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Eighth Library Day Celebration

The library day is being celebrated Nationwide since 2008 to mark the historical day when the decree was promulgated on Bhadra 15, 1869 B. S.

The main objective of the celebration is to foster reading habit, advocate the role and importance of libraries and information centers throughout the country and to help for creating knowledge based society.

A main organizing committee was formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Bishwa Prakash Pandit, Ministry of Education, on 11th August 2015 to celebrate library day. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi was the Vice Chair and Mr. Dasharath Mishra was the Member



Secretary of the main organizing committee. The meeting decided to celebrate the library day throughout the week. The main organizing committee declared the slogan of the library day as "Love books, Develop libraries" ("पुस्तकलाई माया गरौं, पुस्तकालयको विकास गरौं"). The committee requested to all the District Education Offices to celebrate the library day in schools and community libraries. The meeting formed following subcommittees to facilitate the main organizing committee.

1. Library management	Mr. Dasharath Mishra
2. Economic management	Mrs. Anita Bhandari
3. Publicity	Mr. Govinda Raj Dahal
4. Publication	Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula
5. Felicitation and prize	Mr. Purnalal Shrestha
6. International coordination	Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula
7. Talk programme	Mr. Prabin Paudel
8. Social activities and creative	Mr. Bhim Dhoj Shrestha
9. Academic activities	Mr. Ashok Thapa
10. National, international coordination monitoring and follow up	Mr. Suresh Yadav

A brief date wise activities carried out by the various organizations is given below:

9th Bhadra (26th August):

Sagarmatha Public Library organized a talk programme with senior citizens. Chief Guest and President of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML), Dr. Tulashi Bhattarai said that the book is the best friend of the old age. We can spend our leisure time by reading the books, sharing the experiences to each other and held meetings in public places. On the occasion, Chief Librarian of the Central Law Library, Mr. Madhusudhan Sharma Subedi said "We should be engaged in any type of work so that we can spend time easily and live longer and healthier life". Mrs. Chandra Kiran Shrestha presented some health and yoga tips to be taken care to live healthier life. Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library (NNL) discussed the use of right books and libraries to be updated and spent their leisure time. More than 100 senior citizens were presented on the event.

10th Bhadra (27th August)

A preparatory meeting was held in Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL) to celebrate the library day. The meeting decided a week long schedule for the 8th library day.

11th Bhadra (28th August)

The library day celebration programme began with tree plantation in the premises of the Central Department

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of Library and Information Science (CDLIS), Kirtipur. The Programme inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of the Tribhuvan University Prof. Dr. Tirtha Khania.

In the same day a press meet organized in KVPL. Mr. Govinda Raj Dahal, coordinator of the publicity sub-committee read out the press release and detail activities to be carried out during the period. Mr. Dasharath Mishra responded the questions raised by the journalists and library day related stakeholders.



A workshop was jointly organized by the Nursing Campus, Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University and Nepal Library Association in the seminar hall of the Nursing Campus, Maharajgunj. On the occasion, three papers on contemporary issues were presented. Mrs. Gita Thapa presented on the paper on 'Activities of Nursing Campus Library including literature search techniques from different websites'. Chief Librarian of NNL, Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula presented on 'Nepal National Library and its current situation after the strong earthquake of April 25th'. Mr. Juju Bhai Dangol presented on 'Situation of community libraries after earthquake and suggestions to preserve the libraries'.

12th Bhadra (29th August)

Astha Community Learning Center and Satsang Library jointly organized a talk programme. In this program,



Historian Dr. P u r u s h o t t a m Lochan Shrestha presented on "The importance of Sakotha in the history of Nepal". Bhaktapur Library Association and

Astha Saving & Credit Cooperatives Ltd supported the programme in Bhaktapur. The main objective of the programme was to disseminate the role of Sakotha (library) in Medieval Nepal, mainly Malla dynasty of Bhaktapur. As per Dr. Shrestha, there was a huge library in Bhaktapur. Bhaktapur was the capital city from 12th to 15th century. This library was the common place for the intellectual capacity building in that time. There is still a sign of Sakotha in Bhaktapur Durbar Square.

