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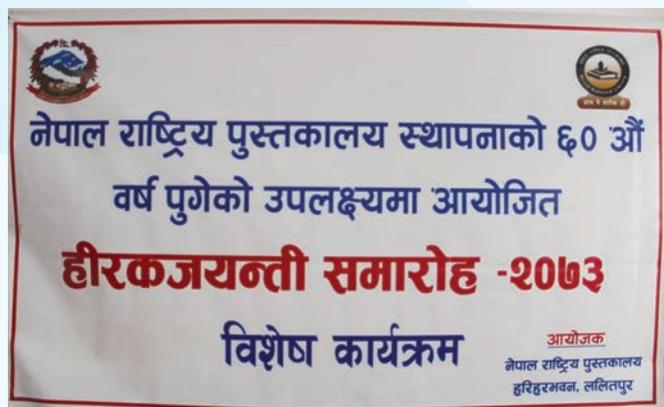


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Diamond Jubilee of Nepal National Library

On 3 January 2017 (19 Paush 2073), on the occasion of 60th anniversary of Nepal National Library (NNL), 'Diamond Jubilee' ceremony was celebrated. Secretary of Ministry of Education and chief guest of the program Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha inaugurated the formal program.



Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Former Chief of NNL chairperson of the program. The program was celebrated with the participation of librarians, scholars, students and other well wishers of NNL.

Chief of NNL Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali welcomed all the participants. He added library has not been able to provide all services at present



due to lack of its own building and land. He requested the entire stakeholder to give a hand in rebuilding the NNL. Although the National Reconstruction Authority

has set aside a fund for constructing a new library building, construction of the building has not yet started due to the lack of its own land.

On this program Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library Coordination Section of the Ministry of Education stated that 150 thousands reading

materials of NNL have been stuffed in gunnysacks after the earthquake of April 2015. He reminisced the effort



and risk taken to rescue the entire collection from the damaged building and thanked all the supporters. He requested all the authority to create the favorable environment to preserve the collection and to continue its services as soon as possible. Mr. Prem Raj Adhikari, Library Officer of NNL presented the status of NNL demonstrating the miserable condition of books, furniture's and building.

Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha, Secretary of Ministry of Education and chief guest of the program expressed his good wishes on NNL's 60th anniversary. He said though the condition of the library is very despondent, the Government of Nepal has been continuously working for its betterment. Ministry of Education has given few options for the land. The earthquake has lead to many complications in the field of Education. We are very serious on the issue of NNL, he further added.

The chairperson of the program, Mr. Thapa showed his concern on the issue of land and its building. He expressed anxiousness towards situations of reading materials. He requested all participants to help come out of the sad situation as soon as possible. He further described different scenarios of National Libraries of various countries where he visited. Mr. Bhola Shrestha, Member Secretary of Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML) conducted the program. All the participants wished for improved and better service of NNL in near future.

Structure of Libraries on Federal Governance System

NNL organized one-day interaction program on "Structure of Libraries on the Federal Governance System in Nepal" on 3 April 2017 at DKRML, Kathmandu. Around 25 Librarians, related experts and scholars presented their ideas and concepts on the related issue.

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Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief of NNL presented a concept note on structure of libraries at different level on the federal governance system in Nepal. He proposed the level of libraries, position of librarians, related human resources and tentative estimation of budget for libraries in 744 new local bodies for one year. Mr. Girendra Prasad Pokharel (Chief Librarian of NCED), Dasharath Mishra (Chief Librarian of Keshar Library), Suresh Yadav (Chief Librarian of Department of Forest), Kamala Sharma, Hari Krishna Dhungel, and Nima Dhital raised different ideas, concepts, levels and human resources for local bodies. Ms Sita Sharma, Chief Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) chaired the formal program. Mr Prem Raj Adhikari, Library Officer of NNL, Facilitated the program.

Committee for Land and Building for Nepal National Library

To search appropriate land to construct the building for Nepal National Library (NNL), the committee of 5 Members under the coordination of Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, Chief of Planning Division under Ministry of Education was formed as per the decision of Ministry of Education on 14 December 2016. The main objectives of the committee were to search appropriate land with reasonable alternatives within 15 days from the formation of committee. The members were Joint Secretary of Planning Division Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal as a Coordinator, Under Secretary of Internal Administration and Property Management Section Mr. Rammani Pokharel as a Member, Under Secretary of Law and Implementation Section Mr. Resham Raj Sigdel as a Member, Under Secretary and Chief librarian of Nepal National Library Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali as a Member and Under Secretary of Library Coordination Section Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula as a Member Secretary of the committee. After some meetings, the committee recommended three alternatives and few other alternatives such as:

1. Harihar Bhawan (the area where NNL is currently located)
2. Jamal (the area where Shankar Dev Campus is currently located but previously there was Janaprashasan Campus)

3. Kaiser Mahal (the area where Kaiser Library is situated)

As per the decision of MoE (Hon. Minister Level) of 2073 chaitra 9 to construct building in Hariharbhawan has been forwarded to the cabinet.

