

Community and Public Library Conference in Nepal

Ministry of Education (MoE), Nepal organized the first Community and Public Library National Conference on 29-30 October, 2017 in Kathmandu. The motive of the conference was to discuss how public libraries could be recognized as a public place for seeking information, exchanging experiences, knowledge, research and model practices between community and public libraries in the changing scenario of federal governance system of Nepal.

Honorable State Minister of Education Mr. Seshanath Adhikari inaugurated the Seminar as a Chief Guest of the programme. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Adhikari highlighted the need and importance of the public library. He said that public libraries are also called the peoples universities and it is the indicator of the National development. He also made his commitment to search the right land for the Nepal National Library and pass the National Book Policy from the cabinet.



Mr. Ganesh Shaha, Chair of the opening ceremony congratulated to the organized for organizing the conference. He wished the success of the seminar and also requested to publish the conference proceedings. The success stories and papers presented in the seminar will certainly enrich the public and community library advocates of Nepal.

More than 150 participants comprising of national speakers, delegates from public and different district community libraries participated in the conference.

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Acting Secretary Dr. Dilliram Rimal Welcomed to all the delegates on the dias and all the participants on behalf of the organizer and expected that the conference resolution will help to the Government of implement the library and Information Sectors issues and assured that the book policy will implement very soon.

Former president of Nepal Library Association, Dr. S. B. Thakur was the Key note speaker. He covered the need of the public library in each local level.



Library specialist Mrs. Indira Dali highlighted the need and importance of Children's library and its contribution to promote the reading habit and reading culture from the early age. She also requested to settle down the issue of NNL and implement the National book policy 2073, Library Master plan and Library Automation Plan to the Government.

Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Member Secretary of the main organizing committee thanked to all the library and information sector representatives for their participation.

The formal session was started immediately after closing of the inaugural session. 17 papres and 8 success stories were presented on the seminar. The Seminar was facilitated by Mr. Bhola Kumar Shrestha, Member Secretary of the Dilli Raman Kalyani Regmi Memorial library.



The Closing ceremony was chaired by Mr. Madhu Prasad Regmi, Secretary, Ministry of Education expressed his happiness to present among the learned groups and made his commitment to implement the resolutions prepared by the seminar. He also distributed the token of love of the conference.

Dr. Tulashi Prasad Bhattarai, President of the Dillirama Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library requested to implement the National book policy and other documents as soon as possible and search the land for the NNL as soon as possible.

Dr. Dilliram Rimal, joint secretary of planning division, MoE thanked to all the participants, organizers, paper presenters, session chairs for their active participation and hard work.

The conference declared 19 points declaration. It covered the suggestions and recommendations, views and innovative ideas to make the public library better in Nepal.

19 points declarations are as listed below which demands:

1. to manage appropriate land for Nepal National Library to build information technology and environment friendly library building as soon as possible and in the meantime to carry out library function in temporary building in rent,
2. to implement master plan, national book policy and library management and digitization plan presented to MoE through high-level committee,
3. to draft the library related act (Library act, legislation, Book depository act) as soon as possible,
4. to draft the necessary act to establish model public library for each federal, state and local government according to constitution of Nepal,
5. federal, state and local government to allocate needed budget for institutional development of community and public library,
6. Nepal government to allocate needed budget for surveying the number of existing community and public library,
7. to build and renovate library building of all damaged library all over the country and to carry out library function of those libraries as soon as possible such as Kaiser library, Dr. Dilliraman - Kalyani Regmi memorial library,
8. all political parties to mention the need of establishment and implementation of public library with all modern facilities in their manifesto,
9. to include community and public library related topic in recently formed High- level National Education Commission,
10. to set up children library section in every community and public library for promotion of reading habits among children from an early age,
11. Nepal government to maintain proper scientific record for preservation and conservation of indigenous knowledge, skill and technique,
12. for mandatory provision in recruiting skilled/ trained staff in each local level libraries,
13. to establish Library and Information Council at central level for development, extension and expansion of libraries,
14. to conduct library conference annually in federal and state level libraries,
15. to organize international conferences regularly for exchanging library related knowledge and skills,
16. every library to have infrastructure and essential material for people with special abilities and to rectify Marrakesh treaty for accessibility in reading materials for people with special abilities,
17. disaster resistant, environment friendly, user friendly as well as tech-friendly library buildings,

18. to embrace new information technologies in libraries,
19. to run community learning center in community and public libraries.