13th Bhadra (30th August)

Nepalese Association of School Libraries (NASL) has organized library cleaning programme in Bishalnagar Kathmandu. Likewise, a talk programme on 'Farmers' library' organized by the Members of Nepal Library Association in Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Kathmandu.

14th Bhadra (31st August)

CDLIS has organized blood donation programme on its premises, Kirtipur. 26 donors donated blood to the Blood Transfusion Service of Nepal Red Cross Society.

Workshop on Reconstruction of the Libraries

Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) has organized a workshop on 'Reconstruction of library' and books handover ceremony. Chief Librarian, Mr. Janardan Dhungana chaired as a president; Rector of TU, Prof. Dr. Gunanidhi Neupane as a Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Neupane said that TU is committed to rebuild the TUCL and affiliated libraries affected by the earthquake.



Joint Librarian, Mr. Purnalal Shrestha welcomed to all the delegates and expressed the future plan, donor support mechanism in TUCL. Chief Librarian of NNL Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula discussed the socio-economic sectors and libraries of around 22 districts are heavily affected. Government of Nepal (GoN) is trying to address them soon. He further added all the books and reading materials of NNL are kept safely for short time period with supports of Nepal Armed Force, national and international volunteers and library lovers. Library building is urgently required to preserve the materials. He indicated that the powerful earthquake has created a golden opportunity to reconstruct a modernized buildings and start the 21st century information communication technology enabled library services. Head of the CDLIS, TU, Mr. Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, requested to start the library services even in the temporarily basis and urged to begin massive digitization. Member Secretary of the 8th library day main organizing committee, Mr. Dasharath Mishra, requested to all the stakeholders to celebrate the library day. Chair of the seminar and Chief Librarian of TUCL, Mr. Janardan Dhungana thanked to all the guest speakers and participants for their comments and suggestions in the workshop.

15th Bhadra (1st September, 2015)

A massive rally started from the west gate of Singhdurbar around 7.45 AM. It was led by Mr. Bishwaprakash Pandit, Chair of the main organizing committee; Former Minister, Mr. Ganesh Shah; Rector of the Tribhuvan University, Prof. Dr. Gunanidhi Neupane; Vice Chair of the committee, Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi; high level authorities, library and information professionals, students, teachers, parents, representatives of national and international organizations.

The main ceremony organized in Russian Center of Science and Culture, Kamal Pokhari, Kathmandu. Mr. Dasharath Mishra welcomed to all





the dignitaries and participants on behalf of the main organizing committee.

Chief guest Honorable Minister of Education, Mrs. Chitra Lekha Yadav inaugurated the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Yadav said that the library is the indicator of the civilized society. She loves books and fond of reading. She used to visit the libraries of abroad. She made her commitment to rebuild the earthquake affected libraries. On the occasion, Minister Yadav felicitated Dr. Madhudhan Karki, Former Head of CDLIS, and Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Former Chief Librarian of NNL for their contribution in the field of library and information in Nepal. Mr. Dilipman Sthapit, Assistant Librarian of TUCL and Mr. Arun Kumar Rai, Library Officer, Curriculum Development Center felicitated as the best librarian of the year for their outstanding contribution. Mr. Tara Awasthi rewarded as the best reader and Mr. Prem Bahadur Bohora on behalf of 'Literate Karnali' as the best institution of the year 2014/15.

Chair of the programme, Mr. Bishwa Prakash Pandit said GoN will rebuild the damaged libraries and implement the library related issues raised by the speakers and stakeholders. Mr. Pandit distributed the letter of appreciation to the coordinators of the subcommittee.

On the occasion, Rector of the TU, Prof. Dr. Gunanidhi Neupane said, TU is ready to help Ministry of Education to search the land for the NNL. Vice Chair of the main organizing committee, Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi thanked all the libraries and stakeholders for their active participation. Ministry is serious to reopen the NNL very soon, he said. He distributed the letter of appreciation for the blood donors. On behalf of all the felicitators, Dr. Madhusudhan Karki thanked to the organizers for the felicitation. He raised the need of Legal Depositary Act. Former Minister Ganesh Shah, Mr. Purnalal Shrestha, Mr. Stanislav Simakov, Mrs. Sarada Shiwakoti, Mr. Edward Anderson and Mr. Sudip Dhakal expressed their views on the occasion.