Draft Policies Related to Book, Library Submitted

Ministry of Education (MoE) formed three taskforces subcommittee to draft the National Book Policy, Library Development Master Plan and Library Digitization/ Automation on 13 March 2016. The taskforces handed over the modified drafts of all three on 20 November 2016 to



the Honorable Minister of Education Mr. Dhani Ram Poudel for implementation in the presence of 200 related personalities together with of Hon. Ms. Dhanamaya B.K. (Khanal), State Minister of MoE; Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha, Secretary of MoE; Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, Joint Secretary of MoE and various other institutions.

Library Development Master Plan with three members of the taskforce coordinated by Dr. Tulsi Prasad Bhattarai handed the draft to the Hon. Minister of MoE. The draft was prepared after various meetings, interactions, suggestions, and recommendations Mr. Bhattarai stressed on the importance of implementation of the draft for the overall development of library arena unlike the practice of forming taskforces, handing over and not being implemented.

Likewise, Library Digitization/ Automation taskforce with six members coordinated by Ms. Indira Dali handed over the draft prepared based on few modalities adopted by different countries along with suggestions and recommendations from various personalities.

Similarly, National Book Policy taskforce with eight members coordinated by Mr. Hari Govinda Luitel handed over the draft and said that most of the countries drafted and implemented National Book Policy according to UNESCO standard Book Policy on 1972. He said the taskforce led by him had proposed giving the business related to books recognition as an industry of national priority. "This policy seeks to take special initiative to improve reading habits," he said.

Addressing the program Secretary of MoE Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha promised to process all necessary steps to implement the draft. Addressing the program, Mr. Hon. Minister Dhani Ram Poudel said, "The Ministry has received the draft of three policies as a valuable

property of Nepal Government." There is no doubt that the National Book Policy would make positive effect on nation with the implementation of the draft.

Transfer, Promotion and New Appointment

Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali Under Secretary and the then Chief of Library Coordination Section of Ministry of Education has been transferred to Nepal National Library as Chief. Similarly, the Under Secretary and the then Chief Nepal National Library Yadab Chandra Niraula has been transferred to Library Coordination Section of Ministry of Education.

As per the decision of Ministry of General Administration, Library Assistant of Land Management Training Centre, Dhulikhel, Kavre Mr. Shiva Kumar Shrestha has been promoted and posted as Library Officer in Nepal National Library. Likewise, Ms. Samjhana Ghimire, Library Assistant of Nepal National Library has been promoted and posted as Library Officer in National Planning Commission.

As per the recommendation of Public Service Commission Ms. Mandira Chalise has been posted as Library Officer in Department of Mines and Geology. Similarly, Ms. Kamala Devi Sharma has been posted as Library Officer in Legislature Parliament of Nepal.



Ms. Sunita Sen Thakuri (Singh) (left), Ms. Shobha Dhital (right)

As per the recommendation of Public Service Commission Ms. Shova Dhital and Ms. Sunita Sen Thakuri (Singh) have been appointed and posted as Library Assistant in Nepal National Library. Likewise, Ms. Binita Giri and Mr. Birendra Kumar Yadav have been appointed and posted as Library Assistant in Kaiser Library. Similarly, Ms. Shova Devi Karki, Ms. Babita Kumari, Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Baruwal and Mr. Purna Bahadur Bishwakarma have been appointed and placed as Library Assistant in Ministry of Finance, National Centre for Educational Development, Ground Water Irrigation Directorate and Department of Irrigation respectively.

Experience Sharing by Ms. Mary Bertulli

Kathmandu Valley Public Library (KVPL) organized an experience sharing program by Ms. Mary Bertulli on 9

December 2016 at KVPL, Bhrikutimandap, Kathmandu. Mr. Tirtha Raj Onta, General Secretary of the Society of Kathmandu Valley Public Library, chaired the program. The attendees were the library professionals from Nepal Government, Tribhuvan University and public and research libraries of Kathmandu. Mr. Juju Bhai Dangol Chief Librarian of KVPL welcomed Ms. Bertulli and all the participants. He also highlighted the objectives of the program. Following the brief introduction of the participants Ms. Bertulli presented brief information about the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), Canada and its library services which is located in the spectacular landscape of Northern British Columbia. UNBC is one of the Canada's best small universities established only 25 years back. She further stated that the University has the passion for teaching, discovery, people, the environment, and the earth.