Tenth Library Day Celebrated

The tenth library day was celebrated on 31 August, 2017 conducting various programs. To mark the historical day (to establish Nepal's first library from the government side on Bhadra 15, 1869 Bikram Sambat in Nepali calendar by then His Majesty King Girbanyuddha Bir Bikram Shah) Library Day is being celebrated throughout the country since 2008 AD in Bhadra 15.



The main objectives of the celebration are to promote reading habit, to foster interest in library use, to build knowledge based society, to develop the habit of using library in teaching-learning process, to promote role and importance of all kinds of libraries, academic institutions and stakeholders.

A ministerial level decision formed the main organizing committee under the chairmanship of the Secretary of Ministry of Education. Representatives from various libraries and information centers, library associations, NGOs, INGOs were selected as the members. Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, Joint Secretary of Planning Division of MoE was a vice president and Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Undersecretary of library Coordination Section of the MoE was the Member Secretary. The committee was formed on July 27, 2017. On the same occasion, Mr. Niraula heartily welcomed to all the guests. The meeting selected the slogan "One local body, one library" (जीवन पर्यन्त शिक्षाका लागि एक स्थानीय तह: एक नमुना पुस्तकालय) for the library day celebration.

All the district level offices of Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development (MoFALD), NGOs, schools, colleges, library and information centers and other institutions actively participated for the celebration of the day.

The main organizing committee proposed and implemented various programs such as:

- Education programs such as essay competition, quiz competition, library visit, poem recitation, drawing exhibition, etc.
- Social service programs such as blood donation program, plantation program, health program, book donation program, etc.

- Library services program such as special library service, mobile library service, book exhibition, reader's discussion, reader's club, reference service, storytelling, workshops and conference.
- Publicity programs such as interaction, press meet, souvenir publication.
- Reward program such as best library, best contributor, and regular library users.
- Organizing morning rally.

The following sub-committees were formed to facilitate the main organizing committee:

S.N.	Subcommittee	Coordinator
1	Facilitation and Prize Distribution	Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, Joint Secretary, MoE
2	National and International relation and Coordination	Ms. Bina Baidha, Ex-librarian, TUCL
3	Publication	Ms. Geeta Thapa, Ex-chief librarian, Nursing Campus
4	Educational Activities	Mr. Netra Dahal, Literacy director, Room to read
5	Publicity	Ms. Saraswoti Pokharel, Under secretary, MoE
6	Library Day Management and Coordination	Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under secretary, MoE
7	Social and Creative Activities	Ms. Chandra Kiran Shrestha, Senior program officer, RECPHEC

A brief date wise activities carried out by various libraries and information related organizations are given below:

3 August 2017

MoE mailed MoHA, MoFALD and Department of Education (DoE) to circulate the request letter for celebrating Library day.

6 August 2017

MoE published a notice in its website and Information and E-Governance Section of MoFLD circulated the mail to actively celebrate Library Day to all its local bodies in 75 districts.

14 August 2017

One-day workshop for IFLA Global Vision Program was conducted on 15 August, 2017 where the theme of the program was "Global conversation about how a United Library field can tackle the challenges of the future"

Altogether 26 participants actively participated in the program. Participants were separated into four groups for discussion on the various topics like current status of library, core values of library, challenges and expectations, attitudes towards library and librarians and its advocacy. The final reports on the discussions were sent to IFLA Headquarters and IFLA Regional Office for Asia and Oceania.

19 August 2017

Social and Creative Activities Subcommittee collected disaster relief fund in collaboration with READ Nepal and Nepal Library Association.

22 August 2017

A press meet was organized in MoE to publicize the one-week long programs to celebrate library day with grand success. On the program, Mr. Baikuntha Prasad Aryal, joint secretary of MoE, Ms. Saraswoti Pokharel and Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula answered the questions raised by the journalists.

On the same day in the program conducted by Main Organizing Committee and Social and Creative Activities Sub Committee, Ayurvedist and visiting professor Dr. Sarita Shrestha spoke on the uses of masala in cuisine and its impact on human health.

