying an entry fee. All participants received certificates, while four winning schools were awarded Rs. 10,000 book vouchers, trophies, and certificates (for both the librarian and the school). The initiative received generous community support.

The following individuals and organizations made significant financial contributions and donated book vouchers

Individuals and organizations	Received amount (Rs.)
Ms. Chathurika Perera	20,000.00
Ms. Sureshini Dissanayake	10,000.00
Mr. Yohan Perera	10,000.00
Mr. Rilwan Wahab	10,000.00
JF& I Packaging Company Pvt. Ltd.	10,000.00
Mr. Asanka Nirodha	5,000.00
Ms. Tharanga Nalika Senaratne	2,000.00
Expographic Books Pvt. Ltd	10,000.00 (book voucher)
Total	77,000.00

After deducting total expenditures, the remaining funds have been reserved for future school library development initiatives.

6.10.3 Panel of Judges for the Best Practice Competition

Dr. Ananda Tissa, Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka, Mr. Anton Nallathamby, and Ms. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake.

Winners for the Best Practice Competition 2024

Name of the school	Name of the principal	Name of the in charge of the Library
SP/ KG/ Kegalu Balika Vidyalaya, Kegalle	Ms. H.A. T.D. K. Jayarathna	Ms. D. R. Ganga Damayanthi, Librarian
WP/ NG/ Harischandra College, Negombo	Mr. U.G.V.D. Siriwardana	Ms. S.P. Dilrukshi, Library Assistant
GM/ Parakrama Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha	Mr. B.M.J. Bandaranayake	Ms. W. A. J. K. Rathnasekara, Teacher Librarian
Ak/ Akkaraipattu Muslim Central College, Akkaraipattu	Ms. A.L. Naseefa	Mr. A.L. Rinos, Library Assistant

6.10.4 School Library Staff Empowerment Programme – Kandana (16th October 2024)

Organized in collaboration with the Negombo Zonal Education Office at De Mazenod College, this event empowered 34 school library professionals. Sessions led by Mr. Sarath Nanda Kumara and Dr. (Ms.) K.R.N. Harshani focused on library management and activity-based services. Mrs. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake also presented an overview of the Best Practice Competition. The event was praised by Ms. Gayani Perera, Deputy Director of Education.

6.10.5 Seminar on Modern Library Management – Galle (19th November 2024)

A seminar held at St. Aloysius' College and trained 82 library professionals in key areas such as inventory management, disposal procedures, documentation, and innovation. The resource persons for the programme were Mr. Sarath Nanda Kumara, Dr. (Ms.) K. R. N. Harshani,

and Ms. D. R. Chandima Dissanayake. Participant feedback emphasized the practicality and relevance of the training, highlighting its value in enhancing day-to-day library operations.

6.10.6 Discussion with the Ministry of Education – Colombo (28th January 2025)

A high-level discussion was convened to address challenges in the school library sector and propose long-term policy improvements. The session brought together key stakeholders, including the leadership of the SLLA, Dr. Preethi Liyanage, Dr. (Ms.) C. K. Gamage, Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka, and Ms. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake along with representatives from Library and Information Science institutions and officials from the Ministry of Education. This collaborative dialogue laid a strong foundation for more effective and sustained policy development in support of school libraries.

6.10.7 Online Discussion on Problems in School Library Posts – (7th April 2025)

Attended by 117 library staff members, this online event provided valuable insights from leading professionals. Speakers included Senior Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya, Prof. Ruwan Gamage, Mr. Uditha Alahakoon, Mr. Mihira Aravinda, and Mr. Padmasiri Thenabandu (former Director of School Library Development, Ministry of Education). The session was highly appreciated for its practical relevance and forward-thinking approach.

6.10.8 Data Collection for Staff Post Analysis

Conducted via Google Forms, this data collection drive gathered extensive information on current school library staffing. The collected data is currently under analysis and will support advocacy efforts to resolve long-standing staffing issues and propose effective solutions. This initiative was led by Prof. Ruwan Gamage and Ms. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake.

6.11 National and Provincial Libraries Group

The National Library and Provincial Libraries Group conducted two capacity-building programmes to equip library professionals with emerging technologies in library and information science. The first programme focused on exploring conservation and preservation issues in the region. The second programme aimed to raise awareness about legal deposit protocols, with the objective of empowering the library profession.