After the short presentation by Ms. Bertulli, a floor discussion took place. Participating in the open discussion Gita Thapa, Reshma Dangol, Suresh



Kumar Yadab, Bhola Shrestha, I. P. Adhikari, Prem Raj Adhikari and Champa Kumari Gurung indicated their interest on various issues. Few issues of the discussion were; reference service management, support to the students, bibliographic support program, promoting reading habit in context to use of IT (internet, e-resources), orientation program for the students, on-line tutorial class on specific topics, e.g. cataloguing, automation in circulation system, microfilm vs. digitization and preventing measures of natural disaster especially, earthquake. Concluding the discussion program Mr. Tirtha Raj Onta suggested the group to initiate the formulation of Inter Library Loan Policy under the leadership of Nepal Library Foundation. Mr. Onta also suggested the librarians to take preventive measures of disaster management like fixing fire extinguisher, regular check up of electric wiring system. Finally, Mr. Onta thanked Ms. Bertulli for her presentation and participants for their active participation in the program.

Announcement of Public Music Library, Nepal Accomplished

For the first time in Nepal the one rupee based **Public Music Library** formally announced organizing a grand ceremony at Nepal Academy on 8 April, 2017 with the support of various dignitaries including educationist, librarians, social workers, musician, lyricist, vocalist, literary legend as well as institutions like Tribhuvan University Central Library, Nepal National Library, Tribhuvan University Central Department of Library and Information Science, Nepal Library Association, Library and Information Society (LIS) Nepal and so

on. The participants and the speakers of the programs congratulated each other on the occasion, shared experience and discussed the perspectives of further development of Public Music Library.

The Chief Guest was former Secretary of Ministry of Education Mr. Mahashram Sharma. Among the guests there were representatives and heads of major libraries and the library associations of Nepal, as well as professors from the prominent Nepali universities and colleges.



Speaking at the function, the Chief Guest Mr. Sharma said that Nepal has to do many things in the field of education, in which library is one of the most important wing through which we can empower nation by providing knowledge. In the context of Nepal, the concept of Public Music Library is unique and is being announced for the first time in Nepal, he further said, it is possible if we all assist this concept. Another speaker, Dr. Bishnu Hari Nepal former Nepali Ambassador for Japan said that there are many people working in music field, but nobody knows about it in accumulated form. In this context, Music Library is one of the first libraries and we have to join our hands to promote it.

Concept developer of Public Music Library, Mr. Sudeep Dhakal, Library Officer of Tribhuvan University presented his concept paper. Open University, Nepal initiator

Dr. Pramod Dhakal, Chief Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library Ms. Sita Sharma, former Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library



Mr. Dasharath Thapa delivered their review speech over concept paper and expressed their aspiration as well. Dr. Ashok Thapa, president of Nepal Library Association as well as Master of Ceremony of the function delivered his speech mentioning the library does not only promote the LIS profession of Nepal but also helps to fulfil

United Nation's sustainable goals supported by International Federation of Library Association and Institutions (IFLA).

The program was followed by musical session where senior musician actively participated and presented their song. All musicians committed to cooperate with Public Music Library of Nepal to promote music and library. The first library song was played as a signature tune. More than 200 people followed with different media were gathered together under the same roof.

Basic Library Management Training

Hetauda

Nepal National Library (NNL) organized one week long 'Basic Library Management Training' in Makawanpur Multiple Campus, Hetauda, Makawanpur from 5 March to 10 March 2017. In which librarians from various



public libraries, academic libraries and fresh participants participated. The Assistant District Education Officer Mr. Shambhu Paudel inaugurated the formal program. Likewise, President of Peace Society Centre (PSC) of Hetauda Mr. Dipendra Dhakal, chaired the program and editor of Sambriddha Samaj Dainik, Mr. Suresh Shrestha was Guest of the program. Mr. Basanta Raj Pantha and Ms. Anju Shakya facilitated the training. Mr. Pantha, welcomed and explained the structure and outline of the training. Mr. Shrestha said that the habit of spending time in social networking medias ruin the reading habit and we should therefore emphasize on the development of reading habit and sustainable development of library. Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief of Nepal National Library emphasized on the necessity of scientific management of library and highlighted on the importance of 'Basic Library Management Training'. Chief Guest, Mr. Paudel, said that professionals and paraprofessionals of this field is vital for exponential development of our country. Lack of management technique of information sources and materials is the main problem for the development of library. Therefore, to overcome the problem, such training would be productive. President of the program, Mr. Dhakal told PSC has been functioning in the area of education and the library should emphasize in collection

development according to their need. He further stressed that the participating in such training should not only be for mere participation but also should be productive. He further highlighted the role of library and librarians in managing the reading materials and explained the technical part of library too.