25 August 2017

Honorable State Minister Dilman Pakhrin, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, inaugurated a program titled discussion on library acts. The program was supported by IFLA-IAP for SDGs conducted by Nepal Library Association (NLA) in association with Russian Center of Science & Culture, Kathmandu. Dr. Ashok Thapa, President of NLA chaired the program. The Chief Guest was Mr. Pakhrin and high representatives and heads of major libraries, library associations, educationist and professors were present. The main focus of the program was to emphasize library act popularized by IFLA-IAP program for UNs SDGs. Mr. Pakhrin focused on the importance of library act and legislation, he furthered stressed on the impossibility of library development without library acts.

26 August 2017

One-day tree plantation program was conducted by Social and Creative Activities Subcommittee on Bandevi temple premises located at Madhyapur Thimi municipality.

Likewise, Samudayik Bal Bikas Kendra organized drawing competition among children at Sanepa from grade 1 to 5 and 6 to 10 separately. Thirty-two students from various schools participated in the competition.

27 August 2017

The Nepalese Association of School Librarians (NASL) organized an inter-school debate competition where 18 students from nine schools within Kathmandu participated. The program was divided into two sessions where in first session, competition was carried out and in second

session, the organizer distributed prizes and certificates. Mahendra Bauddha Secondary School won the first prize, Bal Byabasayik Kendra Secondary School gathered second and third prize and Jana Kalyan Secondary School got consolation prize. On the same program, the books donated by The Asia Foundation were distributed among five schools, Jana Kalyan Secondary School, Mahendra Bauddha Secondary School, Mitra Adharbhut School, Pashupati Mitra Secondary School and Bal Byabasayik Kendra Secondary School.

28 August 2017

On the occasion of tenth library day, Nepal National Library (NNL) organized an interaction program with the librarians, readers and stakeholders on 28 August, 2017. The theme of the program was 'current difficulties, challenges and opportunities of libraries and their services'. Sixty participants attended and actively participated. Mr. Dasharath Thapa, Former Chief of Nepal National Library chaired the program. Mr. Bhim Dhoj Shrestha, Head of Department CDLIS, diased as Chief guest.

In this interaction program, Mr. Dhasharath Mishra, Chief of Kaiser Library explained the despondent situation of three big libraries of Nepal. He motivated all the librarian, readers and related authorities to appeal with government to renovate and regain the services. Dr. Ashok Thapa, Assitant Professor of TU, talked about the future strategic plan for Nepali libraries. He explained the role and structure of libraries in federal governance system of Nepal.

Mr. Jaagdish Aryal, Librarian of Social Science Bhaha, Mr. Prem Raj Adhikari, Library Officer of NNL, Ms. Sharadh Siwakoti, President of NASL, Mr. Rajendra Banepali, Library and Information Officer of UNDP, Mr. Ramesh Niraula, Library officer of Amrit Science Campus, Mr. Shreenarayan Jha, Library Officer of Public Service Commission, Mr. Girendra Pokharel, Chief Librarian of NCED shared their views. Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of NNL facilitated the program.

Likewise, Nepal Community Library Association organized symposium at Dilliraman Kalyani Regmi Memorial Library (DKRML). The title of the symposium was "Library for the development of progressive society".

29 August 2017

Social and Creative Activities Subcommittee organized blood donation program at Kathmandu Valley Public Library where 19 people participated and donated their blood.

Similarly, healing touch therapy, which is one of the drugless therapies for stress reduction was also practiced at the same event.

30 August 2017

One-day health program relating on how one can take care of their health by themselves was organized at Women's Health Center, Balambu, Kathmandu.

Similarly, Tribhuvan University Library Science Students'

Alumni Association (TULSSAA) and Central Department of Library and Information Science (CDLIS) cooperatively conducted cleanliness and sapling plantation program under Library Day Social Activities Sub-committee at the premises of CDLIS. The Chief Guest for the program was Dr. Krishna Acharya, Principal of University Campus, Kirtipur.

Likewise, Kaiser Library organized one-day interaction program on the topic 'Need of Digital Library in Nepal'. Around 65 library professionals from government and public libraries attended the program. Dr. Ashok Thapa, President of Nepal Library Association (NLA) presented the paper and Mr. Sudeep Dhakal, Librarian of Public Youth Campus, Mr. Arun Rai, Library Officer of Curriculum Development Center, Ms. Saroja Shrestha, President of LIMISEC and other intellectuals presented their views, concepts and ideas on library automation and digital library. Mr. Dashrath Mishra, Chief of Kaiser Library focused on importance of digital library and library automation.