17th Bhadra (3rd September)

NASL organized a book handover programme in Bhaktapur district.

Library Day Outside the Capital

Pokhara

A week long 8th library day celebrated in Pokhara with various programmes such as essay competition, Badminton etc. The main day programme was organized by the District Coordination Committee, Kaski. Member

Secretary of the Committee and District Education Officer Mr. Ambika Prasad Acharya welcomed to all the delegates and participants.

Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy of Dance and Music Mr. Saru Bhakta and President of the Pokhara Public Library Prof. Dr. Bishwa Shrestha jointly felicitated to Mr. George John for his contribution to establish Prithivinarayan Campus Library and the first library of Nepal Dhawal Library, Palpa. On the occasion, Mr. Saru Bhakta stressed the need of the library act and regulation to promote the reading habit. He distributed the prize for the winners of the essay competition.



Mr. Yuvraj Paudel, Mr. Dharma Raj Baral, Dr. Laxmi Saran Adhikari, Mr. Arjun Shrestha, Mr. Durga Prasad Acharya and Mr. Surya Chhetry expressed their views.

Chitwan

Chitwan Library Association (CLA) celebrated eighth library day in Chitwan. On the occasion, Mr. Ek Narayan Paudel, President of CLA; Acting Campus Chief of Birendra Multiple Campus, Mr. Govinda Pandey, Mr. Arjun Paudel, Mrs. Nutan Dhungana and Mr. Rudra Bahadur Bohora discussed on the importance and role of libraries.



Kanchanpur

Shuklaphata Community Library (SCL) organized a talk programme. In the programme 1500 books received from various donors among them 48 donors honored. On this occasion, a new English Section was opened in SCL. Six institutional members get certified. Eleven members delivered their speech in favor of the 8th library day and reading habit promotion.

Jhapa

District Education Office has organized a talk programme in collaboration with the Jhapa Library Association (JLA). The programme was chaired by Mr. Prem Prakash Phalahari.

Gorkha

Health Right and Tobacco Control Center, Gorkha and Tulashi Meher Unesco Club organized poem competition based on the main slogan of the 8th library day. There were 18 participants from nine schools.

Saptari

Health Right and Tobacco Control Center, Saptari organized blood donation programme in District Hospital Rajbiraj and conducted poem competition based on the main slogan of the 8th library day. Nineteen students participated in the competition.

Library Introduction

Pratibha Community Library

Pratibha Community Library was established in October, 1997. Mr. Krishnadutta Paneru and Mr. Binod Kumar Bhattarai were devoted to develop this library in current status. As its history starts with a literary programme organized in Kailali Public Library, Dhangadhi in 1997. With the motivation of the then Chief District Officer of Kailali, Mr. Baman Prasad Neupane, and the people of Attaria established the library. At that time, a seven members ad-hoc committee was formed under the coordinator ship of Mr. Paneru. The committee drafted bylaw and proposed named as Pratibha Community Library.



The local people, intellectuals and stakeholders highly dedicated to use and promote the library. The library has succeeded to promote the reading habits of local people. Now, it has great succeeded to preserve the indigenous culture, create social harmony and socio-economic condition of the society. Mr. Jibendra Dev Giri inaugurated newly constructed building on 4th July, 2015. The building

was constructed by the support of local people. Currently, more than 50 users are using the library per day.

Objectives: To collect, organize and preserve the local as well as national and international newspapers and reading materials; to promote reading habit, disseminate and preserve the culture and tradition of local people.

Total Collection: Around 2000

Opening Hour: 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM from September 17 to April 14.

7.00 - 10.00 AM and 3.00 - 5.00 PM from April 15 to September 16.