President of Peace Society Centre (PSC), Hetauda, Mr. Dipendra Dhakal chaired the closing ceremony of the program, Assistant District Education Officer, Mr. Humanath Sharma was the chief guest and Assistant Campus Chief of Makawanpur Multiple Campus, Hetauda, Mr. Ramchandra Subedi was guest of the program. Mr. Hareram Acharya, coordinator of the program, conducted the session and Mr Sharma and Dhakal distributed the certificate to all the participants. In the occasion, Mr. Sharma advised all participants to implement new ideas and concepts learned during training session in the respective workstation and other libraries too. He assured to conduct other library related training in near future. Among participants Mr. Ramhari Thapa and Mr. Dinesh Ramdam expressed their regards for conducting such practical, convincing and knowledge based training on Library and Information Management.

Sindhupalchok

Department of Education (DoE) and Nepal National Library (NNL) jointly organized five days long 'Library Management and Skill Enhancement Orientation Training' in Chautara Leading Resource Centre, Chautara, Sindhupalchok. The main objective of the training was to provide the basic ideas and orientation on library and information management to the school librarian, teacher librarian, public and community librarians.



The Deputy District Education Officer of Sindhupalchok Mr. Gunanidhi Thapa inaugurated the district level formal program. He described the role of Teacher Librarian for assuring quality education in government schools. He further described significance of the library and information services in academic sectors and motivated all participants to grab the opportunity to learn new skills and to apply in their respective work place. On the occasion, Joint Secretary of Department of Education Mr. Devi Ram Aryal explained the structure and objectives of the

training. Mr. Krishna Bahadur Gurung, resource person of Chautara Leading Resource Centre described the role and current situation of public and school libraries and librarians of Sindhupalchok. He further explained the situation of libraries, schools and reading material after the massive earthquake of 25 April 2015. Mr. Kabiraj Upreti, Section Officer of Department of Education facilitated the program. There were 20 participants from different schools, and libraries of Sindhupalchok District.

On the closing ceremony Mr. Nirmal Ghimire District Education Officer of Sindhupalchok was chief guest. Mr. Prem Raj Adhikaari, Mr. Yadhunidhi Thapa, and Mr. Kabi Raj Upreti were also as guests, Mr. Upreti conducted the session, Mr. Ghimire and Mr. Adhikari distributed the certificate to all the participants.

LIMISEC Training (Outside Kathmandu Valley)

Dhangadi

Library Management and Information Service Center (LIMISEC) organized 35 days Basic Library Management Training from 24 February to 31 March in Dhangadi with the co-ordination of Jayanti Mahila Chhatabas, Dhangadi. The



training session was conducted in Shaileshwori Farwest School of Health Science and Technology. In the opening ceremony Mr. Hem Raj Panta, former Registrar of Far-Western University, Mr. Shiva Raj Shrestha from Kailali Multiple Campus and Mr. Surya Shrestha from Shaileshwori Farwest School of Health Science and Technology were guest of the program. All together 11 participants from various academic institutions participated in the training. Mr. Tulasi Bhattarai coordinated the training session.

LIMISEC Training (Inside Kathmandu Valley)

The 35 days long, Basic Library Management Training was conducted from 30 December 2016 to 2 February 2017 at Madan Bhandari Memorial College, Kathmandu. All together 17 participants participated the training from government sector, non-government organizations as well as academic institutions. In certificate distribution and closing ceremony Ms. Saroja Shrestha President of LIMISEC chaired in the program and Mr. Krishnamani Bhandari, Chief Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library and specialist of Library and Information Science was chief guest. Mr. Bhandari stressed on the prominence of

library and information centre for the overall development of any nation. He further said that such training is vital for the production of semi-skilled professionals. Mr. Tulasi Bhattarai coordinated the training session.