31 August 2017

The main day or the day of Library Day began with the rally initiated from Kathmandu Valley Public Library at 8 am and concluded at Russian Center of Science and Culture where final event was held. Dr. Dilliram Rimal, Acting Secretary of MoE took the leadership of morning rally. Library professionals, personalities from various government bodies, NGOs, INGOs, teachers and students participated actively in the rally.

Honorable State Minister of Education Mr. Sheshnath Adhikari was the chief guest for the main and final event. He inaugurated the ceremony. Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula gave his welcome speech and Dr. Dilliraman Rimal thanked all the participants who gave their hand in making the event a grand success.

Mr. Surya Chhetri, Mr. Bholanath Sharma, Gyan Bikas Community library & Resource Centre and Professor Dineshraj Panta was honored as the best librarian, best library worker, best library and best contributor for library respectively. Simultaneously, Blood donors, winner of debate and drawing competitions were also rewarded at the same event.

Library day souvenir was also released from the hand of chief guest on the same event. Dr. Tulasi Prasad Bhattarai, President of DKRML, Ms. Indira Dali, Library specialist, Mr. Surya Chhetri and Mr. Bholanath Sharma, honored personalities, Mr. Omkrishna Shrestha, President of Gyan Bikas Community Library & Resource Center, Mr. Dashrath Mishra, Chief of Kaiser Library spoke on the event. chief guest Dr. Rimal stressed on the government policy to establish the library and information center on every local level and he further expressed his commitment to pass the national book policy from cabinet.

Resource Centre for Primary Health Care (RECPHEC) and Library Management & Information Service Center

(LIMISEC) exhibited the books published by them and distributed them freely.

On the same auspicious day Jananetra Library of Pharping, Kathmandu organized an inter-school drawing competition where students from eight schools participated. The competition was separated into two levels from grade 1 to 5 as junior and from grade 6 to 10 as senior level. Honorable Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Rajan K.C. distributed the prizes. Adarsha Balami from Green Hill Secondary School and Lakchung Lepcha from U.D.C. School stood in first position in senior and junior level respectively.

10th Library Day Outside Kathmandu Valley

Pokhara

Tenth library day was celebrated admirably in Pokhara, Kaski district as well. The program was held in Pokhara Public Library, Mahendrapul. Mr. Durga Prasad Acharya Deputy Librarian of Pokhara Public Library was Master of Ceremony. Mr. Bain Bahadur Chhetry (Adhikari), Chief of District Coordination Committee of Kaski district and District Library Management Committee was chairperson for the program. Mr. Rameswor Malla, President of ward no. 2, Mr. Shankar Prasad Bastola, President ward no. 4, Mr. Jagat Pahari, President of ward no. 6 from Pokhara Lekhnath Metropolitan City, Mr. Pravisba Shrestha, President of Pokhara Public Library, Mr. Madhav Baral, President of Gyanjyoti Pustakalaya, Ms. Gayatri Bhurtel, President of Shahid Smriti Library, Mr. Khim Lamichane Kaji, Librarian of Manipal College of Medical Sciences, Mr. Kishor Subedi, Librarian of Prithvi Narayan Campus and other respected dignitaries attended the program. Senior Social Reformer and Senior Advocate Mr. Bhupanidhi Panta briefly stated on establishment and development activities on library. He further emphasized on the capability library should have in drawing attention of patrons. Mr. Shrestha gave his welcome speech, Mr. Arjun Shrestha, Librarian of Gandaki Medical college briefly introduced educationalist, journalist and socialist Mr. Prem Chhota who was appreciated with Certificate of appreciation.



Chitwan

Likewise, in Chitwan district, Chitwan Library Association (CLA) organized an interaction program on current issues of library. Mr. Eknarayan Poudel, President of CLA chaired the program. Mr. Rajendra pokharel, Section Officer of Birendra Multiple



Campus (BMC) focused on the lack of library service due to insufficient human resource with library knowledge. Whereas, Mr. Govinda Sapkota Chief of BMC stressed that the library is a holy place but has become a dumping site for books with lack of respect and applicable knowledge.