Current Management Committee

Mr. Krishna Dutta Paneru - President
 Mr. Mr. T. N. Joshi - Vice President
 Mr. Liladhar Banskota- Secretary
 Mr. Chandra Bahadur Bista- Joint Secretary
 Mrs. Mala Bhandari - Treasurer
 Mr. Yagya Raj Hamal - Member
 Mr. Narendra Raj Bhattarai - Member
 Mr. Nirmal Kumar Bhandari - Nominated Member
 Mr. Giri Singh Bohora- Nominated Member

Activities: Besides the regular user services, the library is organizing special literary activities on the occasion of Bhanu and Moti Jayanty. The library is organizing a poem series "Let's go to Attratia to listen best poems" every last Saturday of the month.

News in Brief

Training News

Basic Library Management Training

NNL and Department of Education has jointly organized basic library management training in Biratnagar and Pokhara. Five days long training has conducted from 3rd -7th July 2015 in Biratnagar and 10th-14th July 2015 in Pokhara. Altogether 42 participants were involved in this programme. Addressing the both closing programme Mr.



Rajendra Kumar Poudel, Joint Secretary, Department of Education, highlights the role and importance of academic libraries and librarians in the schools.

Discussion on Status of NNL and Future Strategies

Nepal National Library (NNL) organized a talk programme on current status of NNL, and it's planning, strategies, challenges and opportunities after the earthquake among

the well wishers and stakeholders.

The programme is chaired by Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Chief Librarian, NNL as President; Dr. Tulashi Bhattarai, President, DKRML as chief guest and Dr. Madhusudan Sharma Subedi, Chief Librarian, Central Law Library as Guest.



On the occasion, Mr. Bhola Shrestha, Member Secretary of DKRML stated the situation, damage of libraries in Nepal. Further he discussed importance of Sanskrit collections of NNL which being damaged by less attention of the government. It should conserve and preserve soon.

"In this situation, Indian Embassy, Chinese Embassy and various donor agencies are keen interested to support TUCL said Mr. Purnalal Shrestha, Joint Librarian, TUCL. GoN shown less importance for evacuation and reconstruction of NNL and others libraries, he worried. He added library and information related professionals, friends of NNL should pressure to reestablishment and solve the present problem of NNL.

Mr. Shreenarayan Jha, Mrs. Sabitri Kumari Hada, Mr. Murari Binod Pokhrel, Mr. Jujubhai Dongol, Mr. Prabin Paudel, Dr. Madhusudan Sharma Subedi, Dr. Tulashi

Bhattarai, Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula discussed current situation of NNL, its planning, strategies, challenges and opportunities.

Kaiser Library News

Retirement and New Appointment

Chief Librarian, Mrs. Janaki Karmacharya has get compulsory retirement after serving as different posts of Government of Nepal more than 36 years on 12th July 2015. We congratulate her happy retirement with active professional participation in coming days too.



Ministry of Education appointed to Mr. Dashrath Mishra in the post of Chief Librarian. He has transferred from Ministry of Education to the Kaiser Library on July 13, 2015. We wish his successful tenure.

Powerful earthquake of April 25 and frequent aftershocks damaged the Kaiser Mahal. Since then the library service has been partially affected. The library provides on newspaper and internet service only. The Department of Urban Development and Building Construction inspected on may 8, 2015 and put yellow sticker which indicates the library building is not applicable to regular use unless it is renovated.

Chief Librarian Mr. Dasharath Mishra has participated on "IFLA Conference" held on Cape Town, South Africa on 15 Aug.-21 Aug., 2015.

Library Assistant Mr. Sanjib Kumar Chaudhary has nominated to participate in "Advance Certificate Course on Modern Library Practice" going to be held on National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai, India on 23 Sept.-17 Nov., 2015.

DKRML News

New Appointment

Ministry of Education appointed Dr. Tulashi Bhattarai as the Chairman of the DKRML in April, 2015.



Likewise, Former Chief Librarian of the TUCL, Mrs. Shanti Mishra; Former Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Chitra Prasad Devkota; Joint Secretary of Ministry of Education, Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi; Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Mr. Rajendra Sharma; and Under Secretary of the

Department of Achieves, Mr. Shyam Sundar Rajbanshi are appointed as the executive members of the library.

Discussion conducted

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake of April 25, 2015 and continuous after-shocks destroyed many school libraries, community libraries, NNL, Kaiser Library, TUCL, Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP) and many other libraries

throughout the 22 districts.