The China- South Asia Library Management and Service Seminar

The National Library of China under the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China organized 9 days long seminar at National Library of China, Zhongguancun South Street, Haidian District, Beijing from 12 November to 20 November 2016. There were 11 participants from South Asia Region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and various other participants from china. From Nepal the Chief Librarian Mr. Dasharath Mishra of Kaiser Library and Library Officer from Nepal National Library, Mr. Basanta Raj Pantha participated in the Seminar.



In 2013, Forum for Asia Library Directors themed on Knowledge Globalization and Asian Library Development issued Declaration of Kunming, which declares that bilateral and multilateral communication cooperation of Asian libraries is significant and it is responsible in common to strengthen, and communication and cooperation to promote development of Asian Libraries and even development of Asian culture and society. To deepen further communication and cooperation between China's and South Asian libraries and help promote establishment of dialogue and cooperation mechanism of Asian libraries, National Library of China hold the China-South Asia Library Management and Service Seminar commissioned by the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China.

Rapid development of information network exerts great influence of libraries, which is opportunity and also challenge for traditional library resource constructions, management and service. Information globalization urges libraries to collaborate a resource construction, management and service. Themed on New Development of Libraries in the internet era, the seminar invited scholars, experts and senior staffs in the field of library to give lessons and exchange ideas by all participants form China and abroad. It was hoped that the seminar would boost development of libraries of countries involved, and

even impact favourably on libraries of Asia and whole world.

The activities (lectures and visit) of the seminars are as follows:



Lectures:

1. History, collection and service of National Library of China
2. China's Library: Past, nowadays and future; visit of National Museum of classic books
3. Construction and development of National Digital Library
4. Librarians to makers: creative service of National Library of China
5. Participants' experience sharing
6. Reimagining libraries: maker spaces for creative learning
7. Building and oral history program to serve your community
8. There can our memory of National Libray of China
9. Now Library maker spaces promote innovation through physical and digital creativity
10. What kind of maker spaces do makers need
11. Reading therapy: rethinking reader service
12. Workshop: encouraging creativity
13. The library as open and informal learning centre for the networked society and
14. Thoughts sharing about the seminar

Visit:

1. Visit of Literature Repair Centre
2. Visit of Tianjin Library
3. Visit of Tianjin's Intangible Cultural Heritage
4. Visit of Palace Museum
5. Visit of Ancient Books Library

DKRML Activities

National Peace Day

Dilliraman-Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML) celebrated 104th birthday of late Dr, Dilliraman Regmi as National Peace day on 18 December 2016. The chairperson of the program was Dr. Tulasi

Prasad Bhattarai, President of DKRML Development Committee and Hon. Mr. Dhani Ram Poudel Minister of Education was the chief guest of the program. Likewise, Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha, Secretary of Ministry of Education and one of the renowned historians of Nepal Mr. Chitta Ranjan Nepali were present as a Special Guest. Mr. Chitra Prasad Devkota member of executive committee delivered the welcome speech.



Hon. Minister Mr. Dhani Ram Poudel inaugurated the program. After the devotional song from Patanjali Yoga, Mr. Nepali highlighted on the Dilliraman's personality and his literary works. Likewise, Secretary of MoE Mr. Shanta Bahadur Shrestha highlighted on the importance of library and he further promised to provide necessary support to DKRML. Similarly, Hon. Minister Mr. D.R. Poudel also highlighted on the contribution of Dilliraman and further stressed on the effective implementation of library policy and plans. Mr. Bhattarai expressed his gratitude towards all participants and hoped to get needed support for sustainable development of library from all participants and professionals.

Yoga Day

DKRML and Patanjali Yoga Kathmandu jointly organized seminar on "Utilization of Yoga on Reading Habit" and yoga practice program on 20 January 2017 in which Dr. Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai President of DKRML Development Committee was the Chairperson. Dr. Chandra Mani Khanal from Gorakshya Sadhana Kendra, Dr. Chinta Mani Yogi President, Hindu Vidhyapith Nepal and Mr. Chetnath Adhikari from Chetana Yoga highlighted on the importance of yoga and its role and utilization in reading habit. Moreover, some basic yoga technique were demonstrated to participants. Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Secretary of DKRML Development Committee and Chief Librarian of DKRML delivered his welcome speech.



A program on "Poet and Library"

DKRML and Srasta Pratisthan Nepal jointly organized a program entitled 'Poet and Library' on 11 March 2017. The Chairperson of the program was Ms. Amrita Anamol Chairman of Srasta Pratisthan Nepal and Prof.

Dr. Brata Raj Acharya was the Chief Guest of the program. Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Chief Librarian of DKRML delivered his speech on importance and interrelation between poet and library.