Talk Program by Satsang Library

The Satsang Library organized a talk program on the occasion of 10th library day relating to the idea and concept with which libraries of Bhaktapur are rising up again after the damage faced from the devastating earthquake. The program was honored with the presence of President of Nepal Library Association Dr. Ashok Thapa, Under Secretary of Library Coordination Section of the MoE, Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, librarian of Public Service Commission Mr. Shreenarayan Jha, representative of local bodies Rajendra Maka, Principal Puspa Lal Sukhaju, President of Bhaktapur Library Association Mr. Surendra Prasad Duwal and Mr. Jeevan Suwal. Mr. Suwal emphasized on the renaissance of the libraries and reading-room mentioning that the Bhaktapur district is heading forward to become a central hub of library and information. Guest participants, Bina Prajapati, Shyam gaida, Krishnaram Sayanju, Sunil Shilpakar, Nirjal Prajapati, Sarita Duwal, Rajiv Prajapati expressed their feelings through their various works. The program was coordinated by Satsang Library, Astha Samudayik Adhyan Kendra and Astha Sakosa.

Participation in Various International Programs

Mr. Upendra Prasad Mainali, Chief Librarian of Nepal National Library received invitation to participate in different International conference and training programs as a speaker and panelist in different countries. He presented paper on "Library Automation using Koha OS/ILS in First International Conference on Transforming Library from July 8-10, 2017 jointly organized by Central Library, Central Institute of Technology, Kokrajhar, Assam, India and Department of Library and Information Science

He also participated in International conference on "Integrated Development of Digital Publishing and Digital Libraries (CDPDL)" from August 15-21, 2017 and presented a research paper on Library Digitization Using Koha OS/ILS- Problems and its Recommendation during the visit in China. He got a special invitation for attending "Special National and Public Library Summit" on CDPDL Conference and got an opportunity to present paper on "Public Library in Nepal" hosted by Tsinghua University Library, the University of Hong Kong Libraries, Society for Chinese Studies Librarians, China Academic Journals Electronic Publishing House and organized by Tongfang Knowledge Network Technology Co., Ltd. (Beijing).

Government of Nepal, MoE nominated Mr. Mainali in the fellowship training program on "Capacity Building on Heritage Preservation and Archive Management" in August 31-September 21, 2017, South Korea where he participated

and submitted “Archive Action Plan of Nepal National Library, 2017” for implementation in Nepal. Recently, he participated in UNESCO-NDL, New Delhi, India International Workshop on Knowledge Engineering for Digital Library Design in October, 25-27, 2017 programed by UNESCO-NDLI, New Delhi, India. He presented a research report on Digital Library and Digital Publication in Nepal and actively participated as panelist.

IFLA/BSLA Program

On 16 September, 2017, two-day workshop was organized at the Dining Park in Kathmandu, Nepal. It was organized by Nepal Library Association with the support of IFLA/BSLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions/Building Strong Library Associations). BSLA is a comprehensive program offering a strategic and coordinated approach to capacity building and sustainability of library associations.



The theme of the workshop was “Strengthening Library Associations in Nepal”. The main objective of the workshop were to promote library and library profession, to strengthen the network of library associations throughout the country.

Altogether forty participants related to Library and Information profession from various libraries, public, government and university participated in the program. The program was honored with the presence of local government officials. Their presence showed the growing collaboration between the Nepalese library association and the government with a clear sign of a stronger library association.

Mr. Durgesh Yogi the representative from Room to Read facilitated the program and Ms. Reshma Dangol, SAARC Librarian and Joint Secretary of Nepal Library Association, presented keynote. Library and information professionals submitted different papers on the present situation and developments of library associations of Nepal. The papers were presented in both English and Nepali language.

Throughout the workshop, participants looked after the SWOT analysis (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) of Library Associations. At the end of the workshop, participants drafted and approved on integrated objectives for building stronger library associations in Nepal.

The Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation has recently kicked off two days workshops in Digital Library at National College,

Baluwatar on 12 and 13 September 2017 with the title Let's Read! Participant's from various organizations participated in the workshop.