To assess the loss and take future action, DKRML has organized discussion programme in 28th May, 2015 on the damaged libraries and to initiate necessary steps in the future to minimize the loss in 28th May, 2015.



The Librarians, representative of National organizations, NGOs and INGOs had participated in the discussion programme. Dr. Lava Deo Awasthi, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Education was the Chief Guest and Dr. Tulsi Bhattarai, Chairperson DKRML chaired the programme.

Member Secretary of DKRML presented a brief account of the loss and damage of libraries. The key findings were:

- Disturbance in library service,
- Mental stress in children and readers/users,
- Decrease in number of library users,
- Fear in library staffs due to earthquakes.

At the end of the discussion, following points have recommended as the precautions to be taken in the future:

- Damaged library building should be replaced with new earthquake resistant building,
- Retrofitting or repairing and renovation of damaged library building should be done immediately,
- New disable and child-friendly building should be constructed,
- Library rack should be fixed on wall,
- Care should be taken while arranging book racks and electrical wires,
- Library should orient its staff and users about the earthquake and pre and post preventive measures.

To cope up with the destruction following things to be done immediately:

- Government of Nepal should pay special attention to the library sector,
- New building should be constructed in case of Nepal National Library.

Reconstruction and renovation of Kaiser Library should be done immediately to provide service to its users,

- DKRML building is severely damaged and on the verge of collapse so new building should be built,
- Renovation of TUCL should start immediately,
- MPP building and damaged school libraries buildings need to be constructed,
- Fund collection should be done to renovate and reconstruction of the community libraries.

Discussion on the Relationship between Librarians and the Writers

DKRML has organized a talk programme among the librarians and the writers on July 10, 2015. "Libraries and Literatures are the two sides of a coin" said Dr. Ganga Prasad Uprety, Vice Chancellor of Nepal Academy. He stressed on the expansion of libraries in the each villages.



Prof. Dr. Abhi Subedi indicated the lack of knowledge of the high level authorities of GoN. The library should be able to cater the challenges of 21st Century. Dr. Tulashi Bhattarai said that

the library should reach to the mass population. On the occasion, Dr. Bishnu Hari Nepal, Bhola Kumar Shrestha also expressed their views. Mr. Juju Bhai Dangol presented a paper on the relationship between the writers and the libraries.

New Executive Committee in Nepal Library Association

Nepal Library Association organized an especial general assembly on KVPL to elect new executive members and settle down the long dispute. The assembly elected 12 members led by Mrs. Gita Thapa Giri.



1. Mrs. Gita Thapa Giri - President
2. Mr. Ganesh Baitha - Vice President
3. Mr. Govinda Raj Dahal - Secretary General
4. Mrs. Reshma Dangol - Joint Secretary
5. Mrs. Chandra Kiran Shrestha - Treasurer
6. Mrs. Champa Kumari Gurung - Member
7. Mrs. Vina Paudel - Member
8. Mrs. Chumban Gautam - Member
9. Mr. Uttam Kumar Shrestha - Member
10. Mr. Prem Paudel - Member
11. Mr. Pratik Neupane - Member
12. Mr. Govinda Chaulagain - Member

Workshop Organized

MPP and Martin Chautari jointly organized a workshop on the 'Importance and challenges of digitizing private archives' on 25th August 2015 in Yala Maya Kendra, Patandhoka, Lalitpur. On the occasion, Historian Pratush Wonta welcomed to all the participants and highlighted the importance of the workshop on behalf of Martin Chautari.

The workshop organized in three sessions, in the first session,



Head of Central Department of History, Dr. Shankar Thapa; Mr. Shamik Mishra of MPP; Mr. Kumar Shrestha of the National Archives; Mr. G. Sundar of Roja

Muthaiya Research Library, Chennai, India had shared their experiences about the roles, importance and challenges they are facing while digitizing the private collections and their current works.

In the second session, Historians and history researcher Mr. Gyan Mani Nepal, Dr. Dinesh Raj Panta, Dr. Bhabeshwor Pageni and Dr. Yogesh Raj shared their experiences about the importance and challenges to sustain the private collections.