6.11.1 Panel Discussion: Preservation Strategies for Library Materials in Tropical Climates

A panel discussion titled “Preservation Strategies for Library Materials in Tropical Climates” was organized by the National Library and the Provincial Libraries Group on 8th November 2024, from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, as an online programme.

In Sri Lanka’s tropical climate, museum libraries and archival collections face unique challenges, particularly from pest infestations. Warm temperatures, high humidity, and abundant organic materials create ideal conditions for pests such as silverfish, cockroaches, beetles, and termites, all of which pose significant threats to fragile archival materials.

- Resource persons from national libraries in tropical regions shared their expertise during the discussion.
- Dr. Udaya Cabral, Deputy Director (Conservation), represented the National Library of Sri Lanka.
- Ms. Majidha Ali, Deputy Librarian, represented the National Library of the Maldives.
- Ms. Leni Sudiarti, Conservator, represented the National Library of Indonesia.
- Dr. Patricia Engel, from the Centre for the Protection of Cultural Property at the University of Krems, Austria, served as the keynote speaker.

The panel discussion was attended by around 70 participants, including representatives from Vietnam, the United Kingdom, Canada, Pakistan, and India. The event concluded with a fruitful exchange of ideas, as participants shared and learned about various pest control and preservation strategies used in countries with similar climatic conditions. These insights were valuable in improving future preservation efforts.

6.11.2 Webinar: Present Practice of Legal Deposit Law in Sri Lanka

A webinar on the current practice of legal deposit law in Sri Lanka was conducted by Ms. Chamila Priyangani, Assistant Director of the Department of National Archives. It was held online on 28th March 2025, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Ms. Chamila Priyangani explained the present implementation of the archival deposit law and highlighted challenges faced by professionals in fulfilling their duties. Participants emphasized the need for new and updated legislation to address issues in the digital age, underlining the urgency of amending the legal deposit law in the near future.

The legal deposit law is governed by the Department of National Archives, and it was shared during the webinar that the authorities are currently in the process of amending the law a welcome development for the participants. Attendees expressed interest in contributing to the amendment process and requested the opportunity to submit their concerns to the relevant committee. A total of 71 participants attended the programme.

6.12 Government Libraries Group

On 6th June 2025, the Government Library Group successfully conducted an online workshop focused on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in government libraries. The session, held via an online platform from 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. was led by Mr. P.P. Wadanamby, an ICT Officer from the Department of Census and Statistics. The workshop covered key aspects of AI applications relevant to government libraries, enhancing participants' understanding of emerging technologies and their practical implications in library services. The event was attended by 42 participants, reflecting strong interest and engagement from the government library sector.

6.13 Office Management and Finance Committee

Recent developments in staffing have strengthened the Association's operational and administrative capacities.

In line with our commitment to enhancing educational programmes and support services, the Council has approved the extension of the appointment of a Management Assistant – Education on a one-year contract basis. This position will play a key role in coordinating educational activities, liaising with academic institutions, and supporting the development and delivery of training programmes.

To improve administrative efficiency and provide essential clerical support, the SLLA has also appointed an Office Assistant on a one-year contract. This role will assist with day-to-day office operations, correspondence, and general administrative duties.

Recognizing the importance of financial management and accountability, SLLA has confirmed the position of Management Assistant (Finance) as a permanent staff role. This appointment ensures continuity and expertise in managing the Association's financial affairs, budgeting, and reporting.

6.13.1 SLLA Office staff

No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. W. Premadarshana	Administrative Secretary
2.	Ms. Araliya Perera	ICLIS Coordinator
3.	Ms. K.K.S.G. Gunawardhana	Management Assistant - Education
4.	Ms. N.M.Y. Dhanushika Nawarathna	Management Finance Assistant - Accounts
5.	Ms. S.D.D. Fernando	Management Assistant - Education
6.	Ms. I.K.B. Ruwangi Fernando	Office Assistant
7.	Mr. S.M.C. Perera	Office Assistant

7. Annual Audit

Sri Lanka Library Association appointed new external auditors according to the request of the General membership. Carter De Costa & Company, Chartered Accountants was selected as external auditors approved by the SLLA Council. (Annexure XI)

8. Acknowledgments

Our thanks are due to the following organizations and individuals.