Speaking at the function, Administrator Associate/BFA (The Asia Foundation's Books for Asia) Officer Shameera Shrestha said that Let's Read! Digital Library is the new program of The Asia Foundation's Books for Asia. Let's Read! Digital Library is open and free to all and provides an access to children's storybook especially those who have limited access to printed books via website www.letsreadasia.org, she added. Anybody can translate any content in any language in their own mother language and send it to editor, and then editor edits and uploads to web which would be accessible to all those who need, she further said so. Other speakers were Kyle Barker – BFA Assistant Director, Anuradha Sharma – Representative, Room To Read, and Madhav Prasad Upadhyaya – principal of National College. They highlighted the utility of Let's Read! Digital Library and expressed their greetings with each other. More than 150 participants participated in the workshop.

New Chief Appointed in Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL)

Mr. I.P.Adhikari has been appointed as the new chief of Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) on 11 June 2017. Mr. Adhikari is the senior-most librarian in Tribhuvan University library system. He obtained his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Punjab University Chandigarh, India and Tribhuvan University, Nepal respectively. He is not only considered as one of the prolific writers in Library and Information Science but also in juvenile literature of Nepal. He has written two books in Library organization & management. In addition, he has also written 15 books for children.

Seminar in Pokhara University (PU)

PU conducted one day seminar in Kaski district on 24 June 2017 with the theme of 'Performance and Skill Development' in the field of library and administration. Altogether there were 16 participants including Chief Librarian of Tribhuvan University Central Library (TUCL) Mr. I. P. Adhikari and Deputy Administrator of T.U. Personnel Administration Division Mr. Bishnu Pd. Aryal. During the seminar Mr. Adhikari shared information concerning the prevalent status and procedure of Tribhuvan University's library system.

Similarly, Mr. Aryal disseminated information concerning TU's personnel administration, strength and weakness of present administrative rules & regulations. During the seminar, Pokhara university staff shared information about PU library, fiscal administration and other branch of administration.

Information sharing in Pokhara Public Library:

In the evening of 24 June 2017, a small felicitation program was organized by Pokhara Public Library at Mahendrapul Pokhara in honor of the



new chief librarian of TUCL Mr. I.P. Adhikari and Deputy administrator and former library officer of T.U. Mr. Bishnu Prasad Aryal. During the program, chairman of Pokhara Public Library committee Prof. Dr. Bishwa Shrestha, librarian of Gandaki Medical college Pokhara Mr. Arjun Shrestha, librarian Mr. Ram Chandra Karki, librarian of Pokhara University Mr. Durga Acharya, librarian of Manipal medical college Mr. Khim Kazi Lamichhane, librarian of Prithvi Narayan Campus Mr. Kishor Subedi, librarian of Forestry campus Mr. Surya Chhetry, chairman of Aranya Jyoti Public library Mr. Rajendra Bhandari and some other authorities of executive committee from local libraries expressed their experiences and prevalent condition of library and library systems in Pokhara.

Mr. Adhikari and Mr. Aryal spoke on sustainable development of library in the digital age and admired the role played by Pokhara public library and other libraries in Kaski in improving reading habit & lifelong learning. The program was executed in an interactive way.

Journals Online Management Meeting (JMM) Held

International Network for availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) UK, in collaboration with Tribhuvan University Central Library organized the 3rd



Journals Online Management Meeting from 4-6 September 2017 at Shanker Hotel, Kathmandu. There were altogether 15 participants including African Journals Online (AJOL), Bangladesh Journals Online (BanglaJOL), Mangolia Journals Online (MangoliaJOL), Sri Lanka Journals Online (SLJOL), Nepalese Journals Online (NepJOL), TUCL and INASP, UK.

NepJOL Workshop Held:

Three-day workshop was conducted at Hotel Hillside, Kirtipur from 10-12 September 2017 by INASP, UK in association with T. U. Central Library for the editors of Nepalese Journals Online (NepJOL). The workshop was

carried out by INASP experts viz. Ms. Sioux Cumming, Ms. Verity Warne and Ms. Christine Laustsen. Tribhuvan University Central Library facilitated the workshop with the presence of Mr. I.P. Adhikari, Mr. Purna Lal Shrestha and Mr. Geb Nath Neupane. Altogether, there were 25 online journals editors from different part of the country who actively participated in the workshop.