The third session conducted by Kanak Mani Dixit. It focused on the role and importance of the private collections. The valuable information and documents which are preserved by the general public and private organizations need to be disseminated widely. For wide dissemination the role of the mass media is most important. The mass media or the big publication houses always searches the sellable information to publish. The editors of the Nagarik Daily, Mr. Guna Raj Luitel; editor of the Himal Khabar Patrika, Mr. Kiran Nepal, and Mr. Prashanta Aryal of the Nepal weekly expresses their views. The programme concluded by Kamal Mani Dixit.

Resource Center for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) Activities

Workshop on Digital Health Information Management

RECPHEC organized a national workshop on digital health information management in Nepal on April 3, 2015. The programme highlighted the role of information and communication technology (ICT) and existing system and practices of digital library in health organizations, to deliver the extent of information rights for the consumer in health sector and the role of government on digitalization process in case of Nepal. There were 63 participants including library and information professionals, non government organizations' activist, health information professionals, government representatives and media representatives.

Mr. Shanta Lal Mulmi highlighted the need of the health information and the role of the library and information professionals to disseminate health related information among the health professionals, general public and various government and non government organizations. He also highlighted the need of networking among the health related organizations to disseminate the information and resource sharing to the stakeholders. On the occasion, Dr Chhatra Amatya, Mr. Mukti Khanal also expressed their views.

On the technical session, Prof. Dr. Mohan Raj Pradhan presented on the topic 'Digital libraries and open source software', Mrs. Chandra Kiran Shrestha presented on 'Present status of digitalization of health libraries in Nepal'. Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, presented a paper on 'The role of digitization from government perspective: A case of Nepal'. Mr. Ashesh Acharya presented 'The role of community libraries disseminating health information'.

Do you have news of community libraries or resource centres ? If so we would like to hear from you.

Send us by post, by fax or by e-mail.

Mr. Suresh Acharya presented a paper on 'Health right: Consumer right'.

Basic Library Management Training

RECPHEC conducted basic resource centre/library management training to the Health Right and Tobacco Control (HRTC) network partners from September 6th -11th, 2015 in Kathmandu.



There were 22 participants in the training. RECPHEC has provided books about worth of Rs. 60,000 to community based library to HRTC members who are participating in the basic library training. RECPHEC is going to establish one Resource Centre Office in Saptari.

Library Day Celebration

RECPHEC has disseminated the importance of the library day to its HRTC Network in 58 districts to conduct various activities to celebrate the 8th national library day. Some districts had organized various activities to celebrate the library day event.

Copyright Seminar Concluded

A two-day sub-regional seminar in cooperation with Nepal Library and Information Consortium (NeLIC) entitled "Enabling Universal Access and Preservation of Knowledge through Libraries: Copyright Matters" is



held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 3rd - 4th September 2015. The seminar was supported by UNESCO participation programme and Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL).

About 80 participants from Nepal, Maldives, Myanmar and Kyrgyzstan actively participated in this seminar. There was good participation of the blind groups also. Key speakers from Ireland, USA, India, and Kyrgyzstan explained about the copyright law and its effect and exception to the library and explained about need of Marrakesh Treaty for the print disabled person. Copyright Registrar of Nepal also highlighted the provision of copyright law exception for the library and archives according to Copyright Act of Nepal. The participants from different sectors Librarians, Lawyers, Policy makers, Researchers, Human Right activist concluded that the copyright law of Nepal is not clear about the copyright and fair use. It does not say anything about right to read of print disabled persons.

Library Day News from Social Science Baha

On the occasion of 8th library day Social Science Baha organized a public lecture "International copyright and domestic exceptions: WIPO, treaties, and the politics of libraries" with the key speaker of this seminar Prof. Dr. Kenneth D. Crews who is an expert in both International Copyright and Library Science.

Library Anthem

Music and the songs are the most effective means to disseminate in all sector of human civilization. There are plenty of popular songs and poems in the field of library and information management in international level. There is lack of popular song in Nepali language. Keeping in mind, a meeting organized at Russian Center of Science of Culture on 3rd July 2015. The meeting called the songs. A song screening committee has formed in coordination with Dr. Krishna Hari Baral. The committee will finalize the anthem soon.