Moreover, various poets recited their poems.

RECPHEC Activities

Basic Library Management Training

Resource Center for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) organized 6 days training program on Basic Resource Center/ Library Management Training to its Health Rights and Tobacco Control (HRTC) district network members. Among 57 HRTC districts, total 43 trainees participated from 38 districts and the training for the participants from rest of the districts will be conducted in April onwards. The main objectives of the training are; to develop skills, strengthen and update existing resource center/ library at community and to prepare and motivate to establish and manage resource center/ library as community needs.

Interaction Program and Conference

Ministry of Education, RECPHEC and Nepal Library Association (NLA) jointly organized one day interaction program entitled 'Knowledge and Experience Sharing Program' on Library and Information Science issues on 17 January 2017. Altogether, there were 32 participants from various libraries and library related institutions. Mr. Shanta Lal Mulmi, Executive Director of RECPHEC greeted all the participants and highlighted objectives of the program. Total 6 papers were presented on various topics such as:

- ◆ Experience of IFLA conference, Cape Town by Ms. Bina Vaidya.
- ◆ Building strong Library Association: IFLA concept by Ms. Gita Thapa.
- ◆ Situation of intangible cultural heritage literature survey and role of library and information professionals by Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula.
- ◆ Reflection and lesson learned from the national conference: computers in libraries; libraries with new ideas and technology by Mr. Prabin Dhakal.
- ◆ NLA and its future perspective by Chandra Kiran Shrestha
- ◆ Role of information in women's empowerment by Ms. Saloni Singh.

Digitization and Open Access

An informative program on "Digitization and Open Access" was conducted on 19 January 2017 with the joint effort of Pustakalaya Aawaj, Library Development Forum and Kuleshwor Awash Family Welfare Institution with the objective to highlight the importance of open access and use of digitization and digital materials in the internet era. The key person of the program was Associate Prof. and Special Collection Librarian Mr. James Thull from Montana State University. Mr. Thull presented his paper on the respective topic. Mr. Prabin Babu Dhakal, Secretary General of Library Development Forum highlighted the aims and objectives of program. Ms. Uma Shrestha Pokhrel, Women Coordinator of the Institution delivered the welcome speech and Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bhusal, publisher of Pustakalaya Aawaj thanked all participants for their active participation.

Renowned Libraries of Makawanpur District

Roshani Library

The library was established in Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City, Kamaldada on 1992. It was established by groups of youth in the leadership of Prabhat Thapa. The library is one of the functional libraries among the few libraries of Makawanpur district which is run and managed by community effort especially youths. It is rich in collection of 8000 books and other reading materials including newspapers and serials with the facility of Internet service. The opening and closing time is from 4 pm to 7 pm every day.

It does not possess its own land and building but the library is operating on the land owned by the temple and Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City constructed the building. Library has 300 members and 100 daily visitors. The library has been conducting various types of extra-curricular activities such as quiz contest, debate competition, spelling contest to cultivate the reading habit among the patrons and promote the library. It has also conducted literacy class coordinating with local bodies. The library has created good impact on the reading habits of the readers and has reduced the negative activities in the community.

Like other libraries, it has also faced many hindrance and hurdles regarding its management. Therefore, to deal with the problems the executive committee has been formed. The library is receiving support from various institutions, NGOs and individuals.

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Pushpalal Memorial Library

The Library is located at Hetauda, Sub-Metropolitan City, Sanopokhara which is established by the then Hetauda Municipality in 1992. From 4 February 2003 it has been operating by Hetauda Sub-Metropolitan City and Sahitya Sangam jointly. The library holds more than 5000 collections of books and newspapers related to religion, politics, philosophy and literature. It has 230 members and around 30 readers visit the library daily.

Kamal Mani Dixit: an Old Cataloguer

The old cataloguer of Nepal Mr. Kamal Mani Dixit passed away at his resident at the age of 87 on 29 December 2016. Veteran litterateur and Chairman of Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya and Madan Puraskar Guthi Mr. Dixit had important contributions in Nepalese library and Nepali literature. He has played a pivotal role in uplifting the Nepalese library with modern and innovative technologies and concept in Nepali literature with the publications of more than six dozens of books as well as numerous short stories and essays. The long-serving master of Nepalese library contributed until his last breathe.



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In memoriam

We express our heartfelt
condolence on the sad
demise of founder of
Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya,
renowned litterateur,

Kamal Mani Dixit,
May his soul rest in peace

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