The contents of the workshop were Digital Objects Identifiers (DOIs), Copyright and identifying plagiarism, Gender perspective, Ethical editing, Journal publishing practices etc. NepJOL was initiated in 2007 in collaboration with INASP and TUCL. At present, there are 122 Nepalese online journals (NepJOL titles) hosted by TUCL with technical and financial assistance from INASP. Bangladesh has the highest number of online journals exceeding 143 titles. Every year, nearly 200 thousand visitors visit the NepJOL site of which more than 70% users are from abroad.

Basic Library Management Training

Library Management and Information Service center (LIMISEC) recognized by Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT), conducted three months basic library management training from 6 June to 3 September 2017. Altogether 14 trainees grasped the opportunity. On the closing ceremony, Dr. Mahendra Kumar malla, Registrar of Mid- Western University, emphasized on an importance of library and educational development.

New TULSSAA Committee Formed

The Annual General Meeting of TULSSAA was held on 23 July, 2017. Former President of TULSSAA, Ms. Nina Dhital chaired the program, Mr. Indra Prasad Adhikari, Chief of TUCL was the chief guest, Mr. Bhimdhaj Shreatha, Head of CDLIS and Mr. Yadab Chandra Niraula, Under Secretary of Library and Coordination Section of MoE were present as a guest.



The meeting nominated Mr. Bijay Sharma, Mr. Rajendra Neupane, Ms. Anita Bhattarai, Ms. Parbati Pandey and Mr. Mahesh Khanal as a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Joint-secretary respectively. Mr. Gebanath Neupane, Ms. Binita Chaudhary, Ms. Reshma Dangol, Ms.

Sarita Gautam, Ms. Laxmi Bista and Mr. Arjun Thapa were nominated as members.

Pustakalaya Aawaj - 10th Anniversary

Pustakalaya aawaj monthly magazine celebrated its tenth anniversary on 4 August, 2017. Mr. Ramesh Bhusal chaired the program and Professor Dr. Ganesh Man Gurung was chief guest.



Mr. Madhusudan Subedi for his long-term service and Mr. Krishna Prasad Adhikari for his contribution on development of Pustakalaya aawaj monthly magazine and Sagarmatha Public Library were appreciated with Certificate of appreciation. Mr. Gurung raised the bitter truth about national historical documents which is not available in our own country but is available and accessible in foreign library. He further stressed on the development of library and library collection. Mr. Yadav Chandra Niraula gave his welcome speech. Litterateur Mr. Chinayadutt Neupane, Mr. Subedi, Mr. Adhikari and Mr. Bhimdhaj Shrestha gave their valuable speech. On the occasion Mr. Shrestha thanked and wished new committee of TULSSAA for successful tenure.

46th IASL Annual Conference

The International Association of School Librarianship (IASL) 46th Annual conference on the theme “Learning without Borders” was conducted at California State University Long



Beach from 4 to 8 August, 2017. It was a great platform for learning and sharing information.

The conference built up networking and knowledge sharing hub for the school librarian around the world. There were two hundred participants from more than 40 countries. Ms. Sharada Shiwakoti, President of NASL represented Nepal in the conference. There were 9 paper presentation sessions and total 197 topics were presented. There was discussion about the status, problems and issues of school library of Asia and Oceania region.

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World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated performing various activities such as buying books, reciting and interacting, exchanging and donating books in Nepal. World Book Day also known as International Day of the Book and Copyright Day is a yearly event celebrated on April 23rd, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing and copyright. UNESCO started celebrating World Book Day for the first time on 23 April 1995. World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly, it is a celebration of reading.

On the occasion, the book entitled ‘kahar’ written by journalist, Mr. Janak Raj Sapkota was awarded with ‘Book of the year’ by National Book Sellers and Publishers association of Nepal. On the same event publisher of Kathalaya Mr. Rajib Joshi was also awarded with certificate of appreciation.

In Pokhara, Random Readers’ Society organized a program where participants exchanged books with each other. Likewise, women from various field, gathered together and exchanged books to promote reading habits of women. The program was organized by Samajik Jagaranka lagi Nari Abhiyan.



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In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of Associate Professor, one of the founders and former Head of Department of Library and Information Science, Tribhuvan University,

Ms. Nirmala Shrestha,
May her soul rest in peace

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