- Prof. Terrence Madhujith, Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya,
- Chief Guest, Prof. Saman Senaweera, Chairman, National Science Foundation,
- Special thanks to Dr. Sepalika Sudasinghe, Director General, NSF, Mr. Manuja Karunaratne, Head – NSLRC NSF and Dr. R. Maheswaran, ICLIS-2025 Chair and Librarian, University of Peradeniya and Mr. Sunil Premarathna, ICLIS 2025 Secretary, and ICLIS 2025 all team members.
- Members of the SLLA
- AGM Organizing Committee
- All outgoing Council, Ex-Co, Professional Group, Regular and Special Committee Members
- Bank of Ceylon
- Education Committee
- Organization of Professional Associations (OPA)
- Media institutions including Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd
- Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
- Sri Lanka Optometric Association,
- SLLA Office Staff

Annexure I : Professional Groups

Regular Committees

Academic Libraries Group

Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna - Convener
Rev. Demunnewe Upali Thero - Member
Ms. Muditha Ankumbura - Member
Ms. Thivya Janen - Member
Ms. Hiruni Kanchana - Member
Mr. Ajantha Dharmarathna - Member
Ms. Thushara Wanasinghe- Member

Public Libraries

Ms. Kalpani De Silva -Convener
Ms. Aravindi Gajanayaka - Member
Ms. Priyantha Rathnayake - Member
Mr. K.M. Nishath - Member
Mr. Vijith Jayasinghe - Member
Ms. P.L.S.W. Wijesinghe - Member
Mr. H.H.M.J.K. Herath - Member

National and Provincial Libraries

Dr. L.M. Udaya Prasad Cabral – Convener
Ms. D.P. Nimmi Deshapriya- Member
Ms. W. Kamalangani Subasinghe- Member
Ms. Shamin Udeni Wijethillake- Member
Ms. Lishvini Rajaratnam- Member
Ms. K.M. Nausadth Pathima Ilma- Member
Ms. P. Niroshini Herath- Member
Ms. T.M I. Udyanika Thambawita- Member
Mr. Kantharuban Ajaenthalan- Member

Government Libraries

Mr. D.M. Shanaka Madhushan - Convener
Ms. K.S.S.C. Sumanadewa - Member
Ms. U.M.R.S. Deshapriya - Member
Ms. W.G.C. Udayangani - Member
Ms. G. A. D. P. Y. Nirupama - Member
Ms. W.R.A.S.L. Ranasingha - Member
Ms. R.A.T.D. Ranasinghe - Member
Ms. W.A.B.N. Wijesooriya- Member

Special Libraries

Mr. P. Dhaminda Manamperi (Convener)
Ms. W. M. T. Arosha Wasala - Member
Ms. T. M. Prasadi Wickramathilaka- Member
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Ms. K.V.A.I. De Alwis- Member
Mr. V. P. P. Welikannage- Member
Ms. K. A. Vishaka Narmada- Member
Mr. M. A. M. Fahri- Member

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Ms. Tharanga Nalika Senaratne - Member
Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara - Member
Mr. H. Sarath Nanda Kumara - Member
Ms. C. Sureshine Dissanayake - Member
Ms. D. D. Nadeeshani Perera - Member
Ms. P. K. S. Prasadani - Member

Annexure II: List of Committees and Sub-Committees

Office Management and Finance Committee

Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu- Convener
 Dr. Preethi Liyanage – Member
 Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa – Member
 Mr. S.K. Gunathilake – Member
 Mr. Anton Nallathamby – Member
 Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe – Member

Education Committee

Dr. Kumari Gamage – Education Officer (EO)
 Dr. Preethi Liyanage – Member
 Dr. R. D. Ananda Tissa - Member
 Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu - Member
 Mr. Sugath Gunathilake - Member
 Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara – Assistant
 Education Officer (AEO)
 Prof. Ruwan Gamage - Member
 Dr. (Ms.) T. Sritharan – Member
 Mr. Sunil Premarathna - Member
 Ms. Priyani Balasooriya - Member
 Ms. A.V. Ankumbura – COLA Coordinator
 Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardena - Distance
 Coordinator

IPRO Committee

Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara - Convener
 Dr. S.K. Illangarathne- Member
 Mr. Priyantha Godakanda- Member
 Ms. Rasika Nelanthi- Member
 Ms. P. Niroshini Herath- Member
 Ms. H M Gimasha Lahiruni- Member
 Mr. Sandaruwan Liyanarachchi- Member
 Mr. K. A. D. A. Dinesh Gunarathna- Member
 Mr. Chanaka Wickramasinghe- Member

IT Committee

Mr. Anusha Yapa- Convener
 Mr. S. K. Gunathilake – Member
 Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu- Member
 Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa- Member
 Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara- Member

Coordinators

Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardena - Distance
 Coordinator
 Ms. A.V. Ankumbura – COLA Coordinator
 Mr. Jagath Wedasinghe - Colombo Centre
 Ms. Purnima Dharmasiriwardhana - Kandy
 Centre Ms. H. K. Pathma - Galle Centre
 Ms. Inoka Polgampola - Badulla Centre
 Ms. Thivya Janen - Jaffna Centre
 Mr. A. L. K. Rahuman - Batticaloa Centre

Curriculum Development Committee for Library Technician Course

Prof. Ruwan Gamage - Chairperson
 Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa - Member
 Dr. (Ms.) M.M. Mashroofa - Member
 Dr. (Ms.) C.K. Gamage - Member
 Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne - Secretary
 Ms. Thivya Janen- Member
 Mr. Sugath Gunathilake- Member
 Mr. Chamal Abeygunawardhane - Member
 Ms. Kaushalya Rathnasekara - Member

Web Coordinator

Mr. C.N.D. Punchihewa

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Dr. S. K. Illangarathne- Member
Mr. S. Santharooban- Member
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Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi- Member

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Ms. Shirani Ranasinghe- Member
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Mr. S. Santharooban- Member
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Ms. Thivya Janen (Convener)
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Annexure III : Special Committees

ICLIS / LIS Research Committee

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Ms. Chandima Dissanayake - Member
Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi- Member
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Member

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Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka- Member
Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe- Member

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Dr. S.K. Illangarathna- Member

SDG Group

Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe -Convener
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Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa- Member

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Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka- Convener
Ms. Vishaka Narmada - Secretary
Dr. Preethi Liyanage- Member
Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa- Member
Dr. C.K. Gamage - Member
Dr. R. Maheshwaran- Member
Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu- Member
Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe- Member
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe- Member
Mr. Anton Nallathamby- Member
Mr. Aruna Thilanka- Member
Mr. Anusha Yapa- Member
Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi - Member
Ms. Tharanga Nalika Senaratne
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara- Member
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe- Member
Ms. Thivya Janen- Member
Ms. Mudithangani Subhasinghe- Member
Mr. Wijaya Premadarshana- Member
Ms. Niroshini Herath- Member

Life Membership and Honorary Fellow Committee

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Mr. Sugath Gunathilaka- Member
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe- Member

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Ms. Samodya Geethani - Member
Ms. S.D. Divanjali Fernando - Member
Ms. Ruwangi Fernando - Member
Mr. C. Perera - Member

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Dr. Ruwan Gamage - Member
Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa - Member
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe - Member
Ms. Varuni Gangabadaarachchi - Member

Election Committee

Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe - Secretary
Ms. Amara Nanayakkara - Member
Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam - Member

Annexure IV : Attendance of Council Members for Meeting 2024/2025

Name	Position	1 st Council - 08.07.2024	2 nd Council- 27.09.2024	3 rd Council-09.11.2024	4 th Council - 09.01.2024 (Special)	5 th Council- 20.01.2025	6 th Council 18.03.2025	7 th Council -20.05.2025	8 th Council -15.06.2025 (Special- Key position)	9 th Council - 23.06.2025 (Special)
Dr. Preethi Liyanage	PRE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	IPP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O
Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake	PE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	O
Ms. R.M Nadeeka Rathnabahu	GS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mr. Aruna Thilanka	VP	P	P	O	P	O	O	P	P	O
Mr. Anton Nallathamby	TRE	P	P	P	E	P	O	P	P	P
Dr. Kumari Gamage	EO	P	P	P	E	O	O	P	P	O
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe	AGS	E	P	O	E	P	O	P	P	O
Ms. W.A.J. Kaushalya Rathnasekara	AEO	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	P
Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe	PO	P	P	P	E	P	O	P	P	O
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara	IPRO	P	P	O	P	P	O	P	P	P
Ms. Deepali Talagala	NM		P	P	E	O	O	P	P	E
Ms. Shivanthi Weerasinghe	NM		O	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Ms. Kalpani De Silva	CPL	P	P	P	A	P	O	P	-	O
Ms. Sakunthala Seneviratne	CAL	P	O	P	E	O	O	P	-	O
Ms. D.R. Chandima Dissanayake	CSL	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	-	O
Mr. Shanaka Madushan Wijerathna	CGL	P	O	P	A	P	O	O	-	O
Mr. Dhaminda Manamperi	CSpe.L	P	P	P	A	O	O	P	-	O
Dr. Udaya Cabral	CNLP	P	P	E	P	P	E	E	-	O
Dr. R. Maheswaran	CNAC-LIS		O	O	A	P	P	P	-	O
Ms. Thivya Janen	CCO-MAISP		O	O	A	E	A	A	-	A

P = Present, O = Online, E = Excused, A = Absent

PRE - President

PE - President Elect

IPP- Immediate Past President

GS - General Secretary

AGS - Assistant General Secretary

EO - Education Officer

VP - Vice President

CAL - Convener - Academic Libraries

CPL - Convener – Public Libraries

TRE - Treasurer

CSL- Convener - School Libraries

CSpe..L -Convener - Special Libraries

CCOMAISP -Convener – COMAISP Committee

AEO - Assistant Education Officer

CNACLIS -Convener - NACLIS/LIS Research

NM - Nominated Member

IPRO - Information & Public Relations Officer

PO – Publication Officer

CNLP - National Library and Provincial Libraries

CGL-Convener- Government Libraries

NEOM - Nominated Ex-Officio Member

Annexure V : Attendance of Ex-Co Members for Meeting 2024/2025

P = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, O = Online

Name	Position	1 st Exco 12.08.2024	2 nd Exco 21.10.2024	3 rd Exco 16.12.2024	4 th Exco 26.02.2025	5 th Exco 28.04.2025	6 th Exco 15.06.2025
Dr. Preethi Liyanage	President	P	P	E	O	O	P
Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa	Immediate Past President	P	P	E	O	O	P
Mr. K.G.S. Gunathilake	President Elect	P	P	O	O	O	P
Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu	General Secretary	P	P	O	O	O	P
Mr. Aruna Thilanka	Vice President	P	P	O	O	O	P
Mr. Anton Nallathamby	Treasurer	P	P	O	O	O	P
Dr. C.K. Gamage	Education Officer	P	E	O	O	O	P
Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe	Assistant General Secretary	P	P	E	O	O	P
Ms. W.A.J. Kaushalya Rathnasekara	Assistant Education Officer	P	E	E	O	O	E
Ms. Priyadarshani Hemakumara	Information & Public Relations Officer	P	P	O	O	O	P
Ms. Dilhani Munasinghe	Publication Officer	O	O	O	O	O	P
Dr. S.K. Illangarathne	Nominated Member	P	O	E	O	O	E
Dr. Kalpana Chandrasekar	Nominated Member	O	O	E	O	O	E

Annexure VI : Life Membership Awardees 2024/2025

Membership No.	Name
578	Mr. S. Sanmugathasan
623	Ms. G. K. S. P. Perera
353	Ms. R. M. G. W. P. T. K. Ratnayake
230	Ms. H. P. S. D. Gunasekera
370	Ms. M. I. S. Perera

Annexure VII :Associateship Obtained During 2024/2025

S/N	Name	Membership No.	Certificate No.
1	Ms. K.D.K.T. Kandage	980	SLLA/COA/2025/150
2	Ms. J. Lavanya	1058	SLLA/COA/2025/151
3	Ms. M.L.W. Peiris	535	SLLA/COA/2025/152
4	Mr. R.K.H. Mendis	614	SLLA/COA/2025/153
5	Dr. (Mrs.) C.J. Wijesundara	1028	SLLA/COA/2025/154
6	Ms. N.D. Sheril	1044	SLLA/COA/2025/155
7	Ms. O.K. Ranasinghe	1071	SLLA/COA/2025/156
8	Mr. K.A.D.A.D. Gunarathna	1074	SLLA/COA/2025/157
9	Ms. S.T. Wadugedara	1075	SLLA/COA/2025/158
10	Mr. D.G.R.L. Gunarathna	1014	SLLA/COA/2025/159
11	Ms. M.M.S.D. Bandara	847	SLLA/COA/2025/160
12	Ms. R.A.N. Ranathunga	1072	SLLA/COA/2025/161
13	Ms. C.H. Ariyasena	1073	SLLA/COA/2025/162
14	Ms. S.M.G.M. Samarakoon	1059	SLLA/COA/2025/163
15	Ms. N.D.A. Dilusika	1078	SLLA/COA/2025/164
16	Ms. S. Shiththarthiny	1048	SLLA/COA/2025/165
17	Ms. L.B.N.M. Lawasinghe	987	SLLA/COA/2025/166
18	Ms. C.A. Gamage	900	SLLA/COA/2025/167
19	Ms. H.M.P.P.K. Abeyasinghe	1045	SLLA/COA/2025/168
20	Mr. C.R.D. Perera	1051	SLLA/COA/2025/169

Annexure VIII: Non-Corporate Memberships Obtained During 2024/2025

S/N	Membership No.	Name
01	1170	Ms. I.P.W.T.S. Dharmarathna
02	1171	Ms. M.M.A.C. Udayangani
03	1172	Ms. A.A. Watagedara
04	1173	Mr. K.P.G.I. Karunanayake
05	1174	Ms. W.P.I.M. Warnasooriya
06	1175	Ms. M.G.S. Madhushika
07	1176	Ms. G.D.S.W. Wijewardana
08	1177	Ms. P.C.N. Karunaratna
09	1178	Ven. Demunnewe Upali Thero
10	1179	Ms. M.I.F. Irshada
11	1180	Ms. K.A.M. Geethika
12	1181	Ms. W.M.S.L.K. Wijesinghe
13	1182	Ms. D.M.A.S. Senadhira
14	1183	Ms. R.A. Sugandini
15	1184	Ms. N.C.D. Wijesekara
16	1185	Ms. C.J. Kolonne
17	1186	Mr. J.P.I. Shyaman
18	1187	Ms. M.A.U.P. Karunapala
19	1188	Ms. R.T.K.C. Kariyawasam
20	1189	Ms. S.I.N. Senarathna
21	1190	Ms. J.A.Y.M. Jayasinghe
22	1191	Ms. I.I. Priyadarshani
23	1192	Ms. M.E.S. Perera
24	1193	Ms. J.M.O.A.K. Jayamanne
25	1194	Ms. P.M.L.N.K. Pohath

26	1195	Ms. P.R.D.N.K. Perera
27	1196	Ms. S.M.T.S. Senevirathna
28	1197	Ms. A.H.T.H.R. Nikethani
29	1198	Ms. H.U.C. Pathirana
30	1199	Ms. W.M.N.M. Wanigasekara
31	1200	Ms. W.N.D.S.S.P. Rodrigo
32	1201	Mr. H.P.G.N.A. Senevirathna
33	1202	Ms. M.D.C. Mallika
34	1203	Ms. M. Navasangeetha
35	1204	Ms. V.P.D.R. Balasooriya
36	1205	Ms. W.S. Fernando
37	1206	Ms. W.A.S. Harshani
38	1207	Ms. A.V.K. Manel Rupika
39	1208	Mr. A.P. Kumarasingha
40	1209	Ms. M.J.N. Nazeela
41	1210	Mr. M.G.P. Tharuka
42	1211	Rev. B Somananda Thero
43	1212	Ms. R.M. Subashini
44	1213	Ms. G.A. Sandamali
45	1214	Ms. R. Ramani
46	1215	Ms. A.K.W.S. Ariyaratna
47	1216	Ms. D.R.H.E. Wijesinghe
48	1217	Ms. D.K.C. Dulani
49	1218	Ms. R.M.G.A.N. Ramanayake
50	1219	Ms. H.A. A. Niroshani
51	1220	Ms. I.A.D.D.M. Illeperuma
52	1221	Ms. R.M.L.S. Rathnayake
53	1222	Ms. R.A.M.L. Wijesena
54	1223	Mr. H.M.S. Weerasinghe
55	1224	Ms. U.N.N. Perera
56	1225	Ms. R.W.N.H. Balasooriya
57	1226	Ms. V.A.N. De Silva
58	1227	Ms. P.M.S. Kumarihami
59	1228	Ms. N.A.F. Fawmiya
60	1229	Ms. K.M.P. Chathurika
61	1230	Ms. W.G.R.M. Welagedara
62	1231	Ms. P.M.A.N. Pathiraja
63	1232	Ms. A.A.N.N. Adikari
64	1233	Ms. W.A. Charithakaushalya
65	1234	Mr. H.M.N.B. Herath
66	1235	Ms. K.L.D. Kavindi
67	1236	Mr. K.M.K.N. Senarathne
68	1237	Mr. W.P. Weniwelpitiya
69	1238	Ms. W.A.L.M.K. Wijesinghe
70	1239	Ms. Sandaresee Sudusinghe
71	1240	Ms. W.G.D. Kumari
72	1241	Ms. G.G.C.S. Kumarathunga
73	1242	Mrs. S. Krishanthy
74	1243	Mr. M. A. Lankathilake
75	1244	Ms. M.L. Rimsana
76	1245	Ms. H.M.S.P. Somasiri
77	1246	Ms. H.M.A. Herath
78	1247	Ms. R.M.A.D.K. Rathnayake
79	1248	Ms. S.N. Wanigathunga
80	1249	Ms. S.N. Lokugalappatti

Annexure IX: Panel of Lecturers, Supervisors and Examiners – 2024/2025**DLIS/ HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule****Sinhala (2024/2025)**

No	Lecture
1	Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera
2	Ms. S. Jayasinghe
3	Ms. Upeksha Kodithuwakku
4	Ms. Muditha Ankumbura
5	Ms. Sunethra Kariyawasam
6	Ms. W.A.J.K. Rathnasekara
7	Dr. R.D. Ananda Tissa
8	Dr. C.K. Gamage
9	Ms. K.R.N. Harshani
10	Ms. K.N. Samanthi
11	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana
12	Ms. H.N.K. Dissanayake
13	Mr. P.W.D.G. Weerakoon
14	Ms. K.P.N. Dharmasiriwardhana
15	Mr. Dammika Rathnayake
16	Rev. Pathakada Rewatha
17	Dr. C.N.K. Alahakoon
18	Dr. Udaya Cabral
19	Mr. M.K.C.G. Ghanasekara
20	Mr. W. Premadarshana
21	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne
22	Mr. Saman Illangarathne
23	Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali
24	Mr. H.N. Peiris
25	Mr. Aruna Tilanka
26	Ms. A.P.U. De Silva
27	Ms. H.S.A. De Silva
28	Ms. Priyani Balasooriya

DLIS/ HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule**Tamil (2024/2025)**

No	Lecture
1	Ms. Thivya Janen
2	Mr. B. Prashanthan
3	Mr. A.L.K. Rahman
4	Dr. K. Chandrasekar
5	Mr. M. Rumaiz
6	Mr. Siyath Ahamed
7	Mr. S. Shanmugathasn
8	Mr. M. Fahri
9	Mr. M.N. Ravikumar
10	Mr. S. Ketheeswaran
11	Dr. T. Sritharan
12	Mr. Anver Sathath
13	Mr. T. Ramanan
14	Ms. Gayathri Navirathan
15	Mr. R. Kupeshan
16	Dr. M. Visakaruban
17	Mr. K. M. Nisath
18	Mr. M. Sinnarajah
19	Ms. K. Murugathas
20	Mr. M.S.M. Siham
21	Mr. A.L.M. Mushtaq
22	Ms. Loshini Vigneshwaran
23	Ms. J. Lavanya

DLIS/ HDIPLIS Lecture Schedule**English (2024/2025)**

No	Lecture
1	Ms. Upeksha Kodithuwakku
2	Ms. Hiruni Kanchana
3	Mr. Dammika Rathnayake
4	Dr. C.N.K. Alahakoon
5	Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathne
6	Ms. Thivya Janen
7	Dr. K. Chandrasekar
8	Mr. M. Rumaiz
9	Mr. S. Shanmugathasan
10	Mr. Anver Sathath
11	Mr. T. Ramanan
12	Mr. K.K.G. Wijeweera
13	Ms. K.R.N. Harshani
14	Dr. Udaya Cabral
15	Ms. T.M.C. Hansamali
16	Mr. Aruna Tilanka
17	Ms. A.P.U. De Silva
18	Mr. M.N. Ravikumar

Academic Supervisors and Examiners – Research Project 2024/2025

Supervisors	Examiners
Dr. (Ms.) Champa Alahakoon	Dr. (Ms.) T. Sritharan
Dr. (Ms.) Chamini Gunasekara	Ms. R.M. Nadeeka Rathnabahu
Ms. Muditha Ankumbura	Ms. Chandima Wadasinghe
Mr. Ajantha Dharmarathne	Ms. Priyani Balasooriya
Ms. Priyani Balasooriya	Mr. Aruna Thilanka

Annexure X : Important decisions taken by the Council during the year 2024/2025

1. The process of registration of the Sri Lanka Library Association in the Tertiary and Vocational Educational Commission is in progress.
2. Conducting Continuous professional Development programmes by professional groups.
3. Prepared guidelines for granting Institutional Membership; as a result, Institutional Membership was offered to the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre and the National Science Foundation.
4. Conducting a workshop for the council members regarding rules and parliamentary Act.
5. Meeting with the relevant authorities regarding the recruitment of library professionals for public libraries, school libraries, and government libraries, and addressing the recruitment issues of librarians in the Western, Central, and Southern Provinces.
6. The Education Committee has made several decisions during the year. These decisions have been incorporated into the Education By-laws.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sri Lanka Library Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st March 2025, and the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including material accounting policy information.

Our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Associations as at 31st March 2025 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Associations in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of The Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (SLFRS for Smaller Entities), and for such internal control as the Board of Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, The Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless The Management either intends to liquidate the Association's or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Associations' financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SLAuSs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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CARTER DE COSTA & CO.,
Chartered Accountants
13rd June 2025
Colombo



SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH	2025	2024
	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE		
INCOME		
Membership Fees	(11)	1,674,650
Registration Fees		-
Course Fees and Examination Fees	(12)	10,752,845
Other Income	(13)	6,150,261
Workshop Programme	(14)	-
		110,850
	18,577,756	25,769,176
EXPENSES		
Direct Expenses	(15)	2,538,408
Administration Expenses	(16)	9,805,573
Workshop Programme	(14)	1,008,170
	13,352,151	13,870,242
Surplus / (Deficit) Before Taxation		5,225,604
Income Tax Expenses		(837,312)
Surplus / (Deficit) After Taxation		4,388,293
		10,226,988

SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31ST MARCH	NOTE	2025	2024
		Rs.	Rs.
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property ,Plant and Equipment	(17)	85,616	685,672
Intangible Assets	(18)	386,357	527,060
		471,972	1,212,731
INVESTMENTS			
Investments in Shares	(19)	-	1,000
Investment in Fixed Deposits	(20)	74,979,726	69,787,928
		74,979,726	69,788,928
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts Receivable	(21)	213,024	93,964
Cash and Cash Equivalents	(22)	3,410,489	3,751,149
		3,623,513	3,845,113
TOTAL ASSETS		79,075,211	74,846,773
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUND			
Accumulated Fund	(23)	77,028,614	72,640,321
Distance Education Partnership Program Fund		979,695	979,695
Inactive Funds		466,155	466,155
Vijitha De Silva Research Fund		621,101	621,101
President's Welfare fund		101,000	101,000
S. Arulanthan Award Fund		186,425	186,425
		79,382,990	74,994,697
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	(24)	148,924	99,130
		148,924	99,130
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Unidentified Deposit		500	-
Accounts Payable	(25)	223,685	293,123
Income Tax Payable	(26)	(680,890)	(540,177)
		(456,704)	(247,055)
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		79,075,211	74,846,773

These Financial Statements are prepared and presented by Sri Lanka Library Association committee of Management.
 Signed for and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Rushan Jayasekara, Relatha Devaraj
 President Treasurer