Nepal Library Foundation

Nepal Library Foundation (NLF) has conducted 35 days long library and information management training from 2nd Aug to September 14th 2015. There were 14 participants represented in this programme. The programme inaugurated by President of NLF, Ganesh Shah. On the occasion Mr. Shah expressed the role of librarian and digital resources in society. Mr. Dhan Bahadur Shrestha coordinated this training.

TUCL News

TUCL has organized same type of training from 9th August to September 14th 2015. There were 33 participants in the training.

Libraries of Nepal's Salvage Services

Most of the libraries of Nepal are damaged by the earthquake. Though the earthquake made them unsafe, they have been starting their services. Most of the academic and public libraries are succeed to recover their library and information services. Kathmandu University and its affiliated colleges and schools libraries, Pokhara University Central Library, Prithvi Narayan Campus, KVPL, DKRML and almost all the community libraries conducted by READ Nepal are restarted their service as usual.

The major damaged libraries, NNL, TUCL, Central Law Library and Kaiser Library are partially started their services.

All the books, manuscripts, newspapers and other materials are safely removed from damaged building of NNL with the regular support of Armed Police Force, national and international volunteers and staff members of NNL and civil servant volunteers of Ministry of Education were involved actively to carry out the materials. NNL has started partial service to its users. Newspaper section, child section, ISSN service and administration section are serving from child section. Recently, southern part of the devastated building is still sliding. It is danger for users and staff members. All the materials are kept in Mahendra Bhawan Higher

Secondary School, Sanogaucharan, Kathmandu. All books are packed in plastic sacks and kept in pile. It may risk for decay and deterioration. NNL and friends of NNL are appealing for restoring all the materials as soon as possible to government and concerned authorities.

Library Inauguration in Bajhang

On the occasion of National Children Day of Nepal, DOB (DATE OF BIRTH) Library is inaugurated on 15th September, 2015 in Bhairab Higher Secondary School, Jhota, Bajhang. The objectives of this library is to provide books, newspapers, magazines and other knowledgeable reading materials for teachers, students, and parents of this remote area. The fund for DOB library is collected one hundred rupees through the students who have been spending in their birthday celebration. The library aims to broaden the process of collecting money from the students towards the teachers and guardians. Now, the library has 258 general members, four life members and 21 special members. The collection of library has around 1500 books and other reading materials. The slogan of library is 'Donate Books, Celebrate Birthday'. The library has targeted education, recreation, leisure reading, and development of reading habits of its users and to product ideal citizens for the nation.



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Former Senior JICA Volunteers of Nepal National Library Mrs Nobue Yamada and Takao Murayama visited to various Nepalese libraries including NNL, The Ugra Pustakalaya Sankhu, TUCL, DKRML and Cummunity Child Development Library and some other libraries from 4th to 7th September, 2015. On the occasion they discussed concerned libraries stakeholders focusing on their future plans and possible support from their side.

Former JICA Volunteers Visit to Libraries

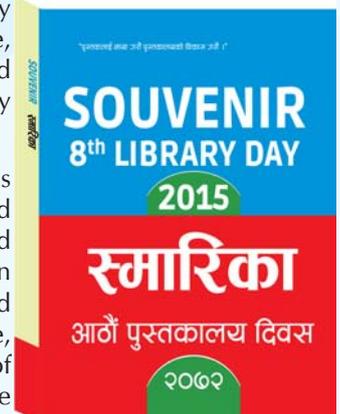
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8th Library day Souvenir Published

The 8th library day publications sub-committee has published the 8th library day souvenir-2015. This subcommittee has formed in coordination with of Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula. The souvenir contains 20 different articles, reports to and activities related libraries and information. Even in the short notice of library day main organizing committee, the team has succeeded to publish praise worthy document.

The contents of this publication has covered practices of electronic and digital resources, celebration of library day in Nepal and other countries, the role, practice and perception of libraries in Nepal. Some articles of this publication are really good which reveal the historical and concurrent situations of our libraries and reading materials. Some of them are related to the practice of library and its situations after earthquake